

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



**Agenda of the Senate
Hofstra University Student Government Association
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Hofstra University**

Call to order

Meeting Called to order at 6:55 EST

A. Quorum Call

- a. Quorum set to 32

B. New Business

- a. Chair Danek moves to open the gallery.

- i. Motion Seconded
- ii. Motion Passed

b. Welcome VP Jessica Eads of SEES

- i. VP Eads: This has been an active fall semester! We have done some really good work regarding issues that came up last spring and fall, specifically speed bumps, which helps keep students safe and helps prevent flooding! We are making progress, though slow, with dining; I know we have a lot more work to do, and it can be frustrating, but we are working on ways to solve these issues. I think one of the issues we are facing is the wait times in the student center cafe, many of which can only be fixed by a renovation of the space, including creating new kiosk areas with boost options. I am trying to think of some ways to open up additional seating as well. We remind dining staff– and all staff– that their engagement with students is important and needs to be taken into consideration when dealing with stressed students. Pricing is always on our to-do list. We are continuously promoting Canvas as well, and have been sharing that data with the President. Today, we received a letter from SGA and while I cannot speak on President Poser’s behalf, I can share that we are going to take the concerns addressed into consideration. Also, I want to clarify a question that came up at the Town Hall meeting regarding the flags. In 2017, the International Students Office came up with the initiative to incorporate a process that anyone who was here on an I20 Visa would have their flags ordered and hung in the atrium after being fireproofed. This is a complicated process. They also can only be hung with a crane when no students are present. It stopped from that point until 2023, in

which there were no students on our roster with a Palestinian visa. This is the reason it is not hung; I just learned this information after the Town Hall. I know that this is not how the plaque in the Student Center is understood, I read it myself. That is the history, and I know it needs to be addressed and we will work on fixing it.

- ii. VP Eads: Back tracking a little bit, I was a Hofstra undergrad myself. I started working with the Men's Basketball team, and eventually found my way into Admissions. Despite being offered jobs elsewhere, I decided admissions is what I wanted to do. I have been here over 30 years, mainly under admissions, and then in 2022 I helped bring student affairs and student enrollment together to create SEES with President Poser. I did a lot to change what our team looked like, who it was, and we have a lot of work to do, but we are excited about our new hires to take every experience you all have and make it the best it can be. We listen in as many ways as we can, many of which weren't available a few years ago.
- iii. Senator Callahan: I appreciated the thorough and clear explanation about the flag question. Could you expand on President Poser's remarks?
 1. VP Eads: I agree, but I cannot answer on her behalf. She will answer for herself. I wish I had grabbed the mic, but it really is just hard to be up there. We are not an administration that doesn't care about our students. It's easy for everyone or critique, and we are not perfect, but we do try our best. Even though sometimes our best is not good enough. It is not easy; you can feel the emotion in the room, and you want to do what's right. And sometimes, you don't know everything given we don't have the questions in advance. But I cannot answer on her behalf, only for myself.
- iv. Senator Dzaveluri: Sometimes we need to have tough conversations. How do you think you can handle all of this while, as President Poser said, be on the right side of History?
 1. VP Eads: The truth is we can't say anything without upsetting someone; I am empathetic to see my students upset. It is such a complicated world right now, and it is going to get worse. I want to focus on our community and help our community get as close as we can without creating a bigger divide. We are working with a company that educates us on civil discourse, and how to talk about these hard conversations to find a common ground. It is hard, especially when the world is such a bad place right now. We are working on creating a Unity Project, which is a structure where everyone in the community connects a string to each pole with how you identify. At the end, you end up with a structure where all of the threads cross and intertwine. It is a visual representation of how much we do have in common even when it feels like we don't. We can't solve all the big problems, and I hope one day your generation will, because mine obviously failed, but we can try to learn how to listen to the people around us and give them grace.

