

Senate Minutes April 11, 2013

Attendance:

Present: Alyssa Legnetti, Ron Singh, Andrea Standrowicz, Yeri Lee, Aly Guarino, Alyssa O'Brien, Arthur Currier, Billy Finnegan, Cait Stolzenberg, Cameron Freitag, Chelsea Gillyard, David Caputo, Ella Perper, Chelsea Gillyard, Gary Duff, Jesse Lender, Megan Andrews, Melanie Perry, Nadir Khan, Ortal Weinberg, Sohumi Patwa, Talyn Cortez, Tevon Hyman.

Excused: Yuki Yamashita

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm
- II. Quorum Call
- III. Motion to suspend the minutes and see Special Business: Advisor of the Year Vote
 - a. Second
 - i. Vote: motion passed
 - b. Brendan Caputo explains
 - i. Hofstra Student Leadership Awards take place on April 24th. For this vote they ask that we take into account the people's comments and any information that you may know about the advisor. Advisors in OSLA cannot be considered, so that is why they were not added to the packet.
- IV. Approval of Senate Minutes
 - a. Motion to pass
 - i. Second
 - b. Motion passed
- V. Approval of Cabinet Minutes
 - a. First Set From March 22nd
 - i. Motion to pass
 1. Second
 - ii. Minutes passed
 - b. Second Set From April 5th
 - i. Motion to pass
 1. Second
 - ii. Minutes passed
- VI. Special Business
 - a. Appropriations Legislation
 - i. They are changing \$1500 to \$2500 per year for coaching and instructor fees. A lot of sports teams and other organizations hire coaches or instructors. Out of 21 active sports clubs, only 8 clubs requested for a coach fee, and those that requested are the ones that pay more than other clubs for their coaches. These teams also have higher dues than most organizations.

- ii. Motion to amend the \$2500 to say \$5000.
 - 1. Second
 - a. Debate
 - i. Speakers for and against
 - 1. Rules Chair Alyssa O'Brien: Thinks that it would say up to \$5000 so the discretion would still be up to the Appropriations Chair and the Comptroller. There are a lot of clubs that pay a lot of money in dues, and there are a lot of coaches that put in a lot of time.
 - 2. Comptroller Yeri Lee says that if we raise up to \$5000, other clubs who might not need a second coach will come and ask for one. In addition, if we raise it to \$5000, if the 8 clubs come and ask for coaches, then we are allocating over \$40,000.
 - 3. Club Relations Chair Cameron Freitag thinks that if we want out clubs and teams to be competitive the best way to do that is to give them more opportunities and to give them better coaches.
 - 4. Public Relations Chair Billy Finnegan understands the idea that we don't have to give them the \$5000, clubs might misinterpret the wording and think that they are entitled to \$5000. This would be a very rapid shift in policy and we do not know the direct impact that it could have. Sports clubs already receive about 14% of the student activities fee. This would cause a huge transparency issue with us saying which clubs deserved the money.
 - b. Sports clubs receive about 14% of the student activities fee.
 - c. Vote on amending \$2500 to \$5000
 - i. For: 2
 - ii. Against: 15
 - iii. Abstentions: 1
 - d. Motion fails.
- iii. Motion to vote on the legislation as it was proposed
 - 1. Second
 - 2. Objection
 - 3.

- i. For this semester: \$100,000 to Concerts and \$1,500 to EU not including this weekly allocation.
 - ii. After this weekly allocation \$125,000 for Concerts and \$9,500 for EU.
 - e. Spirit Chair Melanie Perry asks what the \$25,000 is for
 - i. Currently Concerts has booked the headliner and they will need extra barricades. The money will partially be going towards that and they also need money for the transportation stipulations.
 - f. Motion to pass
 - i. Objection
 - ii. Motion to pass rescinded
 - g. Motion to go into Executive Session
 - i. Even if we go into Executive Session, no one will be able to announce the name of the performer. Their name cannot be released for legal purposes.
 - ii. Appropriations Chair Megan Andrews says that one thing to keep in mind is not to decide who is coming to MusicFest.
 - iii. Motion rescinded
 - h. Senator Tevon Hyman asks how much we allocated last year for MusicFest
 - i. Roughly \$140,000. However, this is the first year where SGA isn't a co-sponsor of MusicFest. This is the first year when all of the money going into MusicFest is going to Concerts and EU.
 - i. Spirit Chair Melanie Perry asks if this \$25,000 weren't approved, would their contract fall through, and if so, isn't that an uncomfortable situation for us to be in?
 - i. This is why during Budget Weekend there was a push to give them more funds. Because we only funded them partially before, now they have to come back for more money. They are looking to charge non-Hofstra students for the next MusicFest (2014).
 - j. Public Relations Chair Billy Finnegan asks why SGA is no longer taking a spot as a co-sponsor
 - i.

- i. We have \$15,000 left to allocate.
- n. Motion to pass the minutes
 - i. Second
 - ii. Vote
 - 1. For: 13
 - 2. Against: 2
 - 3. Abstentions: 2
 - iii. Minutes pass

2. April 9th Minutes

- a. Saw 7 clubs.
- b. Allocated \$3,212.55
- c. Budgets are due soon for Budget Weekend (11:59 pm next Thursday)
- d. Motion to pass
 - i. Second
- e. Minutes passed

b. Club Relations

i. Mid-Semester Report

- 1. Did Club Congress this semester
- 2. Last weekend was the first two events of the club tournament
- 3. Cameron is still giving swipe access to members of clubs
- 4. Planning on doing another office check next week.

ii. Weekly Minutes

- 1. Club Tournament started last weekend.
- 2. Events were trivia and volleyball
- 3. 4w00830116051427.60000)-3(o)5esSC is in first3o 55
- 4. The next event is this Friday and it is a scavenger hunt!
- 5. Motion to pass
 - a. Second

Minutes passed

c. Programming

i. Mid-Semester Report

- 1. This semester we have a total of 9 events that they have put on!

ii. Weekly Minutes

