



**Agenda of the Senate
Hofstra University Student Government Association
September 19, 2024
Hofstra University**

Call to order

Meeting Called to order at 6:46 PM EST

A. Quorum Call

- a. Quorum set 18

B. New Business

- a. Senator Denson moves to open the gallery
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed

b. Welcome Russ D. Smith! Director of 1st Generation Student Support and Engagement Office

- i. Russ: This is a fairly new office- since last October! This started originally just as a support group/committee for 1st generation students; the committee achieved a majority of our first couple goals for what we wanted to do to support first gen students. Eventually, between programming, data collection, and university-facing research, until about a year ago when I was put in charge of the First Generation office. The types of programming we do really centers around the sense of belonging. First Gen students are anyone whose parents have not received a Bachelor's degree in the U.S. The definition is broad and slightly vague to provide as much support to as many students as possible. We ensure our messages and programs have inclusive language to encourage the idea of "We," and how to achieve goals together. When things are designed for First Gen students, those students and non-First Gen students benefit.
- ii. VP Joyal: We are really looking forward to and aiming to collaborate. Is there anything coming up soon we can be a part of?
 1. Russ: Not exactly first chronologically, but one of our biggest events- that SGA has been a part of in the past- is our First Gen

Student Day Atrium Takeover with tabling. That is Friday November 8th, 10am-2pm and I would love your participation. We are hosting some study/chill events to get together with others to study, listen to music, and even just color or hangout. We will also be tabling the whole week of November 8th and hoping to end that week with a movie night in collaboration with OSLE! We also host dinner once a month open to anyone, as long as you sign up on Get Involved, with special faculty guests each dinner.

- iii. Chair Mahlati: Can you give a recap of everything you post about during Welcome Week for those who were not present?
 1. Russ: Sure! Our First Gen percentages are increasing- a third of our undergraduate population is first generation students. First Gen students also have lower retention rates, but we are working on efforts to make sure they get to graduation. Most of our first generation students are STEM majors. We are on track to become more and more first generation students with each class we bring in. We are one of the most “first gen” schools in the area, and we have been nationally recognized for this.
- iv. Comptroller Greenlaw: What has been your most rewarding experience in the past year?
 1. Russ: There have been a couple. Typically I would say the graduation ceremony. It is great to see the students, some of which I knew as RAs, and see how much those students have flourished. I also got to speak to all the OLs during the summer for a training; one student came to me after, quite overwhelmed with emotions realizing that they did in fact belong to the first generation community, something they didn’t realize prior to our conversations.
- v. Senator Callahan: How do you support students who may not have support from their own family?
 1. Russ: I think, even with support, being first generation can be really isolating. For a lot of first generation students, they are the “hope” of the family, and as students learn and grow, they tend to “change” and become isolated. It is a very common experience. One way I try to help with this is by bi-weekly resources to students with my emails, offering free programs for them. What most don’t know, is that I also send emails to parents. My hope is to keep parents engaged. It is harder to help students who’s parents don’t believe in college; my goal for those cases is to make them feel at home here through our programs.

- vi. Senator Singh: How do you feel support systems have changed since when you were a first generation student?
 - 1. Russ: I think I am able to use my experience, as well as my research, to help students. But, I know the source of help also comes from listening to the students themselves. When I was in college, “first gen” wasn’t even a thing, it wasn’t talked about. Things are now named and given language for experiences we all go through but didn’t talk about.
- vii. President Anniballi: Some of the challenges students face arise from the higher education institutions or social factors. What are some things that peers can do to support their first generation student friends?
 - 1. Russ: It is common to look at first generation students as lacking when it comes to the institutional perspective. That is what I am working towards, to make the space for them. As a peer, I would say to be there for them; create a safe space for first gen students to share their experiences and not feel like an outsider when doing so. We need to change the perspective so that everyone views first gen students as valuable in an educational setting. We have to make room at the table for those with different experiences.
- viii. VP Joyal: I know you mentioned tabling for “Celebrate First Gen,” which made me think of our associate and election process, and finding a way to collaborate with your office and see how easy and accessible it is to join leadership roles.
 - 1. Russ: Maybe in April for your elections we can collaborate. We can try to co-host a dinner with you guys and make it a group effort.
- ix. Chair Young: Do you have any plans to help students feel more sure of themselves or are struggling from Imposter Syndrom?
 - 1. Russ: Most definitely. I speak every year about Imposter Syndrom, and everytime I give that speech I get the most nervous and feel inferior. So, I don’t think there is ever an end to imposter syndrom, but knowing it is there and talking about it openly takes away the power it holds on us. It stops the spiral.
- x. Senator Singh: Do you have any questions for us as students on this campus?
 - 1. Russ: I do, but it is a hard question. Students before you have applied to make a First Gen Club, and were denied based on the reasoning that there was already an office where support would fall under. Do you know why they would have been denied, as there

are other organizations that are associated with various offices on campus?

