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Agenda of the 79th Senate

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Student Government Association Senate

February 26th, 2015

Meeting of the 79th Senate called to order at 6:08 pm

- I. Quorum Call
- II. Approval of Senate Minutes
 - a. Senator Andrews motions to pass
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passes 28-0-0
- III. Approval of the Cabinet Minutes
 - a. Senator Marshall motions to pass
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passes 28-0-0
- IV. Rules Committee Minutes
 - a. Senator Caputo motions to pass
 - b. Motion passes 28-0-0
- V. New Business
 - a. African Student Association
 - i. *African Student Association*: We are a new club this semester. We wanted to start this club because we feel that African culture is not accurately represented on campus. We want to show the positives of African culture and teach the Hofstra community about Africa's great tradition and culture. We would want to have an African banquet to showcase different foods and an African fashion show to show some of the culture.
 - ii. Questioning Period
 1. *Senator Beer*: What class standing are the majority of your members?
 - a. *African Student Association*: Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors.
 2. *Senator Mishkin*: Are you willing to collaborate with other clubs on campus?
 - a. *African Student Association*: Yes, definitely. We are trying to work something out with the other multicultural clubs on campus.
 3. *Senator Esteban*: What does SGA recognition mean to you?
 - a. *African Student Association*: It would be important for funding because we have so many events that we want to put on. The main reason is funding.
 4. *Chair Blain*: How would you differentiate your club from the other clubs on campus?
 - a. *African Student Association*: We are more focused on African culture.
 5. *Chair Gitlin*: How many meetings have you had?
 - a. *African Student Association*: Four so far.
 6. *Senator Shafranski*: How many members are in your club?
 - a. *African Student Association*: Fourteen so far.
 7. *Senator Ramdhani*: You mentioned something about negati8 (u) 8 (?) ET Q.84cm BT 0.0093

voting rights in regards to attendance. The same goes with our organization. Do not attach a negative tag because it is a fraternity.

- d. *Comptroller Guarino*: I am not clear on why they want SGA recognition, if anyone wants to take the time to answer them.
 - i. *Yielded to Chair Blain*: I also feel weird passing this without their constitution to review.
 - ii. *Chair Gitlin*: We had plenty of time to review it.
- ii. By a vote of 16-8-3 Alpha Phi Omega passes as an SGA recognized club
- d. Chair Blain motions to suspend the rules to read the Academic Affairs minutes
 - i. Debate
 - 1. *Senator Gitlin (Speaker For)*: This is the last courtesy that we can give Chair Blain to present his minutes before giving his position to someone else and I think it is the least we can do.
 - a. *Yielded to Chair Blain*: I want a moment to address whoever wants to run and some closing remarks
 - 2. *Chair Engelson (Speaker Against)*: I do not see this as a necessity right now. We were moving smoothly and I think we should just keep going.
 - 3. *Chair Manuel (Speaker For)*: We are wasting time about stuff that does not matter. It is going to take the same amount of time whether he does it now or later.
 - 4. *Senator Pollock (Speaker Against)*: I feel that this is pointless and we do it later.
 - ii. By a vote of 28-0-0 the motion to move into the Academic Affairs minutes passes.
- e. Academic Affairs Committee Meeting
 - i.

want there to be progress by the end of the semester. We have strong senators on the committee and around the table; I want to help find someone to take this position this year. My number one priority has been my academics, but I also think I have been the most dedicated person to this position over the past few years. I do not believe that it is a secret, because I had student services initiatives

3. *Senator Blain (Speaker For)*: This is not disenfranchising. This is for the 5% fund; this has nothing to do with anything else in regards to the 5% fund. Why bother have money for clubs that cannot meet our requirements then just to have new requirements.
4. *Chair Engelson (Speaker Against)*: I understand the first part under the Appropriations Committee, but I cannot agree with the part of the Rules Committee section.
5. Chair Manuel motions for a 2 minute moderated caucus with 2 speakers
 - a. Motion seconded
 - b. Motion passes 26-0-0
 - c. *Chair Manuel*: I do not want to bring in a Greek hat here, but this directly affects my council where there less than 10 members. Even if they are having a campus wide event, because of our policy we cannot fund any of that.
 - d. *Senator Beer*: This is not the way we should change it because we are saying that the standard should be OSLA's. This is bad PR.

- e. Chair Shepherd: Yay
- f. Chair Gitlin: Yay
- g. Chair Harris: Yay
- h. Chair Manuel: Yay
- i. Chair Andrews: Yay
- j. Senator Beer: Yay
- k. Senator Braitman: Yay
- l. Senator Caputo: Yay
- m. Senator Cinquemani: Yay
- n. Senator Dent: Yay
- o. Senator Diaz: Yay
- p. Senator Esteban: Yay
- q. Senator Marshall: Yay
- r. Senator McKeown: Yay
- s. Senator Pollock: Yay
- t. Senator Price: Yay
- u. Senator Senderowicz: Yay
- v. Senator Shafranski: Yay
- w. Senator Shah: Yay
- x. Senator Stengel: Yay

j. Debate Resolution

- i. *President Atkinson*: Something exciting is happening soon; hopefully we will be having another Presidential Debate here at Hofstra University. This resolution says that we support the proposal that the University is putting together to apply for the 2016 Debate. No school has ever had 3 debates.
- ii. President Atkinson makes a friendly amendment to change “the third 2012 Presidential Debate” to “the Second Presidential Debate of 2012”
- iii. Senator Marshall motions to skip debate and go straight to a vote
 - 1. Motion seconded
 - 2. By a vote of 25-0-0 the Debate Resolution passes
 - a. Comptroller Guarino: Yay
 - b. Senator Blain: Yay

