

**STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**  
**September 19th, 2017**

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:33 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 70 senators present.

**Not there for roll call:**

- Alfonso
- Baldwin
- Belzung
- Brock
- Cellura
- Chou
- DellaBella
- Greenspan
- Grosse
- Hernandez-Garcia
- Jiron
- Kostas
- Lanoue
- LoMurro
- Longo
- Mead
- Nanney
- Rong
- Toplak
- Zeisloft

**AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- No amendments were made to the previous meeting.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Majority Party Leader Stanford moves to approve the R&A recommendation PPHP seat, Patrick Lee, by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Stanford moves to hear R&A recommendations for Assistant Supervisor of Elections as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Dempsey moves to approve SB 2017-1067: Resolution Supporting the Gator Nation and the Worldwide Community Affected by the Recent Natural Catastrophes by unanimous consent. Approved.

- Senator Pope moves to approve SB 2017-1069: Funding for Skin Cancer Prevention Force by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Senator Harden moves to approve SB 2017-1070: Funding for Student Information Security Club by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Senator Nickas moves to approve SB 2017-1071: Funding for UF Heroes by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Senator Emery moves to approve SB 2017-1072: Funding for Vegan Eating for Gators by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Hurdle moves to approve the approved absence petition for A. Nelson by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Hurdle moves to approve the approved resignation appeal by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Senator Santalo moves to make a friendly amendment to correct punctuation in SB 2017-1068 Resolution Supporting President Fuch's reaffirmation of the University of Florida's Commitment to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program to
- Senator Santalo moves to make a friendly amendment to correct SB 2017-1068 Resolution Supporting President Fuch's reaffirmation of the University of Florida's Commitment to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program
- Chairwoman Dempsey moves to approve SB 2017-1068: Resolution Supporting President Fuch's reaffirmation of the University of Florida's Commitment to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program by unanimous consent. Approved.

#### **PUBLIC DEBATE:**

- Victor Santos
  - He opposes SB 2017-1068: Resolution Supporting President Fuch's reaffirmation of the University of Florida's Commitment to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - He immigrated to this country legally many years ago, and believes that it is unfair for the children of immigrants to benefit from going through "the back way" of immigration.
- Frank and Justin are here from Deloitte Consultant
  - Just about any agency in the U.S., Deloitte Consulting is involved with.
  - They will be at UF next week for Career Showcase.
    - They are seeking applicants from a variety of different majors.
  - They will be here after the meeting for Q+A and meet and greet.
  - They are searching for full time hires and internships.
  - talk about the opportunities that are offered there
  - Professional problem solvers
  - Will be here for Career Fair on the Non-Technical day for Federal Consulting
  - Regardless of Background they are looking for a well-rounded individuals, but specifically efficiency driven focus

- The interesting thing about consulting is that it allows you to try very different things, this work isn't major focused. Instead for those individuals who are able to critically think and problem solve.

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

- Chief of Staff Meno
  - Chairwoman White from Action SG has recently resigned.
  - Action SG Chair is now open
  - The application closes September 29th at 5pm.

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

- Senate President Phillips welcomes senators.
- Hope everyone is doing safe and well from Irma
- Our last meeting of the term is October 3rd, for double meeting.
  - It is imperative that everyone attends to reach quorum.
- No meeting next week, cannot meet during election week
- Will be voting on two different awards that evening
  - "Chairperson of the Term" and "Senator of the Term"
- There will be an opportunity for anyone to give a goodbye speech during public debate
  - There is no time limit for good-bye speeches.
- The first meeting of the next term will be held immediately after the last meeting of the term.
- Announces the Student Association fair has been rescheduled to Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10-2PM in the Reitz Union North Lawn
- Her office hours will be canceled this Thursday and Friday to observe Rosh Hashanah
- Good Luck on Midterm Exams

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Schaettle welcomes the senators.
- Welcomes back Patrick Lee into the PPHP Seat
- Due October 6th:
  - Dentistry
  - Education
  - Engineering
  - Graduate (2)
  - Nursing
  - Building Construction

## **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairman Green welcomes the senators.
- With the Budget Outreach Program, soon will be checking if projected attendance is as predicted
- 800 Code revisions have been updated on the website and the 800 Code “Sparknotes” will be available soon.

## **ALLOCATIONS:**

- Chairwoman Moodie welcomes the senators.
- Met this past Sunday and heard 6 orgs and passed 4, thanks senators for approving the 4 today
- Thanks senators for approving all funding request
  - Vegan Eating For Gators is a group that teaches students how to eat healthy and Vegan
  - UF Heroes is an organization to build up their professional rep in the health field.
  - SPF is fighting for the awareness
- Representatives From Cybersecurity Security and SG Allocations goes over presentation

***\* If you would like to listen to any Presentations, you may request them from the SG Office in the Reitz Union or you may email [senatesecretary@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:senatesecretary@sg.ufl.edu)\****

- New repcards for Student Government are in. Please utilize these to educate yourself and your constituents on all things SG.