- a. President Anniballi: SGA was not opposed to the creation of a First-Gen Club and our representatives in club recognition meetings voted in support of such, but other representatives made the ultimate decision to not recognize the organization. SGA is still in support of the creation of this organization and we will fully back the reapplication and appeal if necessary going forward. The logic that was provided does not match our values, and is not consistent with other organizations. I worked with the president of First Gen Club to ensure their emails were responded to.

xi. Senator Miranda: Are there any peer-mentor programs?

1. Russ: Yes! There are many peer-mentor tracks that we have across campus that I oversee the programs. We have 6 or so tracks, one of which is First Generation, so this is the first year we have a peer-to-peer program; we also have a faculty-to-peer program.

xii. VP Joyal: I just want to draw your attention to some committees that may work well with your goals and future collabs – programming, equity and inclusion, wellness and campus safety, and club resources. I am sure they are all willing and ready to collab!

1. Russ: To close it out, I just want to say one thing: if students ever have any questions and don't know where to start, let them know they can always start at the First Gen office.

c. Senator Mahlati moves to close the gallery

- i. Motion seconded
- ii. Motion passed

d. Senatorial Action

i.  Competitive Election Senatorial Action

1. Chair Skeldon: Will they be able to become senators in the transition from fall to spring semester if people drop?
 - a. President Anniballi: Yes. They would be able to transition at any point from associate to senator in the case of vacancy.
2. Chair Danek: Can you clarify the Senator-At-Large vs Senator-Elect?
 - a. Senator-Elect is basically an associate, who can fill senator vacancies. Senator-At-Large is just a regular senator.
3. VP Joyal: How does attendance play a role? If they are not following attendance rules, can they still move up to Senator?

- a. President Anniballi: As written, no attendance would not affect this transition. That would require additional policy.
4. Chair Young: Does it go into effect for the upcoming election?
 - a. President Anniballi: Yes, it goes into effect as soon as it's passed.
5. Chair Mahlati: So to clarify, Senator-Elect act as an associate- are they required to be in the Senate?
 - a. President Anniballi: No, they would act fully as an associate.
6. Chair Danek: What would happen if Senator-Elect had tied votes?
 - a. President Anniballi: Something to think about during the school year. It would be the same as a tie in any other position- it would go to the general Senate.
7. Comptroller Greenlaw votes to open Constitutional Convention
 - a. Comptroller Greenlaw yea
 - b. Secretary Egolf yea
 - c. Academic Affairs Chair Danek yea
 - d. Appropriations Chair Skeldon yea
 - e. Club Resources Chair Quail yea
 - f. Equity and Inclusion Chair Young yea
 - g. Facilities and Operations Chair Malik yea
 - h. Programming Chair Vickers yea
 - i. Wellness and Campus Safety Chair Mahlati yea
 - j. Senator Apostol yea
 - k. Senator Callahan yea
 - l. Senator Denson yea
 - m. Senator Malayeri yea
 - n. Senator Miranda yea
 - o. Senator Orellana yea
 - p. Senator Ruffo yea
 - q. Senator Singh yea
 - r. Senator Su yea
 - s. Motion Seconded
 - t. Motion Passed
8. Chair Skeldon moved to pass SA.2024.89.01
 - a. Comptroller Greenlaw yea
 - b. Secretary Egolf yea
 - c. Academic Affairs Chair Danek yea
 - d. Appropriations Chair Skeldon yea
 - e. Club Resources Chair Quail yea

- f. Equity and Inclusion Chair Young yea
- g. Facilities and Operations Chair Malik yea
- h. Programming Chair Vickers yea
- i. Wellness and Campus Safety Chair Mahlati yea
- j. Senator Apostol yea
- k. Senator Callahan yea
- l. Senator Denson yea
- m. Senator Malayeri yea
- n. Senator Miranda yea
- o. Senator Orellana yea
- p. Senator Ruffo yea
- q. Senator Singh yea
- r. Senator Su yea
- s. Motion Seconded
- t. Motion Passed