- v. Senator Black: I feel there is a disconnect with the administration/faculty and the student body. How are you addressing those concerns?
 - 1. VP Eads: I can't speak for the faculty, though I hope they are doing things as well, but we are making efforts to connect with students within our own space. If it's athletes, it's attending their games. We're creating new lounge spaces. My staff is told to be around during these busy hours to be available. Dean Christy gave out her number to all the first years. We want to find ways and platforms for students to engage with us passively or up front. I am trying very hard not to just come to SGA. I want to find my way into the Real Lounge, or Commuter Lounge, or any other club spaces. I hope it's working. I have office hours, but no one comes. So, I am trying new things! My new office is going to be moving to the student center to make my presence known and available.
- vi. Chair Young: What are your long-term goals here at Hofstra?
 - 1. VP Eads: My goal is this. I don't want to be anything more than the role I am now. It really allows me to make a difference in everyone's life. I struggled my freshman year, so much so that I almost dropped out because of a bad situation at home. My father called the Dean of Admissions at the time, I met with her, and she told me she would help me make this place a home. I graduated in 3.5 years and ended up getting the rest of my degrees at Columbia. Hofstra was my safe space. And I want to do that for others. I am really upset when it's not, or when the staff don't care the way they should. You have been entrusted with our care, and it is a problem when that is not appreciated. I don't want to be anything but this position, and I want the right staff in every role. And we don't right now, but we are getting closer with every new hire.
- vii. Senator Iacobovici: Can you go a little more in depth about how you will incorporate more spaces in the dining hall and more dining options? When talking about staff, it comes off as "staff are at fault for many things" but in my experience students are often unfairly disrespectful to them too.
 - 1. VP Eads: They may see the best and the worst, and I am not blaming the staff, but everyone. We have to take the highroad. I think at times it is easy to forget who you all are on a bad day. We need to make an assertive message to remember who we serve, which is you guys. Everyone needs to be aware of how they respond to people, you as well as them, but we need to do more to remind people of that. This is what makes a good community. As far as the dining spaces, we are thinking about kiosks to go towards the back of the Student Center, with each one for a different food option. As far as kind of students, we aren't sure, but we wouldn't change anything without a survey from students. I think it's more so about moving things around so we are not so crammed in that one center space. In terms of seating, I am thinking maybe the plazas– a renovated version– could be an

option to help spread out. We have lots of fun ideas and plans, but that is many many years down the line.

viii. Chair Mahlati: Did you think about renovating the Dunkin Donuts? Additionally, you're saying it's a massive expense to put up the flags, so are you working on an alternative method to putting up the flags while still respecting fiscal concerns? Throughout your career at Hofstra, what's something definitive you can point to as your proudest accomplishment?

1. VP Eads: Yes, I feel the same about Dunkin, we need more staff there. There are a lot of issues I want to solve. Regarding the flags, we are trying to think of a lot of ways. It is a long process, not necessarily fiscally, that makes this difficult. Maybe there is a different way to do this that still has the same sentiment that is easier. It may not be a fast solution, but we are working on it. Something I am proud of is the creation of SEES. Having a team that is there for you as you are touring throughout high school, all the way to your graduation day, to helping you get your first job. It's still a work in progress, so I will be proud. We have increased the enrollment, increased the retention rate which likely means higher graduation rates. There is a demographic cliff though; there are simply just less kids born from 2008 on, which is leading to less students around the country. So, it may be a hard few years, but I am hopeful we can make the most of it.

ix. Chair Danek: Last year you spoke about opening up summer or winter courses to be included within a student's tuition. Are there any updates on this?

1. VP Eads: This all goes back to the 18th credit, and something that the Provost office is working on. I know as of right now, they have made 8-semester grids for most majors that allow you to take all your credit and graduate in 4 years. This would eliminate the need for summer and winter classes regardless. We are doing a lot of work within academic areas to pick through majors and see what you need and how we can lessen your requirements. There are some majors that are really hard to do in 4 years, so the idea is that you would get 1 class over your time here. But, that would take away from student scholarship money, which has to be taken into consideration. Right now, we are focusing on need-based scholarships.

x. Senator Ahmad: I agree that open dialogue is very necessary, however, as we've seen, some people don't know how to react to dialogue. How would you support students in ensuring they can have fair dialogue without the risk of these outbursts. Could you go into the specifics into what you're doing to offer more parking to commuting students?

