

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

November 28th, 2017

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:31 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 79 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Boone
- Chan
- Dubkinsky
- Eastland
- Esperanza
- Fine
- Garcia
- Horland
- Jiron
- Joachim
- Kratt
- Li
- Longo
- Nguyen
- Perez
- Watson, Stephanie

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Senator Hoffman moves to approve amendments to Student Senate Bill 2017-1086A: Voter Information Act - 700 Code Revisions by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Dempsey moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2017-1086: Voter Information Act - 700 Code Revisions by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Schaettle moves to strike R&A committee recommendation for Interfaith Cabinet Director, Arshad Shauib from the vote record by unanimous consent. Approved.

- Majority Party Leader Schaettle moves to approve R&A committee recommendation for open Building Construction seat, Chris Harris by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Schaettle moves to approve R&A committee recommendation for open Graduate seat, Calvin Olin 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.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Senator Morse yields his time to Isabella Dinelli.
- Isabella Dinelli represents UF Speech and Debate team
 - She thanks the senators for all their support and says they wouldn't be able to do all they do without them.
 - She lists the many philanthropic activities the team does.
 - Three different squads make up the team. Two that travel and compete and one that host public debates on campus about relevant events. They have gone up against schools such as Wake Forest, FSU, Westpoint, and more.
 - She concludes with thanking SG again
- Senator Victorianna yields his time to Zarella Berrocal.
- Senator Lima yields his time to Chase Werther.
- Senator German yields his time to Zarella Berrocal.
- Senator Rauseo yields his time to Chase Werther.
- Senator Jenkins yields his time to Zarella Berrocal.
- Senator Fatzinger yields his time to the chair.
- Senator Muller yields her time to Chase Werther.
- Senator Hoffman yields his time to Zarella Berrocal.
- Senator Pearson yields his time to Chase Werther.
- Chase Werther
 - President of Gators Matter Period.
 - Campaign was launched earlier in fall semester with Woman Student Association, Planned Parenthood Generation Action, and the National Women's Liberation.
 - Coalition goal is to make a more inclusive campus by providing free menstrual hygiene products that will allow them to not stress, feel ashamed, and/or have to miss classes about having to leave campus to get hygiene products.

- They care about the comfort, education, and accessibility of our student body.
- Statistics were provided to show the importance of having free menstrual hygiene products available.
- They seek to fund menstrual hygiene product dispensaries on campus.
 - Public funding of menstrual hygiene product availability increased attendance in NYC schools.
- Other big institutions are also looking into providing hygiene products on campus to prove that they care about their students.
- Over 4,000 votes have been collected on their petitions.
- They hope their representatives step forward to show the student body that they care about them.
- Zarella Berrocal
 - Interested in the funding of personal use of consumable items.
 - 800 Code revisions are being worked on to help fund the Gators Matter Period initiative.
 - Inspire Party will be financially supporting Gators Matter Period initiative.
 - Under the direction of President Smith they plan on launching Gators Matter around Mid-February
 - They seek to amend the 800 Codes to allow for student orgs to be able to fund consumable products.
 - They thanked Senate Pro-Tempore for meeting with them to help them with 800 code revisions. They also plan to meet with Chairwoman Dempsey and President Smith in the near future.
 - They want bipartisan support to work on code revision.
- Brandon Rosenthal
 - 107th President of Benton Engineering Council.
 - Council will be holding last general body meeting Thursday, November 30th from 7 to 8 PM in the Reitz Union room G310
 - UF Alum and CEO of Leading Agile, Mike Cottmeyer will be in attendance.
 - Computer Engineers and Computer Science Majors are encouraged to attend.
 - Awarded Gator100 for being fastest growing company owned by a Gator Alum.
- Zachary Amrose
 - Co-Author of Voter-Information Act.
 - Thanks members of Judiciary committee and all their support.
 - Truly a bipartisan bill.
 - He believes that the students were ill advised of the elections taking place last Spring.

