

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

January 19th, 2016

The Senate President called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 75 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Bochman
- Christ
- Chung
- Derias
- Fish
- Gabriel
- Innocent
- Nelson
- Phillips
- Selogy

AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

There were no amendments to the previous minutes for January 12th.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Smith moves to hear R&A recommendations for committee seats as a block by unanimous consent.
 - Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Smith moves to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent.
 - Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Smith moves to hear R&A recommendations for replacement seats as a block by unanimous consent.
 - Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Smith moves to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent.
 - Approved.
- Chairman Richards moves to approve Elections Commission recommendation by unanimous consent.
 - Objection.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Senator Saber yields his time to Caroline Nickerson.
- Senator Wang yields his time to Caroline Nickerson.
- David Nassau speaks to Senate as the chairman of Gator Innovators and gives updates about the organization's activities and achievements. On February 15th

and March 7th they will be hosting speakers. He also speaks about Hopping 4 a Cure; their big hopscotch tournament will be tentatively held on April 2nd. All proceeds go towards those affected by multiple sclerosis.

- Senator Saetta yields her time to Randall Martin.
- Senator Trawick yields his time to the chair.
- Matthew Hoeck yields his time to the chair.
- Senator Garg yields his time to Randall Martin.
- Senator Bell yields his time to Randall Martin.
- Senator A. Smith yields his time to Caroline Nickerson.
- Senator Ste.Claire yields her time to the chair.
- Senator Rozsa yields her time to Caroline Nickerson.
- Caroline Nickerson discusses a petition to have remote online voting as part of the SG elections this spring. They turned in approximately 3,000 signatures today.
- Senator Titus yields his time to Randall Martin.
- Randall Martin discusses a Meet and Greet that will be held for potential graduate senators. All are encouraged to come out to the event on February 12th from 6-8pm in Pugh Hall. The email for this event will be going to all graduate students at the University of Florida.
- Senator Holloway yields his time to the chair.
- Lia Merivaki, the co-president of Graduate Assistants United, gives a presentation about the bargaining that took place in the fall over contracts with the University of Florida.

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT:

- Cabinet Director Moodie shares that January 20th will be the day of the Disability Access Fair from 8am-1pm in the Plaza of the Americas. There will also be a volunteer fair tomorrow in the Reitz Union Breezeway.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Webster invites Captain Holcomb up to give his monthly report.
 - There will be a new committee formed to increase usage of helmets by students on campus. Different campus partners are hoping to work together to implement changes.
 - The GatorSafe app is available now and they have not seen as many downloads as they would like to have seen; all students are encouraged to download this on their phone.
- Senate President Webster thanks senators for their participation in last week's meeting with the Cultural Plaza directors.

- Tonight kicked off the election cycle; she reminds senators to please keep campaigning out of the chamber.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate Pro-Tempore Clements thanks everyone for approving the recommendations at the beginning of the meeting.
- There are many open seats:
 - Due 1/22: Medicine, District D, Fine Arts, Architecture, Graduate (3)
 - Due 1/29: Building Construction, Engineering, Freshman, Murphree, District D
 - Information and Communication seat due 1/22
- Elections Commission Recommendation
 - Presentation by Chairman Richards
 - Five Minutes of Questions
 - Senator Saber
 - Pro Con Debate
 - First Round of Con
 - Senator Jones
 - Senator Guerra
 - First Round of Pro
 - Majority Party Leader Smith
 - Second Round of Con
 - None
 - The previous question is called.
 - A final vote is taken. The recommendation passes.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Meyers reminds senators to please try and attend the budget hearings so they can get a better idea of the services offered by entities such as those presented at last week's meeting.
- The committee will be continuing work on their outreach program and will be meeting this weekend.
- They are continuing to work with the Big 4 Speakers Series videos.

ALLOCATIONS:

- Chairman Champoux announces that the committee heard two organizations yesterday, failing one and passing one.
- The Finance Forum is going to be on Thursday in the Welcome Center at the Reitz Union; senators are encouraged to attend. Senators should help to promote the event on social media and through tabling.
- Please share the Facebook event for the Finance Forum.
- The last day to submit requests for SG funding is on Friday; please let organizations know so they may receive funding.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Richards shares that the committee met on Sunday.
- He invites Senator Baldwin and Senator Innocent up to present their resolution that was passed last week.
 - They explain the importance of GAU for graduate assistants on campus and their needs; they felt it was important to commend them for their work that they have done in their bargaining.
- Chairman Richards shares that each member of the committee was paired with other Student Governments around the nation.
- His office hours will be on Thursday from 2-4pm in the SG office and all legislation is due on Friday by noon.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman McClinton welcomes Senator Daou to her committee.
- She reminds senators that probation requirements are due Tuesday, January 26th by midnight.
- Opportunities for constituency include tabling, the Disability Accessibility Fair, and a Welcome IA event on Thursday evening. Everyone is encouraged to share events with one another, and she will continue to send out events as they come.
- She reminds senators to not count party-affiliated events as constituency.
- The committee will be meeting on Sunday at 3pm.
- Absences do continue until the next election; please look at exam schedules and send in absence petitions as soon as possible.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Newport-Jones announces that next week they will begin assigned seating at meetings. She feels that it is important for senators to get to know one another and to lessen the tension between party lines.
- Nametags are on their way and will be in soon.
- After tonight's meeting, the committee will be doing a "mass sharing" of social media pages.
- She asks senators to please apply for the open seat on the committee; feel free to contact her with any questions.

DIVERSITY OUTREACH AD HOC:

- Chairman Buiey thanks everyone who got to participate in Diversity Week. Those organizations really appreciated your attendance.
 - Multicultural and Diversity Affairs will be having two more events this week as part of Martin Luther King's celebration.
 - There will be a Black Lives Matter dialogue on Wednesday at 6pm in Cypress Hall. There will also be a dialogue on Women's Civil Rights on Thursday in Little Hall.
 - The Black Student Union will be having a meeting on Thursday as well; the time will be sent out later. This event will count for constituency.
- Chairman Fletcher reminds senators that there will be a Town Hall with Multicultural and Diversity Affairs to show support for all diversity groups on campus. The event will be held on January 28th, and more information will be passed along soon.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS AD HOC:

- Chairwoman Werk announced that the committee met last Thursday to finalize details for their goals before they are discharged.
- They have enough people to shoot the video she's been wanting to create.
- The committee will be meeting this Thursday at 6 PM in Reitz Union Food Court.
- The mental health entities on campus will be coming to Senate to give a presentation similar to that of the Cultural Plaza Directors.

FIRST READING:

- There are no bills.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chairwoman Newport-Jones reminds senators that tabling is available every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10am-3pm. Information will be emailed out again tonight.
- Senator Innocent announced he is a Graduate Assistant in his last semester and will not be able to continue as a Senator due to the upcoming completion of his Thesis. He will be resigning after tonight.
- Chairman Richards welcomes Senator Titus to his committee.
- Senate Pro-Tempore Clements reminds senators to please not wear campaign apparel in the SG office. She will also be distributing polos after the meeting. New senators should meet with her after the meeting to fill out an affiliation form.

ROLL CALL:

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

No Vote Record Received:

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| ● Christ | ● Innocent |
| ● Chung | ● Nelson |
| ● Derias | ● Phillips |
| ● Fish | ● Selogy |

MEETING ADJOURNED:

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.