

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

July 18th, 2017

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:06 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:

- Adams
- Baldwin
- Coelho
- Ecelbarger
- Gabriel
- Gardezi
- Lockwood
- Manausa
- Mire
- Rice
- Ritterband
- Warner
- Watson
- Wolf

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 R&A recommendations for the Permanent Replacement Seats as a block by unanimous consent
 - Approved
- Motion to approve said block by unanimous consent
 - Approved
- Senator Nickas moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2017-1041: Funding for Gator Guard Drill Team by unanimous consent
 - Approved

- Senator Petro moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2017-1042: Funding for Students for New Urbanism by unanimous consent
 - Approved
- Senator Lee moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2017-1043: Funding for Florida Players by unanimous consent
 - Approved
- Chairwoman Dempsey motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2017-1044: Resolution Supporting the Gator Baseball Team Winning the 2017 College World Series: NCAA Division I Baseball Championship by unanimous consent
 - Approved

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Senator Chou is concerned about Library West being compared to Newell Hall with these study spaces having different hours.
 - He suggests that Library West be funded at least for the fall for it to be open 24/7
 - He suggests a doing a Reserves Transfer to fund it
- Senator Chou inquires about how much money is in the Reserves

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

- Student Body President Meyers welcomes the senators
- He gives two updates:
 - University committee applications have been extended to this Friday, July 21st.
 - Guest Column that he wrote in the Alligator about:
 - Library West time change
 - Moving Reserves transfer to the construction of the Reitz Union Railings.
 - Construction of the Institute of Black Culture and La Casita
 - There is a limited amount of funds due to increased cost of cost of living and state mandated increase in salaries and a limited amount of funds from the provost
 - The provost has helped in obtaining 24/5 hours for Library West
 - The pilot program will ensure that the students' money is spent wisely
 - He addresses that there was about \$800,000 left in the Reserves account
 - There was a recommendation to Multicultural and Diversity Affairs to build the Institute of Black Culture and La Casita as separate buildings

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Phillips welcomes senators.
- She thanks Chairman Green and the Budget committee for putting together the meeting at Southwest Recreation Center
- She also thanks for everyone who attended the retreat at Lake Wauburg
- She gives a shout out to the I&C Committee for organizing the retreat
- She reminds senators that they must still indicate how they vote on the vote record even when something is passed unanimously, unless they chose to abstain and explain why they abstained
- She remains that if senators choose to abstain, senators must stand and give a reason for choosing to abstain
- Constituency is due August 1st at 7 PM
 - Reach out to Chairman Hurdle if there are any questions regarding constituency
- Encourages senators to reach out to her if they have any question or ideas

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Schaettle welcomes the senators
- Met this past Sunday and filled all Permanent seats
- There is another District D seat open and Judiciary Committee seat open
- Senator Chou says that he noticed there are Graduate seats open and wonders why they weren't filled
 - Senate President Pro-Tempore Schaettle responds that the applicants had indicated that they were interested in being Permanent senators rather than Summer B and were not heard for the Summer B replacement seats.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Green welcomes the senators.
- The Budget Committee will be meeting on Sunday, July 23rd at 8 AM to look over the 800 code revisions
- There will be a meeting this Thursday, July 19th at 5 PM in room 2345 to discuss revising the 800 codes so that they are easily accessible to students
- The Reserves transfers are for a non-recurring one time expenditures

- He reminds the senators that both Impact Senators and Independent senators voted to approve the Transfer of the Reserves for the Construction of the Reitz Union Railings as well as the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Activity and Service Fee Budget.
 - He asks that senators communicate this effectively to their constituents so that they know what is happening in the Senate Chamber

ALLOCATIONS:

