



Student Government Association Senate

October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014

Meeting of the 79<sup>th</sup> Senate called to order at 6:07pm

- I. Quorum Call
- II. Club Relations Chair Engelson motions to suspend the rules for quick announcement to the club leaders in attendance
  - a. Motion seconded
  - b. Motion passes 27-0-0
- III. Approval of Senate Minutes
  - a. Comptroller Guarino motions to pass the Senate minutes
    - i. Motion seconded
    - ii. Motion passes 27-0-0
- IV. Comptroller Guarino motions to add proposed Referendum questions as subsection b to the Section IV of the Senate agenda
- V. Approval of the Cabinet Minutes
  - a. Chair Engelson motions to pass the Cabinet minutes
    - i. Motion seconded
    - ii. Motion passes 27-0-0
- VI. New Business
  - a. Permission and Acquisition of Office Space for Non-Student Government Association Recognized Organizations Legislation
    - i. Introduction
      1. *Chair Engelson*: Allows non-SGA recognized clubs to have an office space, and changes reallocations to every 2 years rather than 4 years.

- a. *Chair Engelson*: It will be almost the same, but we did revamp the process.
- b.

1. *Chair Gallagher (Speaker For)*: We are dedicated to the student body as a whole, when I took my oath I was under the impression that we support every undergraduate student. We collect a Student Activities fee for every student, regardless of his or her clubs status. We need to consider who we represent, I remind you all of your oath.
2. *Senator Gitlin (Speaker Against)*: I was advised last year that we are not a bank. What do we provide other than money to SGA recognized club? We give our support network around the table advocates for our 150 students. But we need to do more for those who adhere to our rules. No

- i. Yielded to *Senator Stengel*: One of the main goals of SGA is to cultivate community. We cannot cultivate by community by excluding such a large part of it.
  1. Yielded to *Senator Beer*: This has no intention to hurt SGA recognized clubs, but rather it has the intention to strengthen the Hofstra community.

storage space, we do not know what will happen. We cannot put off this office legislation because this is year is the reallocation year.

- e. *Graham Howe*: What do clubs gain from being recognized?
  - i. *Chair Engelson*: We build relationships between clubs, promoting events, conflict resolution with your E-board, issues with your constitution, building relationships. We are your foundation.
  - ii. *Comptroller Guarino*: Our Public Relations committee can help you promote your events, networking, leadership development.
  - iii. *Chair Gallagher*: 95% of the funds we receive from Hofstra go to you for nearly any thing you may want to do, at the discretion of the committee.
- f. *Graham Howe*: What about the non-SGA recognized clubs?
  - i. *Chair Gallagher*: 5% of the budget is available for non-SGA recognized clubs to use for campus wide events, which is highly debated and hard to receive.

1. Motion seconded
2. Motion passes 25-0-0
- xi. Debate
  1. *Senator Braitman (Speaker For)*: By cutting people out of the situation is like we do not even recognize 150 students. It is only fair that we give the non-SGA recognized clubs attention as well.
  2. *Senator Gitlin (Speaker Against)*: It seems that for the pro side everyone's approach for this legislation is that you do not like the idea of SGA recognition. We are slapping SGA recognized clubs in the face. I saw a lot of Greek Life stand up, so why don't we just get Hofstra to give IFSC an office space.
  3. *Chair Manuel (Speaker For)*: If the legislation did not come last semester, the competition would have been harder. If anything, this legislation makes it less competitive. This has not really been into effect yet.
  4. *Chair Blain (Speaker Against)*: We are making recognition less desirable. We do not have enough office spaces for this. Representing students is different than giving exclusive clubs perks. I am just saying that the people, who are not here, still trust us to make the right decision.
- xii. *Chair Gallagher*: Point of information, what is quorum and what is the 2/3 needed for the legislation to pass?
  - a. *Vice President Olson*: 17 would have to vote yes for this to pass.
  - b. Comptroller Guarino motions for Ethics and Conduct Chair Casey to take Quorum Call
    - i. Quorum is 25 voting members
  - c. By a vote of 16-8-1 the Permission and Acquisition of Office Space for Non-Student Government Association Recognized Organizations Legislation does not pass.
- VII. Senator Gitlin motions to suspend the rules to see the Computer Science Society for SGA Recognition.
  - a. Seconded
  - b. Motion passes (...)
- VIII. The Computer Science Society
  - a. *Computer Science Society*: We are different from the former Computer Science club. We are for people interested in the Computer Science field. We are currently trying to create

i. *Senator Gitlin (Speaker For):*





- iii. We are still researching new initiatives
- iv. Next Monday 10/6 at 4:30pm, I will be holding a workshop during my meeting
- v. Mobile Printing began this semester
  - 1. We should use this as an opportunity to promote what SGA has done
- vi. Senator McKeown is investigating TK20
- vii. Senator Shah is researching the University Tutorial Program initiative more
- viii. Senator Kroening is working on the clocks in classrooms initiative
- ix. Chair Gallagher motions to pass the Academic Affairs committee minutes
  - 1. Motion seconded
  - 2. Motion passes 21-0-



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# CLUB RELATIONS MINUTES

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## Public Relations Minutes

October 9, 2014

No meeting held this week

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- ii. Once task is complete, student will get a t-shirt
- iii. Great publicity for SGA
- iv. Will send email to Club Relations Chairwoman Engelson's father, Steven Engelson for the t-shirts I want to use for this event

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