1. VP Eads: That is what the "Braver Angels" company is about. It is centered around college campuses and how to have these conversations. We want all of us to benefit from it. As far as parking, we are looking at a process by which we can identify cars

as commuters vs resident cars, and potentially having designated lots on the north or south side based on that. Hopefully that would free spots up for commuters on the south side.

- xii. Senator Finkelstein: I want to thank you for incorporating more Kosher food options on campus!
 - 1. VP Eads: Thank you. It's not done. We are not perfect, but we are working on it. We had some hard times with Eli's and diversifying its menu, but we're moving in the right direction.
- xiii. Chair Quail: I want to ask about campus demonstration policy—what are the next steps?
 - 1. President Poser and I met with Lincoln and Jewels asking for a line by line of suggestion. We are waiting on that, but we are also doing our own research as well. Something that has been weighing on me is the mask policy, but we have more discussions to have.
- xiv. Senator Yuri: You mentioned that you're creating a plan to make every student be able to graduate in 4 years with a minimum of 15 credits per semester. What does this look like with minors / double majors / students that want to graduate before 4 years?
 - 1. This is the work of the Provost office. But, my guess is that this is being taken into consideration. Many students take college credits in high school, and we are going to work on getting it to actually account for your major requirements, which could help with
- xv. Gallery: President of Student Voices for Palestine: You mentioned the I-20 form, is that accessible? I'm curious about the section on these forms where you state ethnicity or country of origin. Palestine is occupied so on the forms where you fill out visas, it is listed as Israel; how do you make that distinction between Israeli and Palestinian students? Regarding the Town Hall, sometimes we all say things we don't mean, however the President repeatedly made disrespectful/insensitive remarks against Palestinian students. Is there anything being done about that?
 - 1. Chair Mahlati: The I20 is something you get when you are coming to the US. You would get it in your home country when you are coming to the US.
 - 2. VP Eads: It is how you actually get into the states. You get an I20, and then various visa meetings in your home country, and then you come here. It is a governmental thing, not a Hofstra thing. That is true; this is not a policy. This was simply a process created by the International Student Office, and this was the best way to find out where our students were coming from. I hear what you're saying, and I bet that is why, but that is how this process was designed. I don't think they thought about this; it was just an attempt to highlight the students. It's our job to think about it now. I really cannot speak for President Poser. There are a lot of things I personally wish I said differently, and I am sure she feels the same. I know she wants to speak with SVP to help clarify anything with you all.

- xv. Gallery: Recruitment Chair for SVP: I have some questions about the demonstration policy. Any amplified sound must be approved and is then managed by the university. How does university decide on whether or not there is amplified sound?
1. One of the things is where the event is taking place. Pride Park, for example, is not near academic or office spaces. Hofstra Hall, though, is a space that would disrupt these spaces. Time, place, and manner is the main determining factor.
- xvi. Recruitment Chair for SVP: I wanted to ask about how the admin is planning on working with clubs on demonstration policy so it doesn't infringe upon our first amendment rights. The answer to the recent question was different to the answer given on the day of the Town Hall. How can we have better communication when there is an emotionally charged setting?
1. VP Eads: I don't remember answering it differently at the Town Hall, so for that I apologize. The best way to eliminate this confusion is more frequent meetings, weekly even. In terms of the policy, we are waiting on SGA's feedback and the President is ready and open to consider those changes. I spoke with some students after the Town Hall regarding the mask policy that had never been explained before, so I have been doing my own research on that. We have to work together. Students should not think of me as the enemy; I want to help you find the solutions and make progress. We are always available for you
- xvii. Senator Favour: First, thank you for explaining the flag process. Is it possible that the new person running the Hofstra Instagram account makes a video explaining the new flag process, explaining it? A lot of times publicly, you or Provost Riordan say things that "keep the peace," but in these settings you are more honest about your opinions. Are there conversations about preserving the balance between your front-facing goals as President of SEES and your personal beliefs/opinions.
1. VP Eads: I will say that I definitely did not have a front in the Town Hall. That was me! And some of those opinions changed after I spoke to students after the Town Hall. Those were my genuine answers and beliefs at that time. It is importantly to remember we evolve; my views are not stuck in stone. But, it is not my role to show *my* side, it is to represent *all* students and all their feelings. That puts us in a hard situation sometimes. I know there are times you want us to say "This is wrong," but it is complicated and we have students on both sides, so we can't. We have to support students in whatever space they are in. We have to be there for all of our students. But, I will also make sure that students, staff, or offices, who are not behaving appropriately are taking the right accountability.
- xviii. Comptroller Greenlaw: I have some questions regarding procedural matters. We established that some of President Poser's statements were