- Chairwoman Moodie welcomes the senators.
- Committee met this past Wednesday and heard seven different request. They approved four. Three are being heard today and one has to do some constitutional revisions.
- Gator Guard Drill Team is the campus' color guard
 - Asked for maintenance dues such as to fix flags, and costumes
- Florida Players practice at the Reitz Union and do theatre development
 - Asked for lighting improvements
- Students for New Urbanism help in raising awareness and give information on how to accommodate to the growing city life
 - Asked for advertisement and food for GBM's
- The committee is meeting tomorrow, July 19th at 5:30 to review more requests in Reitz Room 2350.
- Thanks those senators for reaching out to her
 - Encourages senators that have any question or just wanted chat to reach out to her

JUDICIARY:

- Chairwoman Dempsey welcomes the senators.
- Invites Senator Hurdle to talk about his resolution
 - Thanks senators for approving the Resolution Supporting the Gator Baseball Team Winning the 2017 College World Series: NCAA Division I Baseball Championship
 - He wrote the resolution to celebrate the hard working students who represent the University
 - Great way to say thank you to the players
 - Shouts out to Senators Ritterband and Dunson for being co-authors for this resolution
- Chairwoman Dempsey reminds the senators that the committee will be meeting Friday, July 21st at 2 PM.

- Legislation is due Wednesday, July 19th at noon.
- She reminds senators that there is a judiciary seat open and to reach out if they are interested or have any questions
- Senator Chou asks about the Venezuela Resolution
 - Chairwoman Dempsey says that they will be reviewing it this Friday, July 21st

RULES & ETHICS:

- Vice Chairman Hurdle welcomes the senators
- Special thank you to Vice Chair Holloway for filling in last week at the meeting
- Constituency is due August 1st at 7 PM before the gavel hits the podium
- Some senators have reached out about discrepancies regarding constituency and thanks those senators
 - He suggests to the senators that they save the email GatorConnect receipt after they submit something for their constituency
- Not going to present tracker because nothing has changed
- Committee has been looking into the 300 codes regarding constituency and want to improve them

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Grosse welcomes the senators.
- She thanks the Senators that attended the retreat
 - Will reflect a half absence back on the tracker
- Monday, July 31st from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM there will be another SG event to hand out candy and note cards wishing students good luck on their exams in Turlington
 - She passes out note cards to each senator to write a quote
 - She reminds the senators to turn in their note cards at the end of the meeting

DISABILITY ADVOCACY AD HOC:

- Chairman Hudson welcomes the senators.
- Committee did not meet this past week
- Presentation will be coming August 1st
- Disability Awareness week is coming up and asks the senator if they know of any organization that would be interested in helping plan it.

SECOND READING:

- There were none

FIRST READING:

- SB 2017-1040: Fiscal year 2018-2019 Activity and Service Fee Budget
 - Author: Chairman Ian Green
- He gives a presentation on the Fiscal year 2018-2019 Activity and Service Fee Budget
 - SG:
 - Library support will go towards funding Newell Hall on being 24/7, Library West will be 24/5.
 - Library West will be open until 10 PM on the weekends. Library West will be 24/7 during finals week.
 - Bike Repair Shop and 22 Self-Service stations across campus
 - Graphic and Copy Center for student orgs for high quality products at a cheaper price.
 - Cultural Plaza is looked upon by Ivy leagues as a preeminence
 - Student Legal Services: increase in funding for wiggle room for State mandated increase on minimum wage.
 - Recreational Sports:
 - Maintenance and upkeep for the equipment in the gyms
 - Keeping a 10 year plan for the maintenance of the weight machines
 - Reitz Union:
 - Allows a large university feel small through the Arts and Crafts Center, Game Room and GatorNights
- Question and Answer:
 - Q1: Senator McBride Asks chairman to expand on hotel in the Reitz Union
 - A1: Creates revenue for the Reitz Union and provides a place for future members of the Gator Nation at a good rate
 - Q2: Senator Nickas asks about the 10 year plan of Rec. Sports
 - A2: Chairman Green responds that it is helping the university by keeping the maintenance of the equipment for a ten year life-span to save money.
 - Q3: Senator Schmoll asks about how the funds for the Reitz Union are calculated
 - A3: Chairman Green responds that the these numbers are based on projections from the present.
 - Q4: Senator Schmoll asks how we know we calculate that number
 - A4: Chairman Green responds that it is a projection and it can be amended at the end of the fiscal year.
 - Q5: Senator Chou asks why we can't move funds from reserves to open Library West 24/7 when making this survey so we can compare two things more accurately
 - A5: In order to have a zero percent increase, we have to reduce the hours for Library West to comapre to Newel being 24/7.

