

**STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**  
**March 15, 2016**

The Senate President called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be filmed or audio taped and may be available to the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:**

Roll was called and quorum was established with 79 senators present.

**Not there for roll call:**

- Alt                                Makela
- Baldwin                        McMillin
- Ball                                Richards
- Close                              Sabater
- Fletcher                        Stanford
- Folkes                            P. Varanasi
- Gabriel                         S. Varanasi
- Holloway                        Worth
- P. Jones

**AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- There are no amendments to the minutes for March 8th.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Majority Party Leader Werk makes the following motions:
- She moves to strike Jacob Holloway's Judiciary seat from the ballot by unanimous consent.
  - Approved.
- She moves to hear the permanent replacement seats as a block by unanimous consent
  - Approved
- She moves to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent.
  - Approved
- She moves to hear recommendations for committee seats as a block by unanimous consent.
  - Approved
- She moves to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent.
  - Approved
- She moves to approve the recommendation for Allocations Chair - Austin Champoux by unanimous consent.
  - Approved

- She moves to approve the recommendation for Information & Communication Chair - Jackie Phillips by unanimous consent.
  - Approved
- She moves to approve the recommendation for Judiciary Chair - Ben Weiner by unanimous consent.
  - Approved
- She moves to approve the recommendation for Rules & Ethics Chair - Carter Long by unanimous consent.
  - Approved

### **PUBLIC DEBATE:**

- Senator Smith shares with the Senate that a group of senators began meeting before meetings, about a month ago, to pray over one another and the body and he invites everyone to please contact him if they would like to participate.
- Senator Netzer tells senators that he will make available a thank-you note to Senator Bernie Sanders for coming to Gainesville for his rally; everyone is welcome to sign it if they wish. (A motion is made to extend by 3 minutes by unanimous consent). He reads the letter aloud for senators.
- Alex Orta, President of the Entrepreneurship Club, came up to give a progress report on the club. He shares that they had a wonderful event on campus yesterday with a local student start-up regarding crowd funding; they raised over \$20,000. For their next event, they will be traveling to a farm in Ocala regarding commercial olive growth in Florida. Everyone is welcome to attend; feel free to contact him or go to their Facebook page.
- Senator Green yields his time to the chair.

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

- Matt Hoeck comes to Senate to announce that the Governor's office has released its veto list and, thankfully, the funding for Norman Hall renovations is not on that list. This allows \$14 million to be contributed to these renovations, and he thanks everyone who participated in the efforts to make this happen.
- Press Secretary Rachel Wise comes to discuss the new SG website; they have been working on this project since June. The new site is also mobile-friendly.
  - She demonstrates to senators how they can update their individual pages.
  - From now on, they will be taking photos at the candidates' meeting so that everyone's photos will be uploaded to their pages.
  - To get access to the SG email, senators should go to IT.
  - If anyone spots issues on the site, they can email anyone in IT or the Press Secretary account ([press@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:press@sg.ufl.edu)).

- They will be working with I&C to get headshots uploaded.
- Randall Martin, Cabinet Director of Veterans' Affairs, announces that March 25th is Medal of Honor Day. The recipient of the Medal of Honor, Corporal Dewey, will be on campus, as will other veterans from the Korean War. Martin then went on to read Corporal Dewey's citation for his medal. Everyone is encouraged to come meet these veterans and ask them about their service. This will take place on March 24th from 10am-12pm in the Collegiate Veterans' Success Center (Room 418 in Yon Hall).
- President-Elect's Chief of Staff Haley Smith comes on behalf of President-Elect Webster to share the applications for cabinet directors, agency heads, etc will open tomorrow at noon. They will be going back to three chairs instead of four, and they will be changing the description of certain positions. Please feel free to find her after the meeting.
  - She also discusses Chick-Fil-A breakfast and its upcoming move to the Hub in 2017. If anyone would like to work on this initiative, please feel free to contact her or President-Elect Webster.

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

- Senate President Clements apologizes for her absence last week; the severe weather and flight schedules were obviously out of her control.
- The first half of Senate orientation took place last week and tonight the second half will take place.
  - James Tyger introduces himself to the new senators; he asks them to please send issues with the website to the Senate Secretary.
  - He asks senators to please get to know one another and to make connections because great change can be made when everyone works together.
- Senate President Clements emphasizes that James is an excellent resource and to please talk with him.
- She brings Chairwoman Long up to give the second half of Senate Orientation; she discusses the constituency requirements and the absence policies for all senators.
  - Senators are welcome to email the secretaries to get a copy of the handout from tonight's orientation with all information about constituency and absences.
  - For any questions about absences, please email [rules@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:rules@sg.ufl.edu).
  - Constituency is due on **April 19th at 7:30pm**.
  - All forms for constituency requirements or absence petitions can be found on Gator Connect.

