

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

November 29th, 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 91 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Bryant
- Hernandez-Garcia
- Kasmirski
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- Sultania

AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- There are no amendments to the minutes for November 22nd.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Selogy motions to strike Appendix A from the agenda by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Selogy motions to approve the Permanent Building Construction Seat - Justin Brewer by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Muncan motions to approve the approved absence petition by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Muncan motions to hear the failed absence petitions as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Senator Wallace Mazon welcomes the senators.
 - He wants to make a better environment for transfer students.
 - He made a focus group for transfer students and shares some of the feedback and questions asked during that group.
 - He asked transfer students how the transfer process was, they believe the process is not accommodating to students who are working and taking classes.
 - Transfer students feel a culture shock and have trouble adjusting to UF's massive campus.
 - Students feel need for another step in addition to Preview.
 - Senator Wallace Mazon wishes for UF to rethink their approach to transfer students and hopes that change can be made to better accommodate them.

- He would like to see UF come together to meet the needs of the transfer students.

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

- External Affairs Director Jason Richards welcomes the senators.
 - He explains that the City Commissioners cancelled last minute but they are trying to reschedule.
 - Tentative date set for January 10th.
- Chairwoman of Young Leaders Conference Kaitlin Foshee explains YLC and its programs.
 - The conference is set for February 3rd-5th.
 - Registration is currently open, and she encourages the chamber to inform any high school students interested in getting involved with YLC to apply.
- Action SG Chair Ty Robare announces that next Wednesday will be the last “Lunch on the Lawn”.
 - Starbucks with SG is December 9th, from 9-10:30am in Turlington.
 - They will be passing out free coffee to help those students getting ready for their exams.
 - He is asking everyone in the Chamber to please go to the SG Facebook page and to please share the survey about academic advising to get as many eyes on that as possible.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- Senate President Meyers welcomes the senators.
- Captain Holcomb is here tonight in the Chamber for the campus safety update.
 - He welcomes the senators.
 - The semester is winding down and reading days and testing are coming up.
 - During this time of year, they see an increase in crime, mostly theft.
 - A lot of times people are just forgetting their laptops or phones when they’re taking a break from studying and they get stolen.
 - Please let your constituents know so they can be aware.
 - The libraries have added many cameras to help reduce crime, thanks Senate and Student Government!
 - Majority Party Leader Selogy asks if they have considered a bait computer.
 - Captain Holcomb says they have done it with bicycles before and it is hard because sometimes it takes hours and sometimes it happens immediately so it’s not reliable.
 - Majority Party Leader Selogy references Ohio State University and Florida State University’s quick response times.
 - Captain Holcomb explains that our officers have equitable response time, and officers split the University of Florida campus into quadrants and each one is heavily saturated with officers.

- A senator's friend had their motorcycle stolen over the holiday break.
 - Captain Holcomb recommends using open scooter and motorcycle parking toward the middle of campus as more foot traffic and police surveillance will be present to look out for theft.
- Senate President Meyers hopes everyone had a restful break!
- He reiterates on what External Affairs Director Jason Richards said about the City of Gainesville Commission rescheduling for January.
- He emphasizes that constituency requirements are due next week, December 6th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate Pro-Tempore Champoux welcomes the senators.
- He hopes everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving.
- He will continue to host constituency meetings until school ends.
- He will try to meet with the remaining 30% before the holiday, but if not he will be sure to meet early after the break.
- Reports due by next Senate Meeting Tuesday, December 6th.
- There is an open Grad seat Dec 2nd at noon.
- There will be an open Sophomore seat in the beginning of 2017 due Jan 6th.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Brown welcomes the senators.
- Spring hearings are tentatively set for March 16-18th, and March 23-25th.
 - Each academic and student organization has been divided up amongst the committee so that everything will be prepared for the budget cycled as planned.

ALLOCATIONS:

- Chairwoman Moodie welcomes the senators.
- Allocations will be meeting tomorrow, November 30th, from 2-4pm in the SG conference room.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Schaettle welcomes the senators.
- The committee did not meet this weekend due to the holiday.
- The committee will be meeting this Sunday at 4pm in the SG Conference Room.
- Legislation due 12pm on Friday, December 2nd.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Muncan welcomes the senators.
- She presents a constituency tracker to the Chamber.
- Constituency is due on Tuesday, December 6th by 7pm.
- She passed out a handout with a couple of upcoming events to fulfill your requirements.
- She knows that a lot of district senators were counting on the City Commission presentation tonight to fulfill their constituency so she will send out links to upcoming City Commission events.
- She will help you find events to fill their constituency, but cannot help you on if you wait to ask her for help until Monday, the day before it is due.
- She knows that everyone can complete their constituency because they were either elected or appointed to be here in the Chamber so it is their responsibility.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Phillips welcomes the senators.
- She thanks everyone for coming out to the Senate Retreat! There were 41 senators in attendance!
- There are only 3 days left for tabling in the semester.
 - Please sign up!
 - If you need the link, please email her.
- Friday will be the release date for this month's "Month in Review".
 - Please be sure to share this to reassure your constituents and the student body know that the senate is accomplishing goals.
- Next week there will be a co-social between the cabinet and senate at 6pm in the Reitz Union bowling alley.
 - Please bring in a donation for the Field and Fork Food Pantry or the Gator Career Closet.
 - You may wear an appropriate holiday sweater to senate instead of business professional if you bring in something to donate.

SECOND READING:

- There were none.

FIRST READING:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

There are no bills pending signatures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Mazon wanted to add to his public debate:

- He thanks everyone for helping him out with this project.
- Trying to write a proposal for a transfer affairs addition to the cabinet.
- He needs help so if anyone is willing to help, please let him know and he will be very appreciative.
- Senator Abbott announces for Sigma Kappa's Holiday Party benefitting Dance Marathon going on right now so come after the meeting!
- Senator Hanley: headshots are almost done being edited and will be sent out soon. Headshots will resume in the Spring.
- Senator Bahmad HSA is having their Winter Formal this Friday at Emerson hall.
- Senator Enderz Swampacks applications for their Hack-a-thon are now open.

ROLL CALL:

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

No Vote Record Received:

- Brewer
- Bryant
- Hernandez-Garcia
- Kasmirski
- Muncan

MEETING ADJOURNED:

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.