

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

### **February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**

The Senate President called the meeting to order at 10:55 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 84 senators present.

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

- Belin
- Bhusar
- Kennedy
- Kravetz
- Laky
- Quintana
- Rong
- Soni
- Spence

**The new senators are sworn in by Chief Justice Schein.**

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

There were no amendments to the previous minutes.

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

There were no amendments to the agenda.

#### **PUBLIC DEBATE:**

- Senator Rivera welcomes new senators and encourages them to reach out to peers regardless of party affiliations.
- Senator Haley Smith gives her goodbye speech.
- Senator Stanford yields his time to the chair.

#### **ELECTIONS**

##### **Senate President**

- Senator Werk nominates Senator Clements for Senate President.
- There is a motion to close the floor. Approved.
- Senator Clements presents herself as the candidate for Senate President.
  - There are no questions for the Q&A period.
  - There is a motion to suspend the rules for a standing vote.

- Senator Clements is elected as the new Senate President and is sworn in.

### **Senate President Pro-Tempore**

- Senator Werk nominates Senator Meyers for Senate President Pro-Tempore.
- There is a motion to close the floor. Approved.
- Senator Meyers presents himself as the candidate for Senate President Pro-Tempore.
  - There are no questions for the Q&A period.
  - There is a motion to suspend the rules to allow for a standing vote.
- Senator Meyers is elected as the new Senate President Pro-Tempore and is sworn in.

### **First Member-at-Large**

- Senator Werk nominates Senator Moodie for Member-at-Large.
- Senator Varanasi nominates Senator Fletcher for Member-at-Large.
- There is a motion to close the floor. Approved.
- Senator Moodie presents herself as a candidate for Member-at-Large.
  - There are no questions during the Q&A period.
- Senator Fletcher presents himself as a candidate for Member-at-Large.
  - There are no questions during the Q&A period.
- There is a motion to suspend the rules for a standing vote. Approved.
- Senator Moodie is elected as the Member-at-Large.

### **Second Member-at-Large**

- Senator Varanasi nominates Senator Fletcher for Member-at-Large.
- Senator Werk nominates Senator Green for Member-at-Large.
- Senator Fletcher yields his presentation time.
  - Question and Answer
    - Senator Varanasi
    - Senator Dwyer
    - Senator Champoux
    - Senator Jones
    - Senator Varanasi
- Senator Green presents himself as a candidate for Member-at-Large.
  - Question and Answer
    - Senator Werk
    - Senator Robare
    - Senator Feliciano
    - Senator Varanasi
    - Senator Champoux
- There is a motion to suspend the rules to allow for a standing vote.
- Senator Green is elected as the Member-at-Large.

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

- No report from the student body office.

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

- Senate President Clements congratulates the new senators.
- She announces position openings for liaisons; applications will be opening and will be due on March 4th. She will send an email with more information.
- Sergeant-at-Arms and Parliamentarian positions will also be open.
- The Reitz Union is the new official location for meetings.
- She will be working on the legislative agenda and the goals for the term; those will be announced in the upcoming weeks.
- All party leaders should turn in signature sheets to the secretaries.
- District A senators are asked to please stay late and help clean up the room.
- All senators are required to return an affiliation form by their third meeting or they will be removed from Senate.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Meyers announces open seats:
  - District D, A
  - Allocations (2), Judiciary (3), R&E (1), I&C (4) due 3/11 at noon
  - Budget (4) due tomorrow at 5pm
  - All chair positions are open as well
- He reminds senators that affiliation forms are due at the beginning of the third meeting
- He will be announcing his office hours shortly.

There is a motion to allow committee reports to be sent electronically. Approved.

#### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

Report will be sent later through listserv.

#### **ALLOCATIONS:**

Report will be sent later through listserv.

#### **JUDICIARY:**

## **RULES & ETHICS:**

Report will be sent later through listserv.

## **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

Report will be sent later through listserv.

## **FIRST READING:**

There are no bills for second reading.

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There are no bills for first reading.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Senator Feliciano announces that February 25th is the “End It Movement” to raise awareness for human trafficking.
- Senator Robare shares that Gators for Tomorrow applications are now out.
- Senator Varanasi congratulates the new senators on their first meeting and he looks forward to working with everyone.

## **ROLL CALL:**

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

## **No Vote Record Received:**

- Belin
- Bhusar
- Hasan
- Kennedy
- Khan
- Kravetz
- Laky
- Levitt
- Patel
- Quintana
- Rong

- Soni
- Spence
- Sultania

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 a.m.