



**Agenda of the Senate
Hofstra University Student Government Association
April 4th, 2024
Hofstra University**

Call to order

Meeting Called to order at 6:47 PM EST

A. Quorum Call

- a. Quorum set 23

B. New Business

- a. Chair Jackson moves to open the gallery
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed
- b. Welcome Vice President of Facilities Joe Barkwill!
 - i. Hi everyone, happy to be here. I am retiring this August, but will still be working part time with President Poser next fall, so I won't be completely gone! We had a busy year! First, I want to talk about the Axinn Library; we are finishing up with the lighting on the exterior of the building. The 10th floor has the windows in place, the furniture is in order, and contractors are still working. It will be finished come September! Over the summer, the 9th floor will be designated as study group study spaces, so I will be looking for input from you all for that. The unispan will be painted over the summer to match the exterior of the library. We are working on bathroom upgrades throughout campus, for example updating the stalls that have curtains for the door. We also have identified roofs that need to be fixed due to leaking. For residence halls, VP and Alliance are going to be out of commission for replacement this summer. Estabrook will reopen, as well as Nassua as the new Honors Building. We were lucky to be able to fast track and do two this semester, but it may not be the same next semester. When we close the building, we update the flooring, waterproofing, and even the roofing. The entrances for the towers are being redesigned to a swing barrier that is ADA compliant and spacious

enough to bring in oversized bags and items. We are also adding some extra cameras to the lobby for the security purposes; there are no cameras other than the lobby to ensure privacy for students. Now student center enhancements: we are working with dining right now and are waiting for design drawings for the summer. It needs to be in operation when you all get back in August. We are working on a Halal shack station which we believe will be well-received, and some other stations will be moved around. We also want to revamp HofUSA, but it may be in stages. But, we are starting over the summer. The last thing for revamps I want to mention is the installation of a sports court by HofUSA and the wellness center that should be able to be put in over the summer. It will be multiuse: basketball, pickleball, and a few other options. For the academic side, we are starting with Roosevelt renovating 7 classrooms with all new furniture, and there will be a new SAS testing center located in Roosevelt as well. The next building will be Monroe lecture hall. Some things I am planning: possibly moving the dance studio from LH Comm and moving it into Calkins Hall into the old lab, but it is dependent upon a number of different factors. We also are thinking about two new computer labs, but a lot of options are being explored for Calkins. We want to do a larger campus signage project and rebrand the campus. We met with the ADA consultant and the information we received was really great. The Playhouse and the Culture Center Theater Stage accessibility needs to be addressed, and we have some designs in plan. It looks like the mobile ID card will be rolling out fully in the Fall. We know there have been concerns, but we are transferring incoming students to the phone credentials.

1. Senator Callahan: You brought up a lot of initiatives that have the potential to make Hofstra a better place, which one of those are you most excited about?
 - a. To me, of course, all of them matter and are important. I would say right now dining is one of the most important. The same with Roosevelt, it has been a minute so I want that renovated. I love finding new ways to utilize pre existing spaces, like the Calkins lab for example. Everything is an improvement and all exciting!
2. Comptroller Greenlaw: For the residence halls, is Stuyvesant on that list of upgrades given their issues with flooding?
 - a. This year in particular was the most problematic flooding I have seen in my 40 years. Our builds and campus can take a few inches of rain, but our systems can't handle more

than that. I have to look at the roof of Stuyvesant, but it could just be the gutters overflowing, but it shouldn't happen with every rain storm. I'll look into it.

3. Senator Tso: Are there any relevant initiatives you're working on for making Hofstra a more environmentally friendly campus? Do you foresee any problems that may come along with implementation?
 - a. Environmental initiatives you see on campus are all because of the ideas of students. I credit most of the improvements on campus to you guys. We have added some recycling around campus, but it definitely can be approved. There are some logistical things we have to figure out, such as fire marshall constructions with paper recycling containers and placements. Speaking of environmental changes, we are adding 10 more car charger stations likely near residential locations. We are converting now to LED lighting as well for anything that isn't already.
4. Chair Wrazin: I wanted to ask about expanding the menstrual dispensers across campus, and I was just wondering what facilities' stance is on that?
 - a. We have no issue with it. We are in support of it as long as you give us locations. We'll be in touch.
5. Senator Singh: Will the halaal meat be separate from the other meat? And will the SAS testing be operational for the next fall? Are there any initiatives you feel the most accomplished about? Are the bathroom curtains being replaced with stall doors?
 - a. Part of the renovation is incorporating two new storage facilities and kitchens to ensure complete separation. The SAS testing center and Roosevelt renovation will be done by the end of the summer, yes. All new buildings are a highlight, but new builds take a long time to build. The most rewarding for me is how our campus has been and continues to be transformed and repaired. We have been really working towards making Hofstra better the last 20 years, and we continue to do so. Yes, they are going to be regular stall doors. In the 80s, this was how they addressed ADA concerns, but it is not the standard now. Let us know if you see any curtains around campus.
6. Senator Joyal: What's the reasoning behind wanting to make the change with the physical to digital cards?

