

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

**July 12th, 2016**

The Senate President called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 79 senators present.

#### **Not there for roll call:**

- Carey
- Dolan
- Felder
- Herschberg
- Morgan
- Nguyen
- Nunes
- Shayli Patel
- Twymon
- Worth
- Wright

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- There are no amendments to the minutes for July 5th.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Chairman Champoux motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1037 Funding for Hispanic Student Association: LOGRAS by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Champoux motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1038 Funding for First Generation Organization by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Long motions to approve the approved absence petition by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Werk motions to hear the Permanent Replacement seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Werk motions to approve the Summer B Replacement Seat by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Werk motions to hear the Committee seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.

### **PUBLIC DEBATE:**

- Senