

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
October 10, 2017

The Senate President called the Senate 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 83 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Brock
- Chou
- Dunn
- Hicks
- Hudson
- Hurdle
- Jiron
- Li
- Longo
- Nguyen
- Allie Watson
- Wiley
- Zeisloft

AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Motion to strike Ricardo Rauso from being marked as absent from last week's minutes by unanimous consent. Approved.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Schaettle moves to hear the R&A recommendations for Open Budget Committee Seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Schaettle moves to hear the R&A recommendations for Open Allocations Committee Seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Schaettle moves to hear the R&A recommendations for Open Judiciary Committee Seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.

- Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Schaettle moves to hear the R&A recommendations for Open Rules and Ethics Committee Seat as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Schaettle moves to hear the R&A recommendations for Open Information and Communication Committee Seat as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Dempsey moves to hear SB 2017-1075: Resolution Recognizing Women Empowerment Globally and the International Day of the Girl Child by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Dempsey moves to hear SB 2017-1076 Resolution Supporting the People of Puerto Rico Including Students Affected by Hurricane Irma by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Dempsey moves to hear SB 2017-1077: Resolution Encouraging Concerned Students and Employees to Seek Excused Absences in Response to Richard Spencer's Speaking Engagement by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Dempsey moves to hear SB 2017-1078: Resolution Commemorating the University of Florida's Contribution to the 2017 Nobel Prize in Physics by unanimous consent. Approved.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Senator Pope yields time to Haley Smith
- Senator Hasan yields time to Haley Smith
- Senator Nickas yields time to Haley Smith
- Senator Boone yields time to Hailey Smith
- Haley Smith - She wishes to address the recent Op-Ed letter written by Zachariah Chou.
 - She feels that Senator Chou did not do the most he could to be educated on the reasoning behind why the decision was made.
 - The meetings were all open to the public.
 - Fees will not increase and still 12 new hires will be added to the Counseling and Wellness Center.
 - Formal statement written to Dr. Parrott expressed desire to reduce overhead fees used by CWC.

- This statement was in the minutes which were made public to Senator Chou.
- Zachary Amrose yields time to Livia Ledbetter
- Matthew Bizer yields time to Nicole Smith
- Claudia Tio
 - 1st semester transfer student.
 - Suffers from bipolar disorder.
 - She was suicidal at 16 and believes that the help she received saved her life.
 - Students suffer without mental health services.
- Nicole Smith
 - Second year psychology major
 - Experiences with CWC
 - Stresses of school, social life, etc. caused her to fall into depression.
 - She could not get help in a reasonable time.
- Livia Ledbetter
 - She has been to CWC for help, and feels that it changed her life.
- Anthony Sanchez
 - He wishes to reach out to on-campus senators to get a better idea of how to serve on campus students.
- Carlos Davila
 - He recounts the story of a former UF student who suffered from bipolar disorder, and subsequently committed suicide.
 - He urges SG to better equip the CWC to serve its students.
- Andrew Cushen
 - Speaking on behalf of CWC.
 - Was struggling with a variety of issues and sought help from CWC.
 - It took many weeks before he was able to see anyone.
- Lillian Rozsa
 - Diagnosed with depression last year.
 - Has been doing better, but recently has been struggling again.
 - Tried to schedule appointment with CWC, but first available appointment was weeks away.
- Mark Mimms - absent.
- Chris Joblonski
 - Biggest complaint amongst students facing mental health issues is that they cannot see a counsellor soon enough.
- Matt Morrow
 - Mental health should be treated with the same urgency as physical health.

