

## **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.

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- 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.
    - Phase1: 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](mailto: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 ask 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 these 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
        - President 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.
      - Senator Pope asks what characteristic President sees 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 seen 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 are 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.