## **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairwoman Dempsey welcomes the senators.
- She Invites President of Union of Active Puerto Rican Students Andres Santiago and Senator Shah
  - They are here to address the impact of hurricane Irma on Florida and the Caribbean.
  - Couldn't have contact with family in Caribbean islands and South Florida
  - They and other chapters of the union are raising funds to donate to Caribbean islands.
  - He seeks to create an initiative to gather funding for future disasters.
  - Promoting that we are a public institution and we should make a fundraising program where we can have allocations for future disasters
- Committee will not be meeting this weekend because of the elections
  - All bills will be reviewed in 2 weeks.
- If you need any help with the submission of Bills feel free to contact her

## **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairman Hurdle welcomes the senators.
- He will be sending the constituency tracker out next week, in lieu of the meeting.
- Stress what Senate President said earlier, please attend the last meeting of the in two weeks
- The cycle will reset after the first meeting on October 3rd.
- Committee will be meeting this Thursday at 5:15 pm in Reitz Room

## **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Committee Member Luse welcomes the senators.
- Danielle wasn't able to come to meeting
- Met this past Sunday
- SAI involvement fair was postponed to Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10AM-2PM.
- If you have any questions please contact Chairwoman Grosse.

## **SECOND READING**

- There were none

## **FIRST READING:**

- Senator Santalo moves to make a friendly amendment to move the apostrophe to correct the spelling of "Fuchs" in the title of SB 2017-1068 Resolution Supporting President Fuch's reaffirmation of the University of Florida's Commitment to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program
- Senator Santalo moves to make a friendly amendment to capitalize the "G" in "gator" and "N" in "nation" in the last "WHERE AS" clause in SB 2017-1068 Resolution Supporting President Fuchs' reaffirmation of the University of Florida's Commitment to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program by unanimous consent.
- Chairwoman Dempsey moves to approve SB 2017-1068: Resolution Supporting President Fuchs' reaffirmation of the University of Florida's Commitment to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program by unanimous consent. Objected
- 5 Minutes of presentation.
  - Senator Santalo:
    - He wrote this bill to honor the students who have emigrated to the U.S. to benefit from the better opportunities in this great nation. To showcase their skills and move this country forward.
  - Q+A:
  - Senator Weldon Asks: Do you believe that this Bill pushes aside the people with different opinions and disagree
  - Answer: argues that this resolution isn't meant to side with any argument, but just to reaffirm President Fuchs' decision.
  - Chairwoman Moodie Asks: What resources did you use for this bill?

- Answer: Used government websites like the WhiteHouse, TIME Magazine
  - Senator Oehrle ask: Can you explain how HSA president helped you write this bill?
  - Answers: Wants to make sure that those individuals that come from other countries can get an education safely and comfortably.
  - Chairwoman Demspey Asks: How will this bill positively benefit the student body?
  - Answer: Thinks that students shouldn't be worried about this while studying for midterms, should be focusing on studies not this issue
  - Senator Weldon: Did Senator Santalo contact any politically-conservative student organization on campus.
  - Answer: Didn't contact any organizations, did not take a side politically.
  - Follow up question: Do you believe that co-writing with HSA delineates a political siding?
  - Answer: Does not believe that contacting HSA members insinuates political ties.
- 3 Rounds Pro-Con
    - 1st Con:
      - Senator Weldon's argues that this bill didn't contact any organizations who disagree with this. By passing this bill it will be siding this bill siding with the president. The job of SG to back up student body not side on specific topics.
    - 1st round Pro:
      - Senator Oehrle believes that this bill simply supports President Fuchs as the leader of this University, we are constantly working on making this a great education institution for anyone regardless of their immigration status.
      - Chairwoman Dempsey: This bill supports the many UF students who are DACA sponsored, not taking a side against conservative students.
      - Chairwoman Moodie: Does not believe that the bill is political in nature and does not believe it is fair to assume people's beliefs based on their appearance, background, etc.
      - Chairman Green: The point of the bill is to back the reaffirmation of President Fuchs and not to take any sides.
    - 2nd Con:
      - Senator Weldon: He argues that support of DACA is not right or left wing. He also believes that as students in a free country we should not blindly agree with what the University President says.
      - Senator Diamond: many Constituents have spoken to her saying they are not being represented. It is not the Senate's job to be speaking of these pressing matters.
      - Senator Weldon: According to students' concerns, conservative students do not feel that they are being represented.

- 2nd Pro:
    - Senator Oerhle: The bill is to support UF students who are currently sponsored by DACA, not necessarily the DACA program. The point is to show that we stand with those that don't feel safe.
  - Motion to call of the previous question by unanimous consent
  - President Phillips moves to approve SB 2017-1068: Resolution Supporting President Fuchs' reaffirmation of the University of Florida's Commitment to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program by a voice vote. Divided.
  - President Phillips moves to approve SB 2017-1068: Resolution Supporting President Fuchs' reaffirmation of the University of Florida's Commitment to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program by a standing vote.
    - In favor: 49
    - Opposed: 11
- Approved.

**BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

- There are no bills pending signatures.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Senator Lee: The Health Professions College Council is holding a CPR certification workshop.
- Senator: MGC is holding a showcase this Thursday at Reitz Rion Ballroom at 7 PM
- Pro-Tempore Schaettle and President Phillips reminds the senators to assure that their vote record reflects the amendments and their vote.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.