

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

**July 26th, 2016**

The Senate President called the meeting to order at 7:08 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 80 senators present.

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

- Garavaglia
- Hanley
- Mead
- Motwani
- Muncan
- Nunes
- Paiva
- Johanna Phillips
- Roney
- Soberano
- Steinmeyer

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

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

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

- Chairwoman Long motions to hear the approved absence petitions as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Champoux motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1058 Funding for Nepalese Student Associate by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Champoux motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1059 Funding for IA Lead by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Werk motions to approve the Permanent Replacement seat by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Werk motions to approve the Summer B Replacement seat by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Werks motions to hear Student Senate Bill 2016-1046 200 Code Revisions, Student Senate Bill 2016-1047 300 Code Revisions, and Student Senate Bill 2016-1048 500 Code Revisions as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Weiner motions to hear Student Senate Bill 2016-1049 Amendment to the Student Body Constitution Article I, Student Senate Bill 2016-1050 Amendment to the Student Body Constitution Article III Section 2, Student

Senate Bill 2016-1051 Amendment to Student Body Constitution Article III Section 4, Student Senate Bill 2016-1052 Amendment to the Student Body Constitution Article III Section 6, Student Senate Bill 2016-1053 Amendment to Student Body Constitution Article IV Section 5, Student Senate Bill 2016-1054 Amendment to Student Body Constitution Article VI, Student Senate Bill 2016-1055 Amendment to the Student Body Constitution Article VIII Section 2 Part 1, Student Senate Bill 2016-1056 Amendment to the Student Body Constitution Article VIII Section 2 Part 2, and Student Senate Bill 2016-1057 Amendment to Student Body Constitution: Student Honor Court as a block. Approved.

- Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Brown motions to approve Student Senate Law 2016-1039 Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Activity and Service Fee Budget by unanimous consent. Approved.

### **PUBLIC DEBATE:**

- Audrey Guerra yields to Ben Duong
- Ben Duong voices his concern about three Supreme Court rejected amendments being compiled into one amendment for the Spring 2017 ballot alongside 8 other amendments.
  - By sending all of these amendments to the ballot, he believes that you are setting them up to fail.
  - He believes that the student body will not take the time to read these 9 lengthy amendments and vote each, which will lead for them not to pass.
  - This means that the movement to bring Online Voting to UF, a movement that was passed this past spring, will face a suicide mission if it is buried in other amendments.
  - He encourages the Chamber to take this chance to make the right decision and help the student body of UF.
- Senator Stein yields to Chase Werther.
- Senator Wilson yields to Chase Werther.
- Senator Sakharuk yields to Chase Werther.
- Chase Werther says that 9 new bills that will propose 9 new amendments to the constitution will be added to the ballot for the Spring 2017 election.
  - This includes 4 amendments most recently overturned by the Supreme Court.
  - It includes adding information to the SG non-discriminatory policy, changes the number of senate seats, changes the number of signatures needed on the ballot for referendum, and of course online voting.
  - It is important to bring back online voting because the majority of our students have fought for this and support it. This is not the way to go about it.
    - This proposal seems rushed because the Supreme Court has already been petitioned to meet to reconsider the retroactive power of the decision they made earlier and they have not yet convened on this issue.

- Additionally, regardless of the Supreme Court decision, by adding 9 new amendments to the ballot, students are more likely to abstain from voting on this amendment altogether.
- She believes that the way they are going about this is all wrong, and will take the students a longer time to read all of the amendments and it takes about 2 minutes to vote in a Student Government election.
  - We still have a disappointingly low voter turn-out and with 9 amendments to read through, it is more than likely that students will just vote on the Executive ticket and senators and nothing more.
- If we combine this with the Supreme Court's decision to not count those who voted on a referendum, we will be sending online voting on a suicide mission.
- Students have already voted and shown their support, so now it's up to us to fulfill the mission to serve the student body.
- Nothing in the constitution prohibits online voting for students and it is possible to pass legislation in Senate to revise the 700 codes.
- She would like to see these revisions written and approved by Senate in the near future.
- It is the Senate's job to fulfill the wishes of the students, and they have spoken in favor of online voting.
- By burying online voting in other amendments, she believes it shows fake support.

