STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
October 24, 2017

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be filmed or audio recorded and may be available to the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:
Roll was called and quorum was established with 80 senators present.
Not there for roll call:
- Dhir
- Dunn
- Fine
- Gardezi
- German
- Igharas
- Joachim
- Longo
- Martinez
- Robusto
- Stanzyk-Guzek
- Toplak
- Walters
- Wiley

AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:
- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:
- Senator moves to approve SB 2017-1084: Funding for Belly Gators by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Dempsey moves to table until the next senate meeting SB 2017-1083: Resolution Recognizing the Need for Additional Funding for the Counseling Wellness Center by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Holloway moves to hear the Approved absence petitions as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
• Chairwoman Holloway moves to hear the failed absences petitions as a block by unanimous consent.
  ○ Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent.
    Approved.

PUBLIC DEBATE:
• Senator Lima yields time to Senator Chou
• Senator Li
  ○ Speaking about the resolution she is working on.
  ○ She seeks to expand work opportunities on Explore UF for International Student.
  ○ On the UF Jobs page, out of 21 jobs there are only 3 jobs available to international students.
  ○ International Students must pay more for classes, but their work opportunities are far more limited.
  ○ She is hoping that other senators will support her and this resolution.
  ○ International students who have mental wellness problems are increasing as well.
  ○ She further believes that the counseling and wellness center could be an invaluable resource for international students who may be struggling to adjust to life in the US.
  ○ She encourages senators to reach out to her if they have any other ideas or thoughts.
• Minority Party Leader Chou reserves his time.
• Senator Birnholz yields time to Minority Party Leader Chou.
• Minority Party Leader Chou
  ○ He first would like to address the minutes from the CWC funding meeting.
    ■ He believes that they are not fairly made public.
  ○ CWC will be receiving funding for 8 counselors, so this is why the bill was tabled.

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OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT
• Student Body President Meyers welcomes the senators.
• FLC Agency Head, Sam Godskin
  ○ Selects 50 freshmen that go through a weekly curriculum
  ○ “Fall into Healthy Habits” November 2nd:
    ○ Eco Expo 11-2PM
- “Eco-Expo” November 7th, 11-2PM in Plaza of the Americas.
- Gator Story is this Friday
- Nov. 30th “Rock around the Palm Tree”
  - GoFundMe shared on FLC Facebook page. Hoping to raise $2000.
- **Student Body President Meyers**
  - Accent Show tomorrow
    - Carly Fiorina
    - The speakers series is a great way to see different viewpoints.
    - Really lucky to have such renowned speakers that share their life experiences
- **Securing more Mental Health counselors**
  - State Legislators denied the request for 21 New Mental Health Counselors.
  - The Provost decided to fund 12 counselors for the next three years
    - This funding is not permanent.
  - The search continues for permanent funding sources.
  - He challenges the Inspire Party to help search for ways to fund counselors, because as of now, it has only been Impact Party members.
  - As a result 8 of the 12 have been secured for permanent funding, that does not dip into the students’ pockets.
  - Both parties must continue to work to secure more funding for more mental health professionals.
    - We have only 3 years to secure permanent funding for the remaining 4 professionals.
- **Chairwoman of Mental Health Taskforce, Valeria Hernandez**
  - She hopes this task force will provide a voice for students to express their wants and needs for mental health.
  - Ideally, this task force could find funding for the remaining mental health professionals.
  - Searching for 7 student members of the task force.
    - Speaking with UF administration and eventually taking this issue to the Florida House.
    - She is looking for students who are passionate about mental health.
    - Not a resume booster, much more than a professional development opportunity, students’ lives are at risk.
    - If you are interested in serving on the task force email her at v hernandez20@ufl.edu.
- **Student Body President Meyers**
Question: Senator Chou asks a series of questions to Student Body President Meyers.
Answer: President Meyers responds to the questions.

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PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
- Senate President Green welcomes the senators.
- Senate President Green and Senate President Pro-Tempore give a presentation on their Legislative Agenda.

