

**STUDENT SENATE MINUTES DRAFT**  
**April 24th, 2018**

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:30 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 85 senators present.

**Not there for roll call:**

- Birnholz
- Brue
- Carnes
- Chhajed
- Ospina
- Pepple
- Probert
- Singh
- Smith

**AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:**

- There were none.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Murphy motions to change the agenda to reflect the agenda sent by Pro-Tempore Murphy at 8:36AM today by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Shaw moves to hear the Agency Heads nominations, excluding Action SG, as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Majority Party Leader Shaw moves to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Shaw moves to hear the Executive Secretaries nominations, excluding Diversity Affairs, as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Majority Party Leader Shaw moves to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Shaw moves to approve the Cabinet Chair nominations by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Majority Party Leader Shaw moves to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.

- Majority Party Leader Shaw moves to approve the Chief and Associate Justice nominations, excluding Ryan Walsh, as a block.
  - Minority Party Leader Shaw motions to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Shaw moves to approve the Executive Nominations for the Cabinet Chairs by Unanimous Consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Shaw moves to approve the Executive Nominations for the Cabinet Directors by Unanimous Consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Shaw moves to approve the Executive Nominations for Supervisor of Elections by Unanimous Consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Shaw moves to approve the Replacement and Agenda Committee Recommendation of Clay Hurdle for the open Graduate Seat by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Shaw moves to approve the Replacement and Agenda Committee Recommendation of Jed Rojas for the open District D Seat by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve the Replacement and Agenda Committee Recommendation of Senator Jones for the open Budget Seat by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve the recommendations of Senator Brandies for Faculty Senate by Unanimous Consent. Approved.
- Chairman Adams moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1043: Diversity Empowerment Act by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Shaw moves to add the Replacement and Agenda Committee Recommendations for Summer C Replacement Seats to the agenda by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Shaw Moves to approve the Replacement and Agenda Committee Recommendations for Summer A Replacement Seats by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Shaw moves to approve the Replacement and Agenda Committee Recommendations for Summer C Replacement Seats by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Adams moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1046: Resolution Honoring Huy D. Huynh by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Holloway moves to hear the approved absences as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Holloway moves to hear the failed absences as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.

- Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent.  
Approved.

### **PUBLIC DEBATE:**

- Senator German
  - Pleased to be announced as Minority Party Leader at the beginning of the summer term.
  - Priority of Minority Party to be productive, not disruptive.
  - Dedicated to work with IMPACT and independent senators.
  - Wants to encourage Senate to pay due diligence to the candidates present.
  - Andrew Lo - Action SG, Valery Raymond –Diversity Affairs, David Walsh – Supreme Court Associate Justice.
  - Debate is not to be disruptive, but believes they are not the most qualified.
  - Action SG seat is being contested in particular as the candidate has no relevant experience related with the seat’s priorities.
  - Worrisome that some with less experience are being elected over those with more experience.
  - Realizes the Judicial nominee has no experience within law besides being in law school despite other applicants having proper qualifications.
- Senator Hasan:
  - Senator Hasan gives his goodbye speech.

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### **OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT ELECT**

- Student Body President Elect Green Welcomes the Senators.
  - Thanks everyone for approving the Diversity and Empowerment Act.
  - Wants to continue to highlight all the work for all the executive applications.
  - Thanks everyone for approving the Diversity and Empowerment Act.
  - Wants to continue to highlight all the work for all the executive applications.
  - Truly believes that the nominations are the most qualified applicants.

### **OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY TREASURER ELECT**

- Student Body Treasurer Elect Sanguyo Welcomes the Senators.
  - Wants to thank everyone for passing the resolution for Huy D. Huynh.

- Stresses that this means a lot to the Asian American community.

### **SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Senate President Grosse welcomes the senators.
- Summer A Senate meetings start on May 15th at 7:00PM.
- Office hours are cancelled tomorrow due to an exam, but is welcome to calls and emails.

