

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
September 11th, 2018

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:30 pm 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 66 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- AmRhein
- Baldwin
- Batra
- Batten
- Birnholz
- Bloshinsky
- Bradley
- Brue
- Epstein
- Fine
- Girschick
- Hoffman
- Holloway
- Marwah
- Mitchell
- Murphy
- Perez
- Ritterband
- Shah, Anmol
- Singh
- Temeliescu

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Boone moves to hear the Replacement and Agenda committee recommendations for the Assistant Treasurers as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motions to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve the Replacement and Agenda committee recommendation for Assistant Supervisor of Elections, Adam Kozloski by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Boone moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1085: Fall 2019 Reapportionment by unanimous consent. Approved.

- Majority Party Leader Boone moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1086: Spring 2019 Reapportionment by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Boone moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1087: Resolution Recognizing the Victims and Service Members of 9/11 by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Boone moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1088: Resolution supporting Student Government and the Provost's Extended Study of Library and Study Space Usage and Thanking the Provost by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Dunson moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2018-1089: Allocation of Reserves to Library West for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year by unanimous consent. Approved.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Anthony Rojas:
 - Congratulates everyone solving the Newell Hall crisis.
 - On May 5th, 2018, a few students were wrongfully treated during the commencement ceremony on that day by UF faculty on stage.
 - President Fuchs started a commencement task force. The solution was to create two commencement ceremonies. One for the entire graduating class and another one on a separate event space and day where their name will be called.
 - Many students were unhappy with the news, because of mainly the news being broke only 3 months before the commencement.
 - Mentions that he prefers being indoors for commencement.
 - Mentions a counterattack on the solution stating that the amount of time spent attending two ceremonies would be the same or even having a longer one than just having one big commencement.
 - Confused when we decided on time being a strong concern.
 - Believes that being on the "jumbotron" in the O'Connell Center is something very unique to Florida.
 - Believes that students should get the quality graduation they deserve.
 - Feels that there was a short fall from administration.
 - Parking, financial hardships, ceremonies going on during the same time among the problems with this new method of commencement.
 - The size of college determines the quality of venue that each college gets and it should not be that way, it should be consistent.
 - The dream of walking across the O'Dome is now gone for some students.
 - Over 7,000 petition signatures have been collected in 48 hours in favor of reevaluating this decision.
- Senator Chou:
 - Reads a poem written by him.
 - Donates an iPhone in order to allow the Senate to livestream the meetings.
- Majority Party Leader Boone yields his time to the chair.
- Minority Party Leader German yields his time to the chair.

*****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:

- Student Body President Green welcomes the senators.
- Asks for a moment of silence for the lives lost on 9/11.
- On behalf of the Student Body Treasurer, he thanks everyone for approval of his nominees.
- Believes Anthony Rojas has made very valid points in Public Debate regarding commencement.
 - Wants it to be clear that the task force put together had nothing to do with this decision chosen by President Fuchs.
 - Invites anyone that is willing to speak to him on how to make this situation better to email him at president@sg.ufl.edu.
- Thanks the senators for passing Student Senate Bill 2018-1089: Allocation of Reserves to Library West for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year.
 - Is currently in progress to confirm when the hours would be in effect with Library West. Is hoping it will be by the end of September.
- Wants the students to know that a usage survey is being done. Implores the senators to share with constituents.
- Mentions the point concerning improving Newell Hall, they are waiting for new furniture that was ordered.

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY VICE PRESIDENT:

- Interfaith Cabinet Director Dean Hasan welcomes the senators.
- Came to talk about his event on Thursday, September 13th at 6 pm at the wall on 34th street.
 - Wants everyone to know that everyone has a spot on this campus in terms of faith.
 - Wants to write “Coexist” on the 34th street wall.
 - Hopes event helps students feel like they belong.
 - Please let constituents know about even.
 - This will count as constituency.

SENATE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- Senate President Grosse welcomes the senators.
- Office hours:
 - Monday: 11:00am-3:00pm.
 - Tuesday: 10:00am-12:30pm.
 - Wednesday: 12:00pm-3:30pm.
 - If the times above do not work, stop by any time or email her.
- Reiterates attendance to meetings, despite the absences being reset after the elections in order to be productive.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Judiciary Chairwoman Shaw welcomes the senators.
- Open Committee Seats, due September 14th at 12:00pm:
 - Budget (3)
 - Allocations (3)

- Judiciary (2)
- Information and Communications (2)
- Permanent Replacement Agriculture and Life Sciences and PPHP seats will be due on next Friday September 21st, those on the agenda are due this coming Friday, September 14th.
- PPHP permanent seat due September 21st at noon.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Dunson welcomes the senators.
- Committee approved Student Senate Bill 2018-1089: Allocation of Reserves to Library West for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year.
 - Gives a review of the legislation for everyone to understand the details about the bill.
 - Encourages the senators to read the proviso attached.
- Encourages all students to use the library during late hours in order to prove usage in the data.
- Thanks the Provost for working with the student body in handling this library issue.
- Thanks her committee for studying this bill, knowing what fiscal responsibility is, and making this vision come to fruition.
- Budget Engagement week will be happening this week.
 - Will be sending email out after senate tonight.
- Encourages everyone to apply to her 3 open seats on her committee.

ALLOCATIONS:

- Chairwoman Hernandez welcomes the senators.
- Will be conducting a meeting on Friday, September 14th at 11:00am in the SG Conference room.
- Has 3 open seats, encourages everyone to apply.

JUDICIARY:

- Vice Chairman Sandifer welcomes the senators.
- Thanks the senators for passing the legislation.
- Legislation will be due this Friday, September 14th at 12:00pm.
- Two committee seats are open, encourages everyone to reach out if they have any questions and apply.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairman Hurdle welcomes the senators.
- Has senators on his committee now, therefore will be meeting tomorrow at 4:15pm in Reitz room 2360.
- It is important to attend the meetings at the end of this term. It is important to still serve the student body.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Weeks welcomes the senators.
- Reach out to Chairwoman Weeks in regards to Information and Communications Committee. Seats are still open.
- Senator Jones agreed to look into Faculty Senate and how they livestream their meetings.

FIRST READING:

- There were none.

SECOND READING:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Florez:
 - Hispanic Heritage Month Pageant on September 19th at 6:30pm in the Reitz Rion Ballroom, encourages everyone to come.
- Chairwoman Hernandez:
 - This Friday, Hispanic Students Association Opening Ceremony, encourages the chamber to come out.
- Senator Morris:
 - Class Council applications are due this Friday, September 14th and is asking senators to reach out to students to apply.
- Senator Belinski:
 - Alpha Chi Omega's fall philanthropy is Thursday: Casino Night.
 - If you win you get to donate 10% to a charity of your choice and the other proceeds will be donated to their philanthropy.
- Senator Beltran:
 - Hurricane Maria Memorial: September 20th in the Plaza of the Americas.
 - Donate unwanted books until September 24th for a library opening back up in Puerto Rico.
- Senator Daley:
 - Class Councils and CLAS applications are due this Friday, encourages everyone to apply.
 - Hippodrome is no longer being funded by the state. Asks students to support the Arts.

ROLL CALL:

- There is a motion to use voting records for final roll call by unanimous consent. Approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM