

**STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**  
**October 24, 2017**

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be filmed or audio recorded and may be available to the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:**

Roll was called and quorum was established with 80 senators present.

**Not there for roll call:**

- Dhir
- Dunn
- Fine
- Gardezi
- German
- Igharas
- Joachim
- Longo
- Martinez
- Robusto
- Stanzyk-Guzek
- Toplak
- Walters
- Wiley

**AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- There were none.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Senator moves to approve SB 2017-1084: Funding for Belly Gators by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Dempsey moves to table until the next senate meeting SB 2017-1083: Resolution Recognizing the Need for Additional Funding for the Counseling Wellness Center by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Holloway moves to hear the Approved absence petitions as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.

- Chairwoman Holloway moves to hear the failed absences petitions as a block by unanimous consent.
  - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent.  
Approved.

### **PUBLIC DEBATE:**

- Senator Lima yields time to Senator Chou
- Senator Li
  - Speaking about the resolution she is working on.
  - She seeks to expand work opportunities on Explore UF for International Student.
  - On the UF Jobs page, out of 21 jobs there are only 3 jobs available to international students.
  - International Students must pay more for classes, but their work opportunities are far more limited.
  - She is hoping that other senators will support her and this resolution.
  - International students who have mental wellness problems are increasing as well.
  - She further believes that the counseling and wellness center could be an invaluable resource for international students who may be struggling to adjust to life in the US.
  - She encourages senators to reach out to her if they have any other ideas or thoughts.
- Minority Party Leader Chou reserves his time.
- Senator Birnholz yields time to Minority Party Leader Chou.
- Minority Party Leader Chou
  - He first would like to address the minutes from the CWC funding meeting.
    - He believes that they are not fairly made public.
  - CWC will be receiving funding for 8 counselors, so this is why the bill was tabled.

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

- Student Body President Meyers welcomes the senators.
- FLC Agency Head, Sam Godskin
  - Selects 50 freshmen that go through a weekly curriculum
  - “Fall into Healthy Habits” November 2nd:
  - Eco Expo 11-2PM

- “Eco-Expo” November 7th, 11-2PM in Plaza of the Americas.
- Gator Story is this Friday
- Nov. 30th “Rock around the Palm Tree”
  - GoFundMe shared on FLC Facebook page. Hoping to raise \$2000.
- Student Body President Meyers
  - Accent Show tomorrow
    - Carly Fiorina
    - The speakers series is a great way to see different viewpoints.
    - Really lucky to have such renowned speakers that share their life experiences
  - Securing more Mental Health counselors
    - State Legislators denied the request for 21 New Mental Health Counselors.
    - The Provost decided to fund 12 counselors for the next three years
      - This funding is not permanent.
    - The search continues for permanent funding sources.
    - He challenges the Inspire Party to help search for ways to fund counselors, because as of now, it has only been Impact Party members.
    - As a result 8 of the 12 have been secured for permanent funding, that does not dip into the students’ pockets.
    - Both parties must continue to work to secure more funding for more mental health professionals.
      - We have only 3 years to secure permanent funding for the remaining 4 professionals.
- Chairwoman of Mental Health Taskforce, Valeria Hernandez
  - She hopes this task force will provide a voice for students to express their wants and needs for mental health.
  - Ideally, this task force could find funding for the remaining mental health professionals.
  - Searching for 7 student members of the task force.
    - Speaking with UF administration and eventually taking this issue to the Florida House.
    - She is looking for students who are passionate about mental health.
    - Not a resume booster, much more than a professional development opportunity, students’ lives are at risk.
  - If you are interested in serving on the task force email her at [vhernandez20@ufl.edu](mailto:vhernandez20@ufl.edu).
- Student Body President Meyers

- Question: Senator Chou asks a series of questions to Student Body President Meyers.
- Answer: President Meyers responds to the questions.

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

- Senate President Green welcomes the senators.
- Senate President Green and Senate President Pro-Tempore give a presentation on their Legislative Agenda.

