

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

### **November 1st, 2016**

The Senate President called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 84 senators present.

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

- Burden
- Daou
- Dwyer
- Evans
- Farmer
- Hernandez-Garcia
- Holloway
- Makela
- McMillin
- Pokhrel
- Quintana
- Sultania
- Whorra
- Willis

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

- There are no amendments to the minutes for October 25th.

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

- Majority Party Leader Selogy motions to approve the Permanent Graduate Seat - Alexander Nelson by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Moodie motions to strike Student Senate Bill 2016-1075 Funding for Jamaican Student Association (JAMSA) by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Muncan motions to hear the approved absence petitions by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.

#### **PUBLIC DEBATE:**

- Senate Pro-Tempore Champoux yields his time to Jim East.
- Senator Hanley yields her time to Jim East.
- Chairwoman Phillips yields her time to Jim East.
- Senator Cellura yields his time to Jim East.
- The President of the Alachua County Council of the Blind, Spencer Morton, introduces Jim East.

- Jim shares that he was previously a CLAS senator in the class of 1994/1995.
- The Alachua County Council of the Blind and the Dreamers Garden are putting on an event on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm at the Dreamers Garden.
  - The Dreamers Garden is located at 920 NW 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Gainesville, which is at the intersection of NW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave and 4<sup>th</sup> Street.
- The Dreamers Garden was established in 2002 is one of the community gardens here in the city of Gainesville.
- The Dreamers Garden is special because it is a sensory garden, which you can smell and touch herbs and botanicals that may not be safe in the wild and it allows you to learn about them.
  - The Garden even has a pineapple plant growing there too!
- The event being held on Saturday is the First Annual Green Thumb Remembrance Day to commemorate the connection between the Alachua County Council of the Blind and the city of Gainesville and UF.
  - He invites the senators to join them with a plant or story to contribute to the garden.
- Adrien O'Sullivan welcomes the senators.
  - O'Sullivan is a freshman living in Yulee.
  - He has an idea for an event, which could possibly turn into an annual one!
  - His idea is to put on a musical festival lasting 5 days.
    - He suggests that there is a different genre of music played each day and the performers can be students.
    - On the last day of the festival, he suggests that they hire a DJ or professional performer.
    - This would be an event to encourage student creativity and passion.
  - He lists a couple of possible locations: in front of the Reitz Union, Flavet Field, or maybe even the stadium if the event gets large enough.
  - He would like to organize a council to try to plan the event and put it into action.
  - He believes that this would be an exciting event and hopes that people will support him.
    - If anyone has questions, please contact him via Facebook or Twitter by searching his name.

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

- Chief of Staff Haley Smith welcomes the senators and introduces Christina Wiley, Kaley Pinner and Jason Richards.
- Christina Wiley, Chancellor of Student Honor Code Administration, announces that this week is Conflict Resolution Week!
  - Tomorrow, November 2<sup>nd</sup> they will host a TV and Tough Conversations Event at 7:30pm in Reitz Room 2365.

- Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> there is a trivia night in McCarty B, Room G086 at 7pm.
- Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> is a game night from 5pm to 7pm in Reitz Union Room 2355.
  - Bring your friends and board games! There will be Chick Fil A!
- All of these events are on the Facebook page, so please share with your friends and constituents.
- Kaley Pinner, Agency Head of Nightlife Navigators, welcomes the senators.
  - She announces that they just had Scooter Safety Awareness Week earlier in the semester and it was very successful!
  - This Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> will be the Breathalyzer Tailgate with the University Police Department!
    - It'll be hosted on the corner of University Ave and 17<sup>th</sup> Street!
    - There will be pizza, basketball, and corn hole!
  - The police will be there to build connections with the student body, and remind everyone that they are there to help.
- Jason Richards, External Affairs Chairman, thanks everyone that came out to yesterday's PB&J event and tonight's State of The Campus Address.
  - Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the Civic Engagement Fair and will give you an opportunity to meet local candidates!
    - This event will be hosted from 11am to 1pm on the North Lawn Entrance of the Reitz Union.
    - There will be Chick Fil A, popcorn, and cotton candy!
  - On Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> wraps up Civic Engagement Week with the Get Out and Vote Concert featuring the All-American Rejects
- Haley, on behalf of Susan, thanks everyone that came out tonight to the State of the Campus Address and for helping to facilitate all of the things that they have been able to accomplish so far.
- There were t-shirts made for the State of the Campus Address and those remaining will be at next meeting for people to pick up.
- Happy birthday Charlie Brown!!!!!!

