

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

October 4th, 2016

The Senate President called the meeting to order at 7:39 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 82 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Evans
- Guay
- Leasure
- Moodie
- Noun
- Rojas
- Rong
- Twymon
- Wei
- Worth

AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- There are no amendments to the minutes for September 20th.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Chairwoman Long motions to hear the approved absence petitions as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Long motions to approve the expulsion of Joseph Guay by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Werk motions to hear the recommendations for the open Senate Seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Werk motions to hear the recommendations for Alternative Executive Nominations as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Werk motions to approve the Certification of Election Results by unanimous consent. Objected.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Anthony Black welcomes the senators.
 - He and Shayli Patel are here to talk about Gatorship.
 - Gatorship is a retreat put on by Multicultural and Diversity Affairs.
 - They discuss all of the different identities such as race, ethnicity, social and economic status, race, gender, religion, etc.

- They talk about how these identities intersect into individual's experience and how it affects you.
 - Anthony Black and Shayli Patel encourage everyone to apply for this great experience.
 - Applications are now open on the website and will close on Friday, October 21st.
 - If anyone has questions, please let them know.
 - They ask if the senators can help spread the word for Gatorship to constituents and friends.
- Deb Excem, an Education Director from the New York Times, welcomes the senators and thanks everyone for supporting the New York Times.
 - Every student and faculty member at the University of Florida has access to the New York Times.
 - She shows the senators how to subscribe to the New York Times via www.my.ufl.edu.
 - It is available under "Quick Links".
 - She asks if anyone knows when the New York Times was first published.
 - The answer was 1851 and the person who guessed it correctly got a pair of virtual reality glasses.
 - She explains to the Chamber that they, as students, have access to any article ever written by the New York Times dating back to 1851.
 - She says that this is a free resource to all students and faculty at UF and that the Chamber is doing a wonderful service to all of the students by supporting the New York Times.
 - She asks if anyone knows how often the New York Times updates its website.
 - The answer is every 30 seconds and the two people who guessed correctly received a pair of virtual reality glasses each.
- Majority Party Leader Werk gives her goodbye speech.
- Senator Wally Martin yields to the chair.
- Senator Avery Smith gives his goodbye speech.
- Senator Sean Titus gives his goodbye speech.
- Senator Jacob Holloway gives his goodbye speech.
- Senator Erick Boldt gives his goodbye speech.
- Senator Jack McCall yields to the chair.
- Senator Alex Everitt gives his goodbye speech.
- Senator Cole Gabriel gives his goodbye speech.
- Senator Praveen Varanasi gives his goodbye speech.

If you would like to hear the goodbye speeches, you may request the meeting audio from the Senate Secretaries

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

- Student Body President Susan Webster welcomes the senators.
 - She congratulates all of the new senators and thanks the leaving senators for the time they have served.

- She reminds everyone to keep watching for the Student Government platform tracker videos.
- She thanks Senate President Clements for being the best Senate President ever!
- She truly cherishes who Jenny has become as a person and as a leader.
- Action SG Chair Ty Robare says that Senate is amazing.
 - He says that 95% of the time Student Government makes zero sense, but part of the 5% of Student Government that makes sense is Senate President Clements.
- Student Body Treasurer Kishan Patel, welcomes the senators.
 - He congratulates the new senators on getting elected to the Chamber.
 - He announces his office hours:
 - Monday 12pm-1:30pm
 - Tuesday 11am-2pm
 - Wednesday 12pm-1:30pm
 - Thursday 11am-2pm
 - Friday 12pm-1:30pm
 - He just got back from the last Finance Training session.
 - All student organizations should have gone to their Finance Training.
 - He is very excited to see how the training will be reflected.
 - He has finished Assistant Treasurer Interviews and is currently going through eligibility checks.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Clements welcomes the senators.
- She explains the two awards being voted on.
 - John Michael Stratton Memorial Award
 - The nominees are:
 - Kylie Werk
 - Janae Moodie
 - Praveen Varanasi
 - Motion to close the floor. Approved.
 - The nominees step out for the voting process.
 - The winner will be announced at the end of the year banquet.
 - Paul Clark Memorial Award
 - The nominees are:
 - Austin Champoux
 - Ben Weiner
 - Charlie Brown
 - Jackie Phillips
 - Smith Meyers
 - Carter Long
 - The nominees step out for the voting process.
 - The winner will be announced at the end of the year banquet.
- Validation of the Elections Results.

