

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

### **October 3rd, 2017 Meeting 2**

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 9:20 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 75 senators present.

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

- Astudillo
- Bazan
- Berkley
- Brock
- Champoux
- Coppock
- Esperanza
- Garcia
- Hicks
- Hudson
- Nelson
- Shen
- Walters
- Warner
- Watson, Allie
- Zeisloft

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

- No amendments were made to the previous meeting.

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

- Majority Party Leader Stanford moves to approve R&A recommendation Jackie Phillips for Action SG Chair. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Stanford moves to break the District D tie in favor of Maria Perez. Objected.

#### **PUBLIC DEBATE:**

- Senator Lima yields his time to Senator Chou.
- Senator Wiley yields their time to Senator Chou.
- Senator Chou
  - He welcomes the senators.
  - He introduces himself as the new Minority Party Leader.
  - He encourages senators to come up to him to chat about how he got to where he is or to introduce themselves.

#### **TIEBREAKER**

- Breaking the tie for Fall 2017 District D Seat 13
  - Santiago Gutierrez congratulates the senators who won their seats as well as would like to see how the senators push forward resolutions that will bring change to campus
    - He resigns his chance to serve on the senate in favor of Maria Perez.
  - Maria Perez wins the District D Seat 13
  - Majority Party Leader Stanford moves to approve the tiebreaker in favor of Maria Perez by unanimous consent. Approved.

Senate President Pro-Tempore Schaettle welcomes Associate Justice, Carter Wallace to swear in the newly elected senators.

### **SENATE ELECTIONS**

- Majority Party Leader Stanford moves to open the floor for Senate President nominations by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Majority Party Leader Stanford nominates Ian Green.
    - Chairman Green accepts.
- Majority Party Leader Stanford moves to close the floor for Senate President nominations by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Senate President
  - Chairman Green gives 5 minutes of presentation.
    - He recounts his experiences in the chamber.
    - He promises a more inclusive campus.
    - He worked with the BCC to meet with their advisors
    - He aided new organizations in receiving funding while serving in the Allocations Committee.
    - He will bring his experience to the position of Senate President.
    - He co-authored the newly amended 800 codes so that students will be able to understand them.
  - 5 Minutes Q&A
    - Senator Dunson: How do you feel that your involvement outside the senate chamber qualifies you for this position?
    - Senator Green: His outside involvement allows him to interact with the student body and understand their needs
    - Senator Santalo: What do hope to accomplish as Senate President?
    - Senator Green: He will go into those goals in the legislative agenda. He hopes that senate will focus on inclusivity as well as leaving a legacy.
    - Senator Holloway: How do you plan on utilizing the differing opinions of senators to create helpful change at UF?
    - Senator Green: All senators must work together as well as reach across the aisle to work for the students. He will reach out to senators to work for their constituents' needs.

- Senator Shaw: How has your time being Chairman of the Budget Appropriations Committee prepared you for Senate President?
  - Senator Green: Management and leadership skills refined by the requirements of the committee, will help him lead passionately.
  - Senator Stanford: What would you say is your greatest strength?
  - Senator Green: His point of view is forward thinking and geared towards transfer leadership.
  - Senator Chou: What was the conversation like in the committee about the cuts concerning the 24/7 libraries?
  - Senator Green: There were cuts that needed to be made in order to ensure that the budget would not increase.
- Majority Party Leader motions to suspend the rules and vote by acclamation by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Vote. Approved.
- Associate Justice, Carter Wallace swears in newly elected Senate President Green.
- Majority Party Leader Stanford moves to open the floor for Senate President Pro-Tempore nominations by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Majority Party Leader Stanford nominates Janae Moodie.
    - Senator Moodie accepts.
- Majority Party Leader Stanford moves to close the floor for Senate President Pro-Tempore nominations by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Chou moves to close the floor for Senate President Pro-Tempore nominations by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Senate President Pro-Tempore
  - Senator Moodie gives 5 minutes of presentation.
    - Senator Moodie believes that her dedication to the Senate Chamber went far beyond Tuesday nights, and her experience qualifies her for this position.
    - She also believes strongly in advocating for diversity.
    - She worked in different committees within Senate which has prepared her for this position
    - She offers her help to senators in both parties
    - She believes that her rigorous training in diversity and inclusion will help see a more inclusive campus.
  - 5 Minutes Q&A
    - Senator Pope: What is your ideal senate applicant, and how will you ensure that the selection process is bipartisan?
    - Senator Moodie: The ideal applicant that shows potential, shows experience and passion for the student body and Gator Nation. She has had diversity training through Gatorship which will help her stay impartial.
    - Senator Lanoue: What will be some of your legislative priorities?