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

- Senate President Meyers welcomes the senators.
- He briefly reflects on the Preeminence Panel and the State of the Campus
  - He hopes it makes everyone proud to be here at UF and all of the things have been accomplished so far.
- He shares that the Okefenokee Oar will be back in the Orange and Brew after beating the Dawgs this past weekend!
- He cancels the weekly Senate Meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> in order to host the Fall Senate Retreat.
- He reminds everyone that Election Day is Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and early voting for Alachua County goes through this Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - He stresses the importance for our campus student leaders to set an example and go vote.

- Senate will be returning to the Chamber in the Reitz for the Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- He announces that the UPD Liaison is John Glass.
- He stresses the importance of signing up for tabling to fulfill your constituency sooner rather than later!
- He wishes Charlie Brown a happy birthday!

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Senate Pro-Tempore Champoux welcomes the senators.
- He shares that the organ here in the University Auditorium is the largest organ in the Southeast!
- He reminds everyone that there is an Open Graduate Seat and applications will be due Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at noon.
- The bill that got struck was because the constitution was not approved, so hopefully they can get that fixed and see the bill on the ballot very soon!
- He asks that everyone please fill out the doodle document that he sent out to sign up for meetings.
- He asks everyone to help clean up the trash on their way out.

#### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairman Brown welcomes the senators.
- He moves for each of the committee chairs to submit committee reports electronically by unanimous consent. Approved.

#### **ALLOCATIONS:**

- Will be sent out electronically.

#### **JUDICIARY:**

- Will be sent out electronically.

#### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Will be sent out electronically.

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

- Will be sent out electronically.

### **SECOND READING:**

- There were none.

## **FIRST READING:**

- There were none.

## **BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

There are no bills pending signatures.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Senator lets everyone know that a memorial will be held for Abigail Dougherty at 5:15pm to do some yoga in her memory.
- Senator Bethencourt and some other senators are writing a resolution to honor the life of Abigail Dougherty, so if you would like to be involved, please reach out.
- Chairwoman Moodie gives a fun fact about the University Auditorium!
  - Half of the building was built in the 1920s and the other was finished in the 1970s
  - When the Great Depression happened, they ran out of money and lost the blueprints. When they started to build more in the 1970s, they did a modern build on the newer side opposed to the traditional Gothic Architecture on the 1920s side.
- Senator Chou shares that the Freshman Leadership Program is having a Super Smash Dodgeball on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, please let him know!
  - The Gator Career Closet is now offering free headshots and Senator Chou is actually taking them!
- Senator Hasan thanks everyone who came out to Haunted Healthcare! They raised \$800 for St. Jude's!
- Chairwoman Phillips reminds everyone she sent out an e-mail earlier today to make a Project Makeover kickball team representing Senate. Please send her an email by 5pm tomorrow, November 2<sup>nd</sup> to make the deadline!
  - Headshots before Senate next week, November 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30pm on the Reitz Union Lawn!
- Senator Bahmad touches on yesterday's event making PB&J sandwiches. She has started volunteering at Grace so if you're interested in joining her, let her know.
  - She will be going once a week from now on.
- Senator Abbott is the Vice Chair for External Affairs.
  - She and Jason are always looking for new ideas to improve campus and off campus, so if you have any suggestions, please let them know!
- Chairwoman Muncan reminds everyone that if you were at the State of the Campus Address, it does count for constituency so please submit your forms!
- Senator Hanley announces that her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega, is hosting a Chipotle fundraiser on University Avenue for Dance Marathon tonight and 50% of proceeds go to the Dance Marathon Miracle Network.
  - She encourages everyone to come out and raise money!
- Senate President Meyers says that Gator Humans vs. Zombies reached out to him and want some senators to participate in their upcoming war!
  - If you are interested in participating, please see him after the meeting so he can write your name down!

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**No Vote Record Received:**

- Burden
- Evans
- Hernandez-Garcia
- Holloway
- McMillin
- Pokhrel
- Willis

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.