- Supervisor of Elections Eric Hobbs welcomes the senators.
 - He thanks everyone for coming out on Wednesday, September 28th for the announcement of the election results.
 - He thanks Reitz Union IT and his staff for working tirelessly throughout the week.
 - There were 7,393 total ballots cast this semester.
 - One party had a full slate and there were 5 independents who ran, one of which won the Infinity Hall seat.
 - He presents the elections results.
 - 5 minutes of Question and Answer.
 - 1 Senator Praveen Varanasi
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 - Approval of the certification of elections results. Approved.
- She reminds everyone that if they are a new senator, do not turn in a vote record, but those senators who are ending their term to please turn in the vote record.
- Senate President Clements gives paper plate awards.
 - Most Likely to Spend the Most Hours at the Library/Best Library Spokesperson: Dean Hasan
 - Smart Cookie Award: Ford Dwyer
 - Bulldog Award: Wayne Selogy
 - Best Dressed Award: Carter Long and Ian Green
 - The Trustworthy Award: Kylie Werk
 - The Funniest Award: Yen Le
 - Most Dedicated Award: Ben Weiner
 - Best Quotes Award: Janae Moodie
 - MVP Award: Jackie Phillips
 - Best Acting President Award: Austin Champoux
- She presents the chair awards.
 - Smith Meyers
 - Ben Weiner
 - Charlie Brown
 - Austin Champoux
 - Carter Long
 - Jackie Phillips
- Senate President Clements gives her goodbye speech.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate Pro-Tempore Meyers welcomes the senators.
- He gives Senate President Clements a shout out for being so amazing.
- He gives shout outs to a handful of senators as his last words as R&A Chair; he wishes them good luck in their future endeavors.
- He gives his goodbye speech.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Brown welcomes the senators.
- He thanks Senate President Jenny Clements for the leadership she provided this past term.
 - He also recognizes other senators for their efforts.
- He gives his goodbye speech.
- He announces that there are three open seats on the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

ALLOCATIONS:

- Chairman Champoux welcomes the senators.
- He gives his goodbye speech.
- He welcomes the new senators and stresses that this is the time of their lives.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Weiner welcomes the senators.
- The committee met this past Monday.
 - They did approve one constitution.
- He gives his goodbye speech.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Long welcomes the senators.
- She explains Joseph Guay's expulsion; he did not complete his probation and his reasoning for not completing those requirements were not within the codes.
- She announces that Senator Trevor McMillin was also called before the committee for not completing his probation but his reasoning is valid and his special requirements for the next semester are as follows:
 - Complete 2 hours of tabling.
 - Attend an SG event.
 - Attend an additional event, of his choosing, within his constituency.
 - Must meet with the Senate Secretaries to ensure that his information is correct.
- There are three open seats on the committee.
- She gives her goodbye speech.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Phillips welcomes the senators.
- She thanks everyone who came to Spike It with Senate.
 - Turnout was a little lower than anticipated but it was still a great event.
 - She encourages the new senators to get involved and to participate in events that Student Government puts on.
- The committee has finished the Listserve Archive!

- This Friday, October 7th is the Student Tech Fair from 9:30am to 1pm at the Reitz Union, if you want to sign up for tabling for constituency please sign up via the email sent out today.
 - If you need the link, please come see her.
- She gives her goodbye speech.

SECOND READING:

- There were none.

FIRST READING:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

There are no bills pending signatures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Bahmad announces that on Monday night, October 10th there will be a charades night for Hispanic Heritage Month at the Reitz Union.
- Senator Hanley invites everyone to the Homecoming Pageant this Sunday, October 9th starting at 7pm.
 - Tickets at the door are \$15 and pre-sale tickets are \$12.
- Senator Moodie reminds everyone that we have the past, present, and future of the University of Florida in this room.
 - She says thank you to everyone and reminds everyone that this is a very special time.
 - She shares a quote with the Chamber.

ROLL CALL:

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

No Vote Record Received:

- Evans
- Leasure
- Noun
- Jasal Patel
- Rivera
- Rojas
- Rong
- Trawick
- Twymon
- Wei
- Worth

MEETING ADJOURNED:

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.