

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

April 5, 2016

The Senate President called the meeting to order at 7:38 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 87 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Alt
- Belin
- Fontenot
- Goyal
- Holloway
- Marsh
- Smith
- Soni
- Titus
- Wedemeyer
- Weiner
- Willis

AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- There are no amendments to the minutes for March 29th.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Werk moves to approve Student Senate Law 2016-1019 by unanimous consent. There is an objection.
- She moves to approve Student Senate Law 2017-1020 by unanimous consent. There is an objection.
- She moves to approve the recommendation for the open Business Administration seat by unanimous consent. There is an objection.
- She moves to approve the recommendation for the open committee seats as a block by unanimous consent. There is an objection.
- She moves to approve the recommendation for the open budget committee seat by unanimous consent. There is an objection.
- She moves to approve the recommendation for the open judiciary seat by unanimous consent. There is an objection.
- Senator Trawick moves to approve Student Senate Resolution 2016-1016 by unanimous consent. This is approved.
- He moves to approve Student Senate Resolution 2016-1017 by unanimous consent. This is approved.
- He moves to approve Student Senate Resolution 2016-1018 by unanimous consent. This is approved.
- Chairwoman Long moves to hear the approved absence petitions as a block by unanimous consent. This is approved.

- She moves to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. This is approved.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Chief Justice Andy Schein comes to speak in support of a full court and the qualifications of the candidates being presented for the Supreme Court nominations. He reminds senators that the Court is a nonpartisan body and urges the Senate to please approve the two candidates.
- Alexander Orta announces that Wayne Huizenga Jr. is coming to speak in the Reitz Auditorium on April 19th.
- Senator Dwyer yields his time to the chair.
- Max Klein comes to speak about a piece of legislation he authored last summer regarding Confederate symbols that was believed to be beyond the scope of resolutions. He encourages senators to study resolutions and presents a project titled Govtrack.

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT:

- President Joselin Padron-Rasines tells senators that she sent out an email yesterday regarding health resources on campus and encourages everyone to please take it. It will be open until April 27th.
 - She also tells everyone that this Friday will be the first official SG-sponsored farmer's market called Fresh off the Farm. They will have food demos to teach students how to cook healthy food as well as how to plant squash and corn crops.
 - Please feel free to come visit Joselin with any questions that you may have.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Clements welcomes Captain Holcomb up for his monthly report.
 - Captain Holcomb shares that the Take Back the Night March Rally will be held tomorrow night at the Plaza of the Americas at 6:00pm. Senators are encouraged to please come and participate.
 - Senators who would like to collaborate with the UFPD on projects should feel free to contact Captain Holcomb and he will get them in touch with the appropriate parties.
- She announces that she and Chairman Selogy have selected the members of the online voting ad-hoc: Janae Moodie, Ian Green, Wilson Trawick, Trevor Schaettle, Sara Daou, Yue Rong, Shayli Patel, and Caroline Nickerson.

- She encourages senators to get to know the people around them and to please sit in the front rows from now on.
- There will be no Senate meeting next week because of the SG banquet. The next meeting will be on April 19th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate Pro-Tempore Meyers invites Student Body President Padron-Rasines, Kenneth Cunningham, and Adam Trumbly up for the presentation of the Supreme Court nominees.
 - Five Minutes of Question and Answer
 - Chairman Selogy
 - Senator Green
 - Senator Close
 - Senator Dwyer
 - Majority Party Leader Werk
 - Senator Dwyer
 - Pro-Con Debate
 - First Round of Con
 - Majority Party Leader Werk
 - Chairman Champoux
 - First Round of Pro
 - Senator Varanasi
 - Senator Sabater
 - Senator Dwyer
 - Second Round of Con
 - Chairwoman Phillips
 - Senator Green
 - Senator Hanley
 - Chairwoman Long
 - Majority Party Leader Werk
 - Second Round of Pro
 - Minority Party Leader Jones
 - Senator Rozsa
 - Third Round of Con
 - Majority Party Leader Werk
 - Senator Hasan
 - Senator Moodie
 - Third Round of Pro

- Minority Party Leader Jones
 - Senator Varanasi
 - Senator Feliciano
 - Final Round of Con
 - Senator Moodie
 - Senator Abbott
 - Senator Green
 - Chairman Brown
 - Senator Feliciano asks whether or not the Supreme Court has been able to operate since these positions have been open.
 - The Court needs five members for quorum. If any of the justices graduate, they would no longer have quorum should the appointments fail.
 - Senator Rivera asks why these positions are just now being presented to the Senate when the positions were appointed on February 10th.
 - The appointments needed to be approved by the judiciary committee and the committee was not able to meet before this time.
 - Senator Feliciano asks the anticipated graduation date of the current five Supreme Court justices.
 - Appointments would need to be heard in the summer semester for any necessary replacements.
 - Final Round of Pro
 - Senator Varanasi
 - Senator Rivera
 - Minority Party Leader Jones moves to extend debate by two rounds.
 - This motion fails.
- Final vote. The appointments fail.
- Senate Pro-Tempore Meyers brings the appointee up for the open Business Administration seat.
 - Cassie Kasmirski presents her qualifications for the open seat.
 - Three Minutes of Question and Answer
 - Senator Jones
 - Senator Hariton
 - Senator Wang
 - Senator Varanasi
 - Pro-Con Debate
 - First Round of Con

- Senator Rivera
 - Senator Varanasi
 - Minority Party Leader Jones
 - First Round of Pro
 - Majority Party Leader Werk
 - Senator Kravetz
 - Senator Moodie
 - Second Round of Con
 - None
 - Second Round of Pro
 - Senator Green
 - Senator Kennedy
 - Final Privilege.
 - Final Vote. Cassie Kasmirski is approved.
- Minority Party Leader Jones moves to approve Senator Leasure to the budget committee by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Moves to approve Senator Bahmad to the judiciary committee by unanimous consent. Approved.
- There are no open committee or replacement seats at this time.
- All senators must fill out a summer replacement form; please return them at the end of the meeting.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Brown welcomes Senator Leasure to the budget committee.