### **REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### Action SG: Andrew Lo

#### 5 Minute Question and Answer Period:

- Chairwoman Dunson: What is your vision for Action SG?
- President Elect Green: Things must be done in the summer. It is important to get someone in to develop plans for the upcoming Fall and Spring Semesters.
- Chairman Pope: How does your experience with SG help you prepare for this position?
- Andrew Lo: Knew that he wanted to be a fully dedicated senator. Mentioned his various experiences. One of his favorite things is innovation. Excited to get SG out to the community. Served on the Budget and Appropriations Committee.
- Chairwoman Weeks: What made Andrew stand out among the other nominees?
- President Elect Green: Being here over the summer semester was a very great aspect. It was important that President Elect Green's visions and platform were implemented in Lo's plan as Action SG Agency Chairman.
- Minority Party Leader German: Asks for experience with marketing and public relations that Andrew has.
- Andrew Lo: Does not have experience with social media and outreach. Believes that it is better to surround himself with people who are experienced in these matters.

#### First Round of Con

- Senator Chou: Mentions the applicants of the open Budget Committee seat
- Minority Party Leader German: Wants more direct experience into SG. Many more qualified candidates are here during summer.
- Senator Lima: Gives credit for leadership. However, wants someone who knows how to create a responsible and sufficient social media experience.
- President Elect Green: Gives a point of information regarding Action SG. Mentions leadership experience is more valuable than social media experience.
- Senator Lima: Asks if Andrew Lo was the only candidate who applied that was available over summer.

#### First Round of Pro:

- Chairwoman Holloway: Talks about the system of Action SG and explains that Andrew has the skill to delegate responsibilities to a capable team.
- Majority Party Leader Shaw: Emphasizes that leadership and outreach are the most important for many organizations, including Action SG, stressing the candidate has these skills.
- Chairwoman Dunson: Stated the candidate led operations of the Budget committee that dealt with public outreach.

### Second Round of Con:

- Senator Chou: Re-emphasizes that an applicant within Action SG applied. "How confident are you in a General who is a very bad shot?" Implores that the experience in social media and outreach is important.
- Senator Rauseo: Emphasizes Senator Chou's points. States a potential candidate that Student Body President Elect Green states never interviewed.
- Senator Gatos: A degree in PR and Strategy goes far beyond making a flyer.

### Second Round of Pro:

- Chairwoman Dunson: Touches on the Budget Committee and how it relates to outreach and Public Relations. Mentions that he is a first generation college student. Mentions that another role of an agency head needs to be improved after every term. Lo is very capable of this due to his experiences.
- Senator Bradley: Convinced that Lo has capable experiences and management and leadership skills for the position.
- Senator Pearson: Explains the role of Action SG via codes. Notes that he is very capable based on his qualifications. His resume aligns with the roles of Action SG.

### Third Round of Con:

- Senator Victorianna: Agrees with President Elect Green about his degree not mattering. Would like to hear about more original ideas and vision related for social media.
- Senator Lima: Would we rather have someone who has actually had a role in Action SG? Disagrees that anyone could effectively delegate tasks in an agency when they aren't familiar with it in the first place.
- Minority Party Leader German: Thinks Lo is very qualified and a very good leader, but stresses the job is to cater to the most qualified. Emphasizes that candidate with the most applicable experience.

### Third Round of Pro:

- Majority Party Leader Shaw: Action SG will benefit from Lo because he has been involved in the Budget Committee. Believes that President Elect Green reviewed the applicants excessively after hours of interviews.

- Senator Robusto: Emphasizes that he is also a 1st Generation college student and can see how this is applicable to his leadership experience.
- Senator Brandies: It is important that applicants are well rounded in many different facets. How might he use his leadership roles in this agency?
- Senator Stanford: Respects someone who is able to admit they don't know something. Can see Lo as a collaborator who is able to ask for help and proceed their vision.

#### Fourth Round of Con:

- Senator Victorianna: The question is whether or not someone is capable to find the help while being qualified in the field.
- Minority Party Leader German: Wants to emphasize other candidates were also well-rounded, specifically within the fields related to Action SG and beyond.
- Senator Chou: Having experience and being a good leader is not mutually exclusive.
- Senator Lima: This is a specialized agency. How can you delegate if you don't know the work that the staff is doing? Based on the information that he has, he cannot support this appointment.

