

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

**January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The Senate President called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be filmed or audio taped and may be available to the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Roll was called and quorum was established with 73 senators present.

#### **Not there for roll call:**

- Campanale
- Feldman
- Garg
- Goff
- Guerra
- K. Patel
- P. Patel
- Rozsa
- Varanasi
- Woodbury

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

There were no amendments to the previous minutes for January 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Chairman Champoux moves to strike Student Senate Bill 2016-1009 by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Champoux moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1005 by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Champoux moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1006 by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Champoux moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1007 by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Champoux moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1008 by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Smith moves to hear R&A recommendations for replacement seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Smith moves to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Smith moves to hear R&A recommendations for executive nominations as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Smith moves to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.

- Majority Party Leader Smith moves to approve R&A recommendation for committee seat by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman McClinton moves to approve R&E recommendation for approved absence petition by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman McClinton moves to approve R&E recommendation for failed resignation appeal by unanimous consent. Approved.

### **PUBLIC DEBATE:**

- Regan Lee and Natalie Cristobal give a brief presentation about an upcoming FLC event called Party with the Parties. Senators are encouraged to attend this event.
- Senator Brown yields his time to the chair.
- Senator Kravetz yields his time to the chair.
- Senator Trawick yields his time to the chair.

### **OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT:**

- Cabinet Director Moodie shares that they are beginning a program to mentor local student governments; they are currently working with four students from PK Yonge. If anyone is interested in becoming a mentor, please feel free to email her at [community@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:community@sg.ufl.edu).

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Senate President Webster encourages senators to get involved with the mentoring program and to consider taking on a student as a mentee.
- She is excited to announce that SG will finally be moving into its new space and everyone is encouraged to come and visit next week.
- They are still continuing the search for a new finance manager. There was a student forum today that allowed students to ask questions and to get involved in the process.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:**

- Senate Pro-Tempore Clements announces the open seats.
  - Medicine, Graduate (2), Building Construction, Engineering, Freshman, Murphree, and District D will be due on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at noon.
  - Liberal Arts, Graduate (2), and Sophomore will be due on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at noon.
- She also discussed the creation of a SG Dance Marathon team; Vice President Doan has been working on this. If anyone is interested in getting involved, they should contact Pro-

Tempore Clements. More information will be emailed out later but they are trying to get a sense of interest levels.

### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairman Meyers announces that the committee is continuing to gather information about organization events to share with the Senate. They also will review individual budgets with organizations.
- The second budget call goes out on Wednesday to student organizations. They will be finalizing the dates and locations for hearings; those will be sent out well in advance.
- They will meet this Sunday at 2pm in the food court.

### **ALLOCATIONS:**

- Chairman Champoux thanks everyone for attending Finance Forum; they had 84 organizations attend and had a wonderful turnout.
- He reminds senators that the allocations process is currently closed due to the 800 Codes as elections approach.
- The committee met on Sunday and heard six requests. Three were passed and three were failed.
- Student Senate Bill 2016-1009 was struck today because it needs further review, and they have already scheduled a meeting with the organization to discuss it.
- His office hours will still take place on Friday from 10am-12pm in the SG office.

### **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairman Richards shares that the committee met on Sunday and approved two constitutions. They also failed a resolution.
- The bill writing workshop will be taking place on Thursday from 2-4pm.
- He is continuing to get ideas from student organizations and presidents; they will also be reviewing other schools' legislation from around the country at their meeting this weekend.

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman McClinton reminds senators on probation that their requirements are due tonight at midnight. She thanks everyone who has completed their requirements; the committee still has to vote but she has seen them being submitted to Gator Connect.

- She suggests that all senators get started on constituency, regardless of whether or not their term ends this spring.
- There is continued tabling each week that counts toward constituency.
- If anyone has attended an event, the form can be submitted for up to seven days following the event for constituency.
- She does a quick recap of the attendance policies: Senators may have 3 unexcused absences, or 4 excused and unexcused absences combined.

#### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairwoman Newport-Jones welcomes Senator Twymon to her committee.
- They have a tentative date for retreat; they hope to have it sometime in March. Senators are asked to keep that in mind.
- Keep sharing and liking pages on Facebook.
- Tabling is available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; this does count for constituency. If you are the first person to table, you must pick up the supplies from the SG office. The last person tabling should return the supplies back to the office.
- Any new senator should come see her after the meeting to get setup for orientation.

#### **DIVERSITY OUTREACH AD HOC:**

- Chairman Buiey announces that Teach for America is holding a discussion on Thursday at 6pm in Pugh Hall centered on the low numbers of black student enrollment and low numbers of black faculty.
- There will also be an event at the same time on Thursday in Ustler Hall; it is a town hall held by the NCBA.
- They will be meeting every Monday at 8pm in the food court.
- Chairman Fletcher tells everyone to lookout for a BSU meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>. More information will be emailed out when they get the exact time and location.
- They are meeting with the director of Black Affairs to discuss ideas for a scholarship as well as a general discussion of the campus climate for black students.

#### **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS AD HOC:**

- Chairwoman Werk announced that the committee met last Thursday to discuss the video that they are trying to finish before the end of the committee's term.
- She will be meeting with David Looney to discuss getting the crisis hotline number printed on the back of Gator1 IDs.

- They are in contact with all of the health entities on campus; they are very excited to get involved with the Senate.
- The committee should meet in the front following tonight's meeting.

### **FIRST READING:**

- There are no bills.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Majority Party Leader Smith announces that Coastal Conservation Association is having a banquet on Friday January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Paramount Plaza. The ticket price includes dinner and an open bar.
- Senator Long shares that Dance Marathon Moralentines are coming up the Friday before Valentine's Day. She will be sending out info over the senate listserv.
- Senator Fontenot shares that several student organizations are hosting a dance workshop/voter registration campaign to highlight disparities in voter participation. It will take place on Saturday at 10 outside the Reitz Union.
- Senator Khan shares that the Pakistani Student Association has their GBM tomorrow at 7pm in CSE221.
- Chairwoman McClinton discusses Project Makeover and asks everyone to volunteer and to have their organizations volunteer as well.
- Senator Moodie gives a shoutout to Senators Green and Hanley for becoming Cicerones.
- Senator Baldwin thanks everyone for participating in tonight's assigned seating. She apologizes to those who didn't get a nametag and asks everyone to return them at the front of room.
- Senator Varanasi gives a shoutout to Lillian Rozsa for becoming a Cicerone as well.

### **ROLL CALL:**

A motion to use voting records for final roll call passed.

### **No Vote Record Received:**

- Campanale
- Feldman
- Garg
- Goff
- Woodbury

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.