9. Comptroller Greenlaw moves to close Constitutional Convention

- a. Comptroller Greenlaw yea
- b. Secretary Egolf yea
- c. Academic Affairs Chair Danek yea
- d. Appropriations Chair Skeldon yea
- e. Club Resources Chair Quail yea
- f. Equity and Inclusion Chair Young yea
- g. Facilities and Operations Chair Malik yea
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- q. Senator Singh yea
- r. Senator Su yea
- s. Motion Seconded
- t. Motion Passed

- e. Mak takes BeReal to end her takeover!

C. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Chair Skeldon moves to pass the Senate minutes from [09/12](#)
 - i. Motion Seconded

- ii. Motion Passed
- b. Chair Danek moves to pass the Cabinet minutes from [09/18](#)
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed


D. E-board Reports

- a. President
 - i. Next Week!
 - 1. Library Ribbon Cutting! Monday 1pm (10th Floor)
 - 2. Halal Shack Ribbon Cutting! Tuesday 11pm (Halal Shack)
 - 3. Panel: Freedom of Speech Panel 4pm (Law School)
 - 4. State of the University Wednesday 1pm (Playhouse)
 - a. BBQ directly following in the Dunkin Quad
 - 5. Panel (with Sev and I): Higher Ed in an Election Year Wednesday 2:40 (CCT)
 - 6. Panel: Mental Healthcare in the 2024 Election Thursday 11:20 (CCT)
 - ii. Fall Fest!
 - 1. Pride Court! Friday 7:00pm Playhouse
 - 2. Pride Expo! Saturday 12pm HofUSA
 - 3. Fall Fest/Family Weekend/Shaggy Saturday 2pm
 - iii. Met with President Poser
 - iv. Met with Alumni Affairs
- b. Vice President
 - i. Basically what Lincoln said !
 - ii. Reminder to fill out your attendance for Senate Retreat! This is really important. Only 11 responses so far!! Let's get this done before the election bash so I only have to hunt down the new senators to fill it out.
 - iii. <https://forms.gle/okUKCkCeBBBDYQBaA>
 - iv. If you ever need a swift response from me please text me or groupme message me. (I do not have my SGA email on my phone so I can not check it as often)
 - v. (626)-391-7823
- c. Comptroller
 - i. Rollback is almost done!
 - 1. Getting missing clubs in Access
- d. Secretary
 - i. Chairs need 2 office hours per week, and can do up to 4 to get 2 supplemental hours. Senators need 1 office hours per week, and can do up to 2 to get 1 supplemental hour.
 - 1. 3 supplemental hours will cancel out 1 unexcused absence

- ii. Absences: Must email me, Jewels, and your chair 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE if you are missing committee or Senate unless there is an emergency (which I will require an excuse)
- iii. Text me with any issues! 267-566-4182

E. Committee Chair Reports

- a. Appropriations
 - i. [Minutes](#)
 - ii. 3 out of 4 treasurer trainings completed - 100% assessment and training completion rate, 93.94% assessment average
 - iii. Make-up training next Thursday at 4:15 on Zoom, 5 treasurers scheduled
 - iv. Allocations at the bottom!
- b. Club Resources
 - i. [Minutes](#)
 - ii. Also [minutes](#)
 - iii. Continuing getting 'Club Closet' ready to launch
 - 1. [materials](#) + [announcement email](#)
 - iv. Clay Club check-in very soon hopefully
 - v. New club presentations this Friday and Monday
 - vi. Elections are ongoing, this week is campaigning. If you see ANYTHING that seems weird or like it may break the rules please let me know! Voting starts Monday.
- c. Communications
 - i. Sorry I'm not there :(blame my asthma lol
 - ii. For Cabinet: [September Newsletter](#)
 - 1. Please fill this out by 9/26 (I know I originally said the 27th but I would really really appreciate it as soon as you can)
 - 2. Will include an update from every chair & joint update from Lincoln and Jewels
 - iii. For everyone: [Takeover Form](#), [Tune Tuesday](#), ****[Birthday Graphic](#)****
- d. Programming
 - i. [Minutes](#)
 - ii. Meet & Mingle with SGA coming up!
 - 1. **Oct 1, 2024** 6:00-7:30 PM, Stu 141!
 - iii. Hofstra Hunt!
 - 1. Send me some hidden gems and/or important people on campus we should have students search for
- e. Academic Affairs
 - i. Meeting with CUA tomorrow
 - 1. Peer advisor program expansion, A-G, Course Reg Carnival
 - ii. Still waiting to hear back from Dr. Blue- trying to schedule meeting

