

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
August 22nd, 2017

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:45 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 72 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Alfonso
- Belzung
- Champoux
- Cappock
- Cuthbertson
- Dempsey
- Dhir
- Dunson
- Fakhri-Medrano
- Felder
- Fining
- Garcia
- Gorshein
- Holloway
- Lazarus
- Martinez
- McCall
- Moodie
- Nanney
- Ritterband
- Rong
- Shaw
- Warner
- Watson
- Weldon

AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- No amendments were made to the previous meeting.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Chairman Hudson motions to approve SB 2017-1057: Resolution Recognizing the Hard-Work and Accomplishment of the Disability Resource Center by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Stanford moves to hear the Elections Commission appointments as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motions to approve said block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Stanford moves to hear the University Committee appointments as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motions to approve said block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Stanford moves to hear R&A Committee recommendations for Allocations committee seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motions to approve said block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Stanford moves to hear R&A Committee recommendations for Budget committee seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motions to approve said block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Stanford moves to hear R&A Committee recommendations for I&C committee seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motions to approve said block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Clay motions to approve R&E Committee approved absence petitions as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motion to approve said block by unanimous consent. Approved.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Zachariah Chou speaks about how everyone has a right to an opinion and how they matter.
 - In the past months there have been controversial occurrences.
 - Senator Chou feels that SG has not made enough effort to comment on the controversies going on around campus.

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

- Student Body President Meyers
 - He addresses the previous remarks made by Senator Chou
 - Student Government was present in the past occurrences and SG met with many students to hear their opinions and met with President Fuchs to encourage him to listen to students' voices.
 - He thanks the chamber for approving his appointments for Elections Commission and University Committees.
 - Agency staff applications are open.
 - Please reach out to Chief of Staff Meno if interested in applying.

- Annual Bookstore Discount Day happened yesterday and was a huge success.
 - Will keep senators updated on figures.
- He speaks about the all-inclusive wellness center.
 - He is advocating and lobbying for funding for this center. If successful, it will include a counseling and wellness center and recreational gym. Additionally, the student infirmary would be moved to this location.
 - Have been working on it with UF Assessment Team to determine the return on investment that this center could provide.
- Q: Senator Chou asks if SG will be more vocal and transparent about their efforts when dealing with controversial events.
- A: SBP Meyers says that they will explore options on how SG can do a better job of this going forward.

JUDICIAL BRANCH:

- Supervisor of Elections Baker
 - She announces that Assistant Supervisor of Elections applications are open.
 - She presents her contingency plan for elections.
 - She presents contingency plans for the following situations.
 - If less than half of polling locations go down, students will be directed to go to the nearest polling location.
 - If six or more of polling locations go down, they will make up time up on the day which it was lost from 1-3 hours. If polls are down for less than 1 hour, this time will not be made up. If time lost was more than 3 but less than 6 hours, only 3 hours of this time will be made up. If more than 6 hours of voting is lost, another day of voting will be added.

**** If you would like to see to any Presentations, you may request them from the SG Office in the Reitz Union or you may email senatesecretary@sg.ufl.edu****

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Phillips welcomes senators.
- Tabling opportunities:
 - Monday August 28th, Reitz Union open house 11am-2pm.
 - Thursday August 31st, event in SG Suite 11am-2pm.

- Both events are great opportunities for constituents to reach out to their senators.
 - Great opportunity to meet constituency requirements early on
- Student welcome assemblies hosted by the Big 5 organizations are going on all this week.
 - She encourages everyone to attend and share a graphic from the senate Facebook page.
- Reminds that there are 5 meetings left of this term. Be thinking of your goals for this semester and how to complete them.
- She is still working on finalizing her class schedule, so her office hours are still tentative.
- Thanks everyone for passing her appointments for Elections commission.
- Lastly, if you ordered an SG polo see Jackie after meeting to get them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Schaettle welcomes the senators.
- Open Committee Seats due August 25th, at 12pm:
 - 1 Budget
 - 2 I&C
 - 2 R&E
- Open Permanent seats due September 1st, at 12pm:
 - 2 Graduate Seats
 - 1 District D Seat
 - 1 Education Seat
- Q: Senator Chou asks why the R&A committee left committee seats open.
- A : Senate Pro-Tempore answers that R&A focused on quality and experience, and hopes to have more qualified applicants in the future.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Green welcomes the senators.
- He congratulates Senator Boone on becoming a member of the Budget and Appropriations committee. He also welcomes back Senator Murphy after a summer hiatus.
- He announces that there is still 1 open Budget committee seat.
 - He describes the responsibilities and importance of the Budget committee.
- He reminds senators to get their Gator Growl tickets because SG helps fund SGP and Snoop D-O-double G is coming!

ALLOCATIONS:

- Vice Chairman Stanford welcomes the senators.

- He announces that the committee had 7 new orgs request funding.
 - Committee spent nearly \$10,000 in July alone.
- Congratulates the 4 senators coming back to the Allocations committee
- Chairwoman Moodie office hours 3-5 PM Wednesdays.
- 3 approval request pending the Judiciary committee approval.
- He asks that the committee please meet briefly after senate.

JUDICIARY:

- Vice Chairman Hudson welcomes the senators.
- Passed 3 constitutions and 2 Resolutions.
- Wants to recognize the DRC for all their hard work.
- Legislation is due Friday at 12pm.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairman Hurdle welcomes the senators.
- Excited to have everyone back.
- Gives a shout out to the senators who will be joining his committee.
- Begins Constituency and Absences presentation.

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INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Grosse welcomes the senators.
- Congratulates new senators on committee.
- Reminds senators that there are two open seats left on the committee.

DISABILITY ADVOCACY AD-HOC COMMITTEE:

- Chairman Hudson welcomes the senators.
- He thanks the senate for passing the resolution his committee submitted.
- They have been working with the disability cabinet on the upcoming Disability Awareness Week.

SECOND READING:

- There were none

FIRST READING:

- Senator Oerhle moves to make a friendly amendment to strike “Disagreement with” from the 10th whereas clause in Student Senate Bill 2017-1056: Resolution Supporting UF President Fuchs’s Decision to Deny the National Policy Institute’s Request for a Venue for Richard Spencer by unanimous consent.
 - Approved.
- Senator Oerhle moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2017-1056: Resolution Supporting UF President Fuchs’s Decision to Deny the National Policy Institute’s Request for a Venue for Richard Spencer by unanimous consent.
 - Approved.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There are no bills pending signatures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Sanguyo, a director from Asian American Student Assembly announces for the upcoming student assembly this Friday at the Phillip’s Center. He encourages the senators to come out and watch the performances and support their fellow Gators.
- Senator Spence announces for the DSO Dugout event hosted by the U Matter Ambassadors and the Campus Diplomats in Plaza of the Americas from 12pm-3pm tomorrow.
- Senator Rangel announces for HSA’s freshman mentor leadership program applications open tomorrow.
- Pro Tempore Schaettle tells senate to include “strike ‘disagree with...’ from...” on their vote records.

ROLL CALL:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.