

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

October 25th, 2016

The Senate President called the meeting to order at 7:36 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 85 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Bahmad
- Bryant
- Corben Champoux
- Greenspan
- Grosse
- LoMurro
- McCall
- McMillin
- Meno
- Obana
- Sumner
- Whorra

AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- There are no amendments to the minutes for October 18th.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Selogy motions to approve the recommendation for the open Permanent Freshman Seat - Kelly Hooper by unanimous consent. Objection.
- Majority Party Leader Selogy motions to approve the recommendation for the open Information & Communication Committee Seat - Jamie Somerstein by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Selogy motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1073 Resolution Supporting Gator ADAA by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Selogy motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1074 Resolution Supporting the African American Studies Program's Request for Departmental Status by unanimous consent. Approved
- Chairwoman Moodie motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1072 Funding for Gator Anime by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Muncan 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 Muncan motions to hear the failed absence petitions as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.

- Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent.
Approved.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Senator Yen Le yields her time to Juan Mayo.
- Juan Mayo welcomes the senate.
 - He is the president of the Filipino Student Association.
 - He and the vice president came here to thank Student Government, specifically the Allocations Committee, for funding their largest dance competition.
 - Juan Mayo proceeds to explain the event and invite the senators.
- Senator Wallace Mazon yields to William Walker.
- William Walker reserves his time.
- McLaine Pleasants yields her time to William Walker.
- William Walker welcomes the Chamber.
 - He came to talk about changing the African American Studies Program into departmental status.
 - The University of Florida currently has the largest African American Studies Program in the country, yet they have been fighting for about 50 years to get recognition on campus.
 - Achieving departmental status will allow them to hire their own faculty, with tenure, which will also allow for an increase in black faculty here at UF.
 - Even though the African American Studies Program at UF is the largest program in the country, yet the black attendance at UF is declining.

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

- Student Body President Susan Webster welcomes the senators.
- She welcomes Jason Richards, External Affairs Chair, and Haley Smith, Chief of Staff.
- External Affairs Chair Jason Richards thanks everyone for coming out to the debate between Keith Perry and Ron Smith prior to the meeting.
 - Civil Engagement Week is next week, October 31st to November 4th.
 - Look out tomorrow, October 26th for all social media coming out and please share it.
 - Next Monday, October 31st, there will be a PB&J Service Drive with local city commissioners and the mayor.
 - It's a great opportunity to give back and talk to the city commissioners and the mayor.
 - Next Tuesday, November 1st is the Preeminence panel as well as the State of the Campus Address with Student Body President Susan Webster in the University Auditorium.
- Student Body President Susan Webster affirms that the Preeminence Panel and the State of the Campus Address will be a great event.
 - This is the first time students are hearing about it and will get to ask questions.

- The main goal is to come up with a list of goals that will help UF become a top 10 institution.
- Chief of Staff Haley Smith adds that the State of the Campus will be a philanthropic event to benefit the Field and Fork Pantry and the Gator Career Closet.
 - They will be asking everyone to bring a donation; whether it is money, clothes or food, everything is acceptable.
 - A few agency updates:
 - Friday, November 4th starting at 11pm will be a breathalyzer tailgate hosted by Nightlife Navigators.
 - There will be pizza and live music and games
 - November 2nd through November 4th begins Conflict Resolution Week hosted by the Student Honor Code Administration, so there will be a few events offered during that time.
 - Please let your constituents know!
 - There will be food at each event.
 - Action SG will be hosting on Wednesday, October 26th from 1:30pm to 3pm Major Keys with Kishan in Turlington.
 - There will be Chick Fil A!
- Student Body President Susan Webster reminds everyone to have a safe weekend in Jacksonville cheering on our Gators against Georgia and to remember that they are representing the Gator Nation.
- Student Body Vice President BJ Jonassaint welcomes the senators.
 - There are 3 events tomorrow, October 26th that will count for constituency:
 - Accessibility and Inclusion Expo will have an event in the Plaza of the Americas from 12pm to 3pm.
 - Interfaith Affairs Cabinet tabling event from 11am to 2pm in the Plaza of the Americas.
 - There will be a Women in Leadership Forum at Pugh Hall from 5:30pm to 8pm.
 - These events will be posted on the SG Cabinet Calendar

