The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:31 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 70 senators present.
Not there for roll call:
- Astudillo
- Bazan
- Berrocal
- Coppock
- Dempsey
- Buninsky
- Eastland
- Fatzinger
- Garcia
- German
- Jones
- Lanoue
- Nickas
- Rangel
- Toplak
- Vista
- Warner
- A. Watson
- S. Watson
- Zavala

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:
- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:
- Chairman Stanford moves to amend Student Senate Bill 2018-1016: Funding for Nepalese Student Association by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - To read: “Travel: $0.00, Food: $180.00, and grand total: $275.00.”
- Chairman Stanford moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1016: Funding for Nepalese Student Association by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Dunson moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1017: Funding for Line Item Transfer for Pride Student Union to Travel by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Vice-Chairwoman Shaw moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1018: Resolution Supporting a Constitutional Amendment to Ensure Tuition Assistance
to Families of Fallen First Responders and Military Members by unanimous consent. Approved.

• Minority Party Leader Morse moves to add Student Senate Bill 2018-1019: Amendment to the Senate Rules and Procedures on Standing Committee Membership to the agenda by voice vote.
  • Voice vote: In favor of Nays.

PUBLIC DEBATE:
• Senator Kratt yields his time to Senator Calvin.
• Senator Pellot:
  • Wishes senators a good evening.
  • Recently read the article in the Alligator about Judiciary committee unanimously turning down a bill that limits a senator to serve only one committee.
  • Is speaking to support the Judiciary Committee’s decision to fail this deal.
  • Currently, SG mirrors the federal government in many aspects, one of which being that a senator may serve on two committees.
  • Serving on two committees can be very beneficial for committee business.
  • Feels R&A committee does not favors those who have served on committees in the past.
• Senator Berkley yields her time to Senator Muller.
• Senator Jenkins yields his time to Senator Calvin.
• Senator Joachim yields his time to Senator Calvin.
• Senator Lo:
  • Wishes the senators a good evening.
  • Wants to address the recent decision of Judiciary committee not passing bill that would limit committee participation to only one.
  • Decision is correct because it allows R&A committee approve the most qualified candidates to serve on committees.
  • Limiting the amount of seats to be filled by one senator will result in a loss of productivity and efficiency, and open seats.
  • Took an oath to serve the student and it is their duty to find the most productive members for these committees, regardless of serving on another committee.
• Senator Birnholz yields her time to Senator Muller.
• Minority Party Leader Morse yields his time to Senator Muller.
• Senator Victorianne yields his time to Senator Muller.
• Senator Rauseo yields his time to Senator Calvin.
• Senator Shah:
  • Thanks everyone for the outcome of last week’s meeting where they put away their phones and laptops.
  • Was very pleased with the outcome.
  • Asks the chamber to do the same this week.
• Senator Muller
  • Wishes the senators a good evening.
• Joined last semester because she was excited to make a positive change for the students.
• Wanted to work with leaders across the aisle to work on projects that benefits the entire student body.
• As she learns more about student senate is that almost everything is passed unanimously, meaning that it gets passed only through 9 people.
• Believes that the reason that the Judiciary Committee didn’t pass the bill is most likely because it would affect 4 people on the committee.
  ▪ Believes that this is a conflict of interest.
• At all levels of government, the ethical solution is which there is a conflict of interest is to remove oneself from the situation and omit your vote.
• A few weeks ago, Senate President Green denounced party politics, reminded that senate is not a place of partisanship.
• It concerns her that when Minority Party Leader Morse attempted to add this bill, it was failed on a party line vote.
• The entire judiciary committee had a conflict of interest with the bill, yet still votes on the passing of the bill.
• “Do we stand on principle or power?”

• Senator Calvin:
  • Quickly addresses that the United States Senate contains over 300 committee seats, meaning that senators on multiple committees.
  • Is strongly adamant on limiting senators to only one committee seat.
  • Almost every legislator is on a committee because it gives them a voice.
    ▪ A legislator with a committee seat inherently has more power than one who does not have one.
  • The 45 committee seats are being filled by 39 senators.
  • Want the seats to be filled by other people for more representation.
  • It is recognized that one senator can’t have multiple power over multiple committees.
  • Rules state that senators may only chair one committee.
  • There are plenty of marginalized groups that are being misrepresented by not only in SG Senate, but on its committees.
  • States that he has never faced oppression because of race or gender because of being a white male.
  • No one knows the issues faced by women except women, no one knows the issues faced by African Americans except for African Americans, etc.
    ▪ Therefore that is why they need to have seats in committees, regardless of inexperience.
  • Cannot advocate for the marginalized because he will never know what it is like.
  • Agrees with Pro-Tempore Schaettle’s goal of achieving diversity.
    ▪ Hopes to see that this rule change would advance this initiative.

• In conclusion to public debate, Minority Party Leader Morse moves to suspend rules and procedures in order to add Student Senate Bill 2018-1019 to the agenda by roll-call vote.
In a roll-call vote of 51 to 17 in favor of the nayes, rules and procedures will not be suspended.

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

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

- There were no reports.