- Elizabeth Pratt
 - The implications of not funding of the CWC are far reaching.
 - When the CWC is overfilled, UF students must go to Alachua County Crisis center, which takes resources away from ACRs.
- Moria Kuran
 - Showed “alert” signs in application for CWC appointment, and was able to be seen immediately.
 - She wonders what would happen if a student in danger did not indicate these “alert” signs.
- Senator Pearson - reserves the right to speak last.
- Syleena Powell
 - She speaks about how other resources are able to see students almost immediately but the CWC cannot see most students quickly.
- Elana Barns - absent.
- Ashley Grobowski
 - CWC cannot provide adequate services to students.
 - Students need to be heard.
- Brandon Rosenthal - Yields his time to the chair.
- Taymour Khan Yields his time to Rock Aboujadee
- Rock Aboujadee
 - Students can do their part for a racism free future.
 - He urges students to stand up against Richard Spencer, by cancelling classes Thursday.
- Bailey Triggs yields her time to Bianka Ramirez
- Bianka Ramirez
 - As a member of Latinx community, she feels that her and other communities are being attacked on campus.
 - Students will be forced to choose between being safe and fulfilling class responsibilities.
- Olivia Johnson
 - She will be protesting Richard Spencer.
 - She further discusses a variety of commitments that students will have that they cannot miss, and feels that UF has not done enough to guarantee students' their safety and time to protest.
- Rajahn Odum yields his time to Timothy Tia.
- Jessica Terkovitch
 - She wishes that classes will be canceled on Thursday.
 - She feels that SG has a responsibility to their constituents needs and safety. She urges the senate to cancel classes.
- Zack Delaney

- It is in the best interest of the UF student body for classes to be canceled.
- Daniela Mora Yields Time to Wallace Mazon.
- Kristen Jackson
 - She has a midday lab on the day of the speaking event, and frankly is frightened.
 - She asks the senate to cancel classes.
- Madeline Bauman yields time to Amol Jethwani.
- Timothy Tia
 - Cancelling classes is not enough.
 - He hopes that the Richard Spencer event is instead cancelled.
- Jack Golio
 - He asks that classes will be canceled, and that the voices of those protesting Spencer not be equated to the evils of white supremacy.
- Seth Piatek
 - He recounts his poor experiences with the CWC.
 - Additionally, he feels that classes should be cancelled.
- Jordan Brown
 - Senators have a responsibility for their constituents.
- Mauricio Perez
 - Senators have a duty along with UF to keep students out of harm's way and to hear their the voice.
- Jamie Kulik yields time to wallace mazon
- Chad Adonis
 - Organizer of “No-Nazis at UF”
 - He urges SG to try to cancel classes and the Richard Spencer event on Thursday.
- Jessie Cyr yields time to Amol Jethwani.
- Madeline Brown - absent.
- Eric Higbe yields time to Wallace Mazon.
- Nicholas Moore Lefauve yields time to Amol Jethwani.
- Carmen Sanchez yields time to Amol Jethwani.
- Wallace Mazon
 - He feels that not enough has been done to fight against Richard Spencer.
- Amol Jethwani
 - UF has been targeted by the National Policy Institute because of UF’s preeminence.
 - He believes that not enough is being done to promote the safety of UF students.
- Senator Morse yields his time to Senator Pearson
- Senator Kratt yields his time to Senator Pearson

- Senator Pearson
 - He speaks about the bill encouraging students to seek excused absences from classes on Thursday.
 - He also speaks about his hopes that the Student Senate can work toward adding funding to the CWC.
- Senator Birnholz moves to suspend the rules and add Senator Chou to the public debate list by unanimous consent.
 - 21 senators in favor. Passed.
- Senator Chou
 - CWC is vital to the well-being of students.
 - He will be at the protests on Thursday.

*****If you wish to hear any speeches given during public debate please request the recordings from senatesecretary@sg.ufl.edu*****

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

- Student Body President Meyers welcomes the senators.
- He welcomes External Affairs Director Haley Smith
- Haley Smith
 - She clarifies that she was a student put on the committee.
 - She is someone who is affected by mental health and has used the CWC for its resources.
 - She clarifies that she did not vote for the \$0 because she doesn't want to but because there is a better way.
- Smith Meyers
 - Thanks all the students that came to the meeting to speak their mind
 - UF is understaffed with mental health professionals
 - The change in fee increase will not change not solve the CWC problem
 - He asks the students to stand with him to lobby the state legislature for more funding for mental health.
 - Have three years to fight for this money.
 - Would love to meet with everyone that is this passionate about this pocket
 - If you have a reason to be on campus, then email your instructor, coach, boss, etc. and if you are not excused, then let Student Body Meyers know and he will do everything he can to get you excused.
 - He has been voicing concerns to administration to cancel classes, although the UFSG does not have the power to cancel classes
 - On a different note, he encourages everyone to join the virtual assembly that will happening tomorrow
 - Q: What are your office hours?

