

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

April 10th, 2018

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be filmed or audio recorded and may be available to the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

Roll was called and quorum was established with 84 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Abraham
- Adler
- Batten
- Caruso
- Chhajed
- Dempsey
- Girschick
- Igharas
- Kratt
- Nguyen
- Shaw

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Chairman Pope moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1033: Funding for Students for New Urbanism by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Adams moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1031: Chairperson Act by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Adams moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1032: Live Stream for Accountability and Transparency Act by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Adams moves to add a friendly amendment to Student Senate Bill 2018-1034: Absolute Neutrality for Election Officials Act - 700 Codes Revision by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Adams moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1034: Absolute Neutrality for Election Officials Act - 700 Codes Revision by unanimous consent. Approved.

- Chairman Adams moves to add a friendly amendment Student Senate Bill 2018-1035: Mandatory Meeting Reform Act - 700 Codes Revision by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Adams moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1035: Mandatory Meeting Reform Act - 700 Codes Revision by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Adams moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1036: Resolution Supporting Increased Funding for the Disability Resource Center by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Adams moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1037: Voter Protection Act - 700 Codes Revision by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Adams moves to add a friendly amendment to Student Senate Bill 2018-1038: General Body Meeting Act - 700 Codes Revision by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Adams moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1038: General Body Meeting Act - 700 Codes Revision by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Adams moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1039: Resolution Increasing Awareness for Financial Hardships of Undergraduate International Students by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Adams moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1040: Student Body Accessibility Act by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Dunson moves to add Student Senate Bill 2018-1041: 2018-2019 Student Government Funded Organizational Budget to the agenda by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motions to approve the aforementioned bill by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Dunson moves to add Student Senate Bill 2018-1042: 2018-2019 Student Government Funded Academic Budget to the agenda by unanimous consent. Approved
 - Motions to approve the aforementioned bill by unanimous consent. Approved.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Senator Gatos:
 - Welcomes the senators.
 - Thanks the senate for passing Student Senate Bill 2018-1039: Resolution Increasing Awareness for Financial Hardships of Undergraduate International Students.
 - The resolution talks about the hardships that international students feel at UF.

- There are around 500 international students at UF and the reason that the numbers are so low because they have to pay out of state tuition fees and most rely on their own income.
- Cannot apply for financial aid because of an F-1 visa.
- Students are only allowed to work over 20 hours a week.
- Students are left with many debts throughout the years, including tuition, food, travel, etc.
- Undergraduate students do not receive the grants that graduate international students receive from the same countries.
- They wrote this resolution to get the ball rolling and help undergraduate international students.
- Please reach out to him, Senator Rauseo, or Senator Ospina if you want to help and work with them.
- They hold office hours on Tuesday at 12:00 pm.
- Senator Lima:
 - Thanks everyone for passing Student Senate Bill 2018-1036.
 - Wanted to thank various senators for their support while drafting this bill.
 - DRC provides a crucial role on campus.
 - The increase in funding has failed to catch up with demand, encourages administration to work on this problem.
 - This is a plan of action signifying that this is not the end but the beginning.
 - Thanks the senate for also passing the 700 codes revisions, to benefit the elections.
- Senator Smith:
 - Wanted to bring up a small point regarding “Turning Point USA” that talked about Student Body President Smith Meyers.
 - Is curious why Student Body President Smith Meyer’s picture appeared on the pamphlet.

*****If you wish to hear any speeches given during public debate please request the recordings from senatesecretary@sq.ufl.edu*****

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

- Shelby Buchanan ACCENT Chairperson:
 - Invites everyone to come see comedian Jim Jefferies this Thursday. Door opens at 7:00pm, show starts at 8:00pm.
 - Tickets will be available tomorrow at 12:00PM in the Reitz Union, third floor, SG office.

