

STUDENT SENATE MEETING MINUTES
February 27th, 2018 Meeting 1

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 74 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Dubinsky
- Fatzinger
- Garcia
- German
- Gorshein
- Harris
- Hoffman
- Lanoue
- Martinez
- Massari
- Nelson
- Toplak
- Vista
- Warner
- Watson
- Wilson

AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- No amendments were made to the previous meeting.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Chairwoman Dempsey moves to add Student Senate Bill 2018-1019: Resolution Recognizing the Importance of Free Speech on College Campuses to the agenda by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Dempsey moves to add Student Senate Bill 2018-1020: Resolution Honoring the Lives of the Victims of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Shootings and supporting the #NeverAgain movement to end gun violence to the agenda by unanimous consent. Approved.

- Chairwoman Demspey moves to add Student Senate Bill 2018-1021: Student Body Resolution Recognizing the Need for Reform in Regards to the Distribution and Accessibility of Firearms to the agenda by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Dempsey moves to add Student Senate Bill 2018-1022: Resolution to Pay UF OPS Workers for Fall 2017 UF Emergency Closures to the agenda by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Dempsey moves to add Student Senate Bill 2018-1023: Resolution to Reclassify Long-term Hourly OPS Employees to the agenda by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Dempsey moves to add Student Senate Bill 2018-1024: Resolution Recognizing the Designation of Mental Health Awareness Week and the Mental Health Task Force Letter Writing Campaign to the agenda by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader moves to add John Michael Stratton Memorial Award to the agenda under President's Report by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader moves to add the Paul Clark Memorial Award for Outstanding Senate Committee Chairperson award to the agenda under the President's Report by unanimous consent. Approved
- Majority Party Leader moves to add certification of election results to the agenda by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader makes a friendly amendment to strike "other personal services" from Student Senate Bill 2018-1022 and amend to "other personnel services" by unanimous consent. Approved.
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PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Senator Jenkins yields his time to Senator Joachim.
- Senator Snyder:
 - Gives his goodbye speech.
- Senator Kratt yields his time to Senator Joachim.
- Senator Hurdle:
 - Gives his goodbye speech.
- Senator Lee:
 - Gives his goodbye speech.
- Senator Sanguyo:
 - Gives his goodbye speech.
- Senator Stephanie Watson:
 - Gives her goodbye speech.
- Timothy Tia:
 - Thanks everyone for passing the 3 resolutions during amendments to agenda.
 - It means a lot for OPS workers on the campus that the resolutions were passed and SG is showing support.
 - Passing resolutions is just the beginning.
 - Gives quote by Frederick Douglass.
 - There is more work to be done with the concerns of OPS workers.
 - This encourages a culture of awareness about labor issues on campus.
 - Emphasizes his concerns with treatment of OPS workers, GTA'S, and IFAS.
 - Asks students to pressure the university administration to work with more compliant food companies.
 - UF has a long way to go to bring labor practices up to par with other top-10 institutions.
- Senator Berrocal yields her time to Senator Joachim.
- Senator Calvin yields his time to Senator Joachim.
- Senator Jones:
 - Gives his goodbye speech.
- Senator Gardezi:
 - Gives his goodbye speech.
- Zachariah Xu:

- Thanks the senate for all the work that they do, and allowing him to speak on behalf of his former high school.
- Speaks on behalf of MSD alumni that could not make it tonight.
- Speaks about March for Our Lives.
 - Hoping to gain backing from the University for funding on their trip to the March for Our Lives and to Washington D.C.
- This march is to make sure that what happened at Douglas High School will never happen ever again.
- Our power can change the world, Washington D.C. is the first step.
- Be the change you want to see in the world is something that really resonates with him, especially now.
- Proud to be an Eagle, even prouder to be a Gator.
- Reach out to him xuz@ufl.edu or Senator Belinski if you want to help or be part of the march.
- Jamie Roy:
 - Wishes the senators a good evening
 - Is a Vote Everywhere ambassador.
 - Wants the resolution that supports early voting locations to be placed on college campuses to be passed.
 - Wants legislative support to amend Florida Legislature 101.657 to include educational facilities as viable early polling locations.
 - Students have trouble getting to polling locations during elections in not only Gainesville, but in the entire state of Florida.
 - Last year the initiative was shut down.
 - Consulted with various individuals involved in elections, believes that the best route being the amendment of statutes.
 - History behind movement is one that has had a lot of student body support.
 - Currently, UF provides funding for shuttles on election, but it is not enough, wants more to do be done.
 - Would allow counties to decide if they would like to accommodate early polling locations on college campuses.
 - Contact Senator Jenkins if you have any further questions.
- Senator Joachim:
 - Wishes senators a good evening.
 - Reads a text from his mom.
 - Congratulates Ian Green and tells him that he supports him.
 - Looks forward to what will be done for the black community on campus.

- Looks forward to working with the Inspire Party on the African American department status.
- “Go black UF, Go Gators”
- In conclusion to public debate, there was a motion to conduct a roll-call vote in order to suspend Rules and Procedures to allow senators to sign up for public debate after public debate has ended. Motion is seconded.
 - In a roll-call vote of 64 (yes) to 5 (no), motion passes.
- Kevin Limos:
 - Came here to talk about resolution about gun control.
 - Saddened by the passing of the aforementioned resolution.
 - Asks to use statistics of gun control laws in larger countries, comparable to the United States.
- Victor Santos:
 - Here to talk about resolution about gun control as well.
 - Does not think that limiting the accessibility of guns is the issue.
 - Thinks the solution is to encourage people engage in his or her community.
- Senator Chou yields his time to the chair.
- Chomp the Vote Chairwoman Ortega yields her time to the chair.
- Senator Calvin
 - “The constitution is a secular document that was written by men who also supported slavery and is as fallible as the men who wrote it.”

****If you wish to hear any goodbye speeches you can request them from senatesecretary@sg.ufl.edu****

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

- Student Body President Meyers and Chomp the Vote chairwoman Natalia Ortega:
- Nathalia Ortega:
 - Was here last week to speak about early voting, is here to explain why the resolution mentioned by Jamie Roy was not passed.
 - Student government has been working on early voting the entire year.
 - Changing the culture of civic engagement on campus is a very difficult task.
 - The greater problem is lack of participation and advocating amongst college students.
 - August 2018 is the primary election which is one of the most important elections in the past few years.

- If the only focus is to bring early voting change through amending of legislation it will not happen. Legislation ends in about two weeks. They will not be extending that to speak on the legislation.
- Two-fold plan is in development.
 - First step is interpretation change.
- Wants students to be able to go out and vote in the August 2018 election.
- If we are only focused on statute changes, early polling locations on campus will not happen.
- They have been to Tallahassee twice and have had really good conversations.
- Looking for equal opportunity for all students.
- Gainesville is not the entirety of Alachua County.
- The best geographically located in Alachua county will not be on the University of Florida campus.
- We all working hard on the issue of early voting and it is up to those in this chamber to encourage people to register to vote and get educated on those running.
- Early Access voting centers are open for two weeks including weekends and there are multiple ways to get there.
- There is no way of accurately knowing how many students actually voted in past elections.
- City elections are on March 20th, candidate form is being processed.
- Races in August and November are very important elections, initiatives are being made.
- Right now they are working on an interpretation change.
- Contact Ortega at chomp@sg.ufl.edu
- Answers questions from senators.
- Student Body President Meyers:
 - Congratulates all new senators and those leaving.
 - Hopes that for the new senators, you remember the words you say in your oath and lives to their words in the student body.
 - On behalf Vice President Agosto:
 - His outreach event was very successful.
 - Encourages everyone to come out to future outreach events.
 - Majors and Minors fair is tomorrow from 10AM to 1PM.
 - Please share the video on Facebook.
 - At the state legislature, the house, leadership, and senate agreed to:
 - Continue to fund the highest bright futures level at 100% tuition.
 - Restore the Medallion bright futures level to 75%.
 - Wishes everyone good luck who is running for Senate leadership.

