



**Agenda of the Senate  
Hofstra University Student Government Association  
April 18th, 2024  
Hofstra University**

**Call to order**

Meeting Called to order at 6:52 PM EST

**A. Quorum Call**

- a. Quorum set to 21

**B. New Business**

- a. Chair Wrazin moves to open the gallery
  - i. Motion seconded
  - ii. Motion passed
- b. Welcome Vice President Jessica Eads!
  - i. I am really excited to be here, we have accomplished so much and a lot of that is thanks to you all! I am trying to find ways to help Compass increase revenue with an overall goal to decrease prices for food on campus. For one, we can purchase a Freight Farm, which is a trailer that can provide 100 pounds of produce a week that we choose; this is in collaboration with LEAF and professors in Public Health and Sustainability. This would not only provide produce for us and the local community, but also provide jobs to some of our students.
    - 1. Senator Joyal: What is the current idea of where this would go?
      - a. Yes, it is quite big. It is a big trailer, of course. My original idea was in the fields, but I am now thinking a more beneficial spot would be outside of Stuyvesant so you can see it as you drive down the turnpike.
    - 2. Chair Wrazin: Has Compass confirmed that they are willing to be a part of this?
      - a. Yes, they are more than willing. They have not necessarily confirmed that it would cut costs, but this will definitely

help provide food to students and the local community to combat food insecurity.

3. Chair Pandit: Is there a way this could be turned into a learning opportunity for students taking classes?
  - a. Yes, that is exactly what the professors are working towards. There is a lot of opportunity within our community and the local hempstead community as well.
- ii. Another topic I want to discuss is the fact that a lot of residents leave to go home on the weekend. I want to help make this a space that students want to stay. None of this is confirmed, but these are just some ideas. For one, many years ago HofUSA used to be a bar, and we are considering bringing this back; it would be a safe place for those of age to participate responsibly. This would also be another location for Compass to increase revenue.
  1. Luke, Gallery: I know in the past, student IDs were labeled with colored stripes to signify age. How would that work here?
    - a. No, you would need a real, valid ID in order to get into the bar. You need to be 18 to get in, 21 to drink.
  2. Chair Jackson: My only fear or possibly concern is that often HofUSA is the secondary location to reset after the bar. Not sure how this would affect students.
    - a. I see that. I think the idea is that it would still have that section to reset after a night out, and another section would be the bar area.
  3. Chair Guenfoud: Yes, I do think that HofUSA is traditionally a reset area. But, I would be concerned that someone who isn't in the right mind would possibly come and make bad choices. Maybe there could be a cut off time?
    - a. Yes, I definitely see that. And I think that would be a valid concern, so we could definitely have a closing time. There are many schools that have a pub type bar at their school, so we would have people to refer back to.
- iii. We do see how this also leaves open the idea of commuters driving and staying late. So, we are also looking into "hoteling" in which students can stay at residence halls for a few nights or a few days if they expect to be on campus late. It would be in a specific building, and there would be limits and of course they would pay a similar rate to residents. We are also considering having prospective students come and stay overnight as a touring experience.

1. Senator Danek: Would the revenue generated here help lower food costs as well?
  - a. Not necessarily, because they aren't connected. But, I do think it will benefit because the more people on campus means more revenue for Compass, and a greater argument for us to fight for lower food costs.
2. Senator Joyal: My only concern is that because after midnight it typically is the post-night out refresh that students may become self-conscious about their actions being "observed."
  - a. I do understand that, however, it is not observing in the sense that we are always watching. I envision it as two separate areas but within the same area.
3. Luke, Gallery: We know that this is a space often used for outside vendors or groups, how will this bar area be able to accommodate these outside vendors?
  - a. The bar would in theory be Thursday-Saturday, so all the other days, that space could be rented out. This also gives an opportunity to bring Greek Life back onto campus if we allow organizations to rent out the space as well.
4. Chair Guenfoud: How would we assign priority? Also, would this need to be approved ahead of time or can it be a last minute decision?
  - a. That is a good question, but I would assume that we wouldn't have that much demand, at least at first. There would be limits, such as how many times you can stay a semester as well as only 3 nights at a time. To be able to stay, there would be a whole process for it that must be approved ahead of time.
5. Chair Pandit: What would public safety presence look like if HofUSA undergoes this change? Would prospective students stay in the same hotel/lodging area as commuters or Hofstra students?
  - a. Basically, PSafe would act as a bouncer. Luckily, we have had this experience in the past so we have somewhat of an idea of what does and doesn't work. Whether or not outside guests would be allowed would ultimately be up to the Hofstra Community to see what you want to make of this space.
  - b. As far as prospective students, the idea behind that is we would have students who are willing to volunteer to have a prospective student come and stay the night in their dorm.

We would provide sleeping supplies, but ultimately it is on a volunteer basis.