SENATE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- Senate President Grosse welcomes the senators.
- Thanks everyone who came to the Big Event. It was fun to get to know people who were there.
- Cabinet liaison cannot be here tonight.
- Mental Health Awareness week is this week.
- Last senate meeting is on April 24th.
- Reminds everyone how to correctly fill out vote records.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate Pro-Tempore Murphy welcomes the senators.
- Two District D seats due next Friday at 12:00 pm.
- Rawlings seat due next Friday at 12:00 pm.
- Allocations seat will be due this Friday at 12:00pm.
- Graduate seat due next Friday at 12:00 pm.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Dunson welcomes the senators.
- Thanks everyone for approving the fiscal year 2018-2019 organizational and academic budget.
- The Hispanic Student Association had an amazing event this weekend with Noche de Gala and is happy that they are able to reach so many students on campus.
- Will be having office hours this Wednesday from 12:00pm-1:00pm.

ALLOCATIONS:

- Chairman Pope welcomes the senators.
- Gives a shout-out to those who participated in the Big Event.
- Special shout-out to Senator Abraham for having high morale.
- Allocations Committee met this past weekend.
- Approved one request from Students for New Urbanism.
- Failed one request.
- Will be meeting this weekend.
- Has 3 requests in the queue.
- Reiterates their outreach program where they sent out a listserv to all new student organizations.
- One open Allocations seat, if interested, contact Chairman Pope.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Adams welcomes the senators.
- Thanks everyone who came out this weekend to work on the resolutions and code revisions.

- Judiciary Committee will meet this Sunday evening.
- Contact him or his committee members if you have any questions.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Holloway welcomes the senators.
- Constituency is due on April 24th at the beginning of the meeting on that day.
- Will be updating the tracker tonight and by next meeting.
- Showcases the constituency events upcoming this week.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Weeks welcomes the senators.
- Sending out the remaining tabling dates soon.
- Senate retreat:
 - Attendance will removing half an absence from your record.
- Mentor/Mentee program forms will be due Friday, April 13th.
- There will be an event this Thursday at Jennings, it is scheduled from 7-9pm this Thursday but is trying to move it to 5pm so no one has to miss the ACCENT show.

SECOND READING

- There were none.

FIRST READING:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Brown:
 - There are Assistant Director Positions of Gator Growl applications due Monday, April 16th at 6:00pm.
- Chairwoman Dunson:
 - Invites everyone to the Alpha Delta Pi house for a breakfast event for the Ronald McDonald House on Saturday.
- Senator Chou:
 - Invites everyone to the Bob-Graham Centers' "Campus Conversation" event this Wednesday at 7:00pm. The event is for students from all walks of life to talk about important issues.
- Senator Beltran:
 - This Friday: Puerto Rican Student Association Caribbean Food festival at Murphree area at 5:00pm.

- Senator Calzon:
 - Delta Zeta grilled cheese event at their house on Friday, April 13th.
- Senator Florez:
 - The Venezuelan Student Association will be holding an event this Saturday to discuss the current humanitarian crisis in Venezuela.
- Senator Jenkins:
 - If someone wants to sponsor Senator Amrose's resolution, speak to Senator Jenkins.
- Senator Pearson:
 - Mental Health Awareness Week:
 - Tomorrow: Reitz Union Auditorium at 6:00pm.
 - Thursday: Yoga at Plaza the Americas, 11:00am-1:00pm.
 - Friday: Destress kits being given out.
- Senator Cuffe:
 - Massive pool party 4:00-7:00pm this Saturday.
- Senator Stanford:
 - Speaks about the Chief Diversity Officer.
 - Next interview sessions will be Thursday at 9:00am in the chamber, encourages everyone to try to come out.
- Senator Shah:
 - Gives an announcement from the Diversity Division Chair.
 - First ever diversity week.
 - Encourages everyone to change their cover photos to the cover photo of the event.
- Chairwoman Holloway:
 - If you went to the Big Event, please mark it as constituency.
- Senate Pro-Tempore Murphy:
 - Reminds everyone about the Newell Hall event next week and encourages them to come out.

ROLL CALL:

- A motion to use voting records for final roll by unanimous consent. Approved.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.