

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

March 29, 2016

The Senate President called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 76 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Alt
- Bahmad
- Baldwin
- Belin
- Buiey
- Felder
- Fletcher
- Goyal
- Guay
- Hasan
- Kravetz
- Meno
- Nelson
- P. Patel
- Robb
- Robinson
- Soberano
- Soni
- Trang
- S. Varanasi
- Wang
- Worth

AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- There are no amendments to the minutes for March 15th.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Werk moves to approve recommendation for District A replacement seat (Devon Leasure) by unanimous consent. Approved.
- She moves to hear recommendations for open committee seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- She moves to approve aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- She moves to suspend the rules to add Harrison Magoutas, Hadar Arazim, Mark Rottensteiner, Brandon Rosenthal, and Ian Green to the agenda for the Student Technology Fee Committee by unanimous consent. Approved.
- She moves to hear that as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- She moves to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Long moves to hear approved absence petitions as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- She moves to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.

- She moves to hear the failed absence petitions as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- She moves to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Champoux moves to hear Student Senate Bill 2016-1015 Funding for Gators Humans vs. Zombies by unanimous consent. Approved.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Alexander Orta, president of the Entrepreneurship Club, comes to discuss recent events that the club has held. They will be holding a workshop with an academic entrepreneur and they will be hosting an event with Christian Business Leaders as well.
- Senator Martin yields his time to the chair.

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT:

- President Joselin Padron-Rasines shares that this Thursday will be Chick-Fil-Hey with the executive officers from 10am-2pm in Turlington Plaza.
 - Next Tuesday is the last of the Police-Student Dialogues; senators are encouraged to please share this information with their constituents. Anyone interested in attending must register by phone.
 - SG is participating in a Farmers' Market next Friday from 4-7pm at the gardening area next to the Bat House. Fresh produce will be available and students can learn how to plant their own produce.
 - If anyone would like to meet with President Padron-Rasines, she still holds office hours and would love to meet with everyone.
- Austin Young, Chomp the Vote Agency Head, announced that his agency has been doing a lot of tabling registering voters. He says a larger bulk of people have registered since they bought the new "REGISTER TO VOTE HERE" banner. 1,500 students have registered since.
 - They are still doing organization presentations. If anyone would like to have Chomp the Vote come discuss voter registration with a student organization, please contact him to set that up.
 - They will continue tabling, and they are also hosting an event on April 13th with a student panel discussing their involvement in different political activities in Pugh Hall.
- Nicholas Gurney, SG Solicitor General, congratulates new senators on their recent election. He gives a presentation on constitutional law and discusses his responsibilities.

- He reviews the Florida statutes that govern Student Government. He also discusses the constitutional principle of supremacy as well as statutory interpretation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Clements invites Jon Adcock from Student Legal Services to give a presentation about the different options available to students.
 - There are four full-time, licensed attorneys on staff that are funded by SG. They provide assistance to UF students exclusively and provide typical legal services, including in-court representation.
 - Many criminal charges can be handled without a student ever having to go to court.
 - They are not able to handle cases that involve disputes between two students.
 - Any student taking at least 6 credit hours and paying A&S fees are eligible to receive these services. They are also working to represent some student organizations.
 - Appointments are preferred; potential clients can go to the website and fill out an intake form from there.
 - Notary services are free for students.
 - There is a walk-in criminal/traffic clinic on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2:30-4:30pm open to students.
 - Student Legal Services is open in the Reitz Union on the third floor.
- Senate President Clements and Pro-Tempore Meyers present this term's legislative agenda.
 - Their vision for the semester includes collaboration and outreach.
 - They hope to improve and expand their social media presence; this will involve the I&C committee, other committees, and all senators.
 - Senator finance training is also part of their collaboration vision. This will include a training session before the A&S Fee budget hearing so that senators understand how and why it was made before voting.
 - Committee goals also include:
 - Absence tracker
 - Big 4 Speaker Series
 - Re-energized tabling strategy
 - Legislation idea-share with senators and organizations
 - Re-energize the liaison program with campus partners
 - Collaboration with campus partners will include presentations by different campus partners and student services

- They would like to continue town hall discussions as well as multimedia marketing to help connect with and reach out to the campus community.
- They will be working with IT to help make the new SG website as effective as possible.
- An ad hoc committee will be created for the implementation of online voting.
 - Chair: Senator Wayne Selogy
 - Interviews will be held for committee members this week and those appointees will be announced next week.
- Senator Jones asks if amendments will be allowed for the upcoming budgets. Any proposed amendments can be sent to the secretaries.
- She asks senators to please check that they are not replying to the entire listserv when responding to emails.
- All senators should have picked up a form for their summer replacements. Please fill those out.
- The executive branch applications are open and due Friday at 5pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate Pro-Tempore Meyers announces open seats:
 - Business Administration is due Friday, 4/1 at noon.
 - Budget and Appropriations and Judiciary are due Friday, 4/1 at noon.
- He reviews the replacement forms for summer. All senators must fill one out.
 - Senators are able to select their own replacements; please choose people who will serve the Senate well during their time.
 - If a senator leaves for the summer, he/she gives up his/her committee seat.
- He reiterates that executive applications are due on Friday at 5pm.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Brown welcomes Senator Varanasi to his committee.
- He presents the budgets for the 2016-2017 SG Funded Student Organizations and the Academic Organizations.
 - Most student organizations had no changes; there were more changes to funding to academic organizations due to their own cuts.
 - These budgets were sent out through the listserv this week.
 - Next week will be the first budget hearings.

ALLOCATIONS:

- Chairman Champoux shares that the committee heard a request from Gators Humans vs. Zombies which was approved tonight.
- They are trying to reach out to organizations that will be on campus this summer to help them receive funding.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Weiner welcomes Senator Holloway to his committee.
- The committee will be meeting tomorrow at 4pm in the SG conference room and on Sunday to hear legislation (due Friday at noon).
- His office hours are 11am-1pm on Thursdays in the SG office.
- Please apply for the committee; feel free to contact him with any questions.
- He gives a presentation about how to write legislation and the responsibilities of the committee.
 - Senator Smith explains why senators should write resolutions and the procedure for doing so.
 - Senator Trawick explains the procedure for writing a bill.
 - The committee reviews legislation on five criteria: constitutionality, legality, clarity, format, and implication.
 - Please feel free to contact Chairman Weiner with any questions or if you would like help in writing legislation.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Long announces that constituency is due in 28 days and reminds senators to participate in events and submit them online within seven days of the event. She will be sending out opportunities through the listserv.
- Next week she will make the tracker for constituency available for senators to see.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Phillips congratulates her new committee members; she's looking forward to now working with a full committee.
- The committee will be meeting on Sundays at 6pm in the food court every week for the rest of the semester.
- Senators are encouraged to sign up for tabling to complete their constituency requirements.
- One goal of the semester is to make tabling more interactive; there will be a prize wheel. Please do not be playing on phones while tabling.
- Please be sure to like the Senate Facebook page.

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:

- Chairman Weiner announces the results of the Bill Writing competition.
- Senator Twymon shares that today is Seersucker Tuesday; please meet in the back to take a photo.
- Senator Varanasi announces that the Holi celebration will be at Hume Field on Sunday 4/3 at 11am. Bring a white shirt; there will be free food. This can count as a constituency requirement.
- Senator Khan shares that there will be a Cultural Show on Saturday, 4/2 at 6:30pm in the Phillips Center.
- Senator Jones announces that he and Senator Everitt are working with RTS to create a focus group as well as working to increase bus stops on campus; please contact either of them with questions.
- Senator Titus announces today is Vietnam Veterans' Day. If you see a Vietnam Veteran, please go up and shake their hand and thank them for their service. They are really appreciative of it.
- Chairwoman Phillips announces that next week is IRHA's Residence Hall Week. The on-campus senators are able to get their constituency requirement completed if they attend.
- Senator Feliciano announces that he and Senator Everitt are working on bettering the climate of care on campus and asks all Senators to approach them if they are interested in helping out.
- Chairman Brown reminds senators to please contact him with any questions about the budgets presented tonight before next meeting.
- Senate Pro-Tempore Meyers reminds senators to please fill out summer replacement forms; they are due next week.

- President Clements asks senators to add the appointments to the Student Technology Fee Committee to their voting records.

ROLL CALL:

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

No Vote Record Received:

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- Felder
- Fletcher
- Guay
- Kravetz
- Meno
- Nelson
- P. Patel
- Robb
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- Worth

MEETING ADJOURNED:

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.