

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

December 6th, 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 81 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Bhusar
- Bryant
- Decenteceo
- Glass
- Greenspan
- Jiang
- Lu
- McCall
- Potts
- Sakharuk
- Schwallenberg
- Stanford
- Wedemeyer
- Wilson

AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- There are no amendments to the minutes for November 29th.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Selogy motions to approve the Permanent Graduate Seat - Brent Ziegler by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Schaettle motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1083 Resolution Honoring Fallen Gators by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Moodie motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1081 Funding for Japanese Student Association by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Moodie motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1082 Funding for First Generation Organization 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 approve the approved failed petition by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Muncan motions to add the approval of the resignation appeal by Gaurav Sultania to the vote record by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motion to approve the aforementioned by unanimous consent. Approved.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Minority Party Leader Dwyer reserves his time.
- Senator Stern yields her time to Minority Party Leader Ford.
- Majority Party Leader Selogy yields his time to Minority Party Leader Ford.
- Minority Party Leader Dwyer gives his goodbye speech.
 - He announces his resignation as a senator and as Minority Party Leader.
 - He is taking a class next semester that will enable him to become a better lawyer, and this class directly conflicts with him being a senator.
 - He has had fun being in senate, which he has been involved with since 2009.
 - He is proud of his accomplishments and even failures while in senate and feels no regret.
 - He intends to remain involved with SG by bringing a case in front of the Student Supreme Court.
 - He thanks a few people: Smith Meyers, Wayne Selogy, Rachel Stern, Ilya Sakharuk, Praveen Varanasi, Austin Champoux, Jackie Phillips, Lena Schwallenberg, Wallace Mazon, Susan Webster, Izzy Muncan, Ivan, Kevin Doane, Nicholas Gernit, Nick Smith, Kylie Werk, Michael Christ, Jocelyn, Ben Capataro, John Ossip, Jillian Lathan, Carly, James Tyger, Dave Bradshaw.
 - He thanks the chamber for a great three years, and hopes to see everyone soon.

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

- Nick Anderson, Chair of Gator Innovators:
 - He briefly explains what Gator Innovators are currently working for and what goals they are shooting for in the semester.
 - Have had multiple speakers and collaborated with Entrepreneurship Club.
 - They hope to launch an inaugural leadership program for high achieving freshmen.
- Matt Glover, Executive Director for Gators Going Green:
 - He is excited about their partnership with Study Edge
 - The program will incentivize and reward students for recycling their used study edge packets.

- If students recycle their packets, they will be entered into raffles where they can win Gold memberships, shirts and/or tanks.
- He mentions a list of programs Gator Going Green will be implementing this coming semester:
 - Starbucks “bring your own cup”
 - Green and Clean event

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- Senate President Meyers welcomes the senators.
- He welcomes of Dean of Students Dr. Jen Day Shaw.
 - She explains about the U Matter We Care program.
 - She emphasizes that our university is known for its individual care for its students, through programs like Every Gator Counts.
 - She highlights that every student must take responsibility for each of their fellow Gator’s well being.
 - Majority Party Leader Selogy asks if there are other ways of being involved with U Matter We Care aside from emails.
 - Dr. Shaw explains that in any facet of involvement one can encourage their peers to be utilize their services.
 - Senator Hanley inquires about location.
 - They are located in Peabody hall and the Dean of Students Office.
 - A senator asks if there are any volunteer opportunities.
 - There are volunteer opportunities through Gator Career Closet and through U Matter Ambassadors.
- Senate President Meyers thanks everyone for submitting their constituency on time.
 - There was a large increase in this number when compared to last year.
- He announces the hours the SG office will be open during this break:
 - December 7th - 23rd: 8 am - 5 pm
 - December 24th - January 3rd: CLOSED
 - December 4th: office reopens.
- He announces that the joint meeting with the City Commission will be held January 10th.
- He announces that the Cultural Plaza joint Senate meeting will be on January 31st.
- He commends Bri for her time with senate, her service, and her bright, warm attitude she brings to the office!
- He shares that it has been a pleasure to work with everyone this past semester.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate Pro-Tempore Champoux welcomes the senators.
- He announces open senate seats due January 6th:
 - Sophomore
 - Liberal Arts
 - Business
- He announces open committee seats due January 6th:
 - Budget
 - Judiciary
- He announces open senate seats due January 13th:
 - Law
- He shares some projects the committee is working on.
 - A senator is researching opportunities to being broadcasting WFTV on Reitz Union TVs.
- He thanks Bri for being a bright light in the SG office, helping him with typos, and for being a great friend!
- He wishes everyone good luck in finals and happy holidays!