- iii. Reached out to RHA to advertise A-G
- iv. Feedback regarding whether professors held zoom classes as recommended yesterday
- f. Equity & Inclusion
 - i.  Minutes 09/19
 - ii. Meeting with Cornell next week if anyone wants me to bring something up
 - iii. Hablando Claro october 2nd 6-8pm
 - iv. La Bienvenida @ Hofstra September 30th Common Hour
 - v. Working on better communication between SGA and identity based clubs and orgs
 - vi. Slay
- g. Facilities & Operations
 - i. Watch out for Compass Events Next month
 - 1. Spooky Karaoke
 - ii. Looking for organizations for Farmer's Market.
 - iii. FallFest Special Menu at HofUSA
- h. Wellness & Campus Safety
 - i. Aunt Flow Dispenser expansion (Psafe + Buildings)
 - ii. Plan Van finalization
 - iii. Cones & Condoms
 - iv. [Minutes](#)

F. Approval of Committee Minutes

- a. Comptroller Greenlaw moves to pass the allocations from 9/17
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed
- b. Senator Denson moves to pass the committee minutes from 9/16
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed
- c. Comptroller Greenlaw moves to strike decorum in Snap Cup until the close of the 89th Senate
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed
- d. Chair Mahlati moves to strike Snap cup permanently
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion failed

G. For Good of the Order

- a. **Chair Mahlati: Please let me know if you are in any organizations which would like**

H. Announcements

a. Anything non-SGA related!

I. Snap Cup

J. Adjournment

a. Chair Young moves to adjourn this meeting

i. Motion seconded

ii. Motion passed

1. Meeting adjourned at EST 8:21pm

Delta Delta Epsilon	\$2085.00	\$1251.00	60%
Hindu Student Association	\$824.25	\$393.47	47.73%
Intervarsity	\$89.96	\$133.94	148.89%
NAACP	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sigma'Cappella	\$600	\$348.70	58.12%

Cabinet Agenda

September 18, 2024

Quorum:

Present President L. Anniballi, Vice President J. Joyal, Comptroller S. Greenlaw, Secretary M. Egolf, Chair J. Danek, Chair M. Skeldon, Chair E. Quail, Chair A. DiSanto, Chair D. Young, Chair D. Malik, Chair N. Mahlati, Chair L. Vickers

Absent:

Agenda:

- I. Meeting called to order:
- II. Icebreaker
- III. Collaborative Business:
- IV. Updates
 - A. President
 1. Met with President Poser Wednesday
 - a) Discussed food concerns
 - b) CUA/peer advisor
 - c) Homecoming!?
 - d) Shared all the wonderful work you are all doing!
 2. Met with Hope from Alumni Affairs
 - a) Clubs can now start their own crowdfunding page (like a Hofstra GoFundMe!)
 3. Lots of stuff happening next week!
 - a) Will be speaking at the Presidents State of the University
 - b) Monday will be the grand opening of the tenth floor...Dyland and I will cut the ribbon!
 4. Confident the Trump Rally will not be too big of a problem today, but stay safe and avoid traffic!
 - B. Vice President
 1. No formal report.
 - C. Comptroller
 1. Rollover is almost done!
 - a) A few clubs don't have budget lines so we are fixing the issue!
 - D. Secretary

1. [Room Request Form](#) - Fill it out, email me, and I'll submit it. If you haven't received a confirmation in a week, follow up.
2. [Catering Form](#) - Need to fill out two weeks in advance (ideally, email or text once you do.) Do not fill out a catering form until room reservation is confirmed.
3. [Committee Attendance Form](#) - Please fill out weekly during your committee meetings