- Q6: Senator Chou asks why not keep the hours as they are now in order to have a better survey
- A6: Chairman Green responds that we do not want to have wasteful spending
- Con Round 1:
 - Senator Chou believes that in order to have a fair survey the hours of the libraries should be the same in order to have more accurate results.
- Pro Round 1:
 - Chairwoman Moodie supports SB 2017-1040: Fiscal year 2018-2019 Activity and Service Fee Budget. She thinks it is important that we remain aware of what is being discussed and permanent on the issue at hand. Thanks the Budget committee for the hard work they've into making this budget.
 - Senator Santalo thinks that the Reitz Union is more effective with all the renovations.
 - Senator Dunson agrees that the budget is fiscally responsible and allows influencers on our campus to view our wonderful entities that allow our students to grow.
 - Senator Oehrle believes it is impressive that we have had a zero percent increase and that the Big Four can make such important decisions so that each student has the resources to feel at home on our campus.
 - Senator Lo thinks it's great that RecSports allowing students to have a whole college experience and participate in intramural sports And the Reitz Union whether they need a printing lab or game room.
- Con Round 2:
 - None
- Pro Round 2:
 - SAI allows students to develop into leaders. SG keeps students in mind in every decision that is made. This was done with a zero percent increase and they did a great job with it.
 - Senator Carey likes the Budget and Bike Repair Shop line of the budget as well as the hours for Newell Hall because it is a multi-use space. He uses Newell Hall a lot.
 - Senator Shaw says the budget directly affects our retention rate and graduation rates and preeminence as students that are more involved have better sense of belonging and a higher GPA.
 - Senator McBride Says wants to praise the budget committee for having a 0 percent increase.
 - Motion to end debate by unanimous consent
 - Approved
- Final Privilege:
 - University of Florida is ranked number 18 in the nation for the best cost of money for education. This statistic is why Chairman Green and the Budget committee works so hard. Gives the American Dream to every student and allows them to afford a top tier institution.

- Voice vote on SB 2017-1040: Fiscal year 2018-2019 Activity and Service Fee Budget
 - Approved by unanimous consent
- SB 2017-1040: Fiscal year 2018-2019 Activity and Service Fee Budget passes under First Reading

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There are no bills pending signatures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Lee announces that on behalf of the Florida Players he invites the senators to two of their performances:
 - One of the performance will be on October 13, Raised in Captivity
 - The other will be on November 10, All My Sons
 - The performances will be held in the Phillips Center
- A senator invites senators to a water balloon/ dodgeball competition on Saturday, July 22nd at Flavet Field at 4:30 PM
- Chairwoman Moodie mentions that Winning dixie won their last game by a lot, and shout outs senators Emery, Nickas, Lo, Hooper and Bugner that were part of their victory
- Chairwoman Moodie reminds the senators to prioritize Sweets with Senate
- Chairwoman Moodie encourages senators to attend preview this Thursday for the last time of Summer to watch the Preview Staffer's skits
- Chairwoman Moodie gives her weekly quote, "Keep on keeping on."
- Senator Chou is working on revisions for 300 code on IA and PACE representation in Senate and a resolution for the IBC and "La casita" building separate structures and if someone wishes to help send him a message
- Senator Emery and Lo are looking for opponents for sand volleyball
- Pro Tempore Schaettle reminds the senators to vote yes on the vote record since all of the bills passed unanimously.

ROLL CALL:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.