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Brown welcomes the senators.
- He is in talks with the finance manager regarding dates of budget hearings.
- Budget call will be sent out this week.
- There is an open seat in the committee.
 - Obtaining this seat will be a great opportunity to learn the ropes before budget season.

ALLOCATIONS:

- Chairwoman Moodie welcomes the senators.
- The committee met last wednesday and approved four requests; two were heard tonight, two will be heard next week after they are approved by Judiciary.
- Also heard 2 organizations, but they will be falling under umbrella organizations.
- She is working on an end of semester allocations survey, if any senators have any helpful input please let her know.
- She will be starting budget calls with Chairman Brown.
- SG Finance video is coming soon, will highlight the work that SG Finance does.
- She thanks Bri for everything she has done for her and the committee.

- She wishes everyone a happy holiday and hopes everyone has a restful break.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Schaettle welcomes the senators.
- The committee met this past Sunday at 4 pm; passed Fallen Gators resolution and heard 2 constitutions.
- Working on a Judiciary video coming this Spring.
- If anyone has ideas regarding legislation they would love to hear ideas; can pair younger senators up with more experienced senators to help them write up legislation.
- Will be meeting with big 9 organizations in the Spring.
- He thanks Bri for everything she has done. For staying on top of her own work and Chairman Schaettle's.
- He hopes the chamber has a restful break and happy holidays.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Muncan welcomes the senators.
- The committee met this past Sunday and passed 6 absence petitions and failed 1.
- The committee will meet tomorrow, January 7th at 2:30pm in the SG Conference Room to go over all constituency forms submitted and absence petitions.
- She thanks the senate for representing SG well through tabling and on campus.
- She gives Bri a shout-out and gives her appreciation for her.
- She wishes everyone good luck on finals and happy holidays.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Phillips welcomes the senators.
- She wishes everyone happy December and happy holidays!
- The committee will not be meeting until January 2017.
- She thanks everyone that attended the Bowling Social.
- She thanks everyone who donate to Gator Career Closet and Field and Fork
- Tabling is officially over
 - If anyone has feedback re: tabling please email the chairwoman with comments or concerns.
- If you ordered a long sleeve senate t-shirt, they are now in the office!
- She thanks Bri for all she has done for her, senate exec, and for her friendship.

SECOND READING:

- There were none.

FIRST READING:

- They were approved.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

There are no bills pending signatures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Minority Party Leader Selogy shares the first time he met with Ford Dwyer. Minority Party Leader, at the time, was inviting him to join the Taco Libre Party years ago. He thanks Minority Party Leader Dwyer for everything he has taught him.
 - He recounts the importance of the bombing of Pearl Harbor (which is tomorrow). He shares a story from the time. He asks the senators to remember this somber event on its anniversary tomorrow, December 7th.
- Senator Meno shares that this Saturday at 8 pm is the annual Christmas with Kappa Phi.
- Chairwoman Phillips reiterates that the chamber should share November's month in review and to like UF SG on social media.

ROLL CALL:

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

No Vote Record Received:

- Bhusar
- Bryant
- Decenteceo
- Ginsburg
- Glass
- Greenspan
- Jiang
- LoMurro
- Lu
- McCall
- Potts

- Sakharuk
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MEETING ADJOURNED:

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.