

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

January 9th, 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 75 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Adams
- Boone
- Chan
- Dhir
- Dubinsky
- Esperanza
- Fatzinger
- Garcia
- Gorshein
- Harris
- Holloway
- Horland
- Jones
- Nguyen
- Perez
- Santalo
- Shen
- Walters
- Watson
- Wilson

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Chairwoman Dempsey moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1000: Resolution Recognizing VENZA's and the Hispanic Student Association's continued efforts to spread awareness and fundraise through the #GATORSFORVZLA Campaign by unanimous consent. Approved.

- Chairwoman Dempsey moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1001: Resolution Sharing the Importance of Political Awareness in relevance to the Net Neutrality Act by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Schaettle moves to approve R&A committee recommendation for open District D, Whitney Nguyen by unanimous consent. Approved.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Senator Hudson yields his time to Majority Party Leader Schaettle.
- Senator Nickas yields his time to Majority Party Leader Schaettle.
- Senator Kratt yields his time to Minority Party Leader Morse.
- Senator Muller yields her time to Senator Lima.
- Senator Shaw yields her time to the chair.
- Senator Dunn yields his time to the chair.
- Senator Lanoue yields his time to Majority Party Leader Schaettle.
- Senator Pearson yields his time to Minority Party Leader Morse.
- Senator Calvin yields his time to Senator Lima.
- Senator Murphy yields his time to Majority Party Leader Schaettle.
- Major Party Leader Schaettle yields his time to chair.
- Senator Birnholz yields her time to Senator Gatos.
- Senator German yields his time to Minority Party Leader Morse.
- Minority Party Leader Morse:
 - New minority party leader for Inspire party in spring semester.
 - During the fall semester accomplished:
 - Helping lead the expansion of social media for elections.
 - More funding for council members of Counseling and Wellness center.
 - Took a stand against racism and bigotry.
 - Met with student body officials to make libraries open 24 hours.
 - Goals for this semester include solutions for health and accessibility on campus such as:
 - Improving bus routes.
 - Free supply of menstrual hygiene products.
 - Secure remainder of funding at Counseling and Wellness Center.
 - Increasing the dollar amount between minority groups in SG in administration.
 - Advocating access to healthy food.
 - Caucus will further these initiatives, plus others.
 - Senator Lima and Senator Gatos are presenting initiatives that they are passionate about.

- Offers for those who want to help to reach out to him.
- Looks forward to working with everyone.
- Senator Lima:
 - Streaming the senate meeting on Facebook Live.
 - Members of Inspire introduced livestream in the Transparency and Accountability Act last year.
 - Its future remains uncertain.
 - Want I&C committee to stream all senate meetings for accountability.
 - Live streaming will allow feedback for more informed voting during elections.
 - Accountability: held to higher standard by constituents. Allowed to provide transparency.
 - Transparency: imperative to give every student ample opportunities to access the organizations that allocates their student fees.
 - States it is an easy step to start live streaming senate meetings.
 - Allows students to engage with senators when unable to attend meetings every Tuesday.
 - If interested in helping, reach out to Senator Lima.
- Senator Gatos:
 - Hopes everyone had a good winter break.
 - He is the SAI liaison.
 - Learned a lot about Senate and SCI.
 - Wants to talk about possible development of liaison within Student Senate.
 - There is currently no bridge between senate and cultural affairs.
 - Understands the importance of ethnic diversity and different cultures on campus. Believes it is important to recognize them.
 - Senator Lima and Minority Party Leader Morse have been discussing with people to further this project.
 - Reach out to Senator Gatos if willing to help.
- Senator Rauseo yields his time to the chair.
- Brandon Rosenthal:
 - Commends the inspire party for their new choice of leadership.
 - With change: Inspire party has taken a step forward in rejecting:
 - Divisiveness
 - Stubbornness
 - Partisanship
 - Has great confidence in Senator Morris.
 - Confident with work across the aisle and with the executive branch.

- Wants to work with Minority Party Leader Morse in regards to engineering students.

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

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

- Erica Baker
 - Speaking about the contingency plan for elections.
 - Baker presents contingency plans in case of unexpected incidents
 - If less half of voting locations down: poll workers will direct students to a working polling site.
 - If there is campus wide problem with more than half of voting locations are down:
 - Less than 1 hour: Time loss will not be made.
 - 1-6 Hours: Time loss will be added onto Tuesday up to 3 hours, if more than 3, then remaining time will be added to Wednesday.
 - Over 6 Hours: Additional day of voting will be added, as many polling locations as possible will be added in this case.