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY TREASURER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Green welcomes senators.
- He invites Supervisor of Elections, Erica Baker to the front.
 - She presents on the Election results for Spring 2018 elections cycle.
 - The results have been verified by the Elections Commission. The Commission recommends that the Senate approves the Election Results.
 - Senator Pearson moves to certify Spring 2018 Election Results by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Senate President Green moves to open the floor for nominations by unanimous consent.
 - Senate President Green motions to open the floor for the John Michael Stratton Memorial Award nominees by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Chairwoman Holloway nominates Senator Hassan.
 - Chairwoman Dunson nominates Senator Hernandez.
 - Senator Hudson nominates Senator Nickas.
 - Senator Lee nominates Senator Pearson.
 - There was a motion for votes to be recorded in standing form. Approved.
 - There was a motion to close the floor for nominations by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Senate President Green moves to open the floor for the Paul Clark Memorial Award for Outstanding Senate Committee nominees by unanimous. Approved
 - Senator Hasan nominates Chairwoman Holloway.
 - Senator Krause nominates Chairwoman Dunson.
 - Senator Pope nominates Chairman Stanford
 - Senator Jones nominates Chairwoman Dempsey.
 - Senator Snyder nominates Chairwoman Grosse.
 - Senator Jones nominates Senate Pro-Tempore Schaettle.
 - There was a motion to vote in standing form. Approved.
 - There was a motion to close the floor for nominations by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Congratulates his Senate Executive team.
 - States it has been a blessing working with them.
 - He is so grateful for all the times they shared.
 - Gives everyone on Senate Executive Team their award.
- Senate President Green presents the paper plate awards:

- Presents “Cool and Calm” award to Senator Morse.
 - Presents “Face Team” to Senator Pope and Senator Astudillo.
 - Presents “Shade Thrower” to Senator Nguyen.
 - Presents “Jimmy Neutron” to Senator Kratt.
 - Presents “Senate Couple Goals” to Chairwoman Holloway and Senator Hudson.
 - Presents “Most likely to win a Tony” to Senator Stephanie Watson.
 - Presents “Best Roll Call” to Senator Lo.
 - Presents “Sunshine” to Chairwoman Dunson.
 - Presents “Spicy” to Senate President Pro-Tempore Schaettle.
 - Presents “State Pride” to Senator Harden and Senator Hurdle.
 - Presents “Casual Tuesday” to Senator Hoffman
 - Presents “Setting the Standard” to Chairman Stanford.
 - Presents “Most Announcements” to Senator Hasan.
 - Presents “Pro Tempor-arily” to Chairwoman Dempsey.
 - Presents “Real MVP” to Chairwoman Grosse.
 - Presents “Senate’s Got Talent” to Senator Murphy.
 - President Green gives his “see you soon” speech.
- *If you wish to hear President Green’s or any other goodbye speeches you can request them from senatesecretary@sq.ufl.edu****

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Schaettle welcomes the senators.
- Committee was not able to meet because of public noticing issues.
- All applications will be reviewed by the newly elected Senate President Pro-Tempore.
- Gives his goodbye speech.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Dunson welcomes the senators.
- Chairwoman Dempsey and Senator Pope went with Chairwoman Dunson to a conference in Texas to showcase all of UF’s student government accomplishments:
 - Special shoutout to Senator Pope for having so many people attend his presentation.
- Thanks her committee for working with her during the term.
- To update all new senators and current senators who stay:
 - There are 4 open committee seats.
- Reach out to Chairwoman Dunson if you have any questions on Budget and Appropriations.

- Thanks all the senators who will be leaving tonight for all their hard work.
- Thanks Ian Green.
- Wishes the senators a wonderful spring break.