6. Chair Vickers: Is it possible to make watering hours on the weekend so students don't feel like they have to go out to eat.
  - a. I agree, and we need to brainstorm hours so that is in beneficial to students and Compass to make it worthwhile to have these eateries open.
    - i. Chair Jackson: I know a lot of students may have to stay over winter break, and the hours and food options are very limited during that time, which I think needs to be addressed. Also, as a pride guide who has talked to people who attend schools who stay the night at the dorms, it is not always well received by students.
      1. I will make a note. But in regards to the prospective students, we would only have spots for volunteers who are willing. When we did it in the past, it was a small group who were willing to open their dorms up, but it is as simple as only having slots for confirmed volunteers.
- iv. We are working hard to get some healthier food options on campus. The freight farm, for example. But, we also are looking and working on getting a Halal shack on campus next semester, which will provide more diverse and healthy options for students. This would be similar to freshens as far as ordering.
  1. Chair Giovanangelo: Where would this be located?
    - a. Nothing is confirmed, but there is going to be a big rearrangement in the student center. Halal shack would be where the grill is currently to make sure that it is completely separate from the rest of the kitchen, which then moves everything else around. This will be a phased approach over the summer and January session. We also want to expand the area behind the Dill Pickle to provide more options.
  2. Luke, Gallery: Is there talks of extending Dutch Treat hours?
    - a. That is in conversation, but it is a give and take. If we add more hours, that could result in an increase in price for food items. We are also exploring options similar to the "Amazon Fresh" technology in an unutilized space such as

the Netherlands core to have a space with longer hours without the need for staff. There is a budget gap that needs to be closed, but once it does, I will make sure that Compass is not making revenue without benefiting the students.

- v. There are big things coming to residence renovations. Two towers are down for renovation over the summer, and we are working on getting more accessible entrances in the towers. But, I want to hear more about what you want down.
  - 1. Chair Giovanangelo: I was wondering when the outdoor seating would be coming back to Colonial Square?
    - a. Should be within the next week! That was a big issue for me, the old seating was very uninviting, but most definitely before you leave for the semester you will have new furniture!
  - 2. Chair Young: I have also found a hard time getting my ceiling fixed. I think work orders are quite difficult and unsuccessful.
    - a. Yes, that is a pet peeve of mine as well. Work orders are very difficult, and I want to work on that over the summer. Would love some feedback on how we can improve that.
  - 3. VP Livingston: Will there be more seating in the dorms or academic quads?
    - a. Yes, there are plenty of chairs around. We have plenty of chairs to bring to the quads, we just need to put in a work order to get them out there. For the dorms, I am working on getting swings and hammocks, but they are on back order?
  - 4. Chair Vickers: Is there anything to help make the dorms more homey?
    - a. I would love to add murals and such to give each building a “personality” which is what the RDs and RAs are supposed to do. I also really want students to be able to paint the outside of their dorms each year on some canvas that can be washable or removed from year to year. What else would you like to see?
      - i. Chair Jackson: I think having games like they have on VP would be really great for the dorms.
      - ii. Senator Singh: I think it would also be nice to have HDMI cords on each lounge TVs so students can utilize them whenever they like. I also would like to see some more whiteboard, either rolling or even

whiteboard painted walls, to allow for more study spaces in the dorm.

- iii. Secretary Egolf: Yes, I used to live in a form that had a study room in the lounge, and it was super helpful. The lounges all have the same layout, and are quite large and at the moment unutilized, so maybe we could even set up temporary walls to block off a space.
- iv. Chair Giovanangelo: I think a lot of students would love more recycling bin options, but specifically for cardboard. Oftentimes, students break down packages, but then there is nowhere to put them.
  - 1. VP Eades: Yes, this also brings to note that I am working on the amazon issue when the locker is full. Working with the bookstore to make sure when the locker is full, they get delivered to the post office rather than on the floor.
- v. VP Livingston: I also know that VP dorms provide pots and pans, and maybe that could be beneficial for the rest of the dorm. I have not seen issues with people not washing them.
  - 1. President Lincoln: We could also use a system like in the Pride Den so it would keep a log of who used what, and res life can notify students who are not respecting shared supplies.

c. Welcome Women's Basketball!

- i. Mission: time management, teamwork, developmental skills, gain confidence and connect with new people.
- ii. Events: 3v3 game fundraiser; had a few games against Adelphi, The New School, and StonyBrook; 3 point competition; collab with club volleyball; card making; bake sales
- iii. Benefits: financial support for essential expenses (refs, coach, commute), skill development, promoting inclusivity/diversity and community
- iv. Senator Danek: How many active members? Are you continuing recruitment?
  - 1. We have 13 on Get Involved, but we have closer to 15 girls currently. We don't have a lot of time left this semester, but we are tabling and hosting a few more events. We are getting some

- interest, and are planning more for the next semester. We also host open gym times that we have gotten some girls from.
- v. Comptroller Greenlaw: How many freshmen do you have? Involved in any other campus events?
    - 1. Right now, we probably have around 3 of the 15. For events, we will be there at Relay for Life. We are coming from our tournament to host a basketball event at Relay.
  - vi. Chair Jackson: I think it is important to support a club that supports diversity and women in sports.
    - 1. Chair Giovanagelo: Originally, club basketball was Co-ed but ultimately the women were, in a sense, forced out, and so the numbers are a big low because they are essentially starting from scratch.
  - vii. Senator Caba: I think we need to represent the women in sports at Hofstra. They are paying the student activity fee, and that is supposed to be used to fund passions and interests like this club.
  - viii. Senator Malik: In the context of a basketball team, they do have a decent number of people. It's a 5 on 5 sport, so they have a good amount of people to ensure equal playing time.
  - ix. Chair Giovanagelo: By refining the process, we are being much stricter with clubs to be recognized to make sure clubs are meeting SGA requirements to make use of our funds. There are so many clubs using SGA funding that are unwilling to put the effort into it. This team is.. They are getting Title IX training, working with the great Hofstra community, and are overall very responsive. They are putting in the work.
  - x. Chair Jackson: I saw them build a connection with a prospective student at Admitted Students Day, and to create a space for women in sports in a new environment like college is so important.
  - xi. Senator Caba: I think it is important that the Eboard is choosing to support women. They are leading a good example for the future.
  - xii. Senator Malik moves to recognize Hofstra Women's Club Basketball
    - 1. Motion seconded
    - 2. Motion passed

### **C. Approval of the Minutes**

- a. Chair Jackson moves to close the gallery
  - i. Motion seconded
  - ii. Motion passed
- b. Senator Callahan moves to pass the Senate minutes from 4/11
  - i. Motion Seconded
  - ii. Motion Passed

- c. Senator Skeldon moves to pass the Cabinet minutes from 4/17
  - i. Motion Seconded
  - ii. Motion Passed

#### **D. E-board Reports**

- a. President
  - i. Last Meeting with President Poser Yesterday
  - ii. Turnstiles at Colonial Square
  - iii. Strategic Directions
- b. Vice President
  - i. No formal report :)
- c. Comptroller
  - i. We started voting on budgets! Yay financial efficiency plan!
- d. Secretary
  - i. Get lit at formal but only if you pay by TOMORROW! Keep adding people, it'll be a fun lit night.

#### **E. Committee Chair Reports**

- a. Appropriations
  - i. Saw 5 clubs this week
    - 1. Fully funded all but one
    - 2. \$15,547.50
      - a. About 10k of that from the Campus Rec Fund!
  - ii. Started voting on semesterly budgets, finishing this Tuesday
    - 1. Clubs should be notified by next weekend!
- b. Club Resources
  - i. Club office space applications are LIVE due May 1st!
- c. Communications
  - i. DECORUM FOR EM NEXT WEEK OH YEA
- d. Programming
  - i. Thank you for the support with Sex Fest
    - 1. Hoping to collaborate with BSU + QTPOCC next semester!
  - ii. Relay For Life
    - 1. April 20th 6pm-12:30am
    - 2. Bra Pong
      - a. If you have any bras to donate for one day you can put them in the SGA office
      - b. Making of the board will occur around 6pm on Friday
    - 3. Karaoke Night April 29th 6-8pm
      - a. May be a Build-A-Friend pop-up more info to come
- e. Academic Affairs
  - i. New FPS 24: Funding



- ii. Library Event
- f. Equity & Inclusion
  - i. AAPI @ Hofstra May 1st, Common Hour (tell your friends!!)
- g. Facilities & Operations
  - i. Praise The Pride coming soon, start thinking of faculty you want to appreciate on campus!
  - ii. Karaoke Night April 29th 6-8pm!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- h. Wellness & Campus Safety
  - i. Stop the Bleed was amazing! We're working to plan more events with Nassau County and Public Safety
  - ii. Denim Day!!! April 24th!! Event from 5-6:30pm in Plaza Room Middle
  - iii. Friendship Bracelet Stressbuster on May 2nd

**F. Approval of Committee Minutes**

- a. Senator Danek moves to pass the allocations from 4/16
  - i. Motion seconded
  - ii. Motion passed
- b. Senator Skeldon moves to pass the committee minutes from 4/18
  - i. Motion seconded
  - ii. Motion passed

**G. Collaborative Business**

**H. For Good of the Order**

**I. Announcements**

**J. Snap Cup**

**K. Adjournment**

- a. Chair Jackson moves to adjourn this meeting
  - i. Motion seconded
  - ii. Motion passed
    - 1. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 EST

Club/Organization	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated	%
Men's Club Soccer	\$11,295	\$6,750.00	59.76%
Hofstra Hillel	\$4,669.94	\$4,669.94	100%
Men's Club Lacrosse	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	100%
NSSLHA	\$231.92	\$231.92	100%

Her Campus	\$145.64	\$145.64	100%
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