E. Academic Affairs

1. Going to reach out to RHA to advertise A-G: Admission to Graduation
2. Meeting with CUA Friday to discuss explicit A-G details, brainstorming SGA's potential role in Course Reg Carnival, and possibilities for peer advisor program
3. Planning to discuss in committee tomorrow whether professors held Zoom classes as recommended- want to get a feel on how professors are communicating with students
4. Still waiting to hear back from Dr. Blue- reached out to schedule meeting regarding Canvas survey and other initiatives
5. [Initiative Tracker](#)

F. Appropriations

1. [Minutes](#)
2. We saw five clubs!
 - a. One club had an incomplete budget and is coming back next week.
 - b. Sending some clubs to Club Resources for general art supplies.
 - c. In general, we were able to mostly fund within the policy series
 - d. Allocations in the minutes.
3. Treasurer Training!!
 - a. 2 completed, 2 remaining
 - b. After Monday and Tuesday, no assessment scores below 70 (60 is passing).
 - c. Average score of 94
4. Crowdfunding
 - a. Met with Lincoln and Hope from Alumni Affairs, message going out to clubs this week with more information

- b. Marlen will committee point person for this
- 5. [Committee goals](#)

G. Club Resources

1. [Minutes](#)
2. Continuing getting 'Club Closet" ready to launch
3. [materials](#) + [announcement email](#) for club closet
 - a) Working on form to rent supplies out and some sort of labeling system
4. Compiling a list of more stuff the club closet needs
5. Working with Clay Club to get them checked-in before the budgets deadline on October 25th, spoke with Animate Hofstra last night as well and they want to start discussions of trying to check-in again.
6. Emailing TableTop about getting some of their games for the Club Closet
7. Elections are ongoing, this week is campaigning. If you see ANYTHING that seems weird or like it may break the rules please let me know! Voting starts Monday.
8. New club presentations this Friday and Monday (news to me, thank you OSLE)
9. Goals!

H. Communications

1. Will be updating the website this week with the new cabinet
2. Going to update the letter display case probably next wednesday (need enough time to do it and return the key back to osle by 5pm)
3. Delegated in committee this week- graphics and twitter liaison
4. **PLEASE fill this out by Friday 9/27: [September Newsletter!](#)**
 - a) Example of past newsletter: [April 2023 Newsletter](#)

I. Equity and Inclusion

1. Confirmed the panel for Hablando Claro event
2. Meeting with panelist on Monday
3. Struggling to get the identity based clubs to reply to my email 😞

J. Facilities and Operations

1. [Minutes](#)
2. Meet with John Palasits
 - a) Looking into residential concerns.

- b) Work Order system becoming more Dynamic.
 - 3. Meet with Lexis, Compass Marketing
 - a) Cheerful got moved to next week
 - b) Halloween events, Spooky Karaoke
 - c) Potentially, HofUSA Fall Fest special menu Items.
 - 4. More meetings to come with Campus Rec, SAS and Plant.
- K. Programming
 - 1. [Minutes](#)
 - 2. Hofstra Hunt!
 - a) **If you know any cool places on campus that we should include in the hunt please comment+add them to the DOC we have 5 open spots for places!**
 - b) Finalizing logistics and spoke to Sev about getting the QR codes laminated for the weather and making sure custodial services knows to not take them down
 - 3. Meet & Mingle with SGA
 - a) New name for Speed Friend Dating
 - b) Date/Room TBD at this time waiting for event services/Mak confirmation
 - c) Have the outline for the event finished, will have slides with questions for people and “rules”.
 - d) Wanting to promote it to first year/first gen housing
- L. Wellness and Campus Safety
 - 1. [Minutes](#)
 - 2. Plan Van
 - a. Working on officially moving the van to the Pride Park and completing all necessary paperwork for all Plan Van related things
 - 3. Aunt Flow
 - a. Student Centre supply has been restocked and we are in conversations to expand to The Fitness Centre. Breslin is seemingly not a viable option for dispensers
 - b. Getting dispenser locations added to website and app
 - 4. Cones & Condoms
 - a. An idea that the committee came up with! Will be an event on October 23rd to promote PrEP awareness week and drive Plan Van engagement

5. Hofstra Hope Fest

- a. Meeting with Grace & Britt to finalize details of HHF and will report back other salient points from this conversation

- V. For Good of the Order
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Chair __ moves to adjourn the meeting.
 - A. Motion Seconded
 - B. Motion Passes
- VIII. Meeting adjourned:

Respectfully submitted,

President Lincoln Anniballi