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- He thanks the biggest clown he knows, Roberto, for his service to Senate!
- Happy Halloween from Senate President Green!

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Moodie welcomes the senators.
- Open Permanent Seats due November 3rd:
  - Building Constructions
  - CLAS
  - Graduate
  - Dentistry
- Open Vet-Med Seat due November 17th.
- Senators must register their senate emails.
  - She requests that every senator emails her their definition of success from their senate email.
- Two representatives from the Florida Museum of Natural History give a presentation on BioLink
  - All of the information on all the events is at [floridamuseum.ufl.edu/onetree](http://floridamuseum.ufl.edu/onetree)

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- She shouts out Roberto for his service with Senate.

### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairwoman Dunson welcomes the senators.

- She congratulates Senator Bazan for becoming the new clerk for her committee!
- She will be hopefully making hard copies of the 800 codes SparkNotes.
  - Tell Org Execs to get a copy!
- Will be working with chairman Stanford on the 800 codes
- Outreach program will be beginning next week.
- Lastly, will have meeting with her committee at the end of the meeting
- She hopes everyone has a safe and fun Halloween.
- She thanks Roberto for his service to Senate.

### **ALLOCATIONS:**

- Chairman Stanford welcomes the senators.
- Committee met this past Sunday at 5pm.
  - Heard 4 Orgs
  - Passed 1, Tabled 2, Failed 1.
- He expresses his thanks to Roberto!

### **JUDICIARY**

- Chairwoman Dempsey welcomes the senators.
- Committee met this past Sunday
  - Passed 4 constitutions and 1 resolution.
- Will not be meeting until after next week.
- She also thanks Roberto.

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Holloway welcomes the senators.
- The constituency tracker will be shown at the next meeting
  - Next meeting November 14th, no meeting next week.
- Senator Weeks shares a few events going on that fulfill constituency.
  - For a list of constituency events please see Pro-Tempore Moodie's email.
- If you're doing any events, feel free to do outreach on social media.
- Next week is the Senate Retreat. If you attend, they will remove half of one of your absences.
- She also thanks Roberto.

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairwoman Grosse welcomes the senators.
- Nametags will be ordered tomorrow.
  - Get your money to Senator Snyder ASAP.
- Mentor-Mentee document is still open. Due next Tuesday at midnight.
- Retreat next Tuesday 7-9pm in the Jennings basement.
- Tabling:
  - If you are the first senator out to table, you are responsible for getting the tabling materials.

- If you are the last, or if there is no one signed up after you, you must return the materials.
- Sign-up for your email accounts!
- She also thanks Roberto!

## **SECOND READING**

- There were none

## **FIRST READING:**

- There were none

## **BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

- There are no bills pending signatures.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Senator Boone
  - Friday 6pm in Pugh Hall, Gators for Tomorrow.
  - Freshman are encouraged to attend and apply.
- Senator Rangel
  - SG Multicultural Affairs Cabinet and Chispas hosting “I am an Immigrant Day”, November 1st at 11am in Turlington.
- Chairwoman Dunson
  - Alpha Delta Pi fundraiser basketball benefitting Ronald McDonald house Thursday at 7pm.
- Senator Victorianne
  - This Saturday at 11am, UF Trial Team is having a fundraiser at Gumby’s Pizza.
- Senator Snyder
  - Today is the last day to get name tags!
- Senator Lee
  - HHP College Council and CRC hosting a showcase for pre-health majors, November 6-8 in the O’Connell center.
- Senator Hasan
  - “Kicking Cancer” will be next Wednesday, November 8th. Benefits Relay for Life.
- Senator Astudillo
  - Congressman Yoho is looking for interns for the Spring.
- Senator Lima
  - He thanks everyone who reached out to him and supported his resolution.
- Senator Santalo
  - MASA hosting event 12pm-5pm in MCDA for Dia de Los Muertos.

- Pro-Tempore Moodie
  - Constituency must be submitted within 7 days after the event.
  - December 5th is the last day to submit constituency.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.