

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
December 5th, 2017

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:30 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 71 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Batten
- Belinski
- Berrocal
- Bloshinsky
- Bond
- Carnes
- Chan
- Esperanza
- Gardezi
- Hoffman
- Horland
- Igharas
- Jiron
- Li
- Lo
- Longo
- Morse
- Muller
- Nguyen
- Rangel
- Ritterband
- Stantzyk-Guzek
- Vista
- Walters
- Zavala
- Zhou

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Senator Schaettle moves to table Student Senate Bill 2017-1087: Voter Accessibility Act - 700 Codes Revision. Second.
 - Motion goes into a voice vote.
 - The motion is approved in the favor of the ayes.
- Chairwoman Dempsey moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2017-1086: Voter Information Act – 700 Code Revisions by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Schaettle moves to strike R&A committee recommendation for Interfaith Cabinet Director, Arshad Shauib from the agenda by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Schaettle moves to approve R&A committee recommendation for open District C seat, Derek Ro by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Schaettle moves to hear R&A committee recommendation for Assistant Supervisor of Elections as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Schaettle moves to hear R&A committee recommendation for Elections Commission as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motion to approve the aforementioned block 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.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Supervisor of Elections Erica Baker
 - Concerns over Senate Bill 1087- Voter Accessibility Act.
 - The timeline given by the bill isn't realistic.
 - She is concerned there won't be enough time to send out the ballots and receive them in time.
 - Mail is not received directly, goes to UF. Generally a one day delay.
 - Absentee ballots are normally received the last day. She is concerned some votes won't get here in time.
 - Current setup is not to limit students, including those studying abroad.
 - Would like to share experience with Student Senate.
 - Loves the idea of increasing voter turnout, and wants to help as much as possible.

- Senator Fatzinger yields his time to the chair.
- Minority Party Leader Chou yields his time to Wallace Mazon.
- Brandon Rosenthal yields his time to the chair.
- Wallace Mazon:
 - Attended town hall meeting with President Fuchs.
 - Received an unsatisfactory response from Jodi Gentry about OPS workers' compensation for missing due to Hurricane Irma.
 - Gentry believes this would set a precedent unhealthy for the state of Florida .
 - Believes we should be paying our OPS workers for time off during the Hurricane Irma due to safety concerns.
 - Sante Fe has already compensated OPS workers for days during Hurricane Irma.
 - Possible Arguments (and belief for these claims being false):
 - Not enough money.
 - Mazon claims that this is false.
 - "How many are actually OPS workers?"
 - Thousands of OPS workers.
 - One should only compensated by time that you work.
 - Some of our students are struggling and need the compensation from time off during the hurricane to fulfill those needs.
 - Mazon recommends senators to lobby the University to get OPS workers paid.
 - Believes that we should have done more to fight for the compensation of OPS workers.
 - He thinks this should have been done months ago.

*****If you wish to hear any speeches given during public debate please request the recordings from senatesecretary@sq.ufl.edu*****

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

- Student Body President Meyers welcomes senators.
- Action SG:
 - Event on December 8th from 9:30 to 11 AM called "Snack and Study with SG" in Turlington and Plaza of the Americas.
 - Handing out Starbucks coffee, Chick-Fil-A breakfast, fresh fruit to ease the stress from exams.
 - Invite constituents on Facebook.
 - "This Week from SG" graphics every Monday, started in October.

- Platform tracker video will be released this week.
- Follow on Social Media (@UFstudentGov on every platform).
- Outreach events next semester will be on a cycle.
- Chomp the Vote:
 - Working on increasing the civic engagement with student body during the elections in 2018.
 - City and local elections will take place in March. Will be informing students who is running for seats.
 - “Tune in Tuesdays” are going to be incorporated to better inform students on politics.
 - Like on Facebook: “Chomp the Vote.”
 - Met with Hispanic Student Association today for various services like registering students to vote.
 - If an organization would like to work with Chomp the Vote, please email chomp.sg@ufl.edu or message on Facebook page.
 - Continuing to work with External Affairs chairwoman Haley Smith and her team for early voting locations in the spring.
- Students Taking Action Against Racism:
 - Anti-racism presentation that should be uploaded on SG website soon.
 - Promoted a safe sex education campaign.
 - January 27th: Social Justice Summit.
 - Will be promoting heavily during the school year.
- Gator Innovators:
 - New logo, website, etc.
 - New website will feature lots of information like upcoming events, contact info, etc.
 - Past semester, reached out to entrepreneurs in the Gator community about a speaker series for the Innovation showcase in the Spring.
 - Innovation showcase is in planning stages.
 - For students to share ideas and turn their dreams into reality via workshops.
 - Events are being facilitated by current staff and new incoming staff.
 - Currently in planning stations for Hackathon in January.
 - Geared toward novices interested in entrepreneurship.
- Gators Going Green:
 - Has focused on research this semester.
 - Social Media following has been built. Posts every week.
 - Also been working with Dance Marathon directors.
 - Attempt to make Dance Marathon a green event with the Office of Sustainability.

