



**Agenda of the Senate  
Hofstra University Student Government Association  
March 28th, 2024  
Hofstra University**

**Call to order**

Meeting Called to order at 6:48 PM EST

**A. Quorum Call**

- a. Quorum set 25

**B. New Business**

- a. Chair Jackson moves to open the gallery
  - i. Motion seconded
  - ii. Motion passed
- b. Welcome Vice President and Director of Athletics Rick Cole!
  - i. I am really excited and privileged to be here, and I respect the work that you do for Hofstra. I was introduced to Hofstra 6 years ago to the day today, and I am a Long Island Native. I played throughout college, and quickly made my way into higher education as I was quite active in school. I have worked at Buffalo, Stonybrook, St. Johns, Iona, and now here at Hofstra for the past 6 years. On behalf of the athletic department, thank you for what you do. We have 21 sports - 11 womens teams and 10 men's teams. We like to win, as does everyone, but we all want to make sure we are the very best version of ourselves and our departments in every regard. We are always working to strengthen the program to increase the profile of Hofstra as a whole. We do tons of service programs throughout the year, like Shake-A-Rake and admissions events. College Athletics are somewhat in the air right now: athletes are entering the transfer portal, the debate with employment and unionization of student athletes, and more so. I want to make sure we hear what the students want, not what we think student athletes want.
    1. Comptroller Greenlaw: What is the most rewarding part of your position?

- a. VP Cole: Personally, I find it when I am making a difference and helping others. Winnings are fun, but they are short lived. I want to make sure we are making a lasting impact on the success of our students.
2. Chair Tso: What inspired you to work in a university setting?
  - a. I was involved in SGA in college, and it had a very active role on campus. It exposed me to something I never knew about, and I learned that I could be a leader. I was very fortunate to have people to look up to that helped go through some pathways with me.
3. Chair Jackson: As a big fan of Hofstra mens and womens basketball, could there be a way to do a retro-night with older merchandise?
  - a. We have done it at other places, and you are 100% correct. I really like that, thank you.
4. Senator Joyal: As students, from a social aspect, what do you think could be implemented to have the student body support the athletes more?
  - a. I can't agree more about student support. We live in a world where success matters. When we win, we definitely get a big turn out when we are doing well, but when we aren't it doesn't have the same impact. This is where I would love to have a dialogue with you about this; I need some ideas to get the idea across that "our team is your team" to get students involved. We know that free items, like jerseys and t-shirts, get people through the door so we are listening there but we want some more ideas.
5. Chair Pandit: What academic support initiatives do you think could be beneficial for athletes?
  - a. Travel impedes academics sometimes. We have guidelines and rules about the number of classes they are allowed to miss. As a leadership organization, we know that students have different needs and changes. These student athletes are representing the institution, so when students miss class for games or traveling, they aren't missing class for no reason, they are doing so for a purpose. We try to communicate with the Provost and our academic director to make sure our athletes get the opportunities to excel in the classroom just as any other student.

6. Chair Guenfoud: Maybe personally reaching out to organizations and establishing some kind of raffle system, with media or other perks could be an incentive. How does the athletic department foster a sense of community within the teams?
  - a. There is a structured way, kind of a point system, that they have to follow and meet by attending each other's games. We call it "Pride Points" and "Pride Cup," and every sport has at least one Pride Point Game. There has been a fairly good response to that, but it does get tricky with sports like Cross Country and Golf, but we are working on it.
7. Senator Malik: How have you seen the way student engagement has changed?
  - a. We looked at unique opportunities to get people involved. When I first got here and during pre-covid, the turn out was incredible, we were standing room only. We have been trying to build it up ever since that. We know we need to keep working on it, but we know it is conversations like this that give us the ideas to help increase attendance.
8. Chair Vickers: Our initiative for these past two semesters is increasing school spirit. We discussed the possibility of an intramural sports day with competitive and fun games. What do you think we could do specifically as programming and SGA to support student athletes?
  - a. I think what you're describing is great. Hannah is a great contact for you. It is a great relationship to build, it would be mutually beneficial for both sides. I think there are ways we can be really creative, and sometimes we may fail, but other times we are super successful. I am always willing to try something new with the help of club input. We did the money drop, brought back the Speedy shirts, and even started the small beer garden area. We want to hear all the ideas and brainstorm ways to create an engaging and supportive environment.
9. Senator Mahlari: Could you speak to the cutting of the football team?
  - a. That happened back in 2008, so a bit before even I was here. The priorities of the institution at the time, specifically the start of the medical school, changed. It did make an impact on our alum and the student athletes at the time. Just because it may have been the right decision for