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- He thanks the biggest clown he knows, Roberto, for his service to Senate!
- Happy Halloween from Senate President Green!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:
- Senate President Pro-Tempore Moodie welcomes the senators.
- Open Permanent Seats due November 3rd:
  - Building Constructions
  - CLAS
  - Graduate
  - Dentistry
- Senators must register their senate emails.
  - She requests that every senator emails her their definition of success from their senate email.
- Two representatives from the Florida Museum of Natural History give a presentation on BioLink
  - All of the information on all the events is at floridamuseum.ufl.edu/onetree

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- She shouts out Roberto for his service with Senate.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:
- Chairwoman Dunson welcomes the senators.
• She congratulates Senator Bazan for becoming the new clerk for her committee!
• She will be hopefully making hard copies of the 800 codes SparkNotes.
  ○ Tell Org Execs to get a copy!
• Will be working with chairman Stanford on the 800 codes
• Outreach program will be beginning next week.
• Lastly, will have meeting with her committee at the end of the meeting
• She hopes everyone has a safe and fun Halloween.
• She thanks Roberto for his service to Senate.

ALLOCATIONS:
• Chairman Stanford welcomes the senators.
• Committee met this past Sunday at 5pm.
  ○ Heard 4 Orgs
  ○ Passed 1, Tabled 2, Failed 1.
• He expresses his thanks to Roberto!

JUDICIARY
• Chairwoman Dempsey welcomes the senators.
• Committee met this past Sunday
  ○ Passed 4 constitutions and 1 resolution.
• Will not be meeting until after next week.
• She also thanks Roberto.

RULES & ETHICS:
• Chairwoman Holloway welcomes the senators.
• The constituency tracker will be shown at the next meeting
  ○ Next meeting November 14th, no meeting next week.
• Senator Weeks shares a few events going on that fulfill constituency.
  ○ For a list of constituency events please see Pro-Tempore Moodie’s email.
• If you’re doing any events, feel free to do outreach on social media.
• Next week is the Senate Retreat. If you attend, they will remove half of one of your absences.
• She also thanks Roberto.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:
• Chairwoman Grosse welcomes the senators.
• Nametags will be ordered tomorrow.
  ○ Get your money to Senator Snyder ASAP.
• Mentor-Mentee document is still open. Due next Tuesday at midnight.
• Retreat next Tuesday 7-9pm in the Jennings basement.
• Tabling:
  ○ If you are the first senator out to table, you are responsible for getting the tabling materials.
If you are the last, or if there is no one signed up after you, you must return the materials.

- Sign-up for your email accounts!
- She also thanks Roberto!

SECOND READING
- There were none

FIRST READING:
- There were none

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:
- There are no bills pending signatures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- Senator Boone
  - Friday 6pm in Pugh Hall, Gators for Tomorrow.
  - Freshman are encouraged to attend and apply.
- Senator Rangel
  - SG Multicultural Affairs Cabinet and Chispas hosting “I am an Immigrant Day”, November 1st at 11am in Turlington.
- Chairwoman Dunson
  - Alpha Delta Pi fundraiser basketball benefitting Ronald McDonald house Thursday at 7pm.
- Senator Victorianne
  - This Saturday at 11am, UF Trial Team is having a fundraiser at Gumby’s Pizza.
- Senator Snyder
  - Today is the last day to get name tags!
- Senator Lee
  - HHP College Council and CRC hosting a showcase for pre-health majors, November 6-8 in the O’Connell center.
- Senator Hasan
  - “Kicking Cancer” will be next Wednesday, November 8th. Benefits Relay for Life.
- Senator Astudillo
  - Congressman Yoho is looking for interns for the Spring.
- Senator Lima
  - He thanks everyone who reached out to him and supported his resolution.
- Senator Santalo
  - MASA hosting event 12pm-5pm in MCDA for Dia de Los Muertos.
• Pro-Tempore Moodie
  ○ Constituency must be submitted within 7 days after the event.
  ○ December 5th is the last day to submit constituency.

ROLL CALL:
• A motion to use voting records for final roll call passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED:
• The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.