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

- Chief of Staff Haley Smith briefs the Chamber on the SEC Exchange event that went on this past weekend.
  - She wants to especially thank Senate President Jenny Clements.
  - She shares that the Executive Branch will reopen applications on August 24th and will close September 9<sup>th</sup> for the majority of the agencies and general staff.
  - The Big Event is a day of service for the community and it's a way to say thank you to Gainesville from UF.
    - This will be held on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Action SG Chair Ty Robare is currently working on setting up a tabling event for the last week of Summer B, so next Wednesday August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - He is working at establishing tabling at all of the major student assemblies for fall and setting the preliminary ground work for SG TV to bring back to the students.
  - He and Susan have been working on their initiative with Uber Safe Ride.
    - They want to bring back the program come fall.
  - The project regarding the Bledsoe lot which made it free for all students during the day to be able to go the Southwest Recreation gym for two hour periods without having to buy a decal.
    - They're revisiting this project and taking measures to monitor the spaces and time them.

- Director of External Affairs Jason Richards is very excited to partner with Accent to host the debate between Keith Perry and Rod Smith.
  - October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- Civic Engagement Week October 31st - November 4th.
  - There will be a lot fun events to attend during that week!
- Lindsay and Wilson have been working with him to work on the apartment leasing issues.
  - They're working on making a student-friendly lease option with apartments.
- Ty and his team have redone the Facebook page so go like it!
- They are putting Gatorade Vending Machines in the gyms!
- Hammock Rental Service is underway!
  - The hammocks were purchased and are being embroidered. Should be here for the first week of fall
- Supervisor of Elections Eric Hobbs introduces himself.
  - According to Code 715.3, the Supervisor of Elections constituency plan needed to be presented 2 weeks before the information meeting, the informational meeting will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the Fall semester.
    - The plan is an outline of how to proceed in case the locations where voting during elections are being held go down with technical issues.
    - If less than half of the polling stations are down, we will directing students to the nearest polling location.
    - If more than half of the stations are down, it becomes a more complicated issue.
    - If this happens, they will handle it based on length of time.
      - There are 11 locations total, and if 5 or more locations are down for less than one hour, that time will not be made up.
      - If the outage occurs longer than 1 hour but shorter than 6 hours, they will add the amount of time lost to the end of the days.
      - If it down for more than 6 hours, they will have to add another day of voting.
  - If anyone has questions, reach out to him or come see him during office hours
  - Parties can begin registering August 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - Informational meeting is August 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Assistant Supervisor of Elections applications have been extended and are open.

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

- Senate President Clements thanks all who helped with the SEC Exchange this past weekend.
  - It was a great learning opportunity to see how other student governments handle issues and hopes we can continue to improve.
- She thanks the Chamber for approving the amendments to the constitution.

- It has taken a lot of time, effort, and research to get these back on the ballot.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:**

- Senate Pro-Tempore Meyers welcomes the senators.
- The committee met this past Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - The District E seat was left open due to eligibility issues.
- Open Summer B Replacement Seat applications are due July 29th at noon:
  - Agricultural & Life Sciences
  - District E
  - Graduate (3)
  - Law
  - Nursing
- Open Committee Seat applications are due July 29th at noon:
  - Judiciary
- Open Fall seats will be announced next week.

### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairman Brown welcomes the senators.
- He thanks everyone for approving Student Senate Bill 2016-1039 Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Activity and Service Fee Budget.
  - He thanks the Budget Committee and all those who helped.
- They will be working on the outreach program more with the Fall semester.
  - They want to make it to at least one student organization every week to see exactly what all of the students can do.