- w. Senator Shafranski: Yay
- x. Senator Shah: Yay
- y. Senator Stengel: Yay

k. Swearing in of the Elections Commission

- i. *Vice President Olson*: Each spring the seniors of Senate will sit on the Elections Commission to remove bias from elections, since we are all up for election.
- ii. Members: Chair Andrews, Chair Engelson, Senator Caputo, Senator Ho, and Chair Manuel

VI. Executive Board Reports

a. President

- i. Reviewing our purpose
- ii. Paper Plate Awards

b. Secretary

- i.

- XI. Announcements
- XII. Snap Cup
- XIII. Senator Marshall motions to adjourn at 10:23pm
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Rules Minutes

March 2, 2015

Attendance: Chairperson Erin Casey, So-Van Ho, Natalie Mishkin, & Anthony Ramdhani (late 6:47 PM, left 7:56 PM)

Meeting Commenced: 6:30 PM

1. IFSC
 - a. Seeking re-recognition
 - i.

- b. Revising constitution
 - i. Adding Preamble
 - ii. Revising composition of Executive board
- 6. Universal Prayer Space Resolution
 - a. A resolution for the implementation of a universal prayer space
 - i. Encourages the University to create a space where people from all religions can go and pray
 - ii. States that SGA has seen a need for such a space from the student body and is advocating for them
 - b. Review
 - i. Reworded some phrases
 - ii. Altered spacing to fit format

Meeting Adjourned: 9:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Casey

Rules Chairwoman

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Programming Budget Procedure Legislation

Noted from the Updated Student Government Policy Series, Revised Fall 2013

A. CHAIR: The Programming Board shall be led by a Programmer elected by the Programming Board. He or she shall serve in the capacity of Committee Chair.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. The Programming Board shall be responsible for creating and coordinating a minimum of seven (7) events per semester.

~~2. Each semester, the Programming Board shall apply for a budget from the Appropriations Committee at budget weekend.~~

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Non-SGA Recognized Update Legislation

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Academic Affairs Meeting

March 3, 2015

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Deans/Provost Scholar

- Discussed potentially expanding the provost scholar reception to provide an opportunity for students on the deans list to be recognized
- Could be two separate events if the Provost's reception is something that scholars look more forward to – potentially in the University Club?

Academic Affairs Minutes

March 10, 2015

Attendance: Megan Andrews, Pratik Shah, Rita Cinquemani, Hunter Blain, Colleen McKeown

(2:35)

Meeting Called to Order: 2:16pm

GPA Research

- Cornell's staggered GPA structure
 - Rewards students based on how many credits they take each semester
- Pratik researched 40 big name schools GPA structure
 - University of Florida also has unique GPA structure
 - Set base

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- Hofstra Crew
Requested: \$5,541.44
Equipment Insurance, Dad Vail Regatta Entry fee, Sagamore Membership dues, Gas money
Allocated: \$1,309.92
Dad Vail Regatta: \$900.00
Gas: \$409.92

- Budget Weekend Review
 - a. Budgets due: March 25th @ 11:59 PM to sga_budgets@pride.hofstra.edu
 - i. Must be submitted in one .pdf file
 - b. Budget Weekend: March 27th & March 28th
 - c. Club Appeals Period: April 1st – April 3rd @ 11:59 PM
 - d. Appeals Senate: April 16th

- Carpet time

Total Requested: \$16,195.09
Total Allocated: \$5,479.00
% Allocated: 33.8%
Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Damian Gallagher

Appropriations Chairman

Allocated: \$1,831.40
Coach's Salary: \$1,250
World Cup Hotels: \$581.40

- Guitar Club
Requested: \$337.90
Food for mid semester show, food for end of the semester show
Allocated: \$168.95
Food: \$168.95

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 - d. Appeals Senate: April 16th

Total Requested: \$14,634.62
Total Allocated: \$8,246.72
% Allocated: 56%
Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Damian Gallagher

Appropriations Chairman

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SGA Public Relations Minutes

March 3, 2015

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Chair Gitlin, Senator Diaz, Senator Tacconelli, and Senator Shafranski

- This Semester's Agenda

March 10th - Press release with Comptroller Guarino

March 16th - Workshop with Senate on presenting SGA at the Corner

April 2rd – Press release

April 15th - Film State of SGA with President Atkinson

April 21st - Release State of SGA

- Avenir Font on a U-Drive with cabinet access
- PR advertisement of SGA social networks at the end of Press Releases
- Plaque next to completed initiatives

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Respectfully submitted,

Forrest Gitlin

Public Relations Chairman

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SGA Public Relations Minutes

March 10, 2015

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Chair Gitlin, Senator Diaz, Senator Tacconelli, and Senator Shafranski

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Spirit Minutes

February 24, 2015

Attendance: Chairperson Harris, Senator Cinquemani, Senator Stengel, Senator Shafranski, Senator

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Meeting called to order: 5:12 PM

- CAA for next year
 - a.* Early advertising
 - b.* Utilizing shuttle buses and department
- Spirit Rock
 - a.* Finalize p

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