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Meyers welcomes the senators.
- He reminds everyone about the State of the Campus and the Preeminence Panel.
 - This event is mandatory and will be followed by the weekly Senate meeting in the University Auditorium.
- He announces his selections for liaisons:
 - Cabinet Liaison – Emily Dunson
 - Judiciary Liaison – Dean Hasan
 - Reitz Union Liaison – Brett Oehrle
 - RecSports Liaison – Madeline Dow
 - Finance Liaison – Andrew Lo

- He gives the Chamber some background information on the Okefenokee Oar, which is present today during the meeting, and how it is the rivalry trophy between the University of Florida and the University of Georgia.
 - The oar was donated to both Student Governments of UF and UGA.
 - Use #WarForTheOar whenever posting any pictures with the oar!
- He just reminds everyone to be safe this weekend.
- He and Senate Pro-Tempore Champoux present their legislative agenda to the Chamber.
 - This presentation will be made available.
- Tomorrow, October 26th, during Major Keys with Kishan, they will have the Oar out for people to take pictures with so please use the hashtag!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate Pro-Tempore Champoux welcomes the senators.
- He begins his report with 3 minutes of presentation for the recommendation of Kelly Hooper as the permanent Freshman replacement.
 - He elaborates on the ideas she brought to the table.
 - He explains how she had unique ideas WITH a plan of action. He was very excited to see what she had planned and how she had this zest for implementation.
 - She elaborates on her own ideas.
 - She shares numbers and statistics regarding motorcycle and scooter safety in terms of roundabouts.
 - She wants to provide an all night long SNAP van just for Library West to ensure that students are getting home safely from late night studying, like the program was initially established for.
 - Create a bridge between exploratory majors and those that have already established their majors. This will ease the transition into college for a lot of students.
- 3 Minutes of Question and Answer:
 - 1 Majority Party Leader Selogy
 - 3 Senator Chou
- Pro/Con Debate:
 - 1st Con:
 - 1 Senator Chou
 - 1st Pro:
 - 1 Majority Party Leader Selogy
 - 1 Senator Green
 - 2nd Con:
 - 1 Senator Chou
 - 2nd Pro:
 - 1 Senator Green
 - 1 Chairman Brown
- Final Presentation

- Senate President Pro-Tempore reminds the senators that this appointment is for Freshman seat, not for Infinity. This is important because Kelly Hooper was the Impact party candidate for the Infinity seat. He exclaims that this is about qualifications and not about the past. She is more than qualified for the position and her ideas are one of the best and most prepared that they have seen in a while, especially from a Freshman.
- Final Vote
 - Approved.
- He apologizes for not putting the Open Senate Seats on the agenda!
 - One Graduate seat will be due this Friday, October 28th at noon.
 - The second Graduate seat and the Fine Arts seat (SEE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CLARIFICATION) will be due next Friday, November 4th at noon.
- They are working on an “interested in Senate form” for the website so that they can send out notifications when seats are open so that those interested can apply easier.
- He announces his vice chair, Member-at-Large Cassie Kasmirski!

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Brown welcomes the senators.
- The committee was going to meet tomorrow, however there were too many scheduling conflicts so the committee will meet next week.
- Outside of the committee formally meeting, they have been in contact with the heads of the Big 4 to start planning for the next budget.
- The vice chair of the Budget Committee will be Ian Green!

ALLOCATIONS:

- Chairwoman Moodie welcomes the senators.
- She thanks everyone for approving Student Senate Bill 2016-1072 Funding for Gator Anime.
- She congratulates Trevor Pope on becoming the new vice chair of the committee.
- The committee met this past weekend and had 4 hearings
 - They passed 1, tabled 2, and failed 1.
- The committee will meet Sunday, October 30th at 3pm in SAI Room 2102.
- She did make an Allocations Checklist so any organizations that want funding can now be more prepared for when they come to the meetings.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Schaettle welcomes the senators.
- The committee met this past weekend and passed 2 resolutions, passed 1 constitution, tabled 1 constitution, and failed 1 constitution.
- He invites the authors of the resolutions to come up and present.