- a. We did this thinking this was something the students wanted. But, we are only the 2nd school in the country to use this Atrium card system, so there were some technological issues we have been working through. We did not expect the student body to be so divided on this, and we want to see the root to why. From an operational standpoint, the physical or mobile card works the same, what we need to address is the policy aspect. The idea about having two IDs, the physical and mobile, leads to a security concern. We want to open it to all students, though.
- 7. Senator Danek: The changes that you've seen over the years, has that come from students or administration?
 - a. That depends on what changes. From a student perspective, you just can't let the idea "die." You have to keep fighting for it. From an administrative standpoint it's a bit different. Change comes in many different ways. The biggest impact students have had on me is the dining aspect; across the country, the expectations for food have increased greatly compared to 20 years ago. Take franchises, for example; you know what you are going to get with a familiar brand. Sometimes, these expectations arise faster than the University can accommodate. Food needs are always evolving and we need to continue to make strides.
- c. **Potential Categorizations Spring 2024**
 - i. Senator Mahlati moves to suspend the rules
 - 1. Motion seconded
 - 2. Motion passed
 - ii. President Anniballi: While these clubs that we have been discussing do great things and may have missions that go beyond the Hofstra community, they do not fulfill the other definitions of a Gold club. Gold clubs provide events for the Hofstra community, which is why they would have Gold status.
 - iii. Chair Jackson: I agree with Lincoln here, these clubs all do great things, but to put them in this financial category wouldn't be of the best interest.
 - iv. Senator Mahlati: I don't think financial matters are an issue here considering placing them in a category isn't going to mean that their suddenly going to ask for more funds.
 - v. Chair Wrazin: I think, as someone who sits on CR, is that the main issue here is the fact that the definitions aren't very clear and still need to be redefined.

1. Senator Danek: I agree, they all have mission statements that exceed the blue definition, but everything else matches it. It is a grey area right now.
2. President Anniballi: To answer Nimba, yes it's more so about organizing this for us instead of them abusing the amount they have access to. As to Justin's point, perhaps we made a mistake in our definition of the gold organization.
3. Comptroller Greenlaw: Again to them, the clubs won't necessarily know what category they are in either
4. Senator Malik: I feel like we've presented this in a confusing way to the senate. Essentially, this is just to organize each club for our organizational purposes
 - a. Chair Jackson: Yes, I am confused. What exactly is the difference between blue and gold?
 - b. Chair Wrazin: In CR, we've been looking at these clubs and assigning them based on mission statements.
 - c. President Anniballi: It's been a mix of mission statement and what they do practically as an organization. Going forward there will perhaps be more clarification and ease in the process.
 - d. Senator Malik: Yes, based on CR, we have been talking about mission statements. When you see a Gold category, you think about ACS that has Relay for Life, or the Chronicle that is a widespread outlet for information.
5. Senator Tso: Once a club is put in a category, will it ever change?
 - a. President Anniballi: Yes, it can change. And CR will review it every year
6. Chair Guenfoud: Can a club change its mission? Perhaps we should encourage clubs to change them to make it more fitting for the category.
7. Chair Jackson: Is moving categories a 'punishment?'
 - a. President Anniballi: If a blue or gold moved down to white, yes in theory. Because they are in the middle of check in. But, gold to blue isn't necessarily a punishment. They would only ever move from white to blue or gold in the middle of the year.
8. Comptroller Greenlaw: Again, this is all just for ease in the accounting file. It is intended to be a little fluid to adjust for change.

9. Senator Mahlati: It's not relevant to update the mission statements being that we understand how these clubs operate practically. We also have the advantage of intuitively understanding what these clubs are and where they fit in. You hear something like HofstraConcerts and you immediately know it's gold, for instance. Ultimately, it's up to CR and appropriations to make this decision, this is just to help them. We need not get into the minutiae.
 10. Senator Danek: There's been a lack of clarification over seemingly ambiguous language, especially when looking at organizations that seem to be caught in the middle of Blue and Gold. There should be a clear consensus.
 11. President Annibali: We have to remember that this purpose is for the benefit of all students to best utilize the student activity fee. Some of these orgs in history do not request a 'gold' level of funding. Leaf is spot on, and I think it should be gold, whereas the others have more specific goals for their specific members. That is also why I suggest Danceworks be moved for gold anyway.
 12. Chair Jackson moves to reinstate the rules
 - a. Motion seconded
 - b. Motion passed
 13. Chair Wrazin moves to relocate D.R.E.A.M, Glamour Gals and Pals, Humanity Helpers, Helping Handing Project, Project Sunshine, and UNICEF to blue.
 - a. Motion seconded
 - b. Motion Passed
 14. Chair Jackson moves to relocate DanceWorks Productions to gold.
 - a. Motion seconded
 - b. Motion passed
 15. Chair Wrazin moves to pass the club categorizations
 - a. Motion Seconded
 - b. Motion passed
- d. [Elections Commission Report](#)
- i. Senator Caba: When is the last senate if someone chooses not to return?
 1. That would be April 25th, which is turnover.
 2. Senator Mahlati: Also, someone can run this semester and chose to step down later if they want to?
 - a. Yes.
 - ii. Senator Malik moves to pass the EC Report
 1. Motion seconded
 2. Motion passed

C. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Chair Guenfoud moves to pass the Senate minutes from 3/28
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed
- b. Senator Caba moves to pass the Cabinet minutes from 4/3
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed

D. E-board Reports

- a. President
 - i. NPHW Panel Went Well
 - ii. Meeting with Jess Next Friday
 - iii. University Senate Meeting on Monday
 - iv. Strategic Directions Meeting Friday
 - v. Music Fest
- b. Vice President
 - i. Ok I SWEAR this is my last absence
 - ii. I finished emailing guest to visit us at turnover
 - iii. Turnover will be at 6:30 on April 25th, right after HSLA awards
 - iv. You guys never fail to impress me with your work ethic during such a chaotic week! Thank you so so so much!
- c. Comptroller
 - i. The accounting file!
- d. Secretary
 - i. Great job getting rid of all the shirts! I have received great feedback about them. Make sure we push the blankets and stickers!
 - ii. Please don't forget your office hours. If you ever go in and there's no sign up sheet, just text Elvina your hours.
 - iii. FORMALLLLL still taking exact cash or venmo. Please pay asap. ABSOLUTE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP/PAY: April 19th
 - iv. Ask me about my position!

E. Committee Chair Reports

- a. Appropriations
 - i. Saw 4 clubs!
 - 1. [Minutes](#)
 - 2. Total allocated: \$417.97 from SGA Budget, \$1,200 from the Campus Rec Fund
 - ii. Budget Weekend this Saturday <3
- b. Club Resources
 - i. I ALSO swear that this will be the last time I am missing Senate <3

- ii. Hope you all had a great week and thank you for passing the club categories (if you did LOLZ)!
- iii. We have a potential club coming to Senate VERY soon after completing the SGA Check-In Process so that's super exciting!! STAY TUNED
- iv. Please talk to me about my position...I'm worried NONE of you like CR and that would make me sad 😞
 - 1. Womp Womp
- c. Communications
 - i. ALUMNI PANEL NEXT WEEK GET EXCITED !!!!
 - ii. Working on lots of fun stuff stay tuneddddd
- d. Programming
 - i. Sex Fest
 - 1. April 17th @7PM
 - 2. BSU + QTPOCC
 - ii. Relay For Life
 - 1. SIGN UP - unless already in another group
 - 2. We are doing Bra Pong. Yay Bras!
 - iii. Build A Friend pop up on Wednesday!
- e. Academic Affairs
 - i. 1-2 credit classes
 - ii. Schedules during registration
 - iii. [Minutes](#)
- f. Equity & Inclusion
 - i. AAPI @ Hofstra May 1st
- g. Facilities & Operations
 - i. SGA collab with the Library on April 17th, common hour!
 - ii. Dining x SGA Karaoke Night April 29th, 6pm-8pm!
 - iii. Ask me what it's like being a chair! <3
- h. Wellness & Campus Safety
 - i. Take Back the Night - April 12th! 5-7 pm, MPR
 - ii. Stop the Bleed - April 16th! 6pm, MPR West
 - iii. Denim Day - April 24th!
 - iv. Friendship Bracelet Stressbuster - May 2nd! Stu Atrium
 - v. If you have any concerns about SAS' testing policies, reach out
 - vi. Ask me about my position!! I LOVE talking about Wellness and I'd love to help you all learn about what I do

F. Approval of Committee Minutes

- a. Chair/Senator_ moves to pass the allocations from 4/2
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed

- b. Senator Caba moves to pass the committee minutes from 4/4
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed
- c. Senator Joyal moves to close the gallery
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed
- d. Senator Mahlati moves to strike Snap Cup
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion passed

G. Collaborative Business

H. For Good of the Order

I. Announcements

~~J. Snap Cup~~

K. Adjournment

- a. Comptroller Greenlaw moves to adjourn this meeting
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed
 - 1. Meeting adjourned at EST 20:47PM

Club/Organization	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated	%
NAFME	\$286.99	\$244.53	85.21%
Hofstra Men's Rugby	\$500	\$500	100%
American String Teachers Association	Didn't Show	Will be coming next week	
Club Baseball	\$700	\$700	100%
Hindu Students Association	\$173.53	\$173.44	99.95%