#### Fourth Round of Pro:

- Chairwoman Holloway: States original Action SG was involved in the field related to Action but resigned to pressure. Jackie Phillips had no experience and took over the agency and did well enough to even receive an award for the position.
- Chairwoman Dunson: We should be asking if we want someone who can continue to move this university to the next forefront. It is important to highlight that President Elect Green was elected because he can make these decisions to elect the best candidates to positions.
- Senator Stanford: Does not think time served as a senator emphasizes an automatic position.
- Senator Brown: Speaks about the time he has spent with Lo.
- Senator Hernandez: States that this is not an inherited position.

In a rising vote of 68 to 17, a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote is achieved. Andrew Lo is approved as the Agency Head of Action SG:

#### Diversity Affairs: Valery Raymond

#### 5 Minute Question and Answer Period:

- Senator Pearson: Can you explain your previous experience?
- Valery Raymond: Help positions in BSU. Held positions in HSA and was available to feel home in that community. Able to serve alongside the current Student Body Vice President elect.

- Chairman Pope: How have you worked and engaged in diversity on campus?
- Valery Raymond: Uses own experience as 1st generation American. Uses his experience as a black male on a predominantly white campus. Was a 1st Year Florida peer leader and is a Florida Cicerone to showcase the campus students with diverse backgrounds. Increased engagement and attendance through Associations of Black and Hispanic alumni. Been working directly with Will Atkins.
- Chairwoman Weeks (Towards President Elect Green): What were you looking for in your candidates?
- Student Body President Elect Ian Green: Looking for someone who was involved with diversity components and apply it to a campus-wide effort. Likes the connection with Valery for the Association of Black Alumni and his efforts to increase the association. Was able to bring the alumni weekend to the homecoming weekend for the first time.
- Senator Joachim: Define the difference between diversity and inclusion
- Valery Raymond: Defines diversity as excellence in self-expression through your different identities.

#### First Round of Con:

- There were none.

#### First Round of Pro:

- Senator Stanford: Emphasizes Valery cares and introduced himself to one of the candidates for MCDA.
- Senator Chou: Excited to hear more about his experiences.
- Chairman Pope: Has had a pleasure of working with Valery through Cicerones. Emphasizes he genuinely cares about inclusion and diversity. He was chair of President Fuch's diversity branch.
- Senator Daley: Fully supports the nomination based on his compassion for diversity.
- Senator Schulte: Finds it amazing that Valery went out of his way to be involved with HSA and Cicerones.

There was motion for a call to previous question. Approved.

In a rising vote, Valery Raymond is approved for executive nominations for Executive Secretary for Diversity Affairs.

#### Associate Supreme Court Justice: David Walsh

#### 5 Minute Question and Answer Period:

- Majority Party Leader Shaw: Asks for the interview process regarding David Walsh.
- Ian Green: Emphasizes all candidates were law students but looked for knowledge of how the student body operates
- Senator: Asks experience related to the Election Commission.
- David Walsh: This past year, served on the Election Commission. One must listen to the letter of the law, and how the constitution applies. Brings up previous comments based on lack of internships. Mentions his upcoming internship and also mentions that a pre-law internship is not useful. This does not call for argument experience.
- Chairman Pope: How do you partially ensure that you remain unbiased in your word and rule?
- David Walsh: Says that one must focus on the 500 codes in the Student Government Constitution. Must apply the letter of the law in order to avoid bias.
- Chairwoman Leeks: How do you plan on implementing transparency in this role?
- David Walsh: Supreme Court has rules of legal procedure. All arguments will be available for legal record. If asked for reasoning, he would be happy to speak on the pattern gotten to his decision.
- Senator Pearson: Can you discuss your previous experience on the election commission?
- David Walsh: As an election commissioner, he was not affiliated with any party.

#### First Round of Con:

- Senator Victorianne: Being on the other side of arguments is very valuable in order to be on the other side the case.
- Minority Party Leader German: Doesn't believe candidate is completely inexperienced, but sees that other candidates have much more experience in legal fields. Wants to choose the most qualified applicant.
- Senator Calvin: Future experience will not show up on a resume. Candidates actually had internship experience.

