

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

**February 9, 2016**

The Senate President called the meeting to order at 7:32 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 70 senators present.

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

Athanassios	Kravetz
Daou	Maniar
Derias	Rozsa
Feldner	Sabater
Fontenot	Saber
Garg	Soberano
Goff	Wang
Holloway	Worth

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

There were no amendments to the previous minutes for February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

- Majority Party Leader Smith moves to hear R&A recommendations for committee seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Moves to approve the aforementioned block.
    - Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Smith moves to approve Executive Nomination for Council of Advisors for Gator Career Closet - Heather Ryan by unanimous consent.
  - Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Smith moves to approve R&A recommendation for the Sophomore Replacement Seat - Kelly O'Neil by unanimous consent.
  - Approved.
- Chairman Richards move to approve Student Senate Resolution 2016-1013 Resolution Thanking the University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law by unanimous consent.
  - Approved.
- Senator Trawick moves to approve Student Senate Resolution 2016-1012 Resolution Supporting the Gatorloop Team in the SpaceX Hyperloop Pod Competition by unanimous consent.

- Approved.
- Senator Robare moves to approve Student Senate Authorization 2016-1014 Line Item Transfer for Volunteers for International Student Affairs by unanimous consent.
  - Approved.

### **PUBLIC DEBATE:**

- Randall Martin shares that there will be a Graduate Student Council Meet and Greet in the Pugh Hall Ocora to meet the graduate senator candidates.
- Senator Boyett yielded his time to the chair.
- Senator Ste. Claire yielded her time to the chair.
- Senator Black comes to give his farewell speech to the Senate.
- David Nassau came up representing Gator Innovators as a Director. He shares information about an upcoming event with Tru Pettigrew taking place on February 15 at 6:15pm in Heavener Hall 150. More information can be found on the Facebook event under the Gator Innovators page.

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

- External Affairs Chairman Matt Hoeck comes on behalf of President Padron-Rasines. She invites everyone to attend the Vice President of Student Affairs Search events. There will be on tomorrow. This is one of the most important positions in Student Affairs and they hope that senators will be involved with this.
- Lobbying for the Gator Good will be at the Plaza of the Americas on Friday from 10am-2pm. An email was also sent out about Gator Day and anyone is welcome to attend in Tallahassee. Please email Chairman Hoeck with questions or if you would like to attend.
- Austin Young, director of Chomp the Vote, announces that they registered 200 students to vote in January and they hope to continue in February. They have been doing presentations to organizations as part of their outreach. The deadline to register to vote in the primaries is February 16th; there will be a voter registration drive this Thursday across campus.
- On Wednesday, there will be a forum for the mayoral candidates in Gainesville at the Levin College of Law. Chomp the Vote will also be there to register voters.
- If any organizations would like for Chomp the Vote to come and speak, please email [chomp@sq.ufl.edu](mailto:chomp@sq.ufl.edu).
- Randall Martin shares that there will be tabling in the Plaza of the Americas 10-2pm on Friday to provide sexual health resources and materials.
- Chairman Hoeck speaks on behalf of Treasurer Carre and thanks the Senate for appointing Heather Ryan as the executive advisor of the Gator Career Closet.

- The next steps for the closet include a photoshoot from 3-5pm on Thursday in the Student Government office to get stock photos for the website. Senators are welcome to participate.

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

- Senate President Webster invites Captain Holcomb up to give his monthly safety report.
  - He invites everyone out to the Spring Break Safety Fair on the North Lawn on the Wednesday before spring break.
  - There have been police-student dialogues to help foster positive relationships with the officers. They are hoping to add a Wednesday night dialogue to encourage senators to attend. There will be one next Tuesday evening, March 16<sup>th</sup>, or April 5<sup>th</sup>. Encourage constituents to attend as well.
- She announced that tomorrow the Provost will be sending out an email about One.UF. The email will show what this system entails and it is your one chance to try it and give feedback.
- Next week there is no Senate meeting.
- The following week she is hoping to have the meeting in the new Senate Chamber. She will keep everyone updated on that.
- On Wednesday at 10:30 AM in the Grand Ballroom senators are encouraged to meet one of the candidates for the new Vice President of Student Affairs.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Senate Pro-Tempore Clements thanks the chamber for approving Heather Ryan and announces she is excited to work with the new Gator Career Closet.
- Open seats:
  - District A, B, C, D (1) are due on 2/12 at noon.
  - District D (1) is due on 2/26 at noon.
  - Allocations seat is due 2/12 at noon.