- He believes social media will only reach those students who already follow student government.
- Wants to use email to reach all students not just those who already follow student government.
- Wants to ensure students will receive the emails and absentee ballots.
- He believes that UF student voter will continue to be poor until online voting is enacted.
- Wants an increase in student voting.

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

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

- Nightlife Navigators Agency Head Adam Stawara
 - He is wearing a scooter helmet.
 - He wants to remove the stigma that “helmets are uncool”.
 - 84% of scooter accidents involve a student without a helmet.
 - Wants a bill that will require all students 21 and younger to be required to wear a helmet.
 - Join them on December 4th-6th in Turlington to show support for helmet safety among campus.
- Task Force Chairwoman Hernandez
 - Mental Health Advocacy Chairwoman.
 - She thanks everyone who applied to the Task Force.
 - They were overwhelmed with applications.
 - She introduces her new task force.
 - Townhall meeting Thursday, November 30th from 5-6 pm in the Reitz Union Room 2355.
 - Still trying to find funding for the last four counselors.
- Big Event Chair Walsh
 - Big Event is a 1-Day Service event.
 - One day service project started at Texas A&M over 20 years ago.
 - The mission of the event is to thank the City of Gainesville for hosting the University of Florida.
 - They have started a delegate program that allows them to keep up with big organizations on campus.
 - Thanks Student Government for their account which makes donating easier.
 - Big Event Hype Week begins on February 5th. Registration will always open this day. It will consist of spirit days, reveal of guest speakers, and registering volunteers.

- Big Event is on April 7th at Flavet Field.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Green welcomes the senators.
- Senate President wishes everyone had a good thanksgiving with family and friends.
- SAI Liaison report
 - SAI Suite being explored for more options to increase engagement.
 - More workshops with help of SG.
 - Want a more tailored way for students to get involved at UF.
 - Leadership Cabinet is trying to plan an event next semester around Mid to late January as a networking event. Announcements will be coming.
 - Reminds senators that the space is great for meeting with constituents.
 - Involvement Team is hosting involvement consultations to ensure that students' involvement needs are being met.
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- UFPD Liaison report.
 - GEMRU provides EMS services to UF Student Org events.
 - Currently only funded with UFPD dollars, but to previously tried to be funding by SG.
 - Gators Emergency Responce Unit provides EMC organizations to students on campus.
 - Trying to get GEMRU in budget cycle.
 - Trying to create a partnership between UFPD and SG
 - Program to educate students on dangers of texting and driving and driving under the influence.
 - Will be meeting with leadership and cabinet chair tomorrow morning to talk about program to educate students about distracted driving.
 - Encourages senators to take part in the UFPD ride along program!
 - Next week Captain Holcomb will be in attendance at the senate meeting.
- The town hall meeting tonight included discussion about diversity among students and on campus.
 - Will Atkins will be speaking at next week's meeting.
 - BAM! Link will be sent out again tonight.
- Reitz Union Liaison
 - De-stress Study Fest on Thursday, November 30th at Reitz Union from 11 AM to 3 PM. Snacks will be provided and a valid Gator ID is required.
 - Reitz Union Programming Board hosting a yoga under the stars on Wednesday November 29th on the North Lawn

- He shouts out Katie Hernandez for being the first to post about her constituency on social meeting.
- Next week is the last meeting of the Semester.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Moodie welcomes the senators.
- Open permanent seats
 - District C and Vet-Med close December 1st.
 - District D will be closed December 8th.
- Katie met with external director for executive board
 - Clothing Drive competition between Legislative and Executive branches.
- Maddie Cohen looking into a volunteer opportunity with Boys and Girls Club next semester.
- President Green and others went to town hall and encourages others to pick events that broadens their horizons.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Dunson welcomes the senators.
- Introduces John Adcock who is part of Student Legal Services
 - Student legal services is like a law office who represent students since 1979
 - Funded by SG but still considered UF employees
 - Primary goal is educate students ahead of time and prevent legal problems ahead of time
 - Try to do a lot of workshops, flyer handouts, and more to educate students
 - Some cases are full in-court representation which included landlord-tenant cases, sealing or expunction of criminal records, dissolution of marriage, and name changes.
 - They also give advice and assistance services which included criminal charges, traffic citations, consumer matters, insurance, property damage, powers of attorney, living wills and health-care surrogates, and limited assistance with business activities
 - The services not provided include admiralty, bankruptcy, immigration and naturalization, income tax, etc
 - Not allowed to work on issues with conflict of interest (i.e.: on campus housing)
 - To be helped students must take at least 6 credit hours and paying the A&S fee. Can also be part of a student organization.
 - Consultations are by appointment only
 - To apply for services go to studentlegalservices.ufl.edu