inappropriate at the Town Hall. Is there any sort of media training to control these reactions?

1. VP Eads: Yes, again, I cannot speak for her. I have said things, and made faces, and have done plenty of things I regret. And that is with the training. We are human. And I hope you give us that grace.
- xix. Gallery Member Christian: Earlier today you mentioned the demographic cliff. How is the university preparing to take care of these increased expenditures with decreased funding?
1. VP Eads: We need to raise money. We need to be out there constantly raising money. And that's not always easy. There are a lot of great places to donate their money to. The ethnic makeup of these upcoming students is so different. It is going to be a new market we are going to have to deal with. We are concerned about the standing of the department of education. So we must go out and raise money so we can help students as best we can.
- xx. Chair Quail moves to suspend the rules
1. Motion seconded
 2. Motion passed
- xxi. President Anniballi: We are all leaders here, including those in the gallery. Every week, we all go out and take student feedback and come back with it each week. As chairs especially, you see the ideas you have that you brought to administration come to life. Oftentimes, you don't get the thank you for that. In the same way, VP Eads does a similar thing with little thanks. We bring our concerns to her, and she listens. She is someone we can turn to, even when we disagree. So, I want to say thank you on behalf of all of SGA and all student leaders. Thank you for the work you do for us and for Hofstra. Everyone here at this table is here because of Jess. She is the head of admissions! Everything you interact with day by day is by the work of Jess and her team. Any concern you have if something she is trying to solve. That gets lost sometimes, so thank you Jess.
- xxii. Chair Young moves to reinstate the rules
1. Motion seconded
 2. Motion passed
- xxiii. Chair Young moves to a 2.5 minute recess.
1. Motion seconded
 2. Motion passed
- c. SA.2024.89.011
- i. Senator Peri moves to pass SA.2024.89.011
 1. Motion seconded
 2. Motion passed
- d. Secretary Egolf moves to suspend the rules
- i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed
- e. SA.2024.89.012
- i. Chair Skeldon: Will this start immediately or next semester?

