

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

**August 30th, 2016**

The Senate President called the meeting to order at 7:41 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 83 senators present.

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

- Belin
- Bhusar
- Everitt
- Goff
- Kynast
- Pokhrel
- Rivera
- Ser
- Stein
- Sashadar Varanasi

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

- There are no amendments to the minutes for August 23rd.

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

- Chairman Champoux motions to strike Student Senate Bill 2016-1064 Funding for HEROES by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Champoux motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1065 Funding for Nepalese Student Association by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Champoux motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1066 Funding for Gator Guard Drill Team by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Weiner motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1061 Amendment to the Student Body Constitution Article VIII Section 2 Part 3 by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Weiner motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1062 Fall 2017 Reapportionment by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Weiner motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1063 Spring 2017 Reapportionment by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Werk motions to hear the Executive Nominations for the Local Fee Committee as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Werk motions to hear the Executive Nominations for the Capital Improvement Trust Fund Committee as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.

- Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Werk motions to hear the recommendations for the open Senate Seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Werk motions to hear the recommendations for the open Committee seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- 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.
- Chairwoman Long motions to approve the Approved Resignation Appeal – Jasal Patel by unanimous consent. Approved.

### **PUBLIC DEBATE:**

- Senator Felder yields to the chair.
- Senator Dwyer welcomes the Chamber.
  - He is a Law School senator and has a class with Professor Joe Little, who has been a professor at the Law School for 49 years, since President Reitz was in office here at UF.
  - Senator Dwyer believes that Professor Joe Little is a tremendous asset for the university.
  - Senator Dwyer wants to bring Professor Little in to the Chamber for a brief talk about his experiences, and encourages those interested to go visit Professor Little on the 3rd floor of the Levin College of Law.

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

- Student Body President Webster welcomes the senators and thanks everyone for approving the committees.
  - The Executive Branch Retreat was this past weekend and it went great!
  - She adds that there are a ton of applications that are open!
- Chief of Staff Haley Smith says that all applications will close on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.
  - The open applications are all for agency staff positions from all 13 of the agencies.
  - They are open now so apply! It is a great way to get involved with another branch of Student Government.
  - There are also applications for Assistant Director for Cabinet and Assistant Treasurer open!
- Student Body President Webster encourages everyone to have students apply to the agencies!
  - Tomorrow, Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, is Hangout with SG along with the Hammock Club depending the weather

- Director of External Affairs Jason Richards speaks about the new hammock rental program.
  - Students can now rent hammocks from any RecSports location for up to a day.
  - There will be free Chick-Fil-A!
- Student Body President Webster speaks on the former program that made the Bledsoe Lot, which is right next to Southwest Rec, open for students to park in during the day and how she and Action SG Chair Ty Robare are almost done with bringing the program back!
- Action SG Chair Ty Robare speaks about the Bledsoe Lot issue: students are usually caught in a huge traffic jam at 3:30pm, when UF parking lifts, to get to Southwest Rec to go work out since they can't park beforehand without getting ticketed.
  - Passport is an application and by downloading it, you are able to utilize the Bledsoe Lot by parking in a space and registering your space and that charge is charged to the Student Government account so that any student who parks there between 8am and 3:30pm, when there are parking restrictions, can park there for free for 2 hours max so they can use Southwest Rec.
  - It is currently in a soft launch but by next week, they should have a full demo to show exactly how to get the app and how to get over to Southwest Rec before 3:30pm!
- Student Body President Webster says that they will start getting that information out to students very soon but she is excited because she knows it will be a great service for the students and it is something that students have asked for.
  - Launching the first Monday of every month they will have a President's Council Meeting where they will sit down with the presidents of the big 9 organizations.
    - During the meeting, they will be able to collaborate better and hear what things the presidents need for their organizations and how Student Government can better support the student organizations.
  - Charging stations are coming soon!
    - There are old charging stations on campus where you can charge your phone but you wouldn't want to leave it there for very long because there's no great way to do it since the cords are short and you have to sit nearby and watch it from the corner of your eye.
    - The new program will enable you to be able to lock your phone in there and multiple phones and charge for multiple hours and they will be safe.
    - A lot of students have been asking for this program to charge their phones before they walk home so they can use the Gator Safe app so our students can be safe.
  - She is also working with dining services to add a food option to Norman Hall since there are not many food options on that side of campus.
    - If anyone has any suggestions or ideas, please voice them!

- She is so pumped for the first game day of the football season on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Last but not least, she wants to wish the Student Government Advisor James Tyger a very happy birthday!
- Chief of Staff Haley Smith speaks about getting involved in the It's On Us campaign (formerly known as Sexual Assault Awareness Week).
  - If you are interested in being a part of the campaign, please reach out to her!
  - She has not finalized her committee yet because she wanted to give everyone a chance to apply and get involved.
  - Please spread the word to your constituents as well.
- Action SG Chair Ty Robare also wanted to encourage people to apply for Action SG!
  - Also, spread the word to your friends and constituents!