ALLOCATIONS:

- Chairman Stanford welcomes the senators.
- This is the last report for him as the allocations chair.
- Thanks the members of the committee.
- Talks about how amazing it is to be a part of this committee.
- Feel free to reach out to Chairman Stanford with any questions.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairwoman Dempsey welcomes the senators.
- Invites Senator Hernandez and Senator Shah:
 - Thanks the senators for passing the resolution regarding the Mental Task Force Letter Writing Campaign.
 - Explains importance of campaign and movement.
- Invites Senator Belinski:
 - Thanks the senators for passing the resolution.
 - Does not want to just stop here, wants change to happen.
 - Anyone can reach out to Senator Belinski or Zach Xu.
- Invites Senator Bazan:
 - Wishes senators a good evening.
 - Thanks the senators for approving the resolution.
 - Thanks Chairwoman Dempsey, the committee, and everyone who reached out to him on this resolution.
 - Invites anyone who attended, knows, or knew anyone who attended MSD to stand with him at the front of the chamber.
 - Invites anyone who has ever been affected by gun violence to come stand at the front of the chamber.
 - Invites anyone who is from West Palm, Miami, or Dade county to join him by standing at the front of the chamber.
 - To the families who lost their loved ones, to all the Stoneman Douglas students, to all the students marching over 10 miles, states “we stand with you”.
 - To those whose voices seem to not matter, “we stand with you.”
 - The memories and time he has spent in the chamber have been unforgettable.
 - Wishes all newly elected senators good luck.
 - Go gators.
- There will be 3 open seats on the Judiciary committee.

- Judiciary committee looks at all legislation that gets submitted to Senate and works closely with the Allocations committee.
- This will be Chairwoman Dempsey's last report as Judiciary Chairwoman.
- Thanks everyone she has worked with.
- Thanks the committee members for their hard work.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairman Holloway welcomes the senators.
- So sad that it is her last time doing roll call.
- Thanks the senate for the time served in the chamber.
- Attendance restarts at the beginning of the second meeting.
- Constituency will carry through until it is due at the end of the semester.
- New senators: there will be an information session explaining.
- There will be committee seats open, please reach out if you have any questions.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Grosse welcomes the senators.
- Presents a gift to Senate President Green for his hard work in Senate.
- Wants to make sure everyone knows how hard Senate President Green has worked.
- Says goodbye to a few people and says she will miss them.
- She will be leaving the committee in the hands of Senator Weeks and knows she will do a good job.
- There will be 5 committee seats open as well as the chair position, please reach out if you have any questions.

CODE REVISIONS AND AD-HOC:

- Chairman Nickas welcomes the senators.
- Welcomes all the new senators.
- Introduces the committee.
- Senator Hurdle:
 - Looked over the 300 codes.
 - Thinks that the codes should be further explored regarding senator terms.
- Senator German:
 - Conflict of Interest Act:
 - Changed conflict of interest to include non-financial things as well.
 - Student Body Accessibility Act:
 - All SG videos must include a full transcript and closed captioning.
 - Judiciary Transparency Act:

- Will require that SG publishes and notifies when Judiciary committee is meeting.
 - Executive Neutrality Act:
 - All SG executive agencies remain non-partisan because they are there for the student body not a political party.
 - The Live Stream for Accountability and Transparency Act:
 - Requires that the State of the Campus address and SG Debate be live streamed.
 - Political Productivity Act:
 - All political parties remained registered as SAI orgs throughout the year.
 - This does not mean that you can campaign during non-campaign season it means that we can rent rooms.
- Senator Shaw:
 - Worked on the 400 codes.
 - Change the term “chairman” to “chairperson.”
- This is Chairman Nickas’ last speech. He thanks a few people and wishes everyone a good night.

SECOND READING

- There were none.

FIRST READING:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There are no bills pending signatures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Snyder:
 - Tomorrow is the Jewish holiday of Purim.
 - If interested in getting some Kabab, cookies, candy and celebrating please reach out.

ROLL CALL:

- A motion to use voting records for final roll call passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- The meeting adjourned at 10:17 pm.