1. President Annibali: Next semester.
- ii. Senator Parish: Let's say that you know you will have something tomorrow (you know far ahead in advance). Let's say the cab voted to make it mandatory, but now you're not able to attend bc of the short notice. How can we make a fair policy about that?
 1. President Annibali: I think that is a good point and we can address that with further policy. Maybe we can set a time period, but we understand things may come up without notice.
- iii. Chair Mahlati: If you're on a team, and you have a certain amount of absences that are out of bounds. [...]?
 1. President Annibali: You will receive a warning.
 2. Secretary Egolf: We understand things come up and we are all doing other things, but at the end of the day you are not at the table advocating for students. If this is the case, maybe you can be involved in a different SGA capacity. It is unfair to constantly be absent to people who make time to be here.
 3. Vice President Joyal: The reason we have this as the allotted number of absences is because, if you miss 9 absences, that is every single senate. We thought it was fair that if you are not here for half of the time, you are not worthy of this position. You have the opportunity to appeal afterwards.
 4. President Annibali: In regards to just laying the foundation, maybe the answer is having another election during the year, but that will be another conversation.
- iv. Senator Rades: With the mandatory and non-mandatory events, how is that being decided? Is there a distinction between SGA events and committee events? So the cabinet deems an event mandatory for every senator—if there's an event that my committee is putting on, it's more important I'm there, than someone else that's not part of the committee. How are we going to regulate that?
 1. President Annibali: Cabinet would take a vote on the event and determine by a majority vote. We want to create something that is lasting and sustainable. Giving Cabinet the flexibility will make it long-lasting and efficient.
 2. Vice President Joyal: It will be up to the discretion of the chair whether they are making their events mandatory for the committee members. Committee events will just be committee. Senate events will count as a senate absence.
- v. Senator Callahan: I don't understand the half absence policy for missing committee. Why is that counted less than everything else? Would the eBoard be open to changing that part of it?
 1. President Annibali: I won't speak to what we are in favor of or not. You have two committee members to attend for a week and one senate meeting. It only seems fair to you in regards to time commitment to weigh it differently.

- a. If you reach the number of absences you need to get a disciplinary warning, you could take up all those absences on committee meetings and receive half the penalty. My last question is about supplemental office hours, what does that mean? Is there no impediment to gaining all your office hours in a more limited amount of time?
 - i. Vice President Joyal: If everything is weighted the same, you could essentially waste all those absences on the senate so you would have more opportunities to miss out on meetings. It seems unfair since the Senate typically will run longer than committee meetings.
 - ii. Secretary Egolf: The attendance for office hours used to be counted as a half absence, but we decided it would be more beneficial to just do the one hour per week. If you miss three of those weeks, you will get a warning. It separates the office hours from the attendance. You can remove the absence by going to a non-mandatory event which replaces supplemental hours in a way
 - iii. President Anniballi: Showing up to meetings and doing office hours are two very different ways of showing up to SGA.
- vi. Senator Yari: Is there any clarification if someone doesn't email anyone and they're absent, since it's considered the same "penalty-wise?" Is it a 24 hour email for mandatory events as well?
 1. President Anniballi: We have policies and you have to attend to them. If you are repeatedly not doing something required of your position such as emailing for absence, you are not fulfilling the policy. You still have to email 24 hours in advance that you will be absent regardless of missing meetings or a mandatory event.
- vii. Senator Black: Can you explain the rationale for constricting office hours?
 1. President Anniablili: We are expanding the ability for people to make up their absences. In the sense, it is still a disciplinary policy though of if you are not fulfilling your role. We want to make sure you are here, but we are flexible. Maybe we will require cabinet to have a certain number of events to make up office hours.
- viii. Senator Peri: I got an email from the secretary this week that I missed an office hour. Can you clarify how often you'll warn people about their office hour absences.
 1. Secretary Egolf: If this happens next semester, I would probably still warn you about accumulating absences. That could be added at the discretion of the Secretary.
- ix. Chair Danek: There's a lot of discrepancy in the fact that an absence can be reversed with the attendance of a mandated event. Perhaps we should bring that section into "g."

