

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

**July 5th, 2016**

The Senate President called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 81 senators present.

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

- Dolan
- Folkes
- Goff
- Khantawang
- Krupa Patel
- Pokhrel
- Prins
- Sultania
- Trawick
- Wei
- Wilkey

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

- There are no amendments to the minutes for June 28th.

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

- Chairman Champoux motions to strike Student Senate Bill 2016-1033 Funding for LOGRAS by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Champoux motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1032 Funding for Gators Humans vs. Zombies by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Champoux motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1034 Funding for Gator Chess Club by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Champoux motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1035 Funding for Alpha Omega by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Champoux motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1036 Funding for Young Life by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Long moves to approve the approved absence by unanimous consent. Approved.

### **PUBLIC DEBATE:**

- No public debate.

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

- Student Body President Susan Webster welcomes the senators.
- She announces her office hours for the Summer B semester:
  - Tuesday 9:30am-1:30pm
  - Wednesday and Thursday 10:30am-1:30pm
  - If these times do not work, please email her.
- She announces that BJ, Kishan and she have kicked off their summer events for 2016.

- She was excited to meet all the new students and hopes they get involved within Student Government.
- She wants to re-establish Uber Safe Ride program so she is working with Purchasing to try to implement that.
- She wants to get ponchos for the Ponchos Distribution Program all over campus for students to use when they get caught in the rain.
- She shares that Jason Richards and she have been working on starting a hammock rental program.
- July 22nd-24th will be the SEC Exchange where different SEC schools come to the University of Florida to observe our Student Government program.
  - If anyone would like to participate, please reach out to her.
- First meeting of Advising Task Force has occurred and the task force is meant to help the advising problems here on campus.
- Students have been asking for more dance space!
  - They have located some areas and she will begin sharing them.
- She announces that today, July 5th, is Senate President Jenny Clement's 21st birthday and asks the Chamber to sing to her.

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

- Senate President Clements thanks everyone for singing happy birthday to her!
- She hopes that everyone had a safe and enjoyable weekend with the holiday.
- She shares that the Advising Task Force meet this weekend for the first time.
  - It was a very successful first meeting as they set their goals.
  - They are looking not only at external research from other universities but also looking at internal research at the University.
  - They are trying to meet weekly to keep developing strategies to move forward.
- Meet Your Senator Day is this Thursday July 7th from 11am to 2pm. Please come out and meet your constituents!
  - She shares that it is exciting to meet new people and that it is a great way to share ideas.
- The Senate Retreat will be Sunday July 10th at Lake Wauburg so please come join!

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:**

- Senate Pro-Tempore Meyers welcomes the senators and hopes everyone had a safe and fun weekend
- The Open Permanent Replacements seats applications are due July 8th at noon for the following seats:
  - Accounting
  - Graduate
- The Open Summer B Replacements applications are due July 8th at noon for the following seats:
  - Dentistry

- Graduate
- Health and Human Performance
- Law
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- The Open Committee Seat applications are due July 8th at noon for the following committees:
  - Budget and Appropriations
  - (3) Rules and Ethics

### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairman Brown welcomes the senators and hopes everyone had a safe weekend.
- Today was the final round of first hearings for the 2017-2018 Activity and Service Fee Budget.
- The third hearings will be this Friday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. He will send out the location later today.
- There is one open Budget Committee seat, he encourages everyone to apply.
  - He shares that this experience has been great for him and his committee.
  - He will be at his office hours tomorrow if anyone wants to discuss joining his committee.
- Next week, they will discuss the Big 4 budgets.

### **ALLOCATIONS:**

- Chairman Champoux welcomes the senators and is glad to see everyone back.
- The committee was busy this past weekend with 25 requests.
  - They approved 7, tabled 4 and failed 14 requests.
- He decided to strike LOGRAS because they moved under HSA, so they will be responsible over there.
- Some of the approved requests weren't put on the agenda because their constitutions are not completed.
- The committee will be tabling and continuing all of their outreach for the summer to get as many requests as possible.

### **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairman Weiner welcomes the senators.
- He announces that the committee met this past Friday July 1<sup>st</sup> and saw 8 constitutions.
  - 4 passed, 4 failed.
- He will host another Bill Writing Workshop tomorrow July 6<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm.
- The committee will meet this coming Monday July 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Long welcomes the senators.

- She reminds those on probation that it is due July 19th at midnight.
- Keep up with constituency!
  - 5 senators have already completed it!
    - Cole Gabriel was the first Senator complete constituency!
- Meet Your Senator Day will count as an SG event.
  - For graduate and professional it will count as tabling

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairwoman Phillips welcomes the senators.
- She shares that the committee met Thursday June 30th.
- Meet Your Senator Day is Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm
  - She invites the senators to come out and connect directly with their constituents.
  - It will count as an SG event. Perfect opportunity to finish constituency.
  - The document was sent out this afternoon so please sign up.
- Senator Retreat this Sunday July 10th from 12pm-3pm!
  - Please come out, if you can't make it or need a ride, let the Chairwoman know. She asks for each category of senators to contribute to the picnic:
    - College senators: dessert
    - District A senators and the I&C Committee: entrée
    - Freshmen senators, sophomore senators, and on campus senators: drinks
    - District B, C, D, and E, Graduate senators: side dishes
    - If you attend, you will get a half absence back.
  - Senate Retreat is at the north shore at the Cypress Lodge.
- If you ordered a Senate T-Shirt or nametag, she will be handing them out at the end of the meeting.

### **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 Stein will be meeting with Graduates United tomorrow July 6<sup>th</sup> and he invites anyone interested to come.
  - The graduate senators are highly encouraged to attend.
- Senator Everitt reminds the senators about the infrastructure legislation. They added lighting at the crosswalk where the Wellness Center. He exclaims that this is a great example of the power of passed legislation.

- Senator Kynast shares that Gator Growl Staff Applications are open until tomorrow July 6<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.
- Chairwoman Phillips reminds everyone to like UF Student Government Senate on Facebook and share it!
  - She adds that IRHA is meeting this Monday July 11th at 6:15 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**No Vote Record Received:**

- Dolan
- Folkes
- Khantawang
- Krupa Patel
- Pokhrel
- Prins
- Sultania
- Trawick
- Wei
- Wilkey

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.