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

- Chairman Meyers announces that the committee met this past weekend and that Vice Chair Robare ran the meeting while Chairman Meyers dealt with a family matter.

- Senator Patel and Umbar Malik from GatoRaas thank the Senate for passing the line item transfer and explain what the funding will be used towards.
- Chairman Meyers then announces the committee will be working with student organizations and preparing for the first hearings.
- He welcomes Senator Green to his committee.

### **ALLOCATIONS:**

- Chairman Champoux announces the committee did not meet this week, because of the restrictions given by the elections period.
- He will be having a mini Finance Forum with advisors.
- They are continuing their outreach to organizations and compiling events to share with the Senate.
- There is now an open seat on the committee; feel free to contact him with any questions.

### **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairman Richards says that the committee heard four resolutions this weekend.
  - They passed two of the resolutions and tabled the other two.
- He invites Senator Trawick to present his legislation about the Gatorloop team.
- The second resolution passed this weekend thanks the Levin College of Law for allowing the Senate to use their facilities during the Reitz Union renovations.
- The bill-writing workshop will be on Thursday from 2-4pm. This is the last week to submit legislation before the end of the term.
- The committee will not be meeting this weekend but they will meet next weekend.
- He gives a shoutout to Senator Trawick for joining his committee.

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman McClinton congratulates Senator Phillips for being the first Senator to finish with constituency.
- This weekend the committee will not be meeting.
- She thanks everyone who submitted absences. They will be coming up in the next couple of weeks.
- Senators who are replacements for spring seats are not required to submit constituency unless they are seeking reelection.

- If senators were appointed as a fall senator, their constituency is due in the final meeting of the spring semester.
- If anyone has any questions about Gator Connect, feel free to contact Chairwoman McClinton.

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairwoman Newport-Jones announces that they have created a Senate shirt. It will be about \$14.99 per shirt but if more than 50 people order them the price will go down. The link to purchase them will be sent out and it will be open for ten days.

### **DIVERSITY OUTREACH AD HOC:**

- Chairman Buiey shares that he had his first meeting with a representative with Teach for America this morning; they are planning another Town Hall discussion and forum to discuss the importance of diversity in education. This will be in the next few weeks and he will keep everyone posted with that.
- Chairman Fletcher announces he is trying to meet with one of the Directors of Admissions but since the Class of 2020 announcement is coming up, they are currently not seeing anyone. He will follow up after that deadline.

### **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS AD HOC:**

- Chairwoman Werk says that her committee did not meet but that each individual member emailed her their own reports.
- If anyone has an opinion on the phone number that should be printed on Gator1s, please feel free to let her know.
  - Half of the committee wants the National Suicide Hotline number printed, and half of the committee wants a UF entity's number printed.
- The committee will be discharged during the double meeting but she would still love to work on mental health issues if anyone is interested.

### **FIRST READING:**

- There are no bills.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Senator Guerra shares that this week is Pride Student Union's SEXXX Week. They have many events going on this week including a keynote speaker who was a victim of sexual trafficking.

- Chairwoman Werk shares that Sigma Sweets will be February 18<sup>th</sup> at UF Hillel. Tickets are \$5 each. All proceeds will go to Alzheimer's Research.
- Senator Long reminds senators about Moralentines and asks everyone to purchase one for their friends.
- Senator McKibbin announces that Florida Players has a general body meeting tomorrow at 5pm in Constance Room G15. He also reminds senators that Candygrams are available.
- Senator Patel invites everyone to the Indian Students' Association GBM on Wednesday in Little Hall 109.
- Senator Boyett invites everyone to Applebee's at 10pm.
- Senator Everitt announces that the bike sharing program's tentative release date is in May. If anyone is interested, there is a meeting on Thursday at 1pm in City Hall.
- Chairman Fletcher announced Women's Appreciation Day on Friday at 12:06pm in Turlington. Please come out and show support.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**No Vote Record Received:**

Athanassios

Derias

Fontenot

Garg

Goff

Holloway

Kravetz

Maniar

Saber

Soberano

Wang

Worth

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.