

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

February 6th, 2018

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 Pellet:
 - 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 favor 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 naves, rules and procedures will not be suspended.

*****If you wish to hear any speeches given during public debate please request the recordings from senatesecretary@sq.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.
 - 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.
 - 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:
 - Hispanic Student Association is having a general body meeting in the Reitz room 2355 at 7:00PM.
- Senator Santalo:
 - HSA director and assistant director applications open later this week.
- Senator Girschek:
 - Big Event will be happening soon. Believes a senate team should work together.
 - Will follow up with more information.
- Senator Gardezi:
 - 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.