STUDENT SENATE MINUTES  
March 14th, 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 taped 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:  
- Baldizon  
- Bever  
- Brewer  
- Cannon  
- Dhir  
- Greenspan  
- Hedman  
- Holloway  
- Lazarus  
- Martinez  
- McCall  
- Obana  
- Rangel  
- Watson  
- Wilson

AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:  
- No amendments were made to the previous minutes.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:  
- Majority Party Leader Stanford motions to approve the Replacement and Agenda recommendation for Committee Chairs as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.  
  - Motions to approve aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.  
- Majority Party Leader Stanford motions to hear the Replacement and Agenda recommendation for Budget committee seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
○ Motions to approve aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.

● Majority Party Leader Stanford motions to approve the Replacement & Agenda permanent replacement seat for District B Ryan Emery by unanimous consent. Approved.

● Majority Party Leader Stanford motions to approve the Replacement & Agenda permanent replacement seat for Graduate and Family Housing Tiffany Batten by unanimous consent. Approved.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

● Trevor Schaettle yields his time to Ian Green

● Ian Green
  ○ Chairman Green speaks in solidarity with Student Body President-Elect Meyers. He feels that generations of students have come to this university because of the great Gator Nation - a community built on support for one another.
  ○ Motion to extend by 3 minutes by unanimous consent. Approved
  ○ He believes we should support and stand with our President-Elect.

● Corben Champoux yields her time to Austin Champoux.

● Carley Ritterband yields her time to Austin Champoux.

● Austin Champoux
  ○ Austin Champoux speaks about his close, personal friend Smith Meyers.
  ○ He believes what Meyers has done for this campus and will do will prove that he truly deserves to remain as President.

● Andrew Cushen
  ○ He speaks about the wide coverage of the story of Smith Meyers’ arrest.
  ○ He feels that Meyers’s actions devalue the degree of students at the university.
  ○ He calls for Smith Meyers to step down.

● Casey Witte
  ○ He talks about his encounter with a parent who feels that they no longer would like their child to attend UF as a result of Smith Meyers’ actions.

● Michael Murphy yields his time to Emily Dunson.

● Emily Dunson
  ○ She speaks on the character of Smith Meyers.
  ○ She describes Meyers’s wholehearted leadership.
  ○ She recalls his advice telling her to build genuine relationships.

● Matthew Pileggi
  ○ He speaks about the video of Smith Meyer’s arrest.
  ○ He encourages Meyers’ to resign.
• Sean Titus
  ○ He recounts his first interaction with Smith Meyers.
  ○ He is inspired by Smith to be the hardest worker in the room.
• Clay Hurdle
  ○ He shares his love for the University of Florida.
  ○ He believes Smith Meyers possesses this same passion as him.
  ○ He believes Smith Meyers has the qualities to be a great leader at UF.
• Nicolas LoMurro yields his time to Janae Moodie.
• Samantha Fining yields her time to Janae Moodie.
• Brett Oehrle yields his time to Janae Moodie.
• Andrew Lo
  ○ He believes that from day one, Smith has proven himself as the most dedicated and qualified for the position of Student Body President.
  ○ He is certain that these mistakes will not happen again.
• Audra Weeks yields her time to Janae Moodie.
• Anthony Rojas
  ○ He presents Smith Meyers’ mugshot to the chamber.
  ○ He believes that the damage done in this event has outweighed the good that Meyers’ has brought to campus.
• Brady Walters yields his time to the chair.
• Yue Rong
  ○ He recounts his interactions with Smith Meyers and the encouragement that Smith gave him.
  ○ It was apparent that Smith Meyers loved the Gator Nation.
  ○ He believes that Smith will still be an exceptional Student Body President.
• Yael Diamond yields her time to Wallace Mazon.
• Wallace Mazon yields his time to Mo Adewunmi.
• Zachariah Chou
  ○ He draws attention to the fact that the only people who have spoken in support of Smith Meyers are senators.
  ○ He feels that this is an inadequate representation of the student body.
• Wayne Selogy reserves his time.
• Saloni Patel yields her time to the chair.
• Mo Adewunmi
  ○ He speaks in regards to Smith Meyers’s incident.
  ○ He understands Meyers might be a great person and leader, but he still believes Meyers should have repercussions.
  ○ Meyers is the face of the University, so he should be held accountable.
• Danielle Grosse yields her time to Dakota Stanford.
• Dakota Stanford
“The weak can never forgive, forgiveness is an attribute of the strong.”

The people pushing the agenda against Meyers are people who have a personal interest in the situation at the expense of another student.

He believes that this mistake should not define Meyers and believes that he will learn and grow from this mistake.

He fully supports Smith Meyers.

- Alejandro Guerra
  - Speaks on behalf of “The People”.
  - He was part of the Access Party when it ran against the Impact Party.
  - He believes Meyers’s character showed that even though they opposed each other, he truly possesses the qualities of a leader.

- Janae Moodie reserves her time.

- Wayne Selogy
  - He gives an analogy of proportional response by the US Military.
  - He believes that the arrest and the legal repercussions will be consequence enough.
  - Proportional Response is how the strongest armed forces of the world react to similar situations. He believes then it should also be applied in UF SG.
  - He shares a current US Senator also had an arrest in his past. However, he was able to beat one of the most prominent senators in the US.
  - He speaks about “scapegoating” and believes that the arbitrary detriments listed by previous speakers are not real concerns.
  - Not bad, not bad...

