STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
April 18th, 2017

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:36 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 71 senators present.

Not there for roll call:
- Bever
- Brannan
- Brewer
- Cellura
- Clonts
- Cuthbertson
- Dempsey
- Esperanza
- Fakhri-Medrano
- Greenspan
- Hedman
- Kostas
- Luo
- Luse
- McCall
- Mead
- Nickas
- Niergarth
- Obana
- Rong
- Wanamaker
- Watson, Allie
- Wilson

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:
• Majority Party Leader Stanford motions to strike the R&A recommendation for the Summer C approved replacement for the Graduate seat Shreya Patel by unanimous consent. Approved.
• Majority Party Leader Stanford motions to add the R&A recommendation for the Summer C approved replacement for District D seat Shreya Patel to the agenda by unanimous consent. Approved.
• Motions to hear the R&A recommendations for the Summer C approved replacement seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  ○ Motions to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
• Majority Party Leader Stanford motions to approve the executive nomination for Supervisor of Elections Erica Baker by unanimous consent. Approved.
• Motions to hear the executive nominations for Agency Heads as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  ○ Motions to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
• Majority Party Leader Stanford motions to hear the executive nominations for Cabinet Chairs by unanimous consent. Approved.
  ○ Motions to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
• Majority Party Leader Stanford motions to hear the executive nominations for Executive Secretaries by unanimous consent. Objected.
• Majority Party Leader Stanford motions to hear the executive nominations for Cabinet Directors by unanimous consent. Objected.
• Chairwoman Moodie motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2017-1030 Funding for Iranian Student Association by unanimous consent. Approved.
• Senator Hudson motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2017-1028 Resolution Recognizing the Grand Opening of Newell Hall by unanimous consent. Approved.
• Chairman Hudson motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2017-1029 Resolution Honoring Fallen Gators by unanimous consent. Approved.
• Chairwoman Muncan motions to hear the approved absence petitions as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  ○ Motions to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
• Chairwoman Muncan motions to approve the failed absence petition for S. Kostas by unanimous consent. Approved.
• Chairwoman Moodie motions to add Gloria Li for the permanent Graduate replacement seat to the agenda by unanimous consent. Approved.
• Chairwoman Moodie motions to approve Gloria Li for the permanent Graduate replacement seat by unanimous consent. Approved.
• Senator Chou motions to hear the Executive Secretary nominations barring the Diversity Affairs secretary by unanimous consent. Objected.

PUBLIC DEBATE:
• Zacharia Chou
  ○ Welcomes senators, went through couple hundred resumes and is sharing numbers he found:
    ■ 2/3 of cabinet chairs were Greek affiliated.
    ■ 14/16 Agency Heads are Greek
    ■ 9/11 executive Secretaries are Greek
    ■ 83% of cabinet is Greek.
• Alexander Orta
  ○ Welcomes Senators
  ○ President of Entrepreneurship Club.
  ○ Gainesville is 15th best city for young entrepreneurs to live in.
  ○ There is no major funding for these small companies to grow.
  ○ No strong mentor program to help young entrepreneurs.
  ○ No central place for this companies to go and connect to grow their small companies.
  ○ They have developed this program they would like to start over the summer.
    ■ Program is divided into 3 phases.
    ■ Phase 1: Idea development, Design thinking
    ■ Phase 2: Working with mentors and local entrepreneurs to help validate young companies in the marketplace
    ■ Phase 3: Launch and fund companies as viable options in the marketplace
  ○ This program is applicable to any major, would like to see if senators would like to bring this program more widely to the university.
  ○ Will stay after meeting to give contact information.
• Wayne Selogy
  ○ Welcomes the senators.
  ○ He gives his goodbye speech.

