

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

**July 11th, 2017**

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:02 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 76 senators present.

#### **Not there for roll call:**

- Adibfar
- Buckels
- Carey
- Champoux
- Emery
- Gardezi
- Heng
- Hurdle
- Kosuch
- Montoya
- O'niyi
- Petro
- Schmoll
- Shen
- Simon

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- No amendments were made to the previous meeting.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Majority Party Leader Stanford motions to hear the Executive Nominations for the Local Fee Committee as a block by unanimous consent
  - Approved
- Majority Party Leader Stanford motions to hear Executive Nominations for the Capital Improvement Trust Fund Committee as a block by unanimous consent
  - Approved

- Majority Party Leader Stanford motions to approve the R&A recommendation for the Liberal Arts Permanent Replacement Seat: Ryan Horland by unanimous consent
  - Approved
- Vice Chairwoman Holloway motions to hear the approved absences petitions as a block by unanimous consent
  - Approved
- Motions to approve aforementioned block by unanimous consent
  - Approved
- Majority Party Leader Stanford motions to approve the Executive Nominations for the Local Fee Committee as a block by unanimous consent
  - Approved
- Majority Party Leader Stanford motions to strike the R&A recommendation for the Liberal Arts Seat: Angel Zavala by unanimous consent
  - Approved
- Majority Party Leader Stanford motions to approve Executive Nominations for the Capital Improvement Trust Fund Committee as a block by unanimous consent
  - Approved
- Senator Chou moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2017-1029: 300 Code revisions by unanimous consent
  - There was an objection

**PUBLIC DEBATE:**

- Nobody signed up for public debate.

**OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT**

- Student Body President Meyers welcomes the senators
- He states that he has successfully worked with the Provost to secure funds to fund Library West to be open 24 hours, 5 days a week
- There is currently a pilot study going on to see if students use Library West or Newell Hall more in order to make better financial decisions in the future
- Newell Hall will be open 24/7
- Update: Library West will have 6 private rooms for students to take online or ProctorU exams.
- He is working to get more rooms like the ones mentioned around campus

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Senate President Phillips welcomes senators.
- She is excited to be back, hopes everyone had a great 4th of July
- There will be an order for white SG Polos for \$16
  - Money and order form must be turned this Thursday by 11:59 pm
  - You can pay through Venmo or cash
- She gives a shout-out to the Budget committee on working hard for the new fiscal year budget
- Reminds senators of the upcoming retreat that will be this Sunday at Lake Wauburg from 11 AM-2 PM in the Cypress Lodge
  - Good opportunity to grow professionally and personally
  - If you attend, you will receive a half absence back
- She announces new Reitz Union liaison, Lisette Pellet

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:**

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Schaettle welcomes the senators
- There will be an additional Liberal Arts chair open
- He congratulates Ryan Horland in his approval for the Liberal Arts chair
- Senator Chou asks why the graduate seat was not filled
- Only had one applicant for the the graduate seat and it reflects our outreach efforts, the positions will be open again next week.
- There are five applicants for the graduate seat.

### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairman Green welcomes the senators.
- He thanks to the staff on giving tour of Southwest Recreation Center
- He welcomes Executive Director David Bowles to give a presentation on Southwest Recreation Center
- Chairman Green gives a presentation of the Activity and Service Fee for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget
  - There was a zero percent increase in all of the Big Four, which is reflected in the overall budget: \$20,411,272.
  - He gives information about the Big Four
  - Student Government: Highlights some changes to the budget as well as highlights areas that are covered under SG
    - Moving around resources to cover expenses of those employed at Newell Hall

- SG Bike Repair Shop great resource for students
  - UF Cultural Plaza unique to UF
  - Reduction in SG Technology budget
  - UF Copy Center used by students and organizations
  - Increase in Music Royalties' budget
  - Newell Hall pilot program can help not waste student's money in the future
  - Increase in Bike Station expenses budget to ensure maintenance and upkeep of these stations
  - Increase in salaries of Student Legal Services due to a possible mandated salary increase by the state of Florida
- Recreational Sports: Important for the students to take care of their bodies and minds
  - Ten Year Plan: Money allocated to replacing equipment of the gym and planning for the future
  - Admin Fee: funds non-generated services and entities on campus such as UFPD, IT, Human Resources Office
- Reitz Union: Highlights what it provides for the students
  - GatorNights
  - Game Room
  - The Arts and Crafts Center
  - Event Services
- Students Activities and Involvement: Allows a big university such as ours, to feel small
  - David and Wanda Brown Leadership & Service Center
  - GatorConnect
- Senator Gabriel asks if there are going to be any long-term effects of the \$120,000.00 cuts to library services
  - Chairman Green responds that the long-term effects would be being able to use Newell Hall
- Senator Gabriel asks if we are the only source of funding for Newell Hall
  - Chairman Green responds that we are not
- Senator Chou asks if we lose the current partnership with Library West to keep it open 24/5, we would lose it as a 24/7 library
  - Chairman Green responds that we will have to wait to see the results of the pilot program to see where students are using their time to study
- Senator Chou asks if Chairman Green has an estimate of the capacity of Library West versus Newell Hall

- Chairman Green says he does not
- Chairman Green gives a shout-out to the members to his committee for working so hard to put together the Activity and Service Fee Budget for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year
- He reminds the senators that there will be a meeting this Thursday, July 13th at 5 PM with the Allocations committee to review the 800 Codes in Room 2345