the university, doesn't mean it was the easiest. From what I understand, attendance at that time wasn't the best either, but we try to make sure our football alums still feel supported.

10. Senator Callahan: What accommodations are made for D1 athletes when they have to give long time commitments.

- a. Our coaches do not talk directly to the professors. Travel schedules are sent out in the beginning of the semester directly from the students to the professors. There is a responsibility of the academic advisors to have that conversation, and we make sure all dates are finalized. Students know if they don't adhere they have to figure it out themselves.

11. Senator Singh: Based on your undergraduate experience, what do you wish you saw more of on our campus? What do you like about Hofstra that you wish you had in your undergraduate years?

- a. I did visit this campus when I was an undergrad. My sister actually played volleyball here. Hofstra has a lot of good and great things here. I am a people person, and people are what's important to me. People are the ones who win. So I love the people who I get to work with.

12. President Anniballi: Thank you for coming. We want to thank you for the advocacy you do for students athletes and students as well. As you mentioned student athletics is in a transition right now, how has this topic issue affected Hofstra and how will Hofstra adapt?

- a. I am in favor of name image and likeness. My three children were college athletes and they couldn't use their own pictures for coaching opportunities. Name, image, and likeness means something. I'm not for "pay to play," and if that changes then we will adapt. We are pivoting, and talking regularly on it and getting advice for it. We want to provide our athletes with everything they could need, and that is why the transfer portal is so hot right now. We continue to educate ourselves and support student opportunities.

c. [SA.2024.88.020](#)

- i. Comptroller Greenlaw moves to pass SA.2024.88.020
  1. Motion Seconded
  2. Motion Passed

d. [SA.2024.88.021](#)

- i. Chair Wrazin moves to pass SA.2024.88.021
  - 1. Motion Seconded
  - 2. Motion Passed
- e. Club Categorizations
  - i. Senator Malik: Would it be possible for us to have a category for clubs in the check-in process.
    - 1. Chair Giovannangelo: We do! That is what the white category is.
  - ii. Senator Callahan: Why is club basketball not in club sports?
    - 1. Chair Giovannangelo: We have two: club basketball and women's club basketball. That may have to be switched.
  - iii. Chair Jackson: Can we go to the blue clubs that you highlighted. UNICEF for instance serves to benefit the whole community
    - 1. Chair Giovannangelo: These are the clubs that we discussed in depth. One could make an argument that they are either or so we should discuss this here.
  - iv. Comptroller Greenlaw: Glamour Gals and Pals and UNICEF are currently the only ones with a budget.
  - v. Secretary Egolf moves to suspend the rules
    - 1. Motion Seconded
    - 2. Motion Passed
  - vi. President Anniballi: I want to thank CR for all the work. I do think this would benefit from another week to look it over and discuss. I was wondering if you could go over the thought process of LEAF and DREAM and why they would be gold.
    - 1. Chair Giovannangelo: DREAM and LEAP, If i say either or I mean both of them, after reading the mission statement we found that it is orientated towards helping the community. We found that and felt that the members of those clubs are interested in disciplinary advocacy, but also just for the overall benefit of the Hofstra community.
  - vii. Comptroller Greenlaw: Is "working title" a club or is it just "working title"?
    - 1. It's a club! A creative writing club.
  - viii. Senator Singh: Is this information only going to be available for SGA or all the other clubs?
    - 1. Once we've passed it, we will send out a general email so other clubs are aware. That email would include the categorization and the ability for clubs to reach out and ask questions if they had any. This would include a club report card.
  - ix. Secretary Egolf: Will clubs have the ability to appeal their categorization?
    - 1. President Anniballi: That doesn't happen given blue and gold get similar amounts of the overall budget. There's no need for them to

get gold money, because their requests do not exceed that much money. It is not a hierarchy. It is more of an internal policy than an external one.

