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.
- 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 senate secretary@sg.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.