

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

March 8th, 2016

Orientation for the new Senators took place starting at 7:30 p.m. before the meeting.

Budget Vice-Chair Robare called the meeting to order at 7:45 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 85 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

Bensoussan
Clements
Goyal
Khan
Meyers
Richards
Selogy
Smith
Soni
Spence
Twymon
Weiner

- Budget Vice-Chair Robare explains he has taken command of the meeting because Senate President Clements's and Senate President Pro-Tempore Meyers's flight was delayed several hours in Texas coming back from a Student Government Conference. He then explains that there will be elections for an Acting Senate President.
- Senator Werk moves to open the floor for nominations.
 - Senator Champoux is nominated. The floor is closed.
- Senator Champoux presents himself for the position.
 - Pro-Con Debate
 - Round One of Con
 - None
 - Round One of Pro
 - Senator Werk moves the previous question. Approved.
- Senator Werk moves to suspend the rules to allow for a standing vote. Approved.
- Senator Champoux is approved as Acting Senate President.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Senator Jones moves to amend the third bullet point in the Rules & Ethics report from the first Senate meeting of February 23rd, 2016th from “She presents the alternate constituency requirements for Senators who did not complete probation.” To now read “She presents the alternate constituency requirements for Senator Trawick, who did not complete probation.”

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Senator Werk moves to approve the recommendation for Executive Nomination for Agency Chair - Shereen Al Shalabi.
 - Approved.
- Senator Werk moves to hear the R&A recommendations for the open committee seats as a block by unanimous consent.
 - Approved.
- Senator Werk moves to approve the aforementioned block.
 - Approved.
- Senator Werk moves to approve the recommendation for Budget Chair by unanimous consent.
 - Objection.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Senator Rivera yields his time to the chair.
- Senator Robinson yields his time to the chair.
- Senator P. Varanasi yields his time to Sabrina Philipp.
- Senator Bhusar yields his time to Sabrina Philipp.
- Tyler Richards yields his time to Sabrina Philipp.
- Senator Brown yields his time to Katy Feldner.
- Katy Feldner discusses Gators for Tomorrow and their applications open for first year students. The program is intended to reach students who would like to make a difference on campus.
- Sabrina Phillip reserves her time.
- Senator Dwyer yields his time to Sabrina Phillip.
- Sabrina Phillip congratulates the newly elected senators and discusses her experience with the Senate. She expresses the importance of not being constrained by party lines and not voting just because someone tells senators to vote a certain way.
 - Senator Jones moves to suspend the rules to extend. There is an objection.

- David Nassau speaks on behalf of Hopping-4-A-Cure and announces that April 2nd is the first Hopscotch tournament of the semester at the Broward Basketball courts. The funds raised will go towards scholarships for students on campus.
- Senator Netzer discusses the Progressive Gators organization's phone call from the Bernie Sanders campaign team. Bernie Sanders will be making an appearance on campus this Thursday at 11 AM.
- Alexander Orta reminds Senators about an event that took place with founder of Priceline. He says it went really well and it was great to network with such a big person in industry. The starter of Tutoring Zone will be coming to speak on Monday for the organization.
- Senator Patel yields his time to Awana Chowdhury.
- Awana Chowdhury, President of the Bangladeshi Students Association organization, invites Senators to Around the World in 80 Minutes that will be taking place in the University Auditorium this Friday at 7 PM.
- Senator Werk yields her time to the chair.

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT:

- Student Body President Padron-Rasines tells Senators that Elle Beecher emailed everyone earlier this evening announcing the launch of the new SG website on Friday. Senators are encouraged to share this new site with their constituents.
- On March 16th, there will be a Police-Student Dialogue. Senators and constituents are encouraged to attend this event.
- The House and Senate has approved \$14 million to go towards the renovations of Norman Hall; they are waiting for Governor Scott to sign this to move forward. She thanks everyone who helped with the lobbying efforts.
- Java With Jos will be held this Thursday from 9-11am.
- She reminds Senators about the Bernie Sanders rally that will be held on Thursday at 11am in the lot next to Southwest Rec.
- Chomp the Vote is hosting an event tomorrow with College Republicans and College Democrats discussing all the Presidential Candidates at 7:10 PM in the Marston Visualization Room
- She congratulates Senator Dwyer on winning his first case today.
- Mitchell Lamoriello of Nightlife Navigators explains the responsibilities of the agency. He announces an event on Thursday from 10-2 in the Plaza of the Americas that is meant to teach students about the dangers of drunk driving and impaired driving. There will be a simulator to help students experience what it is like to drive while texting or while under the influence. Senators are invited to attend and are encouraged to share this event with their constituents.