### **ALLOCATIONS:**

- Chairman Champoux welcomes the senators.
- The committee met this past Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - They heard 3 requests.
  - They approved 2 and failed 1.
- He thanks everyone for approving those requests earlier in the meeting.
- It is exciting to have so many new organizations!
- The committee is continuing to work on the liaison program with all of the organizations underneath Allocations.
- They are working with SAI to work on finance training.
- They are going to continue their outreach program to help those organizations not funded directly through the budget.

### **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairman Weiner welcomes the senators.
- The committee met this past Sunday, July 24th

- They heard 13 bills.
  - They passed 12, and tabled 1.
- He will host the Writing Workshop tomorrow Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup>, from 2-4pm.
- All legislation will be due Friday July 29<sup>th</sup> at noon.

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Long welcomes the senators.
- She shows the constituency tracker.
  - Green means 100% done
  - Yellow means 1 requirement is done
  - Red means nothing has been done
- She also shows the constituency calendar to the Chamber.
  - There aren't many events left.
  - Constituency requirements are due in a week on August 2nd.
  - Make sure you go to the correct requirements for your senator seat.
- Every senator should have received a midpoint email.
- Reminder: you can only have a max of 1.5 absences unexcused.
- She opens up the floor to questions.
  - Senator Netzer asks if the tracker will be available online.
    - It will be available on GatorConnect.

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairwoman Phillips welcomes the senators.
- The committee met this past Tuesday night July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Spike It With Senate will be held on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Please encourage everyone to sign up, even from different organizations.
  - Tanks are \$8, if you want one let Jackie know.
    - She will send out an order form link through the list serve.
    - You can pay via cash or Venmo.
- There are a few more tabling sessions for the semester so please sign up as soon as possible.

### **SECOND READING:**

- Student Senate Bill 2016-1040 700 Code Revisions
- 5 minutes of presentation:
  - Supervisor of Elections Eric Hobbs wanted to thank his co-sponsors.
    - He apologizes for not being there last week, he had an exam.
  - Code 719.0: The purpose of this code is to provide the student body with a truly non-partisan platform to speak.
    - By him taking it along, he believes that he will be able to put on a great debate.
  - Code 719.01: Says that in the event that only one party has a full qualified executive slate, the Supervisor of Elections will not be required to host the Student Government Debate.

- Code 719.1: This is to give a timeline for when the debate will take place in Spring.
- Code 719.2: It will be up to the Supervisor to decide in which way this will be provided to be to the public.
- Code 719.3: This is to put a check on the student Supervisor of Elections to make sure the debate put on is non-partisan.
- Code 763.5: This allows students to table in designated Reitz Union outdoor tabling space, even though it is close to a polling area.
- 5 mins of non-technical questions
- 3 rounds of Pro/Con
  - 1st Con:
    - 1 Senator Stein
  - 1st Pro:
    - 1 Majority Party Leader Werk moves to amend the numbering as follows by unanimous consent.
      - 719.0 → 713.7
      - 719.01 → 713.71
      - 719.1 → 713.72
      - 719.2 → 713.73
      - 719.3 → 713.74
    - Passes
    - 2 Majority Party Leader Werk
    - 1 Chairwoman Long
    - 1 Chairwoman Phillips
  - 2nd Con:
    - Majority Party Leader Werk moves to close debate.
      - Passes by unanimous consent.
  - 2nd Pro:
  - 3rd Con:
  - 3rd Pro:
  - All in favor to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1040 700 Code Revisions please rise.
    - Approved.

### **FIRST READING:**

- They were approved.

### **BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

There are no bills pending signatures.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Chairwoman Phillips thanks those who have already ordered their tanks!

- Chairwoman Long reminds the new senators who got approved tonight, you only have to do one constituency
- Majority Party Leader Werk announces that next Tuesday will be Seersucker Tuesday for the last senate meeting of the semester.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**No Vote Record Received:**

- Garavaglia
- Hanley
- Mead
- Motwani
- Muncan
- Nunes
- Paiva
- Johanna Phillips
- Roney
- Soberano
- Steinmeyer

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.