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

- Senate President Clements welcomes the senators.
- She reminds the senators how to properly mark their vote records.
- She lets the senators know that the new Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Dave Parrot, will be here next week, Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, to speak at Senate.
- She asks everyone to please refrain from wearing party affiliation t-shirts in the SG office or you will be asked to leave.
  - Also, please keep the Chamber free of any campaign activities.
- She reminds everyone that Spike It With Senate is Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>!!
  - She encourages everyone to please make teams!
- She reminds everyone that it is James's birthday today and shares how appreciated he is!

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Senate Pro-Tempore Meyers welcomes the senators.
- He wanted to give a birthday shout out to James!
- He has set his office hours and they will be:
  - Tuesdays 2pm-6pm
  - Thursdays 2pm-6pm
  - Friday 11am-1pm
- There are four Open Senate Seats and those applications will be due Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at noon:
  - Engineering
  - Hume
  - District D
  - Liberal Arts
- There are Open Committee Seats and those applications will be due Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon:
  - Information & Communication (2)

## **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairman Brown welcomes the senators.
- He mentions the heavy traffic that occurred and hopes no one got caught in it!
- The committee met and approved some 800 code revisions, and they will be sent out to everyone before next week's meeting.
  - The committee also discussed options for students who are a part of the School of Music.
- He adds that the "Money Team" will win this Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at Spike It With Senate!

## **ALLOCATIONS:**

- Chairman Champoux welcomes the senators.
- The committee met this past Sunday and heard 6 requests:
  - They passed 3, tabled 2, and failed 1.
- He says that Student Senate Bill 2016-1064 Funding for HEROES was struck because their constitution was not passed by the Judiciary Committee.
- The committee will meet next Sunday to hear more requests and they are also working with the student of the School of Music to accommodate those organizations that have lost funding.
- He asks that the committee meet after the meeting.

## **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairman Weiner welcomes the senators.
- He discusses the reapportionments for Fall 2017 and Spring 2017.
  - The apportionments roughly works out to 1000 students per seat.
  - For the Fall 2017: They changed Family Housing to Graduate and Family Housing to make it a more inclusive environment as a request submitted by IRHA and Housing.
  - For the Spring 2017: They changed Fine Arts to Arts to reflect the actual name change of the College of Fine Arts to the College of Arts.
- The committee met this past Sunday and they passed 3 bills, failed 1 bill, and failed 1 constitution.
- They will meet Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.
- Legislation will be due Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon.
- The Bill Writing Workshop will be held tomorrow, August 31<sup>st</sup>, from 12:30pm to 2:30pm.

## **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Long welcomes the senators.
- Those senators on probation, probation is due on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - There are forms with strict instructions on how to complete your probation so that you don't get confused.
  - It is active now.

- All forms for constituency are active now as well!
- The committee will start doing calendars, like they did in the summer, but slightly different.
  - They will do separate calendars for the Fall senators and the Spring senators so that it is less confusing.
- She asks that the committee meets after the meeting!

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairwoman Phillips welcomes the senators.
- She congratulates Senator Hariton and Senator Wilson on joining the Information and Communication Committee.
- Spike It with Senate is this Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30pm at Broward Volleyball Courts.
  - It is \$30 per team for 6 people, which works out to \$5 a person!
  - The winning team gets to pick the charity to which all of the money is donated!
  - It also counts as an SG event!
  - The sign-up link is on the Facebook page and in the various emails that she has sent out.
  - The link closes tomorrow, August 31<sup>st</sup>, at 11:59pm but if you are having trouble forming a team and really want to participate and think that you will have a team by Thursday, please email her!
- Spike It with Senate tanks are in so pick them up after the meeting!
- There are still 2 open seats on the committee and she encourages everyone to apply!
- She asks her committee to please see her after the meeting.
- A senator asks what will happen if the event gets rained out.
  - Chairwoman Phillips says that they will most likely reschedule the event if that happens!

### **SECOND READING:**

- There are none.

### **FIRST READING:**

- They were approved.

### **BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

There are no bills pending signatures.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Majority Party Leader Werk announces that Sigma Kappa is doing a grand opening of their new house on Sunday, September 18th from 11am-2pm and invites the Chamber to come out and see the house!
  - There will be raffles, photos, fun, and food
- Chairwoman Long announces that Dance Marathon captain applications are now open so please apply!
  - There is a new program called the Emerging Leaders Program meant for younger members of organizations to help them get involved, so please spread the word!
- Senator Fletcher is the Treasurer of the Black Student Union.
  - This Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> will be the first Black Student Union General Body Meeting
    - He invites everyone to come out and get constituency done.
- Senator Hanley reminds everyone that preview staff applications are open and they will be closing September 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.
  - You do have to hand in hard copy of Terms and Conditions at Peabody Hall.
- Chairwoman Phillips adds that there is one tabling opportunity between now and the end of campaign and election season.
  - It will be on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm.
  - Student Government as well as Senate will be tabling at the Student Organization Fair.
  - If you would like to get your tabling requirement out of the way early, email her to sign up!

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**No Vote Record Received:**

- Belin
- Everitt
- Goff
- Kynast
- Pokhrel
- Ser
- Stein
- Sumner
- Sashidar Varanasi

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.