- x. Chair Mahlati: Could you explain the rationale behind why a mandated event absence equates to one? Time wise, it doesn't seem fair.
 - 1. Secretary Egolf: It is important SGA has a presence at the event to interact with the Hofstra community by both talking with people and helping operate the event.
 - 2. President Anniballi: It is important to show face for SGA even if not directly helping to run the event.
- xi. Senator Parish: Is there any oversight in terms of how a committee chair votes to make an event mandatory? If chairs being overly ambitious has been a problem in the past, shouldn't there be some language in the proposal that addresses that?
 - 1. President Anniballi: I think in practice if there was a really ambitious chair that was doing one event a week or an amount that is not sustainable where senators could not keep up with, we would have that conversation with them. These conversations we have during these meetings such as Cabinet is a collaborative process, so I do not foresee such a situation happening.
- xii. Senator Finklestein: With the removal of unexcused absences. This year, huge holidays have fallen on certain Thursdays in the semester. How can that be rectified?
 - 1. President Anniballi: Like we said, an absence is an absence regardless of whether it is a valid excuse. This policy is flexible enough where you would have received a warning and would have made sure it didn't continue going forward.
- xiii. Chair Young: Is tabling in here? Does tabling fall under mandatory events? If I'm gone for a week, that would be two absences, correct?
 - 1. Secretary Egolf: It is still under office hours. Office hours will still be the same rules now where tabling can substitute at the discretion of the Secretary. One week would equate to missing three meetings.
- xiv. Senator Peri: If you wake up sick, and it's without 24 hours in advance, would that still count as "not letting you know in advance." So, if it's a one time thing, it won't be a problem.
 - 1. President Anniballi: The warning system has flexibility in it.
 - 2. Senator Egolf: We would like the email to know that you will be absent. We need to keep track because of quorum so we know we can hold the Senate and when taking votes. At the end of the day, an absence is an absence. The decision can be made when considering behavior.
 - 3. President Anniballi: We want to keep the table full and have a policy that is understanding. We understand that being in SGA is a huge time commitment.
- xv. Senator Rades: I want some clarification and the supplemental events. Will it work in the same ways office hours currently do where you will make them up by going to a mandatory event?

1. Secretary Egolf: It all goes back to are you here are you not here. You can only use that to supplement an event twice a semester.
- xvi. Senator Yari: Is there anything to allow someone to be on zoom or join virtually? Or if someone has an emergency and has to leave during the senate. Is there any open room for debate as to whether we can make mandatory events less of an absence.
1. President Anniballi: this issue has come up before. What we have maintained is that if you are splitting your attention between two different meetings, you ultimately are not present. You are absent from the meeting. If something comes up, that's okay, it's an absence. You are not punished for one absence, it will be consistent failure to fulfill your responsibilities.
- xvii. Senator Itali: Earlier I heard the secretary say something about over the summer, and being on zoom. Were we required to attend that?
1. Vice President Joyal: It is not a big time commitment. It is infrequent and very short.
- xviii. Archivist Miranda: Is there anything stating whether people can join on zoom for committee meetings or is that up to the discretion of the chair? Is there a time frame to when a Chair will need to let their committee know an event is mandatory?
1. President Anniballi: if you want to have that conversation, it is one for a much wider policy. Right now, it is up to the chairs. In the past, we have made it that you can join via zoom and other possible ways. Regarding the time frame, it is at the discretion of the enforcers of the policy. That is where this policy works well.
- xix. Senator Finklestein: Will current absences transfer over to the next semester?
1. President Anniballi: No, we start fresh for everything except warnings.
- xx. Chair Mahlati moves to hold a straw poll as to whether we should hold a straw poll as to whether or not to approve
1. Motion Seconded
 2. Motion passed
 3. Chair Mahlati: Who would be in favor of passing SA 012?
- xxi. Secretary Egolf moves for a 5 min moderated caucus
1. Motion Seconded
 2. Motion Passed
 3. President Anniballi: I think that the policy we currently have is very strong and I think making major amendments to it will complicate a lot of things. I understand we can do more, but we can do that in a better setting.
 4. Chair Mahlati: I think it is important to keep at the forefront that there is a robust means to make up attendance. We can always go back and change things. We will continue to talk about these things if we need to.

