

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

January 12th, 2016

The Senate President called the meeting to order at 7:35 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 79 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Bochman
- Duval
- Feldman
- Fish
- Garg
- Guerra
- Innocent
- Reemsnyder
- Ste.Claire
- Stillword
- Valdes

AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

There were no amendments to the previous minutes for January 5th.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Leader Smith moves to approve R&A recommendations for Vice Chancellor of the Honor Code by unanimous consent.
 - Approved.
- Chairwoman McClinton moves to approve R&E absence petition by unanimous consent.
 - Approved.
- Senator Baldwin moves to approve Student Senate Resolution 2016-1001 by unanimous consent.
 - Approved.
- Chairman Champoux moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1002 by unanimous consent.
 - Approved.
- Chairman Champoux moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1003 by unanimous consent.
 - Approved.
- Chairman Champoux moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1004 by unanimous consent.
 - Approved.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Senator Trawick yields his time to the chair.
- Senator Bell came up to speak on behalf of Senator Christ because it is Senator Christ's last meeting. He shares an anecdote he had with Christ and finishes by wishing him luck in the future.
- Senator Saetta speaks on behalf of Senator Christ and commends him for his contributions to the Senate.

- Matthew Hoeck also came up to speak on behalf of Senator Christ. He believes Christ has earned the title of “Master of Senate.”
- Senator Haddaway came up to give her goodbye speech. She explains that she now has a job as a Residential Assistant.
- Senator Selogy came up to speak on behalf of Senator Christ. He also shared an anecdote and spoke about Senator Christ in the Chamber.
- Senator Christ shares his perspective on Student Government and reflects on his time in the Senate.

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT:

- Student Body President Padron-Rasines reminds senators that TapShield is no longer in service and that the new safety app, GatorSafe, is its replacement. Senators are encouraged to let their constituents know about this.
 - They are hoping to launch a campaign to remind students about access to the New York Times.
 - She thanks everyone for passing the GAU resolution tonight.
 - She shares a card from Michael Blachly, former director of the Performing Arts, thanking senators for their resolution in his honor.
 - She gives a goodbye to Senator Christ and honors his contributions to the Senate.
- Student Body Treasurer Carre invites the President of IA LEAD, Meredith Adams, to thank the Senate for allocating funds to their organization.
 - His office hours are now posted on the SG website.
 - He thanks Senate for hosting this joint meeting with the directors of the Cultural Plaza.
 - He shares that he has donated his salary to the Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars Program, as have President Padron-Rasines and Vice President Doan.
 - The Gator Career Closet will be located in Peabody Hall in a partnership with the Dean of Students Office. Clothing drives, events, and social media posts will be rolled out soon.
 - He is working on the remaining philanthropy initiatives; they are trying to put on events that don't cost students money to raise funds for other charities and organizations.
 - If anyone has ideas or things that they would like to see happen, then please feel free to contact him,
 - He says goodbye to Senator Christ and shares memories of time working together with him.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Webster thanks Senator Christ for everything that he has brought to Senate.
- She shares that she has heard from many of the recipients of the First Responders resolution passed last week in appreciation of the Senate's efforts.
- She announced her office hours. If you would like to see them, they are on the SG Website. If none of those hours work for you, please e-mail her.
- There's an open Judiciary Liaison position.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate Pro-Tempore Clements shares her new office hours for the semester; they are posted on the SG website. Appointments are welcome.
- There are many open seats:
 - Due 1/15 at noon: Dentistry, Medicine, Engineering, Grad (1), Freshman
 - Due 1/22 at noon: Grad (2), District D, Fine Arts, Architecture
 - Committee seats: R&E and Judiciary

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Meyers has no report tonight.

ALLOCATIONS:

- Chairman Champoux will be emailing out his report, but reminds senators that the Finance Forum is next week.
- Organizations should also remember that hearings are not allowed in the two weeks prior to elections.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Richards will be e-mailing out his report.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman McClinton will be e-mailing out her report. She does, however, remind the Senate to remember that probation requirements need to be completed.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Newport-Jones will be e-mailing out her report.

DIVERSITY OUTREACH AD HOC:

- Chairman Buiey and Chairman Fletcher will be emailing their report.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS AD HOC:

- Chairwoman Werk will be e-mailing her report. The committee is meeting on Thursday at 8pm in the Reitz Union Food Court.

FIRST READING:

- There are no bills pending first reading.

Presentation by the Cultural Plaza Directors

- Tonight the Senate is joined by the following directors of the Cultural Plaza:

- Rebecca Nagy, Director of the Harn Museum
- Eric Segal, Director of Education
- Kelly Harvey, Director of Development
- Allison VanDend, Asst. Director of Development
- Darcie MacMahon, Director of Exhibits and Public Programs (Natural History)
- Elizabeth Auer, Asst. Director of Performing Arts
- Rebecca Nagy gives a welcome to the Senate.
- Eric Segal, Director of Education, announced that the Museum offers free admission to students as well as opportunities for classes to engage in the artwork here.
 - They offer many opportunities for students to get involved, from volunteering to getting involved with exhibits. Museum Nights are held on the second Thursday of each month.
- Allison VanDend, Asst. Director of Development, talked about the Free Student Membership Program.
 - They have developed a digital app for students to gain entry into hundreds of museums throughout the United States.
 - Students are able to renew their memberships in the fall.
 - Student member feedback is shared, stressing the positive reaction from students to this service.
- Darcie MacMahon, Director of Exhibits and Public Programs (Natural History), shares that they are excited to be celebrating their 100th anniversary.
 - Students are able to do research in the museum's collections.
 - The museum has permanent exhibits, a butterfly rainforest, and some traveling exhibits.
 - The museum received \$72,000 last year for student entries from SG and they well exceeded that award in visitors.
- Elizabeth Auer, Asst. Director of Performing Arts, thanks senators again for passing the resolution honoring Michael Blachly.
 - They had over 10,000 students attend performances last season. They have found that musicals are very popular, as well as classical musicians and dance performances.
 - They also have many students employed, particularly in the box office and in the technical department. They also have internships available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Robare wishes Senator Christ luck.
- Senator Saber shares that IA Lead is having a Yogurtology fundraiser tonight. Hopping 4 a Cure is also having a meeting tomorrow night.
- Senator Nelson shares that there is a Back to the 90s Party at La Casita tomorrow. There is an HSA meeting on Thursday at 6:30pm at Pugh Hall as well.
- Senator Klein thanks Senator Christ for his time at SG and thanks the Harn presenters for visiting as well.
- Senator Patel invites senators to the Indian Students Association meeting. He also thanks Senator Christ for his service.
- Senator Brown thanked Senator Christ for his work and says he will be missed.

- Senator A. Smith tells senators that Project Makeover volunteer forms just opened up.

ROLL CALL:

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

No Vote Record Received:

- Bell
- Bochman
- Brown
- Christ
- Duval
- Ezenwa
- Feldman
- Fish
- Garg
- Guerra
- Reemsnyder
- Ste.Claire
- Stillword
- Trawick
- Valdes
- Webster

MEETING ADJOURNED:

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.