* If you would like to listen to any goodbye speeches, you may request them from the SG Office in the Reitz Union or you may email senatesecretary@sg.ufl.edu*
OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

- Student Body President Meyers
  - Welcomes Senators
  - Still finalizing my class schedule, will finalize office hours.
- Student Body Vice President
  - Will be here over summer.
  - Still finalizing class schedule, office hours are not definitive yet.
  - Please visit him over summer.
- Student Body Treasurer
  - Welcomes the Senators.
  - Still finalizing class schedule and looks forward to seeing senators over the summer.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- Senate President Phillips welcomes senators.
- Alongside Chairman Hudson she has been doing interviews for the Disability Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee, she is excited to announce that the following will be part of this committee:
  - Boldt, Holloway, Dunson, Emery, Nickas, Chou, Bizzio, Brannan.
- She welcomes Chairman Hudson to give a brief report before his committee will begin meeting in the summer.
  - Welcomes senators.
  - Calls upon his committee to meet to finalize class schedules.
- Reminds senators that meetings start at 7:00 pm.
- Please grab water bottles and shirts at the back of the chamber.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Schaettle welcomes the senators.
- He calls up SBP Meyers and his appointments.
- Majority Leader Stanford motions to hear the executive nominations for Executive Secretary as a block. The motion goes to a voice vote. Passed.
  - Question and answer:
    - Senator Hurdle asks President Meyers to explain process of choosing cabinet
      - Send out applications to every facet available.
      - Proceed to interviews.
      - They examined the candidates and selected the most qualified candidates.
- Senator Hallway asks what experiences were preferred when appointing.
  - Meyers says that he looked for experience both in and outside of student government.
- Senator Ritterband asks what else besides experience the president looked for.
  - Looked for ideas and passion for student government.
- Senator Chou asked how many times the nominee for Diversity Affairs went to the MCDA space.
  - She said that she has been once each semester.
- Senator Chou asks why someone with no direct relation with MCDA was selected for the Diversity Affairs director nominee.
- Chairwoman Moodie asks President Meyers.
  - Working on their individual initiatives.
  - Also working together to accomplish shared goals and initiatives.
- Senator Chao asks what ideas and goals for Diversity Affairs.
  - She wishes to put on a diversity fair at UF.
  - Working closely with the “Big 9” student organizations.
  - Creating a newsletter.
- Chairwoman Moodie asks her how Mentor Uf prepared her for her position.
  - There was no more time for questions and answers.
  - 1st Round of Con debate:
    - Senator Chao mentions he is saying concerns that constituents have come to him about.
  - 1st Round of Pro debate:
    - Senator Green talks about outreach effort, every time he went on facebook there was always advertisement for committee nominations.
      - Admires hard work to outreach to the most qualified candidates.
    - Senator Alfonso believes that the nominees all have great ideas and passion for the positions for which they are nominated.
    - Senator Hallaway mentions that nominee Chelsey resume shows ample experience that make her well suited for the job.
  - 2nd Round Con:
    - Senator Chou states that he wonders if the nominee for the Diversity Affairs secretary position may not be qualified.
  - 2nd Round Pro:
Senator Luo mentions that all this applicants have experience outside the senate and shows their passion.

3rd Round of Con:
- There were none.

Chairwoman Moodie motions to call the previous question by unanimous consent. Approved.

Senate President Philips moves to approve the recommendation for Executive Secretaries.

Majority Party Leader motions to hear the recommendations for Cabinet Directors as a block. This goes to a voice vote. It passes.

Question and Answer:
- Senator Pope asks what specific experience President seeks when looking for applicants for cabinet Director
  - Presidents looks for programming experience along with experience in SG and passion
- Senator Alfonso asks what the specific process for application entailed.
  - Send out applications to every facet available.
  - Proceed to interviews.
  - They examined the candidates and selected the most qualified candidates.
- Senator Chao noticed President passed up to candidates that were previously involved with International Affairs Cabinet Director.
  - She had drive and passion that president was looking for, she is an immigrant from Lebanon and goes back every summer to mentor other families.
- Senator Moodie asks what characteristics made the perfect cabinet director
  - Senators with passion and drive as well as involvement inside and outside of senate.
- Senate Pope asks what characteristic President see in Nicole that thinks will make her successful in her position
  - President thinks she’s had ample experience programming big events.

