

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

January 31st, 2017

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:38 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 78 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Bever
- Bhusar
- Bryant
- Kasmirski
- Le
- Mazon
- Murphy
- Niergarth
- Santalo
- Sultania

AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- No amendments to the previous minutes were made

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Selogy motions to approve the Replacement and Agenda recommendation for Housing affairs cabinet director Kelly O'Neil. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Selogy motions to hear the Replacement & Agenda permanent replacement seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motions to approve aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Moodie motions to approve Student Senate Resolution Student Senate Bill 2017-1006 Funding for Gator Scuba Club by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Moodie motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2017-1007 Funding for Gator Billiards by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Muncan Motions to approve the approved absence petition for M. Wright by unanimous consent. Approved.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- There were none.

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

- There were none.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Meyers welcomes the senators.
- He thanks the Natural History Museum for hosting senate.
- He also thanks the other Cultural Plaza entities for coming out, and looks forward to their presentations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Champoux welcomes the senators.
- He announces the open Judiciary seat due this Friday at noon.
- He announces the following senate seats due this Friday at noon.
 - Agriculture & Life Sciences
 - Dentistry
 - Education
 - Family Housing
 - Graduate (2)
- He announces additional seats due next Friday, February 10th at noon:
 - Engineering
 - District B
 - District D
- Scheduling everyone's constituency meetings. There are 47 senators that have not filled out the Doodle.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Green motions to have all committee reports sent electronically by unanimous consent. Approved.
- The remainder of this report will be sent out through the listserv.

ALLOCATIONS:

- This report will be sent out through the listserv.

JUDICIARY:

- This report will be sent out through the listserv.

RULES & ETHICS:

- This report will be sent out through the listserv.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- This report will be sent out through the listserv.

SECOND READING:

- There were none.

FIRST READING:

- They were passed.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

There are no bills pending signatures.

CULTURAL PLAZA PRESENTATIONS—Appendix A

- University of Florida Performing Arts Center
 - Senate President Meyers welcomes UFPA Director, Brian Jose.
 - Through UFPA's venues, 108 student organizations have performed.
 - These performances and events cover many student clubs and offer a voice for students.
 - He shares some artists and performers that they have brought to campus such as Rent, Naturally 7, Ada/Ava, etc.
 - 7,692 students have experienced UFPA artists since September.
 - All students must be well rounded to bring world views to campus.
 - He believes UFPA's role on campus is to be a convener, a connector and a town hall.
 - Chairwoman Philips asks how SG and Senate can help contribute to help UFPA reach its goals.
 - He answers that he would like to see a conversation with the students to bring in artists that the students wish to see.
 - Pro Tempore Champoux asks what shows could he see coming to UF in the next few years.
 - He answers that he would like to see the performance of 'Kamchatka' come to UF. It simulates the life of a refugee, and will be at UF in April of 2018.
 - Majority Party Leader asks about the story of Brian Jose's career.

- He answers that he fell into a job selling tickets for an orchestra, where he found his love for the arts, and worked his way up in the field that he loved.
 - A senator asks how the UFPA finds artists
 - He replies that artists from around the world come to them through various conferences and a large network of managers.
- Harn Museum of Art
 - Senate President Meyers welcomes Eric Segal, Director of Education and Curator of Academic Programs.
 - He shares some of the various ways in which the Harn can help students.
 - UF Classes at the Harn: 8,000-9,000 students each year.
 - Students of almost all majors can come participate in the classes offered in the Harn Museum.
 - Student opportunities at the Harn Museum of Art. Open to all majors:
 - Internships, volunteer opportunities, and SMAC (Student Museum Advisory Council).
 - Deadline for internship is March 18th.
 - 14 UF alumni and 19 current students work at the Harn.
 - SG supports Museum Nights.
 - 2nd Thursday of every month.
 - SG's sponsorship is partially matched by a number of UF units and even one USF unit.
 - Over 6,000 people came to Museum Nights last year.
 - Free Student Membership Program
 - Founded in July 2013: funded by SG.
 - Eric Segal welcomes Allie Hudson, Assistant Director of Development, to the podium.
 - She reiterates the importance of UF Alumni to the Harn Museum, as she is a UF Alum.
 - Free Membership program
 - Program Successes:
 - About 5,000 total members.
 - 2,200 student members - 45% of overall membership
 - She attributes this success to the work of SG and word of mouth.
 - One of few museums that offer free memberships
 - Instant belonging is a program put in place utilizing digital membership cards.
 - These cards also apply to a number of other museums.
 - Transition to general membership post-graduation is very easy.