SENATE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- Senate President Green welcomes the senators.
- Senator Pellot Reitz Union Liaison:
  - Wishes senators a good evening.
  - Starbucks is now open in the Reitz Union.
- Please make sure you are washing your hands and drinking Emergen-C to be able to participate in senate.
- Dean Heather White had a “Donuts with the Dean” event in Turlington.
  - Another donut event will be posted soon.
- Florida House of Representatives passed a resolution recognizing February 3rd-10th will be mental health awareness week.
  - Mental Health Task Force will be having a letter writing campaign:
    - Will occur Wednesday, February 7th: 11:00AM-3:00PM at the Reitz North Lawn, Turlington, and Plaza of the Americas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Schaettle welcomes the senators.
- All seats listed in agenda are due Friday, February 9th at 12:00PM.
- I&C and, Allocations and Budget seats are open as of today.
- When two members ran for different committee seats of the minority party, they failed unanimously.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Dunson welcomes the senators.
- Thanks everyone for passing Student Senate Bill 2018-1017: Funding for PSU Line Transfer.
- Office hours will be in the SG Suite on Wednesdays from 12:00PM to 1:00PM.
  - Will be open to booking appointments.
- Has an open seat on her committee.

ALLOCATIONS:
Chairman Stanford welcomes the senators.
Gives thanks for the bringing the amendment of Student Senate Bill 2018-1016: 2018-1016: Funding for Nepalese Student Association to his attention.
Heard several different requests on Sunday.
There is an open allocations seat.
  o See Chairman Stanford if there are any questions.

**JUDICIARY:**
Vice-Chairwoman Shaw welcomes the senators.
Thanks everyone for passing Senator Pearson and Senator Murphy’s resolution.
Will most likely be meeting Sunday at 1:00PM, legislation is due Friday at noon.
Commissioner Gainey reached out to Senator Pearson and Murphy about Student Senate Bill 2018-1018.

**RULES & ETHICS:**
Chairwoman Holloway welcomes the senators.
Everyone needs to get constituency done.
American Medical Women Association: Meeting February 10th 9:00AM-3:00PM in the Nursing and Pharmacy Building.
WSA: Women’s Empowerment Week starting on February 12th from 8:00AM to 2:00PM.
Christian Business Leaders: Coffee Outreach at on February 9th 9:30AM-11:30AM in Plaza of the Americas.
Chinese-American Students Association: New Year celebration event on February 10th in the Philips Center from 5:30PM-10:00PM.
Asks committee to meet at the end of the senate meeting to discuss a meeting time this week.

**INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**
Chairwoman Grosse welcomes the senators.
There is an open committee seat.
  o Ask Chairwoman Grosse if there are any questions.
I&C committee will be meeting sometime this week for the senate live streaming act.

**AD-HOC REVISIONS:**
Senator Hernandez welcomes the senators.
Will be meeting tomorrow, February 7th at 3:30PM in the SG conference room.
Will be going over a code-revisions bill as well as other bills.

**SECOND READING:**
There were none.

**FIRST READING:**
There were none.
BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:
- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- Senator Snyder:
  - Trying to get together a small senate squad to go to a constituency dinner to talk to various students.
- Senator Pellott:
  - Went to the Camions of Care’s Packaging Event this past week.
  - Saw not only women, but men at the event.
- Minority Party Leader Morse:
  - Encourages senators to apply for committee seats.
- Chairwoman Dunson:
  - Only 5 more days left for Dance Marathon dancer registration.
- Senator Gardezi:
  - On Valentine’s Day, the Area Government has your back.
  - Beaty: Movie night event at 6:00PM in the commons.
  - Springs is having an event at the same time.
- Senator Hassan:
  - Thanks everyone who came out to Islam on Campus Islam Fair Fair yesterday and today.
  - Over 1,000 people attended the event.
  - Friday at 1:30PM: “Public Gathering.”
    - Sermon will be given and a short prayer will be made.
    - Occurring at the Plaza of the Americas.
- Chairman Stanford:
  - Thanks everyone who came to “U Matter, We Cocoa” event.
  - Met with Dr. Parrott on search for Chief Diversity Officer for the Vice President Student Leader Assembly.
    - Please reach out to Dean Abernathy or Dr. Parrott if interested in giving input.
- Senator Sanguyo:
  - Chinese American Student Association and Korean Student Association will be hosting a Lunar Year show on Saturday, February 10th.
  - Hosted at the Phillips Center, doors open at 5:30PM.
- Senator Chou:
  - “Gallontines” event is on Valentine’s Day at 7:30 pm at Murphree area.
  - Stop by Murphree to have ice cream.
- Senator Murphy:
  - YLC convention was this past weekend.
  - Shared that the experience was a great one.
- Senator Lee:
  - Sent out an email regarding CPR class for senators to sign up.
  - Price is $30.00 and half of the Proceeds will go to Dance Marathon.
  - Will be on February 20th and February 26th.
Senator Hernandez:
  o Hispanic Student Association is having a general body meeting in the Reitz room 2355 at 7:00PM.

Senator Santalo:
  o HSA director and assistant director applications open later this week.

Senator Girschek:
  o Big Event will be happening soon. Believes a senate team should work together.
  o Will follow up with more information.

Senator Gardezi:
  o Jennings Area: Hot Chocolate Event from 3:00pm to 5:00pm on Wednesday, February 9th.

ROLL CALL:
  • A motion to use voting records for final roll call by unanimous consent. Approved.

MEETING ADJOURNED:
  • The meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.