

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

February 28th, 2017 Meeting 2

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 9:13 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 85 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Argento
- Clonts
- Daou
- DellaBella
- Garcia
- Gorshein
- Rong
- Shen
- Watson
- Ziegler

AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- No amendments were made to the previous minutes.

Justice McCarthy, Associate Justice, is invited down to the floor to swear in all newly elected senators.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- No amendments were made to the agenda.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Senator Dhir yields his time to Senator Chou.
- Senator Chou comes up to talk about online voting.
 - He talks about online voting.
 - Of the students who voted, 27% voted on online voting.
 - 1883 for, 794 against.
 - Not including abstentions, this equates to about a 70% approval rating, more than was received last election.

- Abstentions were counted in this vote, as per recent a University of Florida Supreme Court decision.
- He states that he will continue advocating for online voting.
- He closes by asking senators who may have any questions or would like to discuss anything senate-related, he will make himself available to them.
- Senator Selogy yields his time to the chair.

SENATE ELECTIONS

- Senate President
 - Senator Phillips
 - Senator Phillips gives her 5 minutes of presentation.
 - 5 minutes of Q&A:
 - Muncan: How has your time in Student Senate helped you grow as a leader?
 - Phillips:
 - Moodie: Can you give an example of leadership outside of the Chamber that would make you fit for this role?
 - Phillips: Through her time as IRHA President, she believes she has plentiful experience in running a large member body.
 - Mead: How do you plan on continuing to build a community in the Senate?
 - Phillips: She plans on continuing to have events that foster community as well as maintaining availability to senators.
 - Senator Stanford motions to suspend the rules and vote by acclamation. Approved.
 - Vote. Approved.
- Justice McCarthy, Associate Justice, is invited down to the floor to swear in Senate President Phillips.
- Senate President Pro-Tempore
 - Senator Schaettle
 - Senator Schaettle gives his 5 minutes of presentation.
 - 5 minutes of Q&A:
 - Moodie: What is an example of how you will be unbiased during Replacement and Agenda appointments?
 - Schaettle: Serving in the Dean of Students Office I took a course that taught me how to leave bias at the door. I firmly believe this has prepared me for the decision making in this position to remain unbiased.

- Senator Stanford motions to suspend the rules and vote by acclamation. Approved.
 - Vote. Approved.
- Justice McCarthy, Associate Justice, is invited down to the floor to swear in Senate President Pro-Tempore Schaettle.
- Member-at-Large
 - Senator Mead
 - Senator Mead gives her 5 minutes of presentation.
 - 5 minutes of Q&A:
 - Dempsey: What past experiences qualify you for this position?
 - Mead: Serving on the I&C committee has helped learn how to reach out to students. I have also
 - Murphy: What is your leadership style?
 - Mead: My leadership style is listening. I like to hear out everything someone needs to say, and then process everything at once.
 - Moodie: How will you be unbiased as member at large?
 - Mead: I will remain unbiased by using my leadership style, listening.
 - Grosse: What will you be looking for in replacements for senators?
 - Mead: I will be looking for passionate and motivated students who want to make a difference in this University.
- Senator Stanford motions to suspend the rules and vote by acclamation. Approved.
- Vote. Approved.
- Member-at-Large
 - Senator Patel
 - Senator Patel gives her 5 minutes of presentation.
 - 5 minutes of Q&A:
 - Moodie: What is your leadership style?
 - Patel: I believe my leadership style is servant leadership. I feel that serving as Member-at-Large, I can talk to individuals and effectively choose those that are best fit for the job.
 - Grosse: What will you be looking for in replacement seats and committee seats?
 - Patel: I will look for skills and passion. It's not only about what's on your resume but rather what you have to bring to the table.

- Green: What are you most excited about for serving on the Replacement and Agenda committee?
 - Patel:
- Dunson: How do you feel you personally will be an asset to the Senate and the Student Body?
 - Patel: Experience in constituency, learning the student body's needs directly from the student body.
- Senator: Why are you interested in this position?
 - Patel: A few weeks ago there was question about the integrity of the committee. I wanted to make sure the integrity is there, I want to ensure it.
- Dempsey: How has your time in senate prepared you for this position?
 - Patel: Serving as a District D Senator, we were able to bring new ideas to the Chamber and I believe I can translate that over to this position.
- Senator Stanford motions to suspend the rules and vote by acclamation. Approved.
- Vote. Approved.

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

- Student Body President Elect Smith Meyers welcomes the senators.
- He announces that applications for Agency Heads, Executive Secretaries, Cabinet Chairs, and Cabinet Directors will open on March 13th and will close on March 21st. Please inform your constituents and encourage them to apply. If you have any questions please contact Nick Meno.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Phillips welcomes the senators.
- She thanks everyone for electing her as Senate President.
- Starting on March 14th at 7pm new senator orientations will begin.
 - Newly elected senators must attend orientation.
- She thanks her parents, who are in attendance of the meeting, for supporting her.
- She reminds senators to fill out an Affiliation form!
- She hopes everyone has a safe Spring Break!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Schaettle welcomes the senators.

- He thanks everyone for electing him as Senate President Pro-Tempore.
- All chair positions will be due Friday, March 10th at 12pm.
 - 2 budget seats will be due then as well.
- The remainder open seats will be announced in the coming weeks.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Green motions to have all other committee reports sent out electronically by unanimous consent. Approved.

ALLOCATIONS:

- Will be sent out electronically.

JUDICIARY:

- Will be sent out electronically.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Will be sent out electronically.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Will be sent out electronically.

SECOND READING:

- There were none.

FIRST READING:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

There are no bills pending signatures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Mazon announces that this Thursday, March 2nd, there will be a BSU meeting. They will be discussing recent violence in UF. They are working toward creating a safer climate in UF. Weimer Auditorium at 6:15 PM
 - This event will count as constituency.

- Senator Spence announces that Gatorship is opening up their applications for first year students starting March 1st and they will close March 17th.
 - He encourages anyone who has questions to find him after the meeting.
- Senator Morgan announces that the ACLC is posting a public forum on Monday, March 13th.
 - This will also count as constituency.

ROLL CALL:

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

No Vote Record Received:

- Argento
- Clonts
- DellaBella
- Garcia
- Rong
- Watson
- Ziegler

MEETING ADJOURNED:

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 pm.