- Benefits of Membership:
 - Free admission to almost 800 museums.
 - A 10% discount at the Harn Museum Store
 - Membership activities at Museum Nights.
 - Spring member pARTy: Friday, February 24th to celebrate the newest exhibit “Meant to Be Shared”.
 - Electronic issues of newsletter.
 - She shares posts from student member feedback.
 - Chairman Green asks if there are any ways the senators can help to better promote the benefits that the Harn Museum has for students.
 - Eric answers that they will share the email “blasts” with Smith to pass to the senators.
 - Allie explains that word of mouth about the free membership will help immensely.
 - Chairwoman Moodie gives a recommendation if the Harn had a snapchat filter, it would definitely help promote the events the Harn has.
 - She also asks what renovations have been going on with the cafe.
 - Allie answers that there will be a snapchat filter at the Spring Member pARTy on February 24th.
 - Eric answers that the cafe is under construction but will be up and running February 3rd.
 - A senator asks if the membership card is international
 - Eric answers that the card has reciprocity in a few of Canada’s and Mexico’s museums.
- Florida Museum of Natural History
 - Senate President Meyers welcomes Doug Jones, Museum Director.
 - Celebrating 100 (1917-2017) years as Florida’s State Museum.
 - Doug shares some history of the museum.
 - Throughout several moves from Lake City, to various locations in UF and Gainesville, until the public museum finally came to the Cultural Plaza in 1997.
 - 320 Employees at the museum and 100 students.
 - The Library of Life: over 40 million specimens and artifacts.
 - Largest biological collections in the Southeast US.
 - All features of the museum are free to UF students.
 - Doug Jones welcomes Darcie MacMahon, Director of Exhibits & Public Programs.
 - She thanks the Senate for their support.
 - She shares some opportunities of programming during the morning and evening at the museum.

- Have only been partnered with SG for 3 years.
- SG Funding has helped with a total of \$77,000 investment last year.
 - As a result 15,526 students have attended paid exhibitions for free.
- Feature exhibitions now playing: 15 species of colorful frogs.
 - There will be a celebratory 5k on February 11th in honor of the feature exhibition.
- Next Fall is the 100th anniversary the Florida Museum. Opens September 23rd.
- The museum of Natural History is collaborating on a Tree of Life exhibit with the Harn Museum.
 - “One Tree One Planet” project.
- She shares upcoming events in the Spring that can be found on the Museum website.
 - Speed Science Night
 - April 21st Joel Salturio
 - April 22nd is the 100th Anniversary Gala
- She once again thanks the senate for their support
- Senator Wedemeyer asks if the museum has looked into partnering with other departments to host events.
- She answers that they host “Starry Nights” and are exploring other options as well.
 - She asks senators to spread the word of the museum as much as possible. She exclaims that some students don’t even know there is a museum on campus.
- Senator Hasan asks about the past Wicked Plants exhibit, and if there will be any more plant-based exhibits similar.
- She answers that there are not any plant-based exhibits that are in the works as of now.
- Chairman Schaettle asks how the mission of the museum has changed since its origins 100 years ago
- Doug shares that over the last 100 years, more and more has been learned about the land of Florida in terms of land and specimens. Now that we have explored majority of the state, we see the next 100 years with an even larger understanding.
- Senate President Meyers encourages the senators to take advantage of the great opportunities provided by the Harn Museum, Florida Museum of Natural History, and the UFPA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Majority Party Leader Selogy reminds senators that he's still working on the skateboard project he talked about last meeting. Please approach him if you're interested.

ROLL CALL:

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

No Vote Record Received:

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MEETING ADJOURNED:

The meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.