5. Chair Skeldon: When I first read this policy, I was very opposed. However, they explained it well.
 6. Secretary Egolf: I think what is not being taken into consideration is that this is written to protect you from all those things. Yes, there are potential scenarios, but at the end of the day as long as it is not a continuous thing it is protecting you from someone deciding whether it is excused or not. The policy protects you from unfair decisions.
- xxii. Senator Peri: It's so hard to get kicked out of the Senate by absences. I think this makes it abundantly clear. Any changes could be made later, we should just pass this now.
 - xxiii. Senator Iacobovici: As someone who has already missed senate and committee for various reasons. If you are constantly missing the senate, you are not an active senator. You were elected by your peers to be at the table.
 - xxiv. Vice President Joyal: if you have objections to this Senatorial Action, if you disagree you should voice that and make that change now. Don't sit idly by and let things you disagree with pass without voicing those opinions.
 - xxv. Comptroller Greenlaw moves to extend speaking time by 5 minutes
 1. Motion seconded
 2. Motion passed
 - xxvi. President Anniballi: I hope you can see based on our presentation that we really did think of everything. We thought of our experiences of the last 4 years, any hypotheticals, and what could be. We have to craft policy on the reality, not the hypotheticals.
 - xxvii. Senator Miranda: Perhaps there should be some wording that gives voting power and a voice back to senators as to whether an event will be mandatory or not.
 - xxviii. Senator Callahan: I will say, I was not in favor of this. But, now that I see how well the Eboard explained it, with all the thought behind it, they really do want what is best for us. I am in favor of passing this as is.
 - xxix. Senator Harramone: This is more than fair. It gives us the space to have something come up and be absent, and you will be fine.
 - xxx. Chair Young: To previous speakers' point, If you want to change someone, raise your hand. You know what you signed up for.
 - xxxi. Chair Mahlati: To the previous speaker's point, if you can't trust us as chairs, then why did you even elect us?
 - xxxii. Chair Danek: I think this is a strong foundation. Even though I am iffy about the reversal of attendance by attending non-mandatory events. Sure, maybe overriding an event absence, but not a senate or meeting absence. I think there is room to discuss later, but it is strong.
 - xxxiii. Chair Skeldon: There's an appeal process too, you're not just automatically kicked out.
 - xxxiv. Senator Yari: I think there are a lot of things that should be reworded.
 - xxxv. Chair Denson moves to extend speaking time by 10 minutes

1. Motion Seconded
2. Motion Passed

xxxvi. Senator Yari: I understand that there needs to be revisions being made, but there needs to be a lot of address. Religion, for example.

1. President Anniballi: I understand, and I think there are two different views. We could have one policy that crams in every little detail that winds up being more confusing. Or, we can go this route. A simple, direct, streamline process that is fair for everyone. I'm not saying the other side is wrong, but we would have to start fresh. I don't think it is representative based on the straw poll.

xxxvii. Senator Black: I feel there should be a little more agency on the senator's end for that.

xxxviii. Senator Finklestein: Even if attendance is graded in our classes, you do not get points taken away from you. Why is that not the case here?

1. President Anniballi: You are not required to be a part of SGA. We thought about this. This is not a classroom, and is not comparable. We have people who ran who did not get the chance to be at the table, and if someone is at the table but not meeting expectations, it is not fair to those people.

xxxix. Senator Rades: I think it is important to note this is just to replace the current policy which is vague and we haven't been doing in practice. These are all social expectations we have within the group. Sure, it may need revisions or word changes, it is better than what we currently have. It won't hurt to have it. It is an effective foundation.

xl. Senator Callahan: Being a senator requires being here every week. To remind everyone, you don't need to be a Senator to be involved with SGA. You could be an associate, and chairperson on a related advocacy board, or moreso.

xli. Senator Dzaveluri: When you go back and read the policy, you will realize this is all stuff we are doing already. It may seem like a lot right now, but it is an expectation we need to follow with room for improvement.

xlii. Senator Yari: The thing for me is that anyone from a religious aspect should be able to observe them without any kind of warning. The mandatory events should not be 1 to 1 with the senate, we can plan for senate but not events.

xliii. VP Joyal: We can always propose a change in language for the events. The warning is not a reprimand. It is a check in to see what's going on and how we can help.

xliv. President Anniballi: I think everything that has been said has been said. We all know where we stand. I think a majority favors passing it. Make any motions, but we have talked ourselves in circles.

xlv. Senator Miranda: I have heard a lot of people talking about expectations. So, hopefully we can have those dates in advance.

xlvi. Comptroller Greenlaw: To say that mandatory events are not made clear would be false.