- A: Monday, 9 am-2pm; Wednesday, 9am-2pm.
- Q: How have you been advocating on behalf of the students?
- A: He has been continually bringing it to the administration's attention.
- Q: What further recourse can the students take?
- A: recommendations for Thursday are to stay safe on Thursday, don't come to campus if you don't want to. Email professors or instructors that you don't feel safe, if instructor or professor doesn't agree then President Meyers will meet with those professors.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Green welcomes the senators.
- He commends the students who showed their sentiments in regards to various issues.
- He speaks to the senators and believes that we must be more attentive to the needs of students and also not to spread false information.
- Speaking on Richard Spencer, as a black man, never thought he would have a conversation about how to react to a Richard Spencer Event.
 - He opens his office hours up to all the students in the meeting.
 - He gives the U-Matter We Care number.
- He and the senate is here for you, please reach out to voice concerns.
- Congratulates liaisons:
 - UFPD: Senator Pearson
 - Cabinet Liaison: Senator Hernandez
 - SAI Liaison: Senator Gatos
 - Judiciary: Senator Grodi
 - Reitz Union: Lisette Pellot
 - Rec Sports: Senator Martinez
 - Parliamentarian: Abby Morris

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Moodie welcomes the senators.
- Open Permanent Seats due Friday October, 20th:
 - Building Construction
 - Graduate
 - Dentistry
 - Liberal Arts & Science
- Heard a good idea from public debate, to list positions to "UF Class of..." pages.
- Interviews Monday October 23rd, 8am-Noon.
- She encourages everyone to wear the "Gators not Haters" T-Shirt.

- Overwhelmed from this event
 - Never imagined that a historical event during her time here at UF.
 - She is proud of seeing the power of alliance.
 - She encourages all students to unite in our identities and stand tall in the face of adversity.
- He has the right to speak on campus but not to redirect our moral compass

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Dunson welcomes the senators.
 - Moves that all other committee reports be sent out electronically via listserv.

ALLOCATIONS:

- This report will be sent out electronically via the listserv.

JUDICIARY:

- This report will be sent out electronically via the listserv.

RULES & ETHICS:

- This report will be sent out electronically via the listserv.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- This report will be sent out electronically via the listserv.

SECOND READING

- There were none

FIRST READING:

- There were none

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There are no bills pending signatures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Pearson
 - Next Tuesday, October 24th, Gators March for Babies will be hosting Greek Olympics from 2:30 to 5:30 at the Broward Basketball Court. If you are interested in signing up, please visit the Gators March for Babies Facebook Page. The money raised will go to help end premature birth defects in the United States.
- Senator Wilson South West will be closed on Thursday, however she will be teaching some fitness classes at Student Rec.
- Senator Lima, welcomes senators to stay and spend the day with him on Thursday.
- Senator Hasan

- Haunted Healthcare on October 21st:
- Come out and have a scary good time at Phi Delta Chi's Haunted Healthcare benefiting St. Jude Children's Hospital Saturday October 21st from 5-9 PM. This event open for the open public of all ages so get your tickets now!
- Chairwoman Grosse reminds senators to pass namecards to the middle.
- Chairwoman Dunson announces that prayer before senate will be every tuesday.
- Senator Wilson will be protesting in her dorm on Thursday and invites others to join.
- Senator Snyder
 - Midnight Falafel tomorrow night at Chabad!
- Chairman Stanford tells everyone to “be kind to each other” and he encourages students to utilize U-Matter We Care resources.
- Senator Stanford moves to suspend the rules to allow IRHA President to speak during Announcements.
- IRHA President tells students that they should not feel pressure to protest Richard Spencer, because it could be dangerous.
- Senator Cohen
 - The Lubavitch-Chabad Student Center will be open for extended hours with extra security protocol measures, from 9:00am to midnight on October 18, 19 and 20.
- Senator Lima encourages all students to come to senate meetings.
- Senate President Pro-Tempore
 - She asks that senators with announcements be emailed to her, so she can compile them and send them out via email.
- Senator Bazan thanks the people who came out to express their ideas. He also expresses that he and other senators are feeling the same way as they are.

ROLL CALL:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- The meeting adjourned at 9:57 pm.