- Provide free notary services that can be provided on walk in basis
- Provide walk in service for criminal and traffic clinic on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2:30 PM to 4:15 PM
- To get students involved they have student internships, volunteers, and shadow/mentorship programs.
- Mentions stats and data that show how successful SLS has been the past few years such as connecting with over 6,000 people in fiscal year of 2017 and participating in over 60 presentations in fiscal year of 2016-2017
- Senator Pearson asks Mr. Adcock how SG could help to try and have SLS help with immigration services. Mr. Adcock replies with his need to present the board with the benefits these services would provide and how many students this service could help.
- Dunson mentions her newsletter and that it will be going out to the listserv
 - The newsletter provides information on SG funded orgs and highlights of the past semester.
 - The finance forum will be on Monday, December 4th in room G330 at 6:30 PM.

ALLOCATIONS:

- Chairman Stanford welcomes the senators.
- There will be a meeting this upcoming Sunday December 3rd
- He reiterates details about the Finance Form next Monday.

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- Chairwoman Dempsey welcomes the senators.
- Invites Senator Hoffman to present 2017-1086: Voter Information Act - 700 Code Revisions Bill
 - Only 23% of UF students voted.
 - He believes that this bill is not the end solution to fix this low attendance.
 - Bill ensures that UF SG utilizes social media presence to vote.
 - Believes we need more leverage on social media to inform students about absentee voting through electronic registering for absentee ballot.
 - He goes through further details about the postings that SG social media must post.
 - He thanks the senate for passing the and everyone who contributed.
- Chairwoman Dempsey gives an update on the tracker project she's been working on with Senator Stanford.
- Committee will be meeting on Sunday, so legislation is due Friday at noon.
 - This is the last opportunity to submit legislation before break.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Holloway welcomes the senators.

- Chairwoman Holloway pulls up constituency tracker to show senators their progress.
- Committee meeting on Thursday, November 30th
- Senator Shaw presents upcoming events:
 - Islam On Campus turlington tomorrow 10 am-2pm
 - Mental Health Task Force Town Hall meeting on Thursday November 30th from 5-6 pm in the reitz room 2355
 - African Student Union Field Day at Flavet field 6pm to 9pm on Wednesday November 29th.
 - Indian Student Association in Turlington from 10am to 2 pm
 - Black Student Union's Black Student Extraganza on the North Lawn on Friday, December 1st from 8am to 3pm.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Grosse welcomes the senators.
- Announces that for the Senate meeting next Tuesday on December 5th, everyone will be allowed to wear a holiday sweater. Afterwards there will be a game night with pizza and you can invite your friends.

SECOND READING

- There were none.

FIRST READING:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Hudson announces that it was Senate President Green's birthday yesterday, so the chamber awkwardly sings him "Happy Birthday".
- Senator Santalo announces HSA event this Friday December 1st at 7pm with semi-formal attire
- Senator Hoffman Thursday 6pm, Reitz Union Room 2360 Supreme Court Hearing discussing Rules and Procedures.
- Senate Pro-Tempore Moodie wishes Emily Dempsey a happy birthday.
 - She also reminds everyone to get constituency in before the gavel strikes at the next meeting.
- Senate President Green reminds the senators to ensure that that

ROLL CALL:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.