2. Senator Malik: What would the upgrade process for clubs to go from blue to gold?
    - a. Vice President Livingston: They won't know. That isn't something we'll necessarily be advertising, because its purpose is more internally how we are dividing the money. It is not a hierarchy, but just based on mission statements.
  3. Senator Mahlati: The messaging needs to be careful when informing clubs as to the new system that we're implementing so there is not confusion and anger.
    - a. President Anniballi: That is a good point, but also, less is more in this regard because even if we provide all the information clubs won't fully understand completely anyway. The goal is to advise us, as the definitions don't change how the club operates.
  4. Chair Jackson: Just for clarification, what will the budget look like for blue clubs in comparison to gold clubs?
    - a. Comptroller Greenlaw: The highest is probably a thousand dollars, maybe a little higher. Whereas gold is much larger for much larger events.
  5. Chair Jackson moves to reinstate the rules
    - a. Motion seconded
    - b. Motion passed
  6. Chair Jackson moves to table this for a week
    - a. Motion seconded
    - b. Motion passed
- f. Elections Commission: [Elections Commission Report](#)
- i. Chair Jackson moves to pass the elections report
    1. Motion seconded
    2. Motion passed

- g. 

### C. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Chair Jackson moves to pass the Senate minutes from 3/14
  - i. Motion Seconded
  - ii. Motion Passed
- b. Chair Wrazin moves to pass the Cabinet minutes from 3/27
  - i. Motion Seconded
  - ii. Motion Passed

### D. E-board Reports

- a. President
  - i. Met with President Poser on Monday

- ii. Met with Gerry Hart and Beth McGuire on Swipe Access Today
- iii. [Participate in SEES Marketing Group](#)
- iv. CSSPA Panel Next Thursday at 4pm in the MPR
- v. Crash the Gala
  - 1. 21+
- b. Vice President
  - i. Preparing for End of Semester and turnover!
  - ii. Ask me about VP :)
  - iii. Love you all
- c. Comptroller
  - i. Working on F24 Accounting File!
    - 1. New calculations and categories!
      - a. I'm very excited
  - ii. Come sign with me! Friday's @ 11 am in the PPAW
- d. Secretary
  - i. Sign up and pay for formalllll yass
  - ii. Please reach out to me, Lincoln, and Sydney if you are more than 2 weeks behind on your office hours so we can discuss. Please make sure you are signing the sheet; even if you were there, if you don't sign the sheet it wont get counted.
  - iii. Ask about my position!

## E. Committee Chair Reports

- a. Appropriations
  - i. Check out the [Approps Minutes](#) for Weekly Allocations!
    - 1. Total allocated: \$2,837.83
  - ii. Budget Weekend is April 6th :)
- b. Club Resources
  - i. No formal report!
  - ii. Please talk to me if you are interested in my position :)))
- c. Communications
  - i. Fall Decorum For 'Em is done! On to the spring
  - ii. Please add more songs [Tune Tuesday](#)
  - iii. Have a wonderful weekend :)
- d. Programming
  - i. Build a Friend
    - 1. 6-8PM Hofstra USA
  - ii. Spring into Action
    - 1.  SAW Tabling: Spring '24
  - iii. Speed Friend Dating
    - 1. Thank you for all who came