f. Senator Callahan moves to pass SA.2024.89.012

- i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed
 - g. Comptroller Greenlaw moves to reinstate the rules
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed
 - h. Senator Iacobovici moves to close the gallery
- C. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Senator Peri moves to pass the Senate minutes from [11/14](#)
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed
 - b. Senator Iacobovici moves to pass the Cabinet minutes from [11/21](#)
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed

D. E-board Reports

- a. President
 - i. Thank you for your leadership tonight!
 - ii. Shared the Demonstration Red Line and Letter Please Review
 - iii. Have a nice Thanksgiving!
- b. Vice President
 - i. Motion for Language
 - 1. Don't sit idly by
 - 2. Your voice matters
 - 3. What is the purpose of a caucus or a debate if you don't work for those changes
 - ii. Being an advocate within the classroom.
 - iii. Being present, expectations: eating, leaving, ethics
- c. Comptroller
 - i. Comptrolling
 - ii. Working on the Fall 2024 Financial Report with Maddie and Approps
- d. Secretary
 - i. UPDATE YOUR WISHLIST. YOU CAN LITERALLY GET WHATEVER YOU WANT.
 - ii. Thank you Ava for helping type!
 - iii. Thanks for passing SA12! Happy to work with anyone who said they had suggestions :)
 - iv. Text me if you have any questions about office hours!
 - v. Come hungry for last senate <3 Enjoy the break!!!!

E. Committee Chair Reports

- a. Appropriations
 - i. [Minutes](#)
 - 1. We saw three clubs!
 - ii. Budgets were sent out last Friday and appeals are starting to come in
- b. Club Resources
 - i. [Minutes](#)
 - ii. No formal report!
- c. Communications
 - i. Same old stuff! Sent more website & portal box updates
 - ii. November Newsletter will be out on Monday!!!
 - iii. Doing some planning ahead for the spring :)
- d. Programming
 - i.  11/18/24 Programming Minutes
 - ii. Working on some very cool very fun spring semester events
 - iii. Miss yall <333
- e. Academic Affairs
 - i. [Minutes](#)
 - ii. Mid-Semester CTR Presentation
 - 1. Meeting with Dr. Blue 12/6
 - 2. Emailed provost, will meet with him early in spring semester, also emailed him about first-year writing requirements
 - iii. Making end of semester tips graphics with CUA/CAE/Writing Center
 - iv. Teacher of the Year Meeting with full committees by end of semester?
- f. Equity & Inclusion
 - i.  Minutes 11/21
 - ii. Campus Walk Thru tmr yay!
 - iii. Equity Council Meeting yay!
 - 1. I will send a form in the groupchat if you would like us to bring up something!
 - iv. Meeting with Dr. Ahmed!
 - v. Working on some programs and initiatives for next semester yay!
- g. Facilities & Operations
 - i. Accessibility Walkthrough tomorrow!
 - ii. Facilities Feedback Form is being created
 - 1. Will be completed over break
 - iii. Facility Concerns [Updates](#)
 - 1. Not as many as usual because they are from the week of the “bonfire”
- h. Wellness & Campus Safety

- i. [Minutes](#)
- ii. P-Safe Meeting today
- iii. Campus Access Committee Meeting
- iv. Next semester//interest in this position

F. Approval of Committee Minutes

- a. Comptroller Greenlaw moves to pass the allocations from 11/19
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed
- b. Senator Ehrlich moves to pass the committee minutes from 11/18
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed

G. For Good of the Order

- a. Keep the Office Clean!
- b. Casino Drama

H. Announcements

- a. **Anything non-SGA related!**

I. Snap Cup

J. Adjournment

- a. Senator Callahan moves to adjourn this meeting
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed
 - 1. Meeting adjourned at 10:18 pm

Club/Organization	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated	%
National Association for Music Education	\$110	\$110	100%
Biology Club	\$182.38	\$182.38	100%
Black Student Union	\$2,718.46	\$1,994.04	73.35%