

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

### **May 10, 2016**

The Senate President called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 55 senators present.

#### **Not there for roll call:**

- Champoux
- Feng
- Jones

#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- There are no amendments to the minutes for April 19th.

#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Majority Party Leader Werk moves to strike Kelly Thomas from the agenda by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Werk moves to hear Summer A Replacement seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - She moves to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Werk moves to hear Summer C Replacement seats as block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - She moves to approve the aforementioned block. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Werk moves to hear committee seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - She moves to approve the aforementioned block. Approved.
- Chairwoman Long moves to hear absence petitions as a block.
  - She moves to approve the aforementioned block. Approved.
- Chairwoman Long moves to hear the failed absence petitions as a block by unanimous consent.
  - She moves to approve the aforementioned block. Approved.

#### **PUBLIC DEBATE:**

- No public debate.

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

- Student Body President Susan Webster welcomes all the new senators coming in for summer. She introduces the Chief of Staff, Haley Smith.
- She then announced her summer office hours and adds that they are available on the website.
  - Monday: 10am - 1pm
  - Tuesday: 10am - 2pm
  - Thursday: 11am- 2pm.
- University Committee applications will be opening this week. These applications will be sent out over the listserv.
- Supreme Court applications opened today and will be sent out on the listserv at the law school this week.
- Chief of Staff Haley Smith announces that staff applications are now open on the SG website for the summer positions. Please email Haley with any questions. Senators are encouraged to participate in other branches of SG, particularly new senators. Her office hours will be the same as Student Body President Webster.
- Student Body Vice President BJ Jonassaint came up to announce his office hours.
  - Monday – Friday: 12pm-3pm.
- Student Body Treasurer Kishan Patel shares his office hours.
  - Monday: 12pm-3pm
  - Wednesday: 12pm-4pm
  - Friday: 12pm-3pm.
- He also invites everyone to come out to the Budget Hearings. They have been public noticed.
- Assistant Treasurer applications will be opening first thing in the fall semester.

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

- Senate President Clements congratulates all of the new senators. She says that summer is a really great time to get involved and participate on campus.
- She tells senators about the committee openings and encourages people to get involved.
- She announces the open Senate Liaison positions: Finance, Reitz Union, UFPD, RecSports.
- Parliamentarian applications will be open. If you know anyone that is qualified and is not a senator, please let them know.
- There is an open position for Member-at-Large. There will be elections next week; please reach out with any questions.

- There are openings on the Online Voting Implementation Ad-Hoc Committee so please contact Senate President Clements or Chairman Selogy with any questions.
- All applications for the above positions will be due Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> at noon.
- Her office hours will be as follows:
  - Monday: 11am-3pm
  - Tuesday: 12pm-4pm
  - Wednesday: 11:30am-1:30pm

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:**

- Senate Pro-Tempore Meyers announces that the committee met this past Sunday and Monday and had 53 interviews for all the open seats.
- He congratulates all of the new senators and welcomes them to the Chamber.
- He announces the following open seats:
  - Due May 13<sup>th</sup> at noon:
    - **Permanent Seats**
    - District A
    - District C (2)
    - District D
    - Family Housing
    - Springs
    - **Summer C Replacement Seats**
    - Building Construction
    - Dentistry
    - District C
    - District D (3)
    - District E
    - Fine Arts
    - Freshman
    - Graham
    - Law
    - Nursing
    - **Committee Seats**
    - Allocations (5)
    - Budget
    - Judiciary
    - Rules & Ethics (5)
    - Information and Communication (5)

- Due May 20<sup>th</sup> at noon:
  - **Permanent Replacements**
  - Graduate (3)
  - Journalism
  - PPHP
- He encourages new senators to get involved and apply for the open committee seats.
- His office hours will be as follows:
  - Monday: 10am-2pm
  - Tuesday: 10am-2pm
  - Wednesday: 12pm-2pm.
- All replacement senators need to fill out an affiliation form; he will email one out for everyone to complete and return.

#### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairman Brown announces the committee is in the heart of the budget hearings. He adds that the remaining hearings will occur tomorrow at 5pm and 5:30 pm in the Reitz Union.
- They will be working on the 2017-2018 budget later during the summer.

#### **ALLOCATIONS:**

- Vice Chairwoman Laky welcomes all the new senators and introduces the Chamber to the committee. She adds that Chairman Champoux is currently on his way back from Japan.
- There is \$18,000 left to allocate to organizations before the end of the fiscal year.
- Chairman Champoux's office hours will be announced at a later time.

#### **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairman Weiner shares that the committee will be meeting on Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the SG Conference Room. This will be a different time than the usual 5pm meeting.
- He states that the committee has one open seat and encourages everyone to apply.
- He adds that the committee is also in need of a clerk to take minutes during meetings. If you want to be part of the committee, this is a good way to get your foot in the door.
- All legislation and executive appointments will be due on Friday at noon.

## **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Long gives a brief presentation on summer constituency requirements.
  - Senators on probation from spring will have to complete requirements by May 31st.
  - All constituency requirements for Summer A will be due on June 14th.
  - Forms can be submitted through GatorConnect.
  - Everyone must complete two requirements for summer constituency.
  - Chairwoman Long will email out opportunities for constituency, including tabling at the Reitz Union and at Preview.
  - Her presentation will be emailed out for senators to reference throughout the term.
- She tells senators that she has five open seats on her committee as well and encourages everyone to apply. Please email her with any questions.

## **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairwoman Phillips shares that she also has five open seats on her committee and encourages senators to apply. She gives information about the different roles of the committee.
- Any interested senators are welcome to contact her with any questions.
- If you ordered a t-shirt, she still has them. She adds that they will be ordering black SG Polos for about \$14.
- There will be different tabling opportunities for the summer. She will be sending an e-mail regarding these opportunities.
- Please like the Senate Facebook page!

## **Online Voting Implementation Ad Hoc:**

- Chairman Selogy introduces himself and asks that senators interested in the committee use [jennings@ufl.edu](mailto:jennings@ufl.edu) as his official contact.
- He is sending out a Doodle Signup tonight to figure out an adequate meeting time for the committee.
- Committee members who have not sent in their 700 code revisions should do that as soon as possible. Senators who are not on the committee but have recommendations are also welcome to send in their suggestions.

## **SECOND READING:**

- There are no bills in second reading.

### **FIRST READING:**

- There are no bills remaining.

### **BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

There are no bills pending signatures.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Senate Pro-Tempore Meyers announces he has created a Battle of the Branches kickball tournament. He has already sent out a challenge to Student Body President Webster and her Executive team.
- Senator Everitt announces the Applebee's committee is meeting tonight! Please come out and have a good time!
- Chairman Brown shares that his office hours will be on Wednesday from 11-1pm. His committee is also searching for a clerk for the summer.
- Senator Leasure shares that she is working on a state Senate campaign right now and shares an opportunity for internships. Please contact her for more information.
- Chairwoman Long announces that her office hours will be on Wednesday, 11am - 1pm. If you have any questions or want to meet at a different time, don't hesitate to e-mail her.
- President Clements shares that executive branch applications will be due on Monday May 16th at 5pm.

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

### **No Vote Record Received:**

- Champoux
- Feng
- Hasan
- Saloni Patel
- Smith

### **MEETING ADJOURNED:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.