- e. Academic Affairs
  - i. 1-2 credit classes or monthly workshops: 1, 0, or 0.5 credit class
  - ii. Writing Proficiency Exam
  - iii. [AP Capstone Proposal](#)
  - iv. Graded feedback in MSAs
  - v. [Minutes!](#)
- f. Equity & Inclusion
  - i. AAPI @ Hofstra – MAY 1ST
  - ii. Co-Hosting an event with HAPIA April 2, 5pm
  - iii. Call Me Beep Me.
    - 1. Ask about my position.
- g. Facilities & Operations
  - i. [Facilities & Operations Committee Agenda 3/28/2024](#)
  - ii. Ask about my position! <3 <3
  - iii. Common hour library feedback get-together on April 17th!
  - iv. Karaoke Night collab w Programming! **April 29th at 6pm!!!**
    - 1. Special menu item coming soon ;)
- h. Wellness & Campus Safety
  - i. Rescheduling Stop the Bleed
  - ii. Take Back the Night on April 12th!
    - 1. [Submit artwork and tell your friends!!](#)
  - iii. Denim Day is April 24th!
  - iv. [National Public Health Week](#) March 27th - April 11th
  - v. Ask me about my position <3

## **F. Approval of Committee Minutes**

- a. Chair DiSanto moves to pass the allocations from 3/26
  - i. Motion seconded
  - ii. Motion passed
- b. Senator Caba moves to pass the committee minutes from 3/28
  - i. Motion seconded
  - ii. Motion passed

## **G. Collaborative Business**

- a. President Anniballi: As I mentioned, I had a meeting today about swipe access in residence halls. We have talked alot about this in Senate, that the delay is 10 minutes after swiping once. This causes numerous issues, like bringing in groceries or luggage, or even tapping too soon after the person in front of you, thus locking you out for 10 minutes. Beth and Geri want the delay for safety, as they don't want unwelcome visitors able to get into the residence halls. I think people don't know how to check in guests, it is not a simple process, and if people are planning on sneaking people in regardless, it will happen regardless. It is the



small things like this that frustrate our students. I want to hear some thoughts or solutions to both ensure the safety of residential halls while also accommodating students. The day before and after breaks, the delays will be removed to give people more time to move in and out. Signs will also be posted at the turnstyle for how to check in guests. What else could we do?

- i. Chair Vickers: Why 10 minutes exactly?
  1. They felt a shorter time wasn't going to be a big enough deterrent, whereas 10 would be sufficient. There wasn't real logic.
- ii. Gallery: A lot of students move out before the official last day so how will that work?
  1. Usually during move out times they just open all the time. I think they were talking about breaks like winter, spring, etc.
- iii. Chair Giovannangelo: There are times that I walk into C-Square and the gates are completely open with no facilities workers in sight. This was a random Wednesday. If that isn't a safety issue, why is a lower swipe delay an issue?
- iv. President Anniballi: There is a difference between a non Hofstra non welcome guest versus a non Hofstra guest we willingly bring in. That isn't acknowledged here.
- v. Secretary Egolf: If people are going to sneak people in then they're going to sneak people in. It's not as if the RSR's are stopping that either. People are going to get in if they want to get in.
- vi. Chair Barone: A lot of people come into VanderPoel, uninvited. The problem is they need better security.
- vii. President Anniballi: if you live on campus, to get to your bedroom you have to go through 4 different locks if you live in a tower and 5 if you live in a suite. If there was ever a fire in a building they also need an accurate count.
  1. Chair Giovannangelo: Say I swipe into my dorm for like 5 minutes. Literally 5 minutes and decide to leave or go get food, not swiping anywhere else. They would not know if I had left the building for an accurate count. Same thing with the ADA door if a friend swipes and I as a resident also walk through without swiping. There is never a real accurate count.
  2. Senator Malik: There's also a problem with the fire alarms. They never count once you leave so you could just switch dorms/go to a different building.
- viii. President Anniballi: People are going to get in, and it is their job to keep us safe.

## **H. For Good of the Order**

**I. Announcements**

- a. Chair Jackson moved to close the gallery
  - i. Motion seconded
  - ii. Motion passed

**J. Snap Cup**

**K. Adjournment**

- a. Chair DiSanto moves to adjourn this meeting
  - i. Motion seconded
  - ii. Motion passed
    - 1. Meeting adjourned at EST

Club/Organization	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated	%
Women's Club Basketball	Requested their budget for next semester		
Hofstra Concerts	\$324.79	\$353.23	108.76%
AMSA	\$303.50	\$303.50	100%
MENASA	\$2,457.04	\$2181.10	88.77%
Men's Ultimate Frisbee	Reallocation		