- David Nassau speaks on behalf of Gator Innovators to share information about Startup Hour, a monthly event held downtown by local entrepreneurs. Gator Innovators holds a pre-event, called Social Hour, in the Beaty Commons prior to this event. He also discusses an event recently held by the creator of Priceline and its huge success on campus.
- Michael Cizek and Mahdi Kassam (Interfaith Cabinet) ask Senators to please go on Facebook and like the “Student Government Cabinet” page.
- They announce that next Friday is the housing fair.
- Tonight they will be emailing the link for all upcoming Cabinet events so that senators can get involved
- Holi Festival of Colors will be held on March 26th from 11am-3pm on Norman Field and everyone is encouraged to attend.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- Senator Champoux, on behalf of Senate President Clements, welcomes Captain Holcomb up for his monthly report.
 - He welcomes the new Senators and reminds them that he comes in monthly to share safety updates.
 - He discusses the Police-Student Dialogue event that will be taking place next Wednesday
 - He left flyers at the front so the Senators could grab them and give out to constituents.
- Senator Champoux reminded Senators to turn their affiliations forms, even if they turned them in last semester.
- Second round of orientation will happen next week.
- He announced the liaisons appointed by the President.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Vice Chair Moodie, on behalf of Senate President Pro-Tempore Meyers, begins the procedure for appointing Senator Brown as chair of the budget committee.
- Senator Jones moves to open the floor to nominations. The motion is seconded.
 - A vote is held. There is a call for division. A standing vote is held and the motion fails.
- Senator Brown presents his qualifications for the position of budget chair.
 - Senator Jones asks if Senator Brown has been on the committee during the budget hearings. He has.

- Senator Jones asks if Senator Brown was on the committee during the student organization hearings. He was appointed immediately after the hearings last year.
- Senator Jones asks if he feels he has adequate experience for this position given that he was not present for the organizational hearings. He feels that he does.
- Pro-Con Debate
 - First Round of Con
 - Senator Jones
 - First Round of Pro
 - Senator Werk
 - Senator Long
 - Senator Gabriel
 - Second Round of Con
 - None
 - Second Round of Pro
 - Senator Werk moves the previous question by unanimous consent. Approved.
- A final vote is held. Senator Brown is approved as the chair of the budget committee.
- Senator Moodie thanks Senators for approving the recommendations.
- All applications will be due March 11th at noon. The open seats include:
 - Chairs: Allocations, Judiciary, I&C, R&E
 - Committee Seats: 2 Allocations, 3 Judiciary, 2 R&E, 4 I&C
 - District A (2): March 11 and March 18
 - District D
- Pro-Tempore Meyers will send out committee descriptions tomorrow for Senators to understand the responsibilities of the committees.
- Affiliation forms are due before the beginning of the next meeting or senators will be removed.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Vice Chair Werk announces that this weekend the organizational budget hearings will be held. Friday and Saturday will be first hearings, and Sunday will be first hearings that were missed and second hearings.
- The committee will be meeting on Thursday at 5:15pm in the SG Conference Room.

There is a motion to allow committee reports to be sent electronically by unanimous consent. Approved.

ALLOCATIONS:

- Will be sent through listserv.

JUDICIARY:

- Will be sent through listserv.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Will be sent through listserv.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Will be sent through listserv.

SECOND READING:

- There are no bills.

FIRST READING:

- There are no bills.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Robare comes up to give his goodbye speech.
- Senator Everitt reminds Senators that he sent out an email regarding transportation needs on campus. Please check it out if you haven't already.
- Senator Rozsa wishes everyone a happy International Women's Day today and announces the Women's History Month Opening ceremony tomorrow night in Reitz Grand Ballroom.
- Senator Jones congratulates Senator Phillips for being elected IRHA President and Senator Gabriel for being elected IRHA Auditor.
- Senator Titus announces the NAVY ROTC is hosting an event benefitting the Navy Seal Foundation on Sunday, March 20th at 7:30am.
- Senator Feliciano announces that tomorrow is his birthday and invites everyone to join him at Lollicup at 9pm.

- Senator Green gives a shout out to Senator Phillips as well for being elected IRHA President.
- Senator Abbott announces that there will be an event in Farrior Hall at 6pm tomorrow to discuss how to market a liberal arts degree to potential employers.
- Senator Hariton announces that IFC will be having a chicken wing fundraiser (unlimited wings) this thursday for the Children's Miracle Network.
- Senator Moodie gives a shout out to Senator Marsh for her achievements on the lacrosse team and reminds Senators to turn in affiliation forms.
- Senator Champoux asks senators on the Allocations committee to please meet at the front.

ROLL CALL:

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

No Vote Record Received:

Bensoussan
Clements
Goyal
Khan
Meyers
Richards
Sabater
Selogy
Smith
Soni
Spence
Twymon
Weiner

MEETING ADJOURNED:

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.