

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
- Pellet
- 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 senatesecretary@sg.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.
 - Operated on a 0% increase plan.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - Will be due Friday the 13th.
- Planning a retreat for bonding.
 - 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:
 - Reminds senators to mark the friendly amendment passed today on their vote records.
- Senator Lima:
 - There is an early voting on campus forum tomorrow at 6pm in Pugh Hall. Encourages everyone to come.
- Senator Gatos:
 - 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:
 - Applications for the Executive Branch positions are due tomorrow at 5:00pm.
- Senator Rauseo:
 - The international center is having a conference with an American Diplomat at the hub on April 11th from 2-3PM.
- Senator Bloshinsky:
 - The Gator Bit Con club is having an event this Friday April 6th at 8pm at Social.
- Senator Caruso:
 - Big Event sign up ends tomorrow, see her if you want to sign up.
- Senator Lima:
 - If interested in working a resolution regarding the DRC, please contact Senator Lima.

- Chairwoman Dunson:
 - 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.