

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

May 15th, 2018

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:00 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 62 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Bencivenga
- Bond
- Emerson
- German
- Jenkins
- McBride
- Randhawa
- Smith
- Stanford

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Shaw moves to hear the Replacement and Agenda committee recommendations for the Capital Improvement Trust Fund as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent.
Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Shaw moves to hear the the Replacement and Agenda committee recommendations for the open permanent Senate seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent.
Approved.

- Majority Party Leader Shaw moves to hear the the Replacement and Agenda committee recommendations for the open Summer C replacement seats by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Shaw moves to change the name of bills pending signatures to hear the bills pending signatures as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motion to hear the bills as a block by unanimous consent. Objection.
 - Motion to hear the bills as a block by voice vote. Motion is in favor of the ayes.
 - In the eyes of the chair, the ayes have it.
- Senator Kratt motions to postpone the bills via alternating pro con debate. Motion is seconded.
 - Majority Party Leader Shaw motions to call the previous question.
 - Senator Chou calls for a standing vote.
 - In a standing vote of 50 to 17, the ayes have it.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Senator Chou
 - Welcomes the senators.
 - Mentions passing of six current bills through readings.
 - Mentions that previous Student Body President Smith Meyers vetoed the bills before the end of his term.
 - Mentions that the vetoing of the bills should have been mentioned by the latest date of April 27th.
 - Asks why the senators are learning about this on May 15th.
 - Asks Senate President Grosse when the vetoes occurred.
 - Stated that the vetoes were sent on time and that they did not go through R&A.
 - Asks why the authors are not being informed until now.
 - Senator Chou asks that the timestamps of the vetoes be forwarded to the Senate listserv.
- Ashley Roski
 - Welcomes the senators.
 - Points out that neither majority or minority party leader were present at the R&A meeting on Monday.
 - States that the majority party leader found out information of the vetoes before the minority party leader.

- Asks to keep all things equally communicated on all sides of the aisle, including independents
- Gives information on the bills that were vetoed by former Student Body President Smith Meyers.
- States that every student deserves accommodating information of Student Government's workings.
- States that the effort for closed captioning is minor and is willing to ably help those who would need it.
- States that coercing and violating a student's right to vote is unprotected due to there being no election violation policies.
- Pleads that senators vote based on their ethics rather than their party loyalties and impressing of others.

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

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

- President Green welcomes the senators.
- Launched the Bridges Minority Outreach Program to help underrepresented high schools within Florida to encourage UF to be a second home to those students.
- Have included textbook stipends during the summer, in benefit for the Innovation Academy and other students enrolled in the summer semester.
 - Available for the current summer semester and is being lobbied for future summer semesters.
- States that the Innovation Academy has helped UF become a Top 10 university.
- States actions that occurred during commencement ceremonies and emphasized that he is working with administration in order to be for the students.
- Looks forward to anyone reaching out to be a part of this task force.
- Announces office hours:
 - Monday, Tuesday: 10 AM - 1 PM
 - Wednesday and Thursday: 11 AM - 1 PM
- Announces digital office hours coming in the next few weeks.
- Announces a summer staff application.
- Explains the vision and purpose of the Bridges Minority Outreach Program.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Grosse welcomes the senators.
- Reminder that Senate will start on 7:00 PM during the summer.

- Reminds replacement senators to fill out information for the Listserv.
- There are two open chair positions for committees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate Pro-Tempore Murphy welcomes the senators.
- Many seats are still open.
- Seats are due this Friday at 12:00 PM.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Dunson welcomes the senators.
- One committee seats is open for the summer.
- Explains the student and activity fees are allocated for a student's advantage.
- If interested in applying for Budget, please reach out to Chairwoman Dunson.
- Office hours:
 - Tuesday: 1 AM - 2 PM
 - Thursday: 10 AM - 11 AM
- Hearings for the amended budget will be occurring soon.
- Will send out email to the Senate about times of the meetings this week.

ALLOCATIONS:

- Chairman Pope welcomes the senators.
- There are 6 open committee seats for Allocations.
- Explains what the Allocations Committee does.
- Encourages to reach out to him about applications for those committee seats.
- Looking to think of new ways for outreach to students.

JUDICIARY:

- Senator Boone welcomes the senators.
- Explains what the Judiciary Committee does.
- Several positions, as well as the chair is open for application.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Senator Birnholz welcomes the senators.
- Explains what the Rules & Ethics Committee does.
- This summer, constituency will be split between Summer A and B.
- Seven open committee seats.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Weeks welcomes the senators.
- There are 6 open committee seats for the summer.
- Explains what the Information & Communication Committee does.
- There is a mandatory new senator orientation at 6:30pm before next senate meeting.

SECOND READING

- There were none.

FIRST READING:

- There were none

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- All bills pending signatures will be heard as a block.
- Senate President Grosse explains the procedure.

Three minutes of presentation by former Student Body President Smith Meyers.

- Senate President Grosse shares a letter written by former Student Body President Meyers regarding his decision to veto each piece of legislation.

Three Minutes of Authors of the legislation to respond to Former Student Body President Meyers.

- Law 2018-102:
 - Explains its purpose.
- Law 2018-103:
 - Explains its purpose.
- Law 2018-104:
 - Believes that this should have been done already, and believes that the campaigner should be punished by the elections commission.
 - Explains its purpose.
- Law 2018-105:
 - Allows smaller political parties with less resources to have a more equal resources.
 - Explains its purpose.
- Law 2018-106:

- It has already been done by the executive branch, and the resources are available to carry out this process.
- Explains its purpose.
- States that the executive branch is over a corrupt government.
- Majority Party Leader Shaw motions to call the previous question via $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote
 - By a standing vote, the motion passes.
 - By a standing vote of 45 to 17, the veto sustains.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- President Pro-Tempore Murphy: Outlines what the voter record should look like.
- Senator Bradley: Announces his disaffiliation with Impact Party.
- Senator Grodi : Encourages to reach out to constituents to apply to open seats.

ROLL CALL:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- The meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.