- Octavius Buiey and Senator Mazon thank the senators for approving the Student Senate Bill 2016-1074 Resolution Supporting the African American Studies Program's Request for Departmental Status unanimously and they expand on its importance and why they are pushing this so hard.
 - They truly believe this should be something the University should push forward.
- The authors of Student Senate Bill 2016-1073 Resolution Supporting Gator Aadaa come up to present their bill.
 - Authors: Saloni Patel, Lucas Zhou, Yen Le.
 - Background:
 - Gator Aadaa is a Bollywood fusion dance team here at UF, one evening they were practicing and members got severely harassed and they felt not only uncomfortable and unsafe.
 - One of the members reached out on social media to raise awareness.
 - Patel reminds everyone that racism and discrimination still exists today and to be aware of it and be cautious.
 - Le adds that these events happen more often than people think and we do need to raise awareness to put an end to it.
- He thanks everyone for approving those resolutions!
- He announces his new vice chair, Lindsey Abbott!

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Muncan welcomes the senators.
- The committee met on Sunday and approved 15 petitions and failed 5 petitions.
- They will be meeting again this Sunday.
- She reminds everyone to complete their constituency.
 - She will be sending out a constituency calendar this week to make it easier to find events.
- She congratulates Ethan Hudgins, her new Vice Chair; she is excited to work with him this term.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Phillips welcomes the senators.
- The committee met this past Sunday and will most likely meet again this Sunday.
- She welcomes Jamie back to the Information and Communication Committee.
- There was a tabling sign-up sheet sent out a few weeks ago, it is still live so she will resend it out so that everyone can sign up still.
- They will have a "How to Table" presentation made soon for new senators.
- The polo order form is also out and it's due this Thursday, October 27th by 11:59pm. They are \$21.
 - You can pay in cash or venmo Jackie.
- Mentor and Mentee REVEAL!

SECOND READING:

- There were none.

FIRST READING:

- They were passed.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

There are no bills pending signatures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senate Pro-Tempore Champoux announces the Fine Arts seat is NOT open. It was an error that has been fixed. The only open seats are the two Graduate seats!
- Senator Green announces that the Black Student Union will have a GBM this Thursday, October 27th.
 - This counts as constituency!
- Chairwoman Phillips announces that on-campus housing will be hosting Spooky Houses every day this week.
 - Locations will be shared throughout the week.
- Chairwoman Moodie reminds everyone that we voted on two very important pieces of legislation so be proud of yourself and keep moving forward.
- Senator Hanley announces the Cicerone Fall Forum is tomorrow, October 26th, so please come!
 - It starts at 6:30pm.
- Senator Laky announces that the Panhellenic Council is hosting Ghouls, Goblins, and Greeks on Thursday, October 26th from 5pm to 8pm on Sorority Row.
- Senator Cellura announces that the Transportation Committee will be meeting this Thursday and asks for anyone with any suggestions to share them with him.
 - Senator Wedemeyer shares that she is actually part of the Transportation Committee so you can approach her for what Senator Cellura said.
- Senator Abbott thanks everyone who came out to the debate tonight, if you did not make it, there is a live stream available on Facebook.
- Senator Stanford says that he sent out an email a few weeks ago regarding scooter safety and traffic lights and is sending out another email later for more suggestions and he asks that the senators help him out if possible!
- Senator Wedemeyer announces that Gamma Phi Beta will be hosting their first ever philanthropy event!
 - There will be a grilled cheese event on Thursday, November 3rd from 5:30pm to 7:30pm! Tickets are \$5 for all you can eat grilled cheese!
 - There is a kickball tournament on Friday, November 4th from 4pm to 7pm!
 - All are encouraged to make a team!
- Senator Mazon thanks everyone for passing his resolution.
 - He adds that this will not be the last time you see him since he is currently working on another resolution.

- A Senator announces that this Saturday, October 29th is the Filipino Dance Event so come out and support!
- Senator Kasmirski announces that tomorrow, October 26th, there will be a wing night at Kappa Delta Sorority.
- Senator Hasan introduces himself and shares that he is in a Professional Pharmacy Fraternity, Phi Delta Chi, and they will be having Haunted Healthcare on Saturday, October 29th.
 - The money will be going to St. Jude's; tickets are \$10.
- Chairman Brown reiterates that this weekend is a huge weekend for rivalry and football and reminds everyone to be safe.

ROLL CALL:

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

No Vote Record Received:

- Bahmad
- Bryant
- Corben Champoux
- Greenspan
- Grosse
- Hooper
- LoMurro
- McCall
- McMillin
- Meno
- Obana
- Sumner
- Whorra

MEETING ADJOURNED:

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.