

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

**May 24, 2016**

The Senate President called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 70 senators present.

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

- Aggarwal
- Gabriel
- Hudgins
- Martin
- Shah
- Twymon

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

- There are no amendments to the minutes for May 17th.

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

- Chairman Champoux moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1025 Funding for Young Life by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Long moves to hear approved absence petitions as a block. Approved.
- Chairwoman Long moves to approve the failed absence petition by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Weiner moves to approve Student Senate Resolution 2016-1027 Resolution Recognizing the Continued Success of the University of Florida Gator Motor Sports Team by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Brown moves to approve Student Body Law 2016-1026 Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Activity and Service Fee Budget by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Werk moves to hear Permanent Replacement seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - She moves to approve the aforementioned block. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Werk moves to hear Summer C Replacement seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - She moves to approve the aforementioned block. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Werk moves to hear the Committee seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - She moves to approve the aforementioned block. Approved.

### **PUBLIC DEBATE:**

- Senator Schaettle yields his time to the chair.
- Senator Macey Wilson would like to point out that there are 3 empty graduate seats: one for Permanent replacement and two for Summer C replacement.

- Senator Macey Wilson points out that three candidates applied and interviewed.
- There was one applicant who she thinks was extremely qualified for the position but did not get the spot as a Graduate Senator.
- She voiced her concern on how the application process is handled and how these senators are chosen to fill open positions.

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

- Chief of Staff Haley Smith, on behalf of Student Body President Susan Webster, shares that Student Body President Webster is in New York with President Fuchs.
- She says that applications for Summer Staff are closed and those chosen will be beginning their work as early as this week.
  - A finalized list will be out this Friday May 27<sup>th</sup> by 2pm.
- University Committees applications are still open and everyone is encouraged to apply and get involved.
- There is a task force being formed that will be headed by SG Action Chairman Ty Robare to make improvements to academic advising.
  - If you are interested in getting involved, please email Chief of Staff Haley Smith.
- SG Executive will meet on Friday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the SG Conference Room

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

- Senate President Clements welcomes the senators to the meeting.
- Senate President Clements introduces Captain Holcomb, who is here to give updates on campus safety as a UFPD officer.
- Captain Holcomb briefs the senators on the quiet nature of campus during the Summer A semester and his hopes to continue this pattern.
- Senate President Clements introduces Randall Martin, who is here to talk about the upcoming Memorial Day Weekend.
- Randall Martin briefs the senators on some Memorial Day Weekend activities.
  - May is Military Appreciation Month.
  - Military Themed Trivia at the Brass Tap at 8:30pm on Monday May 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - There will be a ceremony to place American flags on veterans' graves at the East Cemetery on Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm that is open to all those who are interested on Waldo Road.
    - Martin invites those who are interested to join him and gives out his phone number for contact.
  - Martin encourages the senators to take Monday as time to reflect on what the day actually means.
  - Mayor Brady will speak at a memorial on Monday May 29<sup>th</sup> at 11am on Hawthorne Road.
- Senate President Clements announces that the two open liaison seats have been filled and congratulates those chosen to fill the seats:

- Michael Sumner has been chosen as the new UPD Liaison.
- Christian Sutton has been chosen as the new Finance Liaison.
- Senate President Clements reiterates that applications for University Committees are open and encourages everyone to get involved and apply.
- She wishes the senators to have good break over the long weekend and to enjoy the holiday.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:**

- Senate Pro-Tempore Meyers announces that they will begin elections for the Member-at-Large position.
- Senate President Clements gives information on how the process is running.
- Member-at-Large elections
  - Majority Party Leader Werk nominates Senator Leasure.
  - There is a motion to close the floor.
  - Senator Leasure presents her qualifications for the position.
  - Five Minutes of Question and Answer
    - None
  - There is a motion to suspend the rules to allow for a standing vote.
    - Approved.
    - 70 senators in favor. None opposed.
- R&A Committee met this past Monday May 22nd to discuss recommendations from the senators.
- He refers to the public debate and discusses the issues with an applicant's interview to fill a Graduate seat and why that applicant did not get chosen for the seat.
  - The committee ruled unanimously to keep that seat open.
- The open seats are as follows:
  - Permanent Seats
    - District D
    - Graduate
    - PPHP
    - Springs
  - Summer C
    - District D (2)
    - Sophomore
    - Liberal Arts & Sciences
    - Dentistry
    - District E
    - Graduate (2)
    - Law
    - Nursing
    - Allocations
  - These applications will be due Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon due to the holiday weekend.

- Affiliation forms are due a senator's third meeting and if the form is not in, that senator will be forced to resign.

### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairman Brown welcomes the senators and thanks them for the approval of the Student Body Law 2016-1026 Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Activity and Service Fee Budget.
- He explains that Student Government will be able to fund more different projects without increasing the cost to the students.
- He announces there will be a Finance Forum during Summer B for all the new senators to ask questions and/or learn more about the project.
- He announces the new clerk for the Budget Committee: Danielle Grosse.
- He reiterates that they will be working on the 800 codes and is open for recommendations from the public sent to [budget@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:budget@sg.ufl.edu).

### **ALLOCATIONS:**

- Chairman Champoux thanks the Chamber for approving the Student Senate Bill 2016-1025 Funding for Young Life.
- He announces that the committee met on Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- They will be creating a video on Thursday at 10:45am in the SG conference room; senators are welcome to get involved.
- The fiscal year ends on June 30th, and SARs are due on June 10th.

### **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairman Weiner thanks Senator Makela for authoring the resolution.
- He thanks the Chamber for passing the Student Senate Resolution 2016-1027 Resolution Recognizing the Continued Success of the University of Florida Gator Motor Sports Team.
  - The team competed at the International Competition and came in 9<sup>th</sup> this year and 2<sup>nd</sup> the previous year.
- Judiciary committee approved one resolution and one constitution.
- They will not meet this weekend due to the holiday.
- All legislation will be due Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon.

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Long introduces her new project, the Constituency Punch Card Initiative and explains exactly how it works.
  - At the last meeting of the term, there will be ice cream for everyone who has completed their punch cards.
- She asks that the newly appointed senators write their birth month on the back on their voter record so that they can be accounted for in the Constituency Race she is running.
- She reminds the senators that since it is summer, you only have to complete two events.

- If anyone is a member of Student Government funded organizations, please let Chairwoman know so that she can attend events.

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairwoman Phillips welcomes the senators.
- Information & Communication Committee met on Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> and started working on the script for the promo video for the Fall and encourages senators to get involved in the video and would love for those interested to contact her.
- She thanks everyone who participated in the head shot session and thanks Senator Hanley for taking the head shots.
- Polo order form closes tomorrow May 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm, so get in your order for \$21 and pay her via Venmo or cash.
- There is no due date for name tag orders, which are \$12, just get the order and money to her as soon as possible.
- The Google document is open for senators to table for Preview or Reitz and sign up.
  - If you have to cancel, please do so 24 hours in advance so we can make appropriate adjustments.
  - Chairwoman Phillips announces that no party affiliation t-shirts may be worn during tabling, so stick to the dress code given.
- She congratulates the two senators that have been added to the Information & Communication Committee.

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

- Chairman Selogy welcomes the senators.
- He announces that the committee spent time today May 24th to revise the codes in reference to the online voting initiative.
  - The committee will spend the next week combing through the codes and the adjustments made to the codes to make sure they are accurate.
- Senators can expect the changes to be on the agenda in two weeks and then they will vote on them from that point.
- Minutes have been emailed to the Senate Secretaries and you may request them from them.

### **SECOND READING:**

- There are no bills in second reading.

### **FIRST READING:**

- There are no bills remaining. They were approved.

### **BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

There are no bills pending signatures.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Senator Hanley says that she will be editing tonight's headshots and upload them; she will also be taking headshots before next week's meeting.
- Chairman Champoux congratulates Senator Lindsay Abbott and Senator Noah Cellura for getting approved for the Allocations Committee.
- Senator Hasan announces that the Mayor's Council will be playing "The Good Dinosaur" this Saturday May 28th at 8:30 pm.
- Senator Bahmad is looking for organizations to co-sponsor and asks the senators to reach out and contact her.
- Senate Pro-Tempore Meyers reiterates the importance of the affiliation forms and gives an update on the kickball team.

## **ROLL CALL:**

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

## **No Vote Record Received:**

- Hudgins
- Martin
- Shah

## **MEETING ADJOURNED:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.