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### **ALLOCATIONS:**

- Chairwoman Moodie welcomes the senators.
- She thanks all of the faculty and staff responsible for hosting Senate at SouthWest Recreation Center
- She reminds the senators that Allocations will be meeting tomorrow and invites everyone to attend
- GatorMania was this past saturday and they tabled at the event
- She gives a shout-out to senators Sean Carey and Dylan Santalo for helping with checkout system for organizations
- The committee has been working to revise the 800 codes in order for the average student to understand them
  - They will be including a glossary so that anyone may be able to understand terms that are unique to the 800 codes.
- She encourages the senators to come up to her if they have any ideas for the Storytelling Committee

### **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairwoman Dempsey welcomes the senators.
- Met this past Sunday and passed 5 constitutions, read 2 code revisions, failed one and the other passed unfavorably
- The committee will be meeting on Sunday
- Legislation is due Friday at noon
- She encourages the senators that if they want to write or submit legislation to meet with her
- Senator Gabriel asks Chairwoman Dempsey to explain what it means to pass legislation unfavorably
  - She responds that while the committee might not have personally agreed with the bill, Senate had the right to review it and debate on it

## **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Vice Chairwoman Holloway welcomes the senators
- She presents the constituency tracker to the senators
- If any senator has any question about constituency please email [rules@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:rules@sg.ufl.edu) or reach out to any member of the Rules & Ethics committee

## **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairwoman Grosse welcomes the senators.
- She reminds the senators to sign up to table
- She reminds the senators that the Retreat will be this Sunday at Lake Wauburg
  - It will start at 11 AM in the Cypress Lodge
  - This will count to make up a half absence
  - She will send out a form for the senators to sign for what they will bring

## **DISABILITY ADVOCACY AD HOC:**

- Chairman Hudson welcomes the senators.
- Shoutout to SW Rec for hosting the meeting
- The committee will be presenting August 1st with a keynote speaker
- The committee will be working on writing a resolution for the DRC to show support for all the hard work that they do
- Moving forward, the committee will planning Disability Awareness Week which will be taking place in the fall

## **SECOND READING:**

- There were none

## **FIRST READING:**

- SB 2017-1039: 300 Code Revisions
  - Author: Senator Chou

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- Question & Answer:
  - Q1: Senator Astudillo asks how do you plan to give IA and PACE students a seat in Senate and how it would differ from what it is now?

- A1: Senators will be focusing specifically on their constituents in the PACE or IA program. They are feeling underrepresented.
  - Q2: Senator Santalo asks why should we review this now before reapportionment?
  - A2: Separate the debate in two pieces to simplify the debate. No harm in doing it now
  - Q3: Senator Gabriel asks are you worried about triple representation as in one person being able to represent a college, a district or hall, and PACE/IA?
  - A3: Not particularly, senators can be involved in many seats as of now. Senators now have been restraining themselves from double dipping so the PACE/IA senators will also restrain themselves from triple dipping
  - Q4: Senator Ritterband asks how a senator would distinguish what they would represent, whether it be their residence or college.
  - A4: It would be a personal preference.
  - Q5: Senator Shah asks if the plan is to add seats to give to Innovation Academy and PACE students or add seats in general?
  - A5: Judiciary committee will be able to appoint more seats as they see fit. As of now it does not concern IA/PACE that is for the code revisions he will be submitting later.
  - Q6: Senator Dunson asks which administration Senator Chou spoke to and their thoughts on the revisions.
  - A6: Talked to Innovation Academy Asst. Director, Director of IA program, for PACE talked to President of the program and the Director of UF Online.
  - Q7: Senator Adams asks that since codes do not oppose the constituency why is there a need to revise them?
  - A7: Because they don't conform to the constitution, which they should.
- Con Round 1:
    - Chairwoman Moodie argues that since the revision has 50 seats which falls in the 40-60 range.
      - Triple representation, you swear to be student minded instead of college minded
      - When it comes to IA, there is representation within the Senate
    - Senator Pellot doesn't see the need to increase the amount of senators
    - Senator Gabriel says the bill does not make a large difference as it stands and it should be looked at again when reapportionment is done

- Chairman Green, only sees harms from it. SG is structured in the fall represented students based on where one lives. In the Spring, classification is based on credits and what college you belong to.
- Pro Round 1:
  - None
- Con Round 2:
  - Chairman Green being an IA or PACE student can run in classification or residence. It is not representing as he would like.
  - Senator Adams believes in the long run it won't do any good.
  - Chairwoman Dempsey says that it is preemptive because we do not have the reapportionment information yet
  - Senator Oehrle, the already existing codes in no way violate the constitution so there is no need for it.
- Pro Round 2:
  - None
- Con Round 3:
  - Senator Oehrle states that PACE and IA don't meet requirements to run in the Fall or the Spring.
  - Senator Shah states that students that want to be a part of Senate will run for different seats and don't need to have Innovation Academy or PACE seat
  - Senator Pellot states there is an Innovation Academy Cabinet Chair that also represents the students
  - Senator Astudillo speaking as a former representative of IA, she spoke to the director of the program while she slated and let her know that if she had any concerns to speak to her. We already represent the student body as a whole.
  - Senator Santalo believes it is preemptive before reapportionment.
  - Motion to calls the previous question by unanimous consent.
- Pro Round 3:
  - None

#### Final Privilege:

- There is a very small number of representation for PACE or IA
- Although it is a small population of PACE/IA, they still deserve representation.
- The concern about triple representation is not of high concern because more times there is no representation
- The benefits are that there will be representation for PACE and Innovation Academy that is lacking

Voice Vote for SB 2017-1039: 300 Code Revisions



- Bill did not pass.

**BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

- There are no bills pending signatures.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Chairwoman Moodie has a quote, “Good players inspire themselves, great players inspire others.”
- Intramurals are this upcoming Sunday
  - Shout out to Vice Chairwoman Holloway in being Winning Dixie’s captain
- Chairwoman Dempsey gives Senator Santalo a shout out for being the Judiciary Committee’s scribe.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.