

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

June 5th, 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 70 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Cowan
- Dutton
- Hernandez
- Jia
- Kheraj
- Rangel
- Tyagi
- Zheng

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Boone moves to strike Pranjal Tyagi from the R&A committee recommendations for the Allocations committee seat by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Boone moves to table Harmen Scureman-Stoops for the R&A committee recommendations for the Infinity seat by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Boone moves to hear all other R&A committee recommendations as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motion to approve said block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Dunson moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1047: Funding for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Activity and Service Fees by unanimous consent. Approved.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Senator Ragan
 - Welcomes the senators.
 - States the importance of vegetarian options on campus.
 - States that beef/livestock production contaminates land, air, and water resources.
 - States that vegetarian options are more economically and health-based decisions.
 - Encourages senators to reduce meat intake.
 - Encourages the University of Florida to provide healthier and more vegetarian based options around campus. Current options are seen as lackluster and not often to be tried out by “meat-eaters”.
 - Encourages senators to talk with her after the meeting about working on a resolution regarding these ideas.
- Senator Jenkins
 - Welcomes the senators.
 - Would like to speak with environmental issues around campus.
 - Speaks on installation of solar panels on buildings around campus.
 - Addresses climate change and asks University officials and students to talk about climate change and issues.
 - Speaks on behalf of a constituents:
 - Speaks of litter between the commuter parking lot and the university and implores senators to create a resolution to clean this area up and beautify it.
 - States lack of clarity on what to do with on-campus compostable food containers.
 - Asks University officials to provide information and composting areas on campus to promote environmental health.
 - Extends an invitation to senators and constituents in order to speak about sustainability and environmental ideas.
- Minority Party Leader German
 - Pleased to announce the Inspire Party caucus has planned a summer-based legislative agenda.
 - Asks senators to reach out if any questions arise about the plans.
 - Addresses issue of free printing with campus wide services.
 - Addresses wanting of additional resources for international graduate students.
 - Addresses the creation of a sexual assault task force to brainstorm ideas for how the Senate can create policies to help the student body.
 - Addresses the funding and support of the Center for Disability Resources.
 - States support for the UF Office of Sustainability and its ideas.

- Wants to draft code revisions and secure funding for student organizations working with graduate and professional schools.
- Plans to work with Student Body President Ian Green and the Supreme Court to institute online voting.
- Aims to find a way to create an official Pride Month for the UF campus.
- Senator Chou
 - Welcomes the senators.
 - Gives a presentation relating to various birds.
 - Address the introduction of an electronic, riding scooter platform called Bird.
 - States that the scooter is aimed to reduce congestion for short trips around campus.
 - “S.O.S = Save our Sidewalks”
 - The company will pay the University a dollar a day per scooter in order to address their cause.
 - States that this a clear option for sustainability on campus.

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SENATE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- Senate President Grosse welcomes the senators.
- Senate Liaisons:
 - Cabinet Liaison – Stephanie Condori
 - Judiciary Liaison – Ellie Muldoon
 - Finance Liaison – Corey Noble
 - UPD Liaison – Derek Wright
 - Reitz Union Liaison – Lisette Pellot
 - Rec Sports Liaison – Richard German
 - SAI Liaison – Kelsi Snow
- Senate Parliamentarian position is open.
 - Due this Friday at 12 PM.
 - Senators can not apply, so for the constituents.
- If you are a Senator, you can not table at Preview on Tuesday.
- Stresses importance of completing constituencies.
 - Due in two weeks at 7 PM.
- Will host a Meet-Your-Senator at Turlington on June 14th from 10-12 PM.
 - Counts as an SG event for constituency points.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate Pro-Tempore Murphy welcomes the senators.
- Congratulates the 23 approved nominees for the committee seats.
- Reminds of the Senate Parliamentarian position due date.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Dunson welcomes the senators.
- Asks senators to look through the budget/email and explains that the Activity and Service Fees budget has increased by 2%.
- States that the Activity and Service Fees themselves have not increased by 2%.
- Allows heads of the Big 4 to see how their operations have evolved throughout the upcoming year and adjust accordingly.
- Wants all money paid through the Activity and Service Fees are being used in fiscally responsible manners.
- States that the difference column in the budget given shows how the increase in fees have been used by the Big 4.
- Wants to thank everyone, especially James and Gary, for helping with the amended budget.
- Wants to congratulate Chip for his new Budget seat.
- Encourages senators to talk to her about any questions related to the amended budget.

ALLOCATIONS:

- Chairman Pope welcomes the senators.
- Congratulates all newly approved Allocations committee seats.
- Encourages applications for the final Allocations seat available.
- States that outreach programs and hearing for student organizations will keep the committee busy this upcoming fiscal year.
- States collaboration and revision of the 800 codes.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairwoman Shaw welcomes the senators.
- Asks female senators to give their contact information.
- Congratulates the newly-appointed Judiciary committee seats.
- States that the Baseball team is going to the Super-Regionals as a topic to write upon.
- Meeting this Sunday.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairman Hurdle welcomes the senators.
- Congratulates newly appointed Rules and Ethics committee seats.
- Encourages applications for open committee seats.
- Meeting this Thursday at 1:30 PM in the Student Government Conference Room.
- Asks for a clerk; a non-voting member that will take the minutes of the R&E committee during their meetings.
- States the purpose of the tracker for constituency requirements, and will be presenting it at the next Senate meeting.
- Talks about form submission, such as absences and constituency; must be filled out one at a time.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Weeks welcomes the senators.
- States SG polo forms will be coming out soon; \$24 each, either cash or Venmo.
 - Orders are due next Tuesday at 11:59 PM.
- Congratulates newly appointed I&C committee members.

SECOND READING

- There were none.

FIRST READING:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Murphy
 - States open seats for Senate applications are due this Friday at 12 PM.
- Chairwoman Dunson
 - States that the budget is not on the voter record; ensure to write down that the budget has been approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- The meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.