#### First Round of Pro:

- Senator Hernandez: Many of the internships are only receptionist jobs.
- Chairwoman Dunson: Walsh was on honor board of his fraternity for two years; able to hear and make decisions of people close to him and be impartial. States his ability to perform under a time-pressured schedule.
- Senator Costas-Velasco: Experience of candidates' internships do not give the correct experience on Supreme Court.
- Majority Party Leader Shaw: Important that Walsh worked on elections for the past year.
- Senator Calzon: Empathizes with going against friends in hearings, commends Walsh.

#### Second Round of Con:



- Senator Calvin: Important that you can't have it both ways by stating that an internship is valuable but due to the work is not qualifying.
- Majority Party Leader German: Mentions that before the hearings, the object based on the resume given, which was minimal. When other candidates did show leadership and law capabilities, this shows that other candidates will be more qualified for the positions.

#### Second Round of Pro:

- Senator Stanford: Stated that his resume is accurate.
- Senator Pearson: References the application questions and references his experience with legal aspects within his student involvement. Walsh has demonstrated familiarity with bylaws due to experience with the elections committee.
- Senator Sandifer: Work with the Supervisor of Elections and Honor board requires experience in being neutral.
- Senator Brandies: States Walsh is very well-spoken. States experiences as EMT is similar to candidate's experience as a lifeguard and realizes it is applicable to the position.

#### Third Round of Con:

- Senator Calvin: No elaboration of what was done in positions stated by the resume. From all information given and resumes handed out, does not see candidate as most qualified. States that of course President Elect Ian Green believes Walsh is the best candidate, otherwise he would not be here, so hopes that senators can see for themselves the most qualified candidate.
- Senator Bradley: Would like to see the legal experience from Walsh.

#### Third Round of Pro:

- Majority Party Leader Shaw: Walsh explained why certain qualifications and objections were not relative to the position he has applied.
- Senator Cuffe: There is more to analyzing a case than the legal framework. Attests to Walsh's character. Is clearly an unbiased candidate.
- Chairwoman Dunson: Emphasizes experience with the SG elections committee and knowledge of the 700 codes. States that perspective of a law student and his unbiased stance.
- Senator Boone: States experience as President of a fraternity and relevance to both standards and honor board. States that this position really tests the unbiased status of the candidate.

There was a motion to call previous question.

In a standing vote of 66 to 19, Ryan Walsh has been approved for the Executive Nomination as Supreme Court Associate Justice.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:**

- Senate Pro-Tempore Murphy welcomes the senators.
- There are many open seats for Summer A and Summer C.
- Clarifies the voter record.
- Replacement Seats are due May 11th at 12:00pm.

### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairwoman Dunson welcomes the senators.
- Committee is almost done with all the outreach.
- Cancelling office hours tomorrow and rescheduling them to Thursday.

### **ALLOCATIONS:**

- Chairman Pope welcomes the senators.
- Allocations committee met last Sunday.
  - Funding was requested for the next fiscal year.
- Thanks the committee members who are leaving for the summer.
- There will be many open committee seats.

### **JUDICIARY**

- Chairman Adams welcomes the senators.
- There will be open committee positions during the summer.
- More than happy to answers questions about the judiciary committee.

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Holloway welcomes the senators.
- Constituency was due at the beginning of tonight's meeting.
- Committee will meet in Reitz 2345 at 4:15 PM to review and place senators on probation.

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairwoman Weeks welcomes the senators.
- Outreach efforts for open seats will be continued throughout summer.
- There will be open committee positions for the summer.

### **SECOND READING**

- There were none.

### **FIRST READING:**

- There were none.

**BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

- There were none.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Senator Beltran: HSA Office of Political Affairs cabinet position is open.
- Senator Hasan: Wants to take picture with everyone.
- Senator Hernandez: Speaks about a Hispanic Heritage Month fundraiser.
- Senator Florez: Asks help with a sublease.
- Senator Bradley: Wants to congratulate the new president of Peruvian Student Association.
- Senator Schulte: Mentions that he is selling honey.
- Senator Brown: Thursday FLC will be having an event.
- Chairwoman Dunson: Sarah Abraham was elected as ISA's president.
- Senator Lima: Congratulates everyone elected to the executive positions. Encourages debate to learn if candidates are truly qualified.
- Senator Flores: Congratulates Senator Beltran for president of the Puerto Rican Student Association.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

- The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.