ALLOCATIONS:

- Chairman Champoux shares that the committee will be meeting this week and asks his committee to please meet up front following adjournment.
- He discusses the reminders that have been sent to organizations who have not spent their allocated funds. He asks senators to please remind organizations that they can have that extended past the end of the fiscal year.
- They will be creating a video for the allocations committee.

JUDICIARY:

- Vice Chair Trawick shares that the committee met twice this past week. He invites Senator Sabater up to present his resolution.
 - Senator Sabater shares that students will now be able to check-out chargers for electronic devices from the information desk in the Reitz Union.

- He says that the committee won't be meeting this weekend due to the SG banquet on Tuesday.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Long presents the constituency tracker. These requirements are due as the gavel hits on April 19th.
 - These submissions are reviewed every Sunday afternoon.
 - She has a goal of 100% constituency and asks senators to please get involved and participate in events.
- She reminds everyone to please submit absence petitions within seven days of missing the meeting.
- Her committee should meet up front following tonight's meeting.
- Senator Muncan will be her vice chair.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Phillips shares that the committee met on Sunday and that they will be working on creating a promotional video throughout the rest of the semester.
- The committee has created a t-shirt design and shares that they should be in by the end of the semester. These shirts will be \$8 if there are over thirty orders.
 - She will send out an email with the design and an order form tonight. These will be due by April 13th at midnight.
 - Polo orders will have to wait until the Summer A semester.
- She thanks senators for being good sports about the assigned seating tonight.
- Please submit pictures at events and send them to Chairwoman Phillips so she can put them on social media.
- Senator Twymon will be her vice chair.

ONLINE VOTING IMPLEMENTATION AD HOC:

- Chairman Selogy congratulates his new committee members.
- He gives a brief explanation of where the committee stands now and says he will be sending an email out to his committee about potential meeting times.
- If anyone has ideas for Chairman Selogy, please feel free to send them to jennings@sq.ufl.edu.

SECOND READING:

- There are no bills in second reading.

FIRST READING:

- Student Senate Law 2016-1019 2016-2017 Student Government Funded Organizational Budget
 - Chairman Brown presents the budget to the Senate. He announces that an organization was added: Fellowship of Christian Athletes. There was a decrease of \$9,892.
 - Minority Party Leader Jones moves to call the question by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - The budget passes.
 - Minority Party Leader Jones preempts the next presentation to approve Student Senate Law 2016-1020 Student Government Funded Academics Budget by unanimous consent.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There are no bills pending signatures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Moodie reminds everyone that meetings are open to the public and to refrain from being malicious.
- Senator Sabater addresses the concerns about outreach that were expressed tonight.
- Senator Dwyer tells the Senate that the email about applications for the Supreme Court openings was sent out three times and shared on social media. He also shares that a small group of law school students are actually eligible for the position.
- Senator Abbott shares that CLAS is partnering with the CRC to have an alumni networking event on Thursday in the CRC Classroom. She will email out the flyer for the event.
- Senator Kennedy apologizes for her language tonight and she asks that everyone respect one another.
- Senator Frish shares a joke to diffuse the tension following tonight's meeting.
- Senator Rozsa reminds senators to not use gender as a political tool.
- Senator Wilson shares that there will be a Zumbathon on Sunday from 11am-3pm.
- Chairman Brown thanks everyone for approving the budgets tonight. His committee should please meet up front following tonight's meeting.
- Senator Hariton thanks senators who have been diligent about doing outreach.

- Chairwoman Phillips asks everyone to please return their nameplates to the front following the meeting. She also tells everyone that this week is Residence Hall Week hosted by IRHA.
- Senator Varanasi apologizes if he came across as being cynical and shares his experience as a minority and the difficulties that he had with tonight's debate. He also asks that senators please be consistent with their ideologies. Tomorrow is the Earth Day Celebration on campus and everyone is welcome to attend.
- Senator Rivera congratulates Cassie Kasmirski on her appointment and apologizes for his sarcasm tonight.
- Senator Trawick shares that he is open to continuing the post-Senate dinner plans.
- Chairman Selogy discusses the current dilemma with the appointment to the United States Supreme Court and parallels it to tonight's debate and the importance of process.
- Senator Feliciano reminds senators about his work to better the mental health climate on campus. Please contact him if you are interested in helping.
- Senate Pro-Tempore Meyers tells senators that completing constituency is extremely important and to please get those requirements done. He also reminds senators to please fill out replacement forms.
- Senate President Clements please asks senators to continue leaving the back row open from now on for visitors.

ROLL CALL:

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

No Vote Record Received:

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| ● Alt | ● Marsh |
| ● Baldwin | ● Smith |
| ● Belin | ● Titus |
| ● Buiey | ● Wedemeyer |
| ● Fontenot | ● Weiner |
| ● Goyal | ● Willis |

MEETING ADJOURNED:

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.