- Senate President Clements shares a presentation about parliamentary procedure. She reviews the structure of meetings and terminology.
  - Our Parliamentarian is Peighton Jones and her email is [peightonjones@ufl.edu](mailto:peightonjones@ufl.edu).
- Executive applications are going to open tomorrow at noon; please share this information with your constituents.
- Senators should begin thinking about summer replacements; if you are leaving for the summer, senators have the option to appoint a replacement for themselves. Current senators do keep their seats in the fall. Those who don't have a replacement in mind will have their seats filled by the R&A committee.
  - A form will be available during the next meeting and will be due on April 5th.
- There will be an Online Voting Implementation Ad Hoc committee charged; the Senate has the power to create the code changes to help keep this project consistent and to ensure its success.
  - There will be an application process for this; there will also be applications for the chair position. Interested candidates should email Senate President Clements. All applicants should attach their resumes to this email.
  - All materials should be emailed by March 21st at noon.
- She will be canceling next week's meeting for the Senate Retreat. It will take place at the same time as a meeting normally would.
  - Not attending retreat does not count as an absence, but attending does give each senator a half-absence credit.
  - The retreat will be held on campus.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:**

- Senate Pro-Tempore Meyers announces that the committee met this past Sunday and Monday to interview for Committee Chairs and seats.
- He thanks everyone for approving the new senators and the new committee members.
- Open seats include:
  - District A: March 18th at noon
  - Business Administration: April 1st at noon
  - Budget (2): March 18th at noon
  - I&C (2): March 18th at noon
  - Judiciary: March 18th at noon
- His office hours will be sent out via email and are also available on the SG website.

### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairman Brown congratulates the new chairs and says he is excited to work with them.
- He congratulates the committee for getting through the organizational budget hearings this weekend. He gives a special thanks to and announces his new vice chair as Majority Party Leader Werk.
- The new budget clerk is Senator Robinson.
- The 3rd round of hearings will be this Friday in the SG Conference Room.

### **ALLOCATIONS:**

- Chairman Champoux shares that the committee met on Saturday; they heard seven organizations and failed all of them.
- He announces that the committee will be reaching out to organizations that will be on campus this summer to help them get funding.
- The committee will be creating a video geared towards outreach for students on campus; if you want to be part of it, please contact the Chairman.

### **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairman Weiner thanks everyone for approving him as chair and welcomes his new committee members.
- There will not be a meeting this weekend due to no meeting next week.
- There is an open seat on the committee; feel free to contact him with any questions.

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Long thanks everyone for approving her as chair.
- She asks Senators to please get their constituency in. April 19th is the deadline.
- She welcomes the new senators that were approved for the committee.

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairwoman Phillips thanks everyone for approving her as the committee chair and congratulates her new committee members.
- She will be sending out an email tomorrow to guide the senators how to set up their e-mails.
- There are two open seats on the committee; please email her with any questions.

### **SECOND READING:**

- There are no bills in second reading.

### **FIRST READING:**

- There are no bills in first reading.

### **BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

- There are no bills pending signatures

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Senator Bethencourt gives a shout out to Senator Muncan because it's her birthday. Wish her a happy birthday!
- Senator Feliciano congratulates Senator Fletcher for winning Mr. BSU last week.
- Senator Werk announces that her sorority (Sigma Kappa) is having a raffle and all the proceeds will be going to DM. If you are interested, please contact her.
- Senator Bahmad shares that tomorrow there will be a bake sale in the Plaza of the Americas.
- Chairman Champoux thanks everyone for appointing him to this position and asks his committee to meet in the back following the meeting.
- Senator Dwyer announces the Law school is having an event March 29th. More details will be told next meeting. He also announces the winners of the Florida and Ohio primaries.
- Chairwoman Long announces that Dance Marathon is this weekend and she encourages senators to please come out and attend the event.
- Chairman Weiner shares that John Kasich just won Ohio and asks his committee to meet in the front following the meeting.
- Senator Everitt reminds the senators to look at the e-mail he sent out through the listserv. The RTS infrastructure project is really important and asks for help from all the Senators.
- Senator Rivera explains a fundraiser he is doing where he has to raise \$300. He says if you donate \$1, he will send a 10 second, funny snapchat video.
- Senator Titus stresses the importance of Medal of Honor Day. He emphasizes that senators should please go to this event.
- Senator Feliciano shares that the U Matter We Care initiative is hosting a U Matter Day on the Plaza of the Americas next Tuesday from 9:30am-2pm.
- Senator Netzer gives a follow-up on the letter for the Bernie Sanders campaign that he talked about earlier in the meeting.
- Senator Hanley shares that the person who donates the highest amount of money to her DM page tonight can be her date for her date function tonight.

ROLL CALL:

A motion to use voting records for final roll call passed.

**No Vote Record Received:**

- Alt
- Baldwin
- Ball
- Close
- Folkes
- Gabriel
- Holloway
- P. Jones
- Makela
- McMillin
- Richards
- Stanford
- P. Varanasi
- S. Varanasi
- Worth

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.