# Agenda of the 79<sup>th</sup> Senate

#### Student Government Association Senate

February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

#### Meeting of the 79<sup>th</sup> 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
  - . 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

- a. Amnesty International: We are going to use atrium tables and social media. We were planning to get merchandize to fundraise and raise awareness.
- 7. Chair Blain: About how far removed are you from the parent organization?
  - a. Amnesty International: I know we are in contact with them, they give us an advisor, and we are in constant contact. We are listed as a chapter on their website as well.

#### iii. Debate

- 1. Chair Blain (Speaker For): I am not sure how many of you guys are familiar with the organization, but it is one of the largest NGOs that work with the UN. This is a great thing for SGA to put its name on.
  - a. Yielded to Comptroller Guarino: This is a perfect model club for us to pass. They have planned and established themselves and they are perfect to pass.
- 2. Senator Pollock (Speaker Against): They are looking for us to fund them for merchandise to hand out, but I do not know how SGA would help them beyond them. I do not see that we would be much help for them.
- 3. Senator Mishkin (Speaker For): I think this is a perfect example of a club to pass. Sitting around the table I think we do not always know everything going on in the world, much like other students on campus and this will help students be more aware. I think they will be beneficial to the whole community.
- iv. By a vote of 20-3-4 the Amnesty International passes as an SGA recognized club c. Alpha Phi Omega

#### i. Debate

- 1. Chair Gitlin (Speaker For): I distinctly remember myself thinking that this would be a great organization for us to pass. I think that if we had some more information in front of us I could reference that. But I believe this is a great organization for us to be behind.
  - a. Senator Stengel: I do not think that you should not pass this because it has Greek letters attached to it; if this was a regular club without those letters we would just pass it.
- 2. Senator Beer (Speaker Against): We already have a ton of service-oriented clubs on campus. In my opinion, we never debated about whether or not we should pass them. They do not need our help, nor do I think we need another service-oriented club.
- 3. Chair Engelson (Speaker For): This is a leadership and community service fraternity. Just because we have a lot of a certain type of club, does not mean we should have more. This is focused on leadership and community service nationally.
- 4. Senator Marshall (Speaker Against): Senator Ho and I noticed and believed that we thought this was exclusive.
  - a. Yielded to Senator Caputo: Nowhere in our discrimination clause does it say that you cannot discriminate against attendance. Clubs all have attendance policies for voting rights.
- 5. Chair

- 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

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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

#### *i.* 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

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- Announcements
- XI. XII. XIII. Snap Cup 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

- 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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# Hofstra University Student Government Association!

#### Two Thousand Fifteen

Programming Budget Procedure Legislation

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

#### VIII. PROGRAMMING BOARD

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:**

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- The Programming Board shall be responsible for creating and coordinating a minimum of seven
   events per semester.
- 2. Each semester, the Programming Board shall apply for a budget from the Appropriations

  Committee at budget weekend. The Programming Board's budget for the following semester will be decided at the end of the current semester, after roll back is calculated.

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Non-SGA Recognized Update Legislation

# Academic Affairs Meeting

March 3, 2015

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

• 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

- Budget Weekend Review
  - a. Budgets due: March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 11:59 PM to sga\_budgets@pride.hofstra.edu
  - b. Budget Weekend: March 27<sup>th</sup> & March 28<sup>th</sup>
    c. Club Appeals: April 1<sup>st</sup> April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 11:59 PM
  - 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

# Programming Board Minutes

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# **SGA Public Relations Minutes**

# March 3, 2015

Call to order: 6:05 PM

In Attendance: Chair Gitlin, Senator Diaz, Senator Tacconelli, and Senator Shafranski

#### **New Business**

- This Semester's Agenda
  - o March 10<sup>th</sup>- Press release with Comptroller Guarino
  - o March 16<sup>th</sup>- Workshop with Senate on presenting SGA at the Corner
  - o April 2<sup>rd</sup> Press release
  - o April 15<sup>th</sup>- Film State of SGA with President Atkinson
  - o April 21<sup>st</sup>- 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

#### New Potential Initiatives

• Plaque next to completed initiatives

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Adjourned: 7:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Forrest Gitlin

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Public Relations Chairman

# SGA Public Relations Minutes

# March 10, 2015

Call to order: 4:20 PM

In Attendance: Chair Gitlin, Senator Diaz, Senator Tacconelli, and Senator Shafranski

Visiting:

# 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

#### Student Services Committee