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

- Student Body President Meyers welcomes the senators:
 - Library West is now 24/7, feels it meets the needs of students.
 - Scooter parking has been expanded by Library West. Can fit 40 to 50 scooters.
 - Right by chemistry building.
 - Proud that Impact party could fix these problems.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Green welcomes the senators.
- Hopes everyone had a great break.
- Office Hours:
 - Monday/Wednesday: 12:00-1:30pm
 - Tuesday/Thursday: 12:30-2:30pm
 - Friday: 1:00-3:00pm
- Encourages senators to stop by during these times.
- Gives a quick Reitz Union update.
 - Both Subway and Starbucks are being renovated and will not be done until February.
 - Wendy's will have coffee during the time.

- States there is a new Dean of Students, Heather White.
- Excited to announce the new Ad-Hoc Revisions Committee:
 - Committee chair is Senator Nickas.
 - Members are Senator German, Hernandez, Libby Shaw, Batten, Snyder, Ritterband, Hasan, Hurdle.
- January 31st, 10:00am-2:00pm: Student Organizational Fair.
- Reach out to constituents.
 - It is urgent that students find a home at the University of Florida.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Moodie welcomes the senators and wishes everyone a happy new year.
- Open permanent seats, District A and Vet-Med are open for two weeks.
- Begins speech titled, "My Declaration"
 - No longer affiliated with Impact party, Senate President Pro-Tempore Moodie resigns her office and senate seat in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, effective today.
 - "Leadership is not ownership, it is stewardship."
 - Understands consequences of resignation.
 - As four years as a senator she has been the only black female senator elected.
 - There is a diversity problem.
 - On a mission to shake up the current culture.
 - To family and friends: "I could not have done this without you."
 - Friends in the greek community:
 - Thankful for those relationships that showed her the meaning of those letters.
 - To Lisa: "Thank you for being the first one to listen."
 - Thanks various senators who made the past few months bearable. Passes on the baton for them to carry on her mission.
 - "Ask yourself what you want to be remembered by."
 - Senior advice: don't regret looking back on your time here and not standing up for what you believe in.
 - Wants to metaphorically break down the wall "down this aisle."
 - Standing on a more solid foundation after what she has endured.
 - Hopes that this will change the reserve.
 - "As always, go Gators."

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Dunson welcomes the senators.
- Wishes everyone a wonderful break.
- Sending out budget calls tomorrow to all student organizations.
- Wishes everyone a great syllabus week.

ALLOCATIONS:

- Chairman Stanford welcomes the senators.
- Allocations committee did not meet over break.
- Received three requests today, so it is important for them to meet soon.
- Please reach out with any questions for committee.

JUDICIARY

- Chairwoman Dempsey welcomes the senators.
- Invites down HSA VP David Enriquez and Senator Rangel:
 - From Venezuelan student body.
 - States that we forget how blessed we are to live in a place where we are protected by our Constitution.
 - Human rights situation in Venezuela is getting worse than it already is.
 - The resolution is small but very meaningful.
 - The way we use our time outside the University of Florida echoes throughout our nation.
 - Echoes all the way to the Oval Office one day.
 - When voting on the resolution, please dare to dream.
 - Make a small push in the tremendous fight for freedom.
 - The Venezuelan people deserve constitutional liberty.
 - Committed to fighting the good fight.
- Senator Hernandez:
 - Thanks senators and wishes everyone a good evening.
 - Hopes for a good break.
 - Net Neutrality: Prevents providers from being allowed to charge more fees on sites we use.
 - US government has passed an act to revoke net neutrality.
 - The bill is currently going through Judicial branch,
 - Committee will be meeting this Sunday, time to be released later.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Vice-Chairman Hasan welcomes the senators.
- Constituency has reset.
- Please feel free to reach out to anyone on committee to ask about constituency events.
- Absences will start over after Spring elections.
- Black Student Union will be having a theme releasing event for Black History Month on Jan 12th from 10:00am-2:00 pm in Turlington Plaza.
- Submit constituency 7 days after attending.
- Committee will be meeting this Friday morning.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Grosse welcomes the senators.
- Thanks those who came to senate social.
- Meeting on Monday at 6:00 PM
- Will be planning a social with Cabinet.

SECOND READING

- There were none.

FIRST READING:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chairwoman Dunson announces “Dogs for DM” event this Wednesday, 8:00pm-12:00am, in Midtown.
- Senator Pearson:
 - This Thursday: Engineering Spring kickoff meeting at 6:30pm in Reitz Union
- Senator Gardezi:
 - Ice Cream and Chill at Graham.
 - Jennings Day Off.
 - Hot Chocolate and Smores event.
 - Game-show Night.
 - Dodgeball Tournament.
 - Murph Mafia.
- Senator Gatos:
 - Next Thursday from 12:00pm-3:00pm the SCI will be having an event with various campus programs.

ROLL CALL:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- The meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.