

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

### **February 14th, 2017**

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:34 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 69 senators present.

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

- Argento
- Champoux, Corben
- Daou
- Grosse
- Hedman
- Jiang
- Liu
- Lu
- Makela
- Martin
- Rong
- Somerstein
- Spence
- Waldron
- Watson
- Weldon
- Zapata
- Ziegler

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

- No amendments to the previous minutes were made

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

- Majority Party Leader Selogy motions to approve the Replacement and Agenda recommendation for Veteran Affairs cabinet director Sean Titus. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Selogy motions to hear the Replacement & Agenda recommendations for permanent replacement seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Motions to approve aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.

- Majority Party Leader Selogy motions to approve the Replacement and Agenda recommendation for Judiciary Seat Brett Oehrle by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Moodie motions to approve Student Senate Resolution Student Senate Bill 2017-1008 Funding for Indian Student Association: Gator Bhangra by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Moodie motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2017-1009 Funding for Vegan Eating for Gators by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Senator Oehrle motions to approve Student Senate Resolution 2017-1010 Resolution Supporting the Renovations to Plaza of the Americas by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Muncan motions to hear the approved absence petitions as a block by unanimous consent
  - Move to approve aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.

### **PUBLIC DEBATE:**

- Varanasi-
  - Gator Bhangra Allocations
    - Sub-organization of Indian Student Association.
    - Mission is to spread cultural awareness throughout the UF campus and the country.
    - Team will participate in national competitions. The allocation will help fund additional competitions.
    - He encourages the senators to “Like” the Gator Bhangra page on Facebook.
  - Vegan Eating for Gators
    - He informs the senators about this organization as well.
    - He encourages everyone from any dietary background to check out this organization.
- Jacob Tyre
  - Fallen Heroes 5k
    - 10 year anniversary.
    - Benefits UDT Seal Association and Gainesville Fisher House, non-profits benefiting veterans.
    - Event will be this Saturday, February 18th, 2017.
      - Registration begins at 7:30am; race begins at 9:00am.
    - This race will commemorate two fallen Navy Seals, Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class James Su and Lieutenant Thomas Falk, both UF grads.

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

- Veteran's Affairs Sean Titus welcomes the senators.
  - He thanks the senators for confirming his appointment.
  - Tomorrow evening Army ROTC is hosting a fundraiser at Blaze pizza.
  - He encourages senators to run the Fallen Heroes 5k.

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

- Senate President Meyers welcomes the senators and wishes them a Happy Valentine's Day.
- He encourages everyone not to wear any affiliated apparel in the SG office.
- He reminds senators that the elections are next week, so there will be no meeting.
- He reminds senators that next week they will vote for the Paul Clark Memorial Award and John Michael Stratton Award. He stresses that everyone should start thinking of someone they would like to nominate for both awards.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Champoux welcomes the senators.
- He informs everyone that there are open seats due this Friday, February 17th, at noon:
  - District B
  - District D
  - Family Housing
- They will not put up the remaining open spring seats.
- Open I&C seat due this Friday at noon.
- Senate President Pro-Tempore Champoux invites Senator Rachel Stern to the front:
  - She is pairing with RUB to host a Fine Arts Day.
    - They are looking for students involved in art, theatre or music. Please contact her if interested or if you know someone who would be.

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

- Chairman Green welcomes the senators.
- The Budget Committee has been meeting with the presidents and treasurers of each budget organization to ensure they meet the March 1st deadline.
- He wishes everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.
- He reminds the senators to show love to everyone on this holiday.

## **ALLOCATIONS:**

- Chairwoman Moodie welcomes the senators.
- She wishes everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.
- The committee met last week and approved 5 bills, tabled 1, and failed 2.
- The committee has put on SG Website a new form for student organizations to submit their forms and constitutions.
- The Allocations Committee is in blackout dates and though no allocations can be approved as of now, Chairwoman Moodie is working hard to make the next chairperson's job easy.

## **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairman Schaettle welcomes the senators.
- The committee met this past Sunday and approved 2 constitutions, approved 1 resolution, and failed the 700 code revisions.
- Senator Brett Oehrle is invited to the front to present the bill he authored.
  - Plaza of the Americas is a crucial free speech zone and the University is expanding and improving the plaza.
  - He thanks everyone for approving this resolution.
- Chairman Schaettle reminds senators that if you have any ideas similar to this, to please reach out to him. He can help you with legislation.

## **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Isabella Muncan welcomes the senators.
- Committee did not meet last week but will be meeting Thursday at 4pm.
- She will be creating a constituency tracker once GatorConnect 2.0 is up and running.

## **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairwoman Phillips welcomes the senators.
- She wishes the chamber a Happy Valentine's Day.
- I&C met last week and planned out new senator orientation.
- She sent out an email yesterday about Project Makeover. If you are interested, please fill out the Google Doc.
- She reminds the senators that tabling is going on next week.
- There is one open seat in the committee, please apply!

**SECOND READING:**

- There were none.

**FIRST READING:**

- They were passed.

**BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

There are no bills pending signatures.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Senator Abbott announces that E&Y is opening new office in Jacksonville and are looking for qualified applicants. They will be hosting an event in the CRC room 160 tomorrow.
  - Look out for the email she sent out on the listserv.
- Senator Hanley announces that her DM team will be taking headshots for donations.
  - Pictures will be taken from 12pm-4pm this Friday.
- Chairwoman Moodie announces that next week is mental health awareness week.
  - Attending events will count as constituency!

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**No Vote Record Received:**

- Chambers

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.