Debate

1st round of Con:
- Senator Chao Wonders why being an immigrant's makes nominee such a great candidate
Expresses another concern that Women’s Affair director cabinet chair was chosen over two other candidates that has SG experience.

1st Round Pro
- Senator Oehrle mentions that nominee Chavez handled a $50k budget and did an outstanding job
- Senator Dunson speaks on behalf of Sarah Daou and believes that her passion and international experience make her qualified for the position.
- Senator Murphy mentions that Nicole’s experience speaks for itself. He then lists a few of her involvements.
- Senator Shaw mentions she has personal connection with the panhellenic community, which consists of over 2000 women.

2nd Round Con:
- Senator Chou poses the rhetorical question if any international students have applied for the International Affairs director position.
  - Expresses that with Sarah he had concerns because from resume he could only see involvement in Gainesville community
  - Regarding Women’s affairs he is pleased that many senators have personal experience

2nd Round Pro
- Chairwoman Moodie expresses that it is important to include students who are not involved with SG into leadership because it increases the diversity of viewpoints and gives a better representation of the student body as well.
  - She then lists the qualifications and experiences of Sarah Daou.
- Senator Spence mentions that passion cannot be seeing in a resume
  - Nominee Sarah Daou is one of his closest friends and has full faith that she will do an amazing job
  - Madison Rigdon has much to bring to the table, despite not having prior SG experience.

3rd Round Con:
- Senator Chaos keeps expressing his concern that two candidates were passed up for Women’s Affair Chair, regarding that they both had Chair positions and expected a promotion.

3rd Round Pro:
Chairman Green speaks on Madison Rigdon and her qualification for Women’s Affairs Director.

- He believes Madison’s dedication to making people feel welcome, as indicated by her involvement with Preview Staff.
- He states that Nicole De Brigard has a crucial viewpoint as a sophomore as a nominee for the Leadership Development and Involvement Director.

Majority Party Leader Stanford expresses his support for the nominees.

- Final Round Con:
  - Senator Chou expresses that his concern with Sarah Daou is that she is not formally affiliated with any organizations related to international affair.
- Final Round of Pro
  - Chairwoman Grosse reiterates that the applications were open to everyone at UF and that

- Senate President Philips moves to approve the recommendations for Cabinet Directors. This goes to a voice vote. It passes.
- Senate President Pro Tempore Schaettle thanks the chamber for approving the recommendations.

**BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairman Green welcomes the senators.
- Hopes senators are doing well studying and finals
- Working on brief explanatory overview for the 800 Codes because they are long and hard to read.
- Preparing initiative over summer.
- Feel free to contact him after the meeting as he wants to have the most competent applicants.

**ALLOCATIONS:**

- Chairwoman Moodie welcomes the senators.
- Going to have 6 open seats this summer, go talk to her after meeting
- During preview, going to be tabling to organizations to get funding
- Judicial will be with her after meeting to make sure the constitution is in line and in line.
JUDICIARY:

- Vice Chairman Hudson welcomes the senators.
- Met this past monday.
  - Approved SOE Erica Baker
  - Passed 2 resolutions.
- He calls up the authors of Student Senate Bill 2017-1028 Resolution Recognizing the Grand Opening of Newell Hall to speak on behalf of their resolution.
  - Senator Finning speaks about all the opportunities that Newell Hall brings to campus.
- Senator Nickas then encourages a moment of silence for the Fallen Gators.
- Second Resolution passed was Student Advisory Board that gets passed every semester.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Muncan welcomes the senators.
- Wants to thank senators for completing their constituent duties and representing senate so well
- Wants to give a shout out Senator Le for graduating this semester.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Grosse welcomes the senators.
- She apologizes for SG polos being black instead of white as intended.
- She will be handing them out after senate.
  - There will be extras if you wish to order.
- You may bring donations to Gator Career Closet to her after the meeting.

SECOND READING:

- There were none.

FIRST READING:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:
There are no bills pending signatures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
• Chairwoman Moodie wants to share a quote during Finals weeks “A day without sunshine is you know… night”.

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

No Vote Record Received:
• Daou
• Felder
• Martinez

MEETING ADJOURNED:
The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.