- Green Beauty Guide:
 - New health hacks and green tips.
 - Sustainable events.
- Working to make all student organization events required to become green events.
- Green Gator Graduation Challenge has just finished, winners are selected.
 - Point system based on sustainable activities done.
- Working with Study Edge for “Going Green Challenge.”
 - Students will turn in old packets to have them being recycled.
 - Students will then be placed in a raffle.
- Eco-challenge with Gator Nights in planning.
- 3 tabling events:
 - Sustainable Transportation Clinic.
 - FLC “Eco-Expo.”
 - Housing Fair.
- Student Body President Meyers wishes everyone happy holidays.
- Student Body President Meyers congratulates senators on a great semester.
- Student Body President Meyers wishes senators good luck on finals.

SENATE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- Senate President Green welcomes the senators.
- Captain Holcomb:
 - Theft on campus is one of the biggest issues during holiday season.
 - Reminds us to be safe against theft on campus.
 - Keep things out of sight in cars during shopping.
 - Have been handing out helmets for those who drive scooters.
 - Students should be parking scooters in safe areas.
 - Park scooters in well lit areas.
- MCDA Senior Director Will Atkins
 - Instagram giveaway by Atkins.
 - Follow @UFMCDA on Instagram, Twitter.
 - He asks the senators to share their story with the person sitting next to them.
 - He tells the senate about himself.
 - He asks why senators’ stories are important.
 - He asks, “When was the last time you actually sat down and listened to someone unlike you?”
 - MCDA is in the Reitz Union second floor.
 - He gives Mission, Approach and Vision.

- UF develops culturally aware and responsive global citizens.
- He says that Senators have unique role in ability to make policies, allocate funds, connected to MCDA.
- Introduction to the MCDA team.
 - Applications for MCDA ambassadors for spring will be on website.
- APIA affairs: resources to Asian American community on campus and beyond.
- Black Affairs:
 - P.A.A.C.T. program: 4 day welcoming program for incoming black students.
 - Orientation on different resources for black students
 - Black Culture LLC in Graham Hall.
- HLA- Latino affairs:
 - Help UF become a Spanish serving institution.
 - Increase funding.
 - Put UF on map in a unique way.
 - Florida Days with HLA.
 - Latino Educational Advancement Program: series of LEAP scholars.
 - Participation in weekly events to become leaders in latino community on campus.
- LGBTQ
 - New Director- Billy Huff.
 - Methods to connect with LGBTQ community on campus with faculty members for Gender Sexuality and Women's Studies Center.
 - Various support/discussion groups.
- He explains Diversity and Inclusion Workshops.
- UMMP: Program to support minority students coming into UF with one-on-one mentorship.
 - 150 incoming students.
 - 150 Mentors.
 - Mentor recruitment in spring.
- Gatorship: social leadership retreat every Spring.
 - Full staff trained on diversity education and dialogue.
- Additional updates on Website.
- He encourages anyone to stop by the MCDA office.
- Spaces will remain the same for MCDA.
- He says MCDA is “grappling” with something mandatory in diversity education (similar to sexual harassment education).

- A senator asks if a diversity training portion could be introduced into “What is the Good Life?”
 - Atkins says that the MCDA has spoken about it. It is on the radar.
- Senator survey will be sent out this week via Listserv.
- Reminds the senators about Snack and Study event this Friday at 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM at Turlington and Plaza of the Americas.
- Ad-Hoc code revision committee chair applications is being closed Friday, December 15th so that everyone can apply.
- Senate President Green wishes happy holidays to the senators.
- Reminds them about Senate social tonight at 8:45 PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Moodie welcomes the senators.
- Open senate seats are District D and VetMed are due Friday, December 8th.
- She wishes the senate happy holidays.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Dunson welcomes the senators.
- Finance Forum was December 4th. They informed students how budget allocating works and how it goes through SG Finance.
- She wishes everyone luck on exams.
- She recommends anyone to contact her for questions over Budget & Appropriations.

ALLOCATIONS:

- Chairman Stanford welcomes the senators.
- Meet this past Sunday and heard 6 different orgs.
 - Passed 1, failed 5.
- He thanks those who came out to finance forum.
- He wishes the senators luck on exams, safe travels.

JUDICIARY

- Chairwoman Dempsey welcomes the senators.
- Committee meeting was past weekend. The 700 Code Revisions Act was passed unanimously.
- She thanks the senate for approval of Senate Bill 1086.
- Legislation will be due January 5th.
- She thanks Senator Dunn for being diligent at their committee meetings.
- She wishes senators happy holidays.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Holloway welcomes the senators.

- Constituency is over.
- Last minute forms will be gone over this Thursday in SG conference room
- Email will be sent to those who did not complete constituency about probation and what to do to get off probation.
- Constituency will restart next semester.
- Absences will restart next semester.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Grosse welcomes the senators.
- Thanks everyone for wearing holiday sweaters.
- Join us in game room. Pizza will be at 8:45 PM.
- Send any pictures taken in sweaters to her for the facebook page.
- Pick up SG polo after meeting.
- She wished senators good luck on finals.

SECOND READING

- There were none.

FIRST READING:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Gatos:
 - SAI and SG cabinet will be holding involvement event on January 18th, 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM.
- Senate President Green:
 - Black Males of Excellence Network last meeting will be tomorrow at 6 PM in room 2102.

ROLL CALL:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- The meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.