

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
March 14th, 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 80 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Baldizon
- Bever
- Brewer
- Cannon
- Dhir
- Greenspan
- Hedman
- Holloway
- Lazarus
- Martinez
- McCall
- Obana
- Rangel
- Watson
- Wilson

AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- No amendments were made to the previous minutes.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Stanford motions to approve the Replacement and Agenda recommendation for Committee Chairs as a block by unanimous consent.
Approved.
 - Motions to approve aforementioned block by unanimous consent.
Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Stanford motions to hear the Replacement and Agenda recommendation for Budget committee seats as a block by unanimous consent.
Approved.

- Motions to approve aforementioned block by unanimous consent.
Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Stanford motions to approve the Replacement & Agenda permanent replacement seat for District B Ryan Emery by unanimous consent.
Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Stanford motions to approve the Replacement & Agenda permanent replacement seat for Graduate and Family Housing Tiffany Batten by unanimous consent. Approved.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Trevor Schaettle yields his time to Ian Green
- Ian Green
 - Chairman Green speaks in solidarity with Student Body President-Elect Meyers. He feels that generations of students have come to this university because of the great Gator Nation - a community built on support for one another.
 - Motion to extend by 3 minutes by unanimous consent. Approved
 - He believes we should support and stand with our President-Elect.
- Corben Champoux yields her time to Austin Champoux.
- Carley Ritterband yields her time to Austin Champoux.
- Austin Champoux
 - Austin Champoux speaks about his close, personal friend Smith Meyers.
 - He believes what Meyers has done for this campus and will do will prove that he truly deserves to remain as President.
- Andrew Cushen
 - He speaks about the wide coverage of the story of Smith Meyers' arrest.
 - He feels that Meyers's actions devalue the degree of students at the university.
 - He calls for Smith Meyers to step down.
- Casey Witte
 - He talks about his encounter with a parent who feels that they no longer would like their child to attend UF as a result of Smith Meyers' actions.
- Michael Murphy yields his time to Emily Dunson.
- Emily Dunson
 - She speaks on the character of Smith Meyers.
 - She describes Meyers's wholehearted leadership.
 - She recalls his advice telling her to build genuine relationships.
- Matthew Pileggi
 - He speaks about the video of Smith Meyer's arrest.
 - He encourages Meyers' to resign.

- Sean Titus
 - He recounts his first interaction with Smith Meyers.
 - He is inspired by Smith to be the hardest worker in the room.
- Clay Hurdle
 - He shares his love for the University of Florida.
 - He believes Smith Meyers possesses this same passion as him.
 - He believes Smith Meyers has the qualities to be a great leader at UF.
- Nicolas LoMurro yields his time to Janae Moodie.
- Samantha Fining yields her time to Janae Moodie.
- Brett Oehrle yields his time to Janae Moodie.
- Andrew Lo
 - He believes that from day one, Smith has proven himself as the most dedicated and qualified for the position of Student Body President.
 - He is certain that these mistakes will not happen again.
- Audra Weeks yields her time to Janae Moodie.
- Anthony Rojas
 - He presents Smith Meyers' mugshot to the chamber.
 - He believes that the damage done in this event has outweighed the good that Meyers' has brought to campus.
- Brady Walters yields his time to the chair.
- Yue Rong
 - He recounts his interactions with Smith Meyers and the encouragement that Smith gave him.
 - It was apparent that Smith Meyers loved the Gator Nation.
 - He believes that Smith will still be an exceptional Student Body President.
- Yael Diamond yields her time to Wallace Mazon.
- Wallace Mazon yields his time to Mo Adewunmi.
- Zachariah Chou
 - He draws attention to the fact that the only people who have spoken in support of Smith Meyers are senators.
 - He feels that this is an inadequate representation of the student body.
- Wayne Selogy reserves his time.
- Saloni Patel yields her time to the chair.
- Mo Adewunmi
 - He speaks in regards to Smith Meyers's incident.
 - He understands Meyers might be a great person and leader, but he still believes Meyers should have repercussions.
 - Meyers is the face of the University, so he should be held accountable.
- Danielle Grosse yields her time to Dakota Stanford.
- Dakota Stanford

- “The weak can never forgive, forgiveness is an attribute of the strong.”?
- The people pushing the agenda against Meyers are people who have a personal interest in the situation at the expense of another student.
- He believes that this mistake should not define Meyers and believes that he will learn and grow from this mistake.
- He fully supports Smith Meyers.
- Alejandro Guerra
 - Speaks on behalf of “The People”.
 - He was part of the Access Party when it ran against the Impact Party.
 - He believes Meyers’s character showed that even though they opposed each other, he truly possesses the qualities of a leader.
- Janae Moodie reserves her time.
- Wayne Selogy
 - He gives an analogy of proportional response by the US Military.
 - He believes that the arrest and the legal repercussions will be consequence enough.
 - Proportional Response is how the strongest armed forces of the world react to similar situations. He believes then it should also be applied in UF SG.
 - He shares a current US Senator also had an arrest in his past. However, he was able to beat one of the most prominent senators in the US.
 - He speaks about “scapegoating” and believes that the arbitrary detriments listed by previous speakers are not real concerns.
 - Not bad, not bad...
- Janae Moodie
 - She stands with Smith Meyers not as a senator of former Impact Party President, but as a university student and friend.
 - She has been truly nauseated how the media has used a fellow student as target practice.
 - This is not a justifications of his actions, by any means.
 - She speaks on his character as a friend, a colleague and a leader.
 - She will continue to endorse him as she believes his passion to be a student leader will lead him to a successful term.
 - She stands behind Smith Meyers.