- Senator Moodie: Outreach is a priority by tabling and going to involvement fairs. She hopes to challenge students to become more than just Tuesday night senators. She hopes to fulfill projects that she has been working on with senators.
  - Senator Adams: Could you touch upon your time in the diversity ad-hoc committee?
  - Senator Moodie: With the Diversity Ad-Hoc Committee, she looked at different schools to aid in retention programs aimed at helping African American students.
  - Senator Santalo: How can you serve the students aid in representation?
  - Senator Moodie: Through diversifying our senate body and student announcements to create a senate culture that is a reflection of the UF campus.
  - Senator Dempsey: What has been your most influential role outside of the Chamber that has influenced this position?
  - Senator Moodie: Being a Florida Cicerone was crucial in her development.
- Majority Party Leader Stanford motions to suspend the rules and vote by acclamation by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Vote. Approved.
- Associate Justice, Carter Wallace swears in newly elected Senate President Pro-Tempore Moodie.
- Minority Party Leader Chou moves to open the floor for Member-at-Large nominations by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Minority Party Leader Chou nominates Senator Kratt.
    - Senator Kratt accepts.
  - Majority Party Leader Stanford nominates Senator Adams
    - Senator Adams accepts.
- Majority Party Leader Stanford moves to close the floor for Member-at-Large nominations by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Member-at-Large
  - Senator Kratt gives 5 minutes of presentation.
    - He introduces himself.
    - He hopes that the senate can work together to make real change.
    - As a newly bipartisan senate it is crucial to work together.
    - In the past election, 49% of the senate seats were given to his party and although they are not the majority, they deserve to be heard.
    - He believes that the UF student body wishes to have a more diverse voice in SG.
  - 5 Minutes Q&A
    - Senator: What previous SG positions have prepared you for Member-at-Large?
    - Senator Kratt: He does not have much SG experience however, he believes this is a position that requires judgement not experience.

- Senator Grosse: Can you give some examples of past experiences you have had on campus that have prepared you for this position?
- Senator Kratt: As a freshman he does not have much experience, however, he was a member of many community service organizations in high school.
- Senator Jiron: Can you outline some initiatives you would like to accomplish?
- Senator Kratt: The initiatives he would like to accomplish would be greater inclusivity and transparency.
- Senator Lima: How do you plan to work together, within the Caucus, to achieve your goals?
- Senator Kratt: Bipartisanship. Making sure that everyone's voice is heard regardless of party affiliation.
- Senator Shaw: Why do you think you are more qualified than other senators that have been in Senate longer for this position?
- Senator Kratt: He feels that this is not imperative to have to have experience but to maintain a bipartisan, fair attitude.
- Senator Schaettle: How would you maintain an bipartisan, unbiased Member-at-Large
- Senator Kratt: He feels that it will be effortless to remain unbiased, if he ignores the pressure from those trying to influence him.
- Senator Santalo: Without experience, how would you be able to choose senators to fill committee seats.
- Senator Stanford: At what capacity does the Member-at-Large serve in Senate?
- Senator Kratt: The position serves on the Replacement and Appointments committee.
- Senator Adams gives 5 minutes of presentation.
  - He congratulates every senator for their achievement in making it into senate.
  - He seeks to bring his integrity, tenacity, and love for the Gator Nation to the position.
  - He shares the same desire to bring about change on campus that the senators in the chamber also have.
  - As finance liaison, he was able to familiarize himself with financial knowledge within Student Government.
  - His involvement outside of Senate has also prepared him to take on the role of Member-at-Large.
- 5 Minutes Q&A
  - Senator Dempsey: Why are you passionate about serving this role as a student leader?
  - Senator Adams: He wishes to see all senators be as involved as possible.
  - Senator Ritterband: Can you tell me about what experience you have that will help you fill committee seats?

- Senator Adams: As finance liaison he feels that his communication and management skills were highly developed and he became very acclimated with the SG environment.
- Senator: In our new bipartisan senate, how will you ensure that all voices are heard?
- Senator Adams: He hopes that senators do not feel that their voice will not be heard. He values merit and will consider that above anything else to ensure that the best student is put in the position in each committee.
- Senator Dunson: How does your outside involvement qualify you for this position?
- Senator Adams: Gator Growl Homecoming Committee has helped him because he oversaw more than 100 people and made sure they did their job.
- Senator Stanford: What committee does the Member-at-Large serve on?
- Senator Adams: The Replacement & Agenda Committee, the position is in charge of filling seats as well as preparing the agenda for weekly senate meetings.
- Senator Lima: What fresh ideas do you bring to the table?
- Senator Adams: He has worked with the Gainesville city commission and plans to spur this effort forward.
- Senator Grosse: What qualities would you be looking for in an applicant.
- Senator Adams: He plans to evaluate candidate based on merit.
- Majority Party Leader Stanford motions to suspend the rules and vote by standing vote. Approved.
- Kratt: 17 For.
- Adams: 46 For
- Senator Adams is approved as Member-at-Large.
  