- Janae Moodie
  - She stands with Smith Meyers not as a senator of former Impact Party President, but as a university student and friend.
  - She has been truly nauseated how the media has used a fellow student as target practice.
  - This is not a justifications of his actions, by any means.
  - She speaks on his character as a friend, a colleague and a leader.
  - She will continue to endorse him as she believes his passion to be a student leader will lead him to a successful term.
  - She stands behind Smith Meyers.

**OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT**

- Chief of Staff Haley Staff welcomes the senators.
  - She congratulates all the newly elected senators.
  - Student Body President Webster’s new office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 9am-1:30pm
She speaks about “The Big Event”
  ■ It will be a great opportunity to give back to the community.
  ■ Registration closes on Friday.
Will continue to release video with the rest of the platform points.
She gives Jason Richards and his committee for the SEC SG Conference in DC.
  ■ The Conference was spearheaded by UF.
  ■ Spoke to representatives about an array of issues.
March 22nd - Rally In Tally:
  ■ Hosted by Florida Student Association.
  ■ Every Florida university will be there.
Outreach program for newly and recently admitted minority students beginning in the Fall.
Expect to see Uber in the university in the coming weeks.
Newell hall will be opening on April 17th.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
• Senate President Phillips welcomes the senators.
• She starts off her report by thanking everyone who came to speak during public debate.
  ■ She believes it takes courage to speak in front of the body, as it does to accept responsibility for one’s mistakes as Smith Meyers did.
• The Student Senate is willing to work with Smith Meyers and support him during this time.
• Applications for the following liaison positions are now open:
  ■ Cabinet
  ■ Judiciary
  ■ Finance
  ■ UFPD
  ■ Reitz Union
  ■ RecSports
  ■ Parliamentarians
  ■ Sergeant of Arms
• Affiliation forms are due by next meeting.
• Office Hours:
  ■ Mondays 11am-1pm, 3-4:30pm
  ■ Wednesday 12:30-3:30pm
  ■ Thursday 11am-12:30pm
  ■ Friday 11am-1pm
COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:
● Senate President Pro-Tempore Schaettle welcomes the senators.
● The committee met this past Sunday and he thanks everyone for approving their recommendations.
● He announces his office hours:
  ○ Monday - Friday: 10am - 12pm
● Committee seat applications will be due Friday, March 17th at 12pm.
  ○ Budget
  ○ Allocations (3)
  ○ Judiciary (2)
  ○ Rules & Ethics (4)
  ○ I&C (6)
● Senate seat applications will be due Friday, March 24th at 12pm
  ○ District A (2)
  ○ Fine Arts

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:
● Chairman Green welcomes the senators
● He announces that the Budget and Appropriations committee will be meeting this weekend.
● There are 65 umbrella organizations who will be attending budget hearings.
● He congratulates the newest budget committee members.
● He encourages the senators to apply for the final open budget seat.

ALLOCATIONS:
● Chairwoman Moodie welcomes the senators and thanks them for approving her as chair.
● They had 9 requests for Allocations
● The committee will meet this Sunday, as long as they meet quorum.
● If you have any questions on what the committee does, please don’t hesitate to ask her or anyone in the committee.

JUDICIARY:
● Chairwoman Dempsey welcomes the senators.
● She thanks the senators for approving her tonight.
● Meetings will start this Sunday.
• There are 2 open committee seats, and encourages anyone interested in applying to reach out to her.
• Legislation is due Friday by 12 pm.

RULES & ETHICS:
• Chairwoman Muncan welcomes the senators and thanks them for approving her as chair.
• The committee will meet this Sunday, as long as they meet quorum.
• If you are interested in applying, please reach out.
• She will be holding office hours tomorrow (3/15) from 1-2pm.
• Next week, you should be expecting an email regarding information with constituency.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:
• Chairwoman Grosse welcomes the senators.
• She thanks the Chamber for approving her.
• She will be starting the mentorship program again. Expect an email tomorrow.
• She will be sending the tabling sign-ups tomorrow as well.
  • Each senator is required to fulfill 2 hours of tabling.
• Her committee has 6 open seats.

SECOND READING:
• There were none.

FIRST READING:
• There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:
There are no bills pending signatures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
• Chairwoman Muncan shares an event she’s planning tomorrow.
  ○ Rion Ballroom 5-7:30pm: Florida Blue Key Pre-Professional Day.
  ○ She hopes to see everyone there.
  ○ There will be raffles and free headshots.
  ○ This counts as constituency.
• Senator Cellura
  ○ Gators For Tomorrow
○ Apps close on Friday.
○ He encourages senators to reach out to first year students to apply.

● Senator Zeisloft
○ He announces about the event the Veterinarian College is holding an open house event on April 9th from 10am to 4pm.
○ Invites CLAS Senators to come as a large number of their constituents end up applying to Vet school.

● Senator Oehrle
○ Last night was opening ceremony for Pride
○ He invites everyone to learn about the LGBT+ community.
○ All of the events are listed on Facebook.

● Senator Moodie
○ Proposes to hold a moment of silence for the two students who passed away before the break.
○ Explore Exec will be taking place March 23 from 12:30-2:30 by Marston.
  ○ Will count for constituency.
● Senator Mazon had a meeting before Spring Break with Dean on CLAS.
  ○ They are working to create an African-American department rather than just a program.
  ○ He is working on a project to help lower the costs of studying abroad.

● President Philips
○ Reminds senators to attend the final part of orientation.
  ○ This is mandatory for all spring-elected senators.

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

No Vote Record Received:
● Adams, Nick
● Luo, Lucas
● Patel, Saloni
● Sanguyo, Stefan
● Vista, Raymond
● Zhou, Lucas

MEETING ADJOURNED:
The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.