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

- Chief of Staff Haley Staff welcomes the senators.
 - She congratulates all the newly elected senators.
 - Student Body President Webster’s new office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 9am-1:30pm

- She speaks about “The Big Event”
 - It will be a great opportunity to give back to the community.
 - Registration closes on Friday.
- Will continue to release video with the rest of the platform points.
- She gives Jason Richards and his committee for the SEC SG Conference in DC.
 - The Conference was spearheaded by UF.
 - Spoke to representatives about an array of issues.
- March 22nd - Rally In Tally:
 - Hosted by Florida Student Association.
 - Every Florida university will be there.
- Outreach program for newly and recently admitted minority students beginning in the Fall.
- Expect to see Uber in the university in the coming weeks.
- Newell hall will be opening on April 17th.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- Senate President Phillips welcomes the senators.
- She starts off her report by thanking everyone who came to speak during public debate.
 - She believes it takes courage to speak in front of the body, as it does to accept responsibility for one’s mistakes as Smith Meyers did.
- The Student Senate is willing to work with Smith Meyers and support him during this time.
- Applications for the following liaison positions are now open:
 - Cabinet
 - Judiciary
 - Finance
 - UFPD
 - Reitz Union
 - RecSports
 - Parliamentarians
 - Sergeant of Arms
- Affiliation forms are due by next meeting.
- Office Hours:
 - Mondays 11am-1pm, 3-4:30pm
 - Wednesday 12:30-3:30pm
 - Thursday 11am-12:30pm
 - Friday 11am-1pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Schaettle welcomes the senators.
- The committee met this past Sunday and he thanks everyone for approving their recommendations.
- He announces his office hours:
 - Monday - Friday: 10am - 12pm
- Committee seat applications will be due Friday, March 17th at 12pm.
 - Budget
 - Allocations (3)
 - Judiciary (2)
 - Rules & Ethics (4)
 - I&C (6)
- Senate seat applications will be due Friday, March 24th at 12 pm
 - District A (2)
 - Fine Arts

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Green welcomes the senators
- He announces that the Budget and Appropriations committee will be meeting this weekend.
- There are 65 umbrella organizations who will be attending budget hearings.
- He congratulates the newest budget committee members.
- He encourages the senators to apply for the final open budget seat.

ALLOCATIONS:

- Chairwoman Moodie welcomes the senators and thanks them for approving her as chair.
- They had 9 requests for Allocations
- The committee will meet this Sunday, as long as they meet quorum.
- If you have any questions on what the committee does, please don't hesitate to ask her or anyone in the committee.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairwoman Dempsey welcomes the senators.
- She thanks the senators for approving her tonight.
- Meetings will start this Sunday.

- There are 2 open committee seats, and encourages anyone interested in applying to reach out to her.
- Legislation is due Friday by 12 pm.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Muncan welcomes the senators and thanks them for approving her as chair.
- The committee will meet this Sunday, as long as they meet quorum.
- If you are interested in applying, please reach out.
- She will be holding office hours tomorrow (3/15) from 1-2pm.
- Next week, you should be expecting an email regarding information with constituency.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Grosse welcomes the senators.
- She thanks the Chamber for approving her
- She will be starting the mentorship program again. Expect an email tomorrow.
- She will be sending the tabling sign-ups tomorrow as well.
 - Each senator is required to fulfill 2 hours of tabling.
- Her committee has 6 open seats.

SECOND READING:

- There were none.

FIRST READING:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

There are no bills pending signatures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chairwoman Muncan shares an event she's planning tomorrow.
 - Rion Ballroom 5-7:30pm: Florida Blue Key Pre-Professional Day.
 - She hopes to see everyone there.
 - There will be raffles and free headshots.
 - This counts as constituency.
- Senator Cellura
 - Gators For Tomorrow

- Apps close on Friday.
- He encourages senators to reach out to first year students to apply.
- Senator Zeisloft
 - He announces about the event the Veterinarian College is holding an open house event on April 9th from 10am to 4pm.
 - Invites CLAS Senators to come as a large number of their constituents end up applying to Vet school.
- Senator Oehrle
 - Last night was opening ceremony for Pride
 - He invites everyone to learn about the LGBT+ community.
 - All of the events are listed on Facebook.
- Senator Moodie
 - Proposes to hold a moment of silence for the two students who passed away before the break.
 - Explore Exec will be taking place March 23 from 12:30-2:30 by Marston.
 - Will count for constituency.
- Senator Mazon had a meeting before Spring Break with Dean on CLAS.
 - They are working to create an African-American department rather than just a program.
 - He is working on a project to help lower the costs of studying abroad.
- President Philips
 - Reminds senators to attend the final part of orientation.
 - This is mandatory for all spring-elected senators.

ROLL CALL:

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

No Vote Record Received:

- Adams, Nick
- Luo, Lucas
- Patel, Saloni
- Sanguyo, Stefan
- Vista, Raymond
- Zhou, Lucas

MEETING ADJOURNED:

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.