- Minority Party Leader Chou moves to open the floor for Member-at-Large nominations by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Senator Schaettle nominates Senator Harden.
    - Senator Harden accepts.
  - Minority Party Leader Stanford nominates Senator Morse.
    - Senator Morse accepts.
- A senator moves to close the floor for Member-at-Large nominations by unanimous consent. Approved.
  
- Member-at-Large
  - Senator Harden gives 5 minutes of presentation.
    - He encourages the senators to not take the highly-esteemed position in which they are in for granted.
    - He is a freshman senator.

- He revels in the fact that he was in awe of the power that senate has to serve the student body.
- He was able to join the Allocations committee and helped with the 800 codes.
- He believes that he is qualified through his involvement with BSU and the Heavener School of Business.
- He feels that it is crucial that everyone's voice is heard.
- This position is important because the person holding the position must be bipartisan in choosing who fills committee seats.
- 5 Minutes Q&A
  - Senator Schaettle: How has applying for senate through the R&A committee aided you in applying for this position?
  - Senator Harden: He recounts his experience as an applicant. He understands how important following up with applicants can be in their development as leaders.
  - Senator: During slating, you heavily campaigned with your party, how might this affect your ability to be impartial?
  - Senator Harden: Most members on either side have campaigned on behalf of their party. He does not feel that this disqualifies him from being able to be bipartisan. Finally, he believes that he will remain steadfast in regards to appointing passionate and qualified applicants.
  - Senator Santalo: What experience do you have in committees and in writing legislation?
  - Senator Harden: As a previous member of the allocations committee, he feels that he knows what is required of committee members as a whole.
  - Senator Lo: What qualities do you look for in applicants applying for the committees?
  - Senator Harden: He believes in both qualifications on a resume and also through an undefinable passion for serving the Gator Nation.
  - Senator Jiron: Can you illustrate how your involvement in Gators of Tomorrow will aid in your position as Member-at-Large
  - Senator Harden: This experience encouraged him to reach out to every student organization on the UF campus.
- Senator Morse gives 5 minutes of presentation.
  - He believes that this most recent election shows the frustration of the UF student body.
  - He feels that he brings new ideas and new experiences to the chamber.
  - He served as Treasurer for the College of Liberal Arts which gave him the experience of giving students funding for their clubs
  - He was also a member of the CLAS finance committee.
  - He feels that there is still much work to be done, work that can only be accomplished through working together.
- 5 Minutes Q&A

- Senator Schaettle: How do you put aside your party's loyalty in fulfilling your job impartially?
  - Senator Morse: He feels that the party is founded upon bipartisanship, because it is so small.
  - Senator: How do you plan on having an unbiased approach while choosing senators to fill seats.
  - Senator Morse: He would like to work with the college council to ensure that their input is considered. He would also like to host town-halls to ensure that voices are being heard.
  - Senator Pope: How do you feel like you can handle disagreements while choosing which senators to fill seats.
  - Senator Morse: He believes it requires understanding each other's sides. He feels that he can put aside his differences to make sure tasks can get done.
  - Senator Lima: What would be your approach to ensure that non-partisan decisions are being made?
  - Senator Morse: He would like to ensure that no rash decisions are being made. He would like to focus on rationality not on partisanship.
  - Senator: Can you elaborate on the CLAS student counsel and your capacity in which you worked with this committee.
  - Senator Morse: He worked to ensure that each student would have the best experience they could have.
  - Senator Shah: What does the Member-at-Large do, other than choose replacements?
  - Senator Morse: They help establish the agenda and decide what goes forward for voting.
  - Senator Santalo: What experience do you that can aid you in managing the SG budget
  - Senator Morse: As finance chair for the Reitz Union he's had to manage a large budget.
- Majority Party Leader Stanford motions to suspend the rules and vote by standing vote. Approved.
  - Harden: 48 For.
  - Morse: 21 For.
  - Senator Harden is approved as Member-at-Large.

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

- Student Body President Meyers welcomes the senators.
- He congratulates the newly elected senators.
- He acknowledges that UF is now a top ten public school institution.
- The The UF Foundation is having the "Go Greater" campaign kickoff next Friday.
  - The organization would like to extend this invite to all the Student Senators.
  - He will send out a flyer via listserv with more information.

- His office hours will be Monday and Wednesday from 9am-2pm.
- He encourages senators to talk to him to work on projects together to improve the lives of the students.

