STUDENT SENATE MINUTES  
April 3rd, 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 81 senators present. 
Not there for roll call: 
- Bond 
- Calvin 
- Cockram 
- Dempsey 
- German 
- Girschick 
- Hoffman 
- Joachim 
- McBride 
- McMillan 
- Pellot 
- Piper 
- Ritterband 
- Ro 
- Shah 
- Victorianne 
- Zhou

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES: 
- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: 
- Majority Party Leader Shaw moves to approve the R&A Committee recommendation for the open District B senate seat by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve the R&A Committee recommendation for the open Allocations seat by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Dunson moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1029: Line Item Transfer for Gators for ASHA to Awards by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Pope moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1030: Funding for Interfaith Ambassadors by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Adams moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1031: Chairperson Act by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Adams moves to make a friendly amendment to Student Senate Bill 2018-1032: Live Stream for Accountability and Transparency Act by unanimous consent. Approved.
PUBLIC DEBATE:
- Senator Chou:
  - Mentions the recent “The Alligator” article regarding the DRC.
  - DRC wants to increase the fee by 52 cents.
  - Have yet to see the news regarding the increase in fees to increase the funding.
  - Believes it is important to fix the funding issue.
  - Believes that if you are part of the executive branch it is important to.

- Senator Rauseo:
  - Wishes everyone a good evening.
  - Moved here 3 years ago, was an international student his first year.
  - Mentions that the tuition paid by international students is far too high.
  - More than 10% of the student body is composed of international students.
  - Studied abroad last year in France and 47% of the student body consisted of international students.
  - If UF strives to be the best in the US, how can our numbers be so low?
  - Believes that UF should make international students feel more welcome.
  - Talks about scholarship opportunities that Senator Gatos, others, and himself are working on that he wants to extend to international students.
  - Invites any senator interested to help him with this to reach out.

- Senator Lima:
  - Wanted to talk about the DRC situation.
  - It is unacceptable that such a vital resource is unable to operate effectively.
  - The evidence shows that something needs to be done.
  - It is a serious issue but not a new one. Must address this somehow.
  - Believes that the offer of increasing fees should not be taken off the table.
  - Confident that if everyone works together they can help their fellow students and University succeed.
  - welcomes senators to help draft legislation to increase the funding for the DRC.

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

SENATE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
- Senate President Grosse welcomes the senators.
- Senate President Grosse and Senate President Pro-Tempore Murphy present their Legislative Agenda.
  - Discusses their internal goals, external goals, and special projects.
  - Mentions the internal goals for all standing committees.
• Mentions bringing in more speakers during quorum, expansion of free
  printing, and more.
• Asks senators to sign up for the Big Event. Only 11 senators have signed up so
  far.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:
• Senate Pro-Tempore Murphy welcomes the senators.
• Congratulates Connor Haffey for his appointment to the open District B seat.
• Also congratulates Senator Honeycutt on her appointment to the Allocations
  Committee.
• There were not enough applications for the medical seat so the due date was
  moved to Friday, April 6th at 12:00pm.
• Summer replacement forms due next Tuesday (April 10th) by the beginning of
  the next meeting.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:
• Chairwoman Dunson welcomes the senators.
• Chairwoman Dunson presents the Student Government Funded budget for the
  2018-2019 school year.
  o Operated on a 0% increase plan.
  o Added 6 new organizations to the SG funded budget cycle.
• Will be having office hours from 12:00pm-1:00pm on Wednesdays.
• If there are any questions, please reach out to Chairwoman Dunson.

ALLOCATIONS:
• Chairman Pope welcomes the senators.
• Allocations committee did not meet this week because of Easter.
• Will be meeting this week, most likely on Sunday, April 7th at 10:00AM.
• Hoping to meet with director of student organizations, so that Allocations
  Committee is known by the various organizations.
• Wants to try to implement an inventory system that could potentially save SG a
  lot of money.

JUDICIARY
• Chairman Adams welcomes the senators.
• Judiciary met this past Monday.
  o Passed two bills and one constitution.
• Please reach out to the Judiciary Committee if there are any question regarding
  legislation.

RULES & ETHICS:
• Chairwoman Holloway welcomes the senators.
• Presents the constituency tracker that contains constituency progress for all
  senators.
• Presents the various events occurring this week.
• Presents contact info for various members of Rules and Ethics in charge of specific senators.
• Constituency will be due by the last meeting of the semester.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:
• Chairwoman Weeks welcomes the senators.
• Sending out signups for mentors/mentees.
  o Will be due Friday the 13th.
• Planning a retreat for bonding.
  o Finalizing the date soon. Looking at April 12th.
• I&C will be meeting tomorrow in the SG Conference Room at 10:00am.

SECOND READING
• There were none.

FIRST READING:
• Chairman Adams moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1032: Live Stream for Accountability and Transparency Act by unanimous consent. Approved.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:
• There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
• Senate President Pro-Tempore Murphy:
  o Reminds senators to mark the friendly amendment passed today on their vote records.
• Senator Lima:
  o There is an early voting on campus forum tomorrow at 6pm in Pugh Hall. Encourages everyone to come.
• Senator Gatos:
  o This weekend on Saturday April 7th at 2:30 PM at Forest park there will be a Brazilian Churrascaria Social. There will be free food and it is SG funded so it counts as constituency.
• Senator Pearson:
  o Applications for the Executive Branch positions are due tomorrow at 5:00pm.
• Senator Rauseo:
  o The international center is having a conference with an American Diplomat at the hub on April 11th from 2-3PM.
• Senator Bloshinsky:
  o The Gator Bit Con club is having an event this Friday April 6th at 8pm at Social.
• Senator Caruso:
  o Big Event sign up ends tomorrow, see her if you want to sign up.
• Senator Lima:
  o If interested in working a resolution regarding the DRC, please contact Senator Lima.
• Chairwoman Dunson:
  o Shake Smart is now open in the Southwest Recreation Center, stop by the POD in the Reitz for a coupon.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**
  • The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.