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

- Student Body Vice President Agosto welcomes the senators.
- He states his office hours
  - Tuesday: 12:30pm-2:30pm
  - Wednesday: 11am-4pm
  - Thursday: 1:45-2:45pm and 4-6pm
- SG Cabinet will be having a float in this year's homecoming parade.
- He reminds the senators of the crises going on in Puerto Rico, and encourages the senators to check out on Facebook where you can donate to various drives.

### **OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY TREASURER**

- Student Body Treasurer Lubin welcomes the senators.
- He thanks the senate for approving his assistant treasurers.
- He believes that they will be dedicated to serving the students and ensuring that student orgs and SG will be fiscally responsible with the funding they are granted.
- He thanks everyone that slated.
- He encourages the senators to continue to have that passion for the University of Florida.
- His office hours are posted online.

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

- Senate President Green welcomes senators.
- He asks to take a moment of silence for those affected by the attacks in Las Vegas.
- He acknowledges that he is only the third black Senate President in the history of UF.
- He also acknowledges that this is the ***first time*** in UF history that both the Senate President and Senate President Pro-Tempore are black!
- He reminds senators to fill out the affiliation forms, they will be due in two weeks
- There will be a newly elected senator orientation right before the next Senate meeting.
- He reminds the senators that there is a need for 2 sergeant at arms.

### **SENATE ELECTIONS:**

- She thanks the senators for voting for her
- She asks Senator Jackie and Senate President Meyers to present on Action SG.
- 5 minutes Q/A
  - Majority Party Leader Schaettle: What did you look for when selecting the applicants?

- Meyers: I want to see the gap between SG involvement and involvement in the UF community to be as small as possible.
- Senator Santalo: What experiences can you take as former I&C chair, IRHA president, and Senate President in your newly elected role?
- Phillips: She feels that it has much in common with her experience as Information and Communication chairwoman. Additionally, her experience as the IRHA president qualifies her for this position as well.
- Senator Holloway: Why do you want to change the format of Action SG?
- Phillips: She would like to equalize the amount of vice-chairs and individuals to ensure that the most amount of work possible is being done.
- Senator Grosse: How was this positioned advertised?
- Meyers: This position was advertised mostly through social media and a large number of students were reached that way.
- Senator Shaw: Can you explain what qualifications you saw in Jackie in interviewing applicants for the position?
- Meyers: The qualities seen in Jackie were dedication and connection with students.
- Pro/Con Debate Round 1:
  - Con: None
  - Pro:
    - Senator Santalo: Has had direct experience with Jackie and she encouraged him to get involved as well as gave him resources to get involved.
    - Senator: Feels that Jackie Phillips is more than qualified.
    - Minority Party Leader Chou: He messaged Jackie asking how to get involved and she was a great help. He wholeheartedly supports her.
    - Senator Lima: He does not know Jackie personally but hopes to get to know her, and looks forward to working with her.
    - Member-at-Large Adams: He recounts his time working with Jackie and her eagerness to help him create change at UF.
    - Senator Holloway: She believes Jackie is the best person to serve this role.
    - Senator Hasan: He works with Jackie during her term as President of IRHA and she looks after all of the gators needs and he fully supports her.
- Pro/Con Debate Round 2:
  - Minority Party Leader Chou moves to call the previous question.
- Senate President moves to vote by standing vote. Approved.
  - For: 68
- Jackie Phillips is approved as the new Action SG Chairwoman.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:**

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Moodie welcomes the senators.

- She reminds the senators of all of the open seats.
  - Each of the chair positions are open and are due Friday at noon.
- Open Replacement Seats due Friday at noon:
  - Dentistry
  - Education
  - Engineering
  - Nursing
  - Graduate (2)
- Point of inquiry: How are open seats being advertised?
- Answer: The seats are announced and made known to the public through:
  - Social media
  - Gator Times
  - Tabling

**BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Vice-Chair Dunson welcomes the senators.
- Motion to send all other committee reports electronically by unanimous consent. Approved.

**ALLOCATIONS:**

- This report will be sent electronically through the listserv.

**JUDICIARY:**

- This report will be sent electronically through the listserv.

**RULES & ETHICS:**

- This report will be sent electronically through the listserv.

**INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- This report will be sent electronically through the listserv.

**SECOND READING**

- There were none

**FIRST READING:**

- There were none

**BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

- There are no bills pending signatures.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Senator Santalo:
  - HHM Talent Show tomorrow at 6:30pm at Phillips Performing Arts Center.

- Senator Hasan announces for Haunted Healthcare October 21st for the Pharmacy School. It benefits St. Jude Children's Hospital.
- Senator Dunson:
  - Invites senators to pray before senate in the back corner.
- Pro-Tempore Moodie:
  - She explains how the voter record works.
  - She reminds senators to turn in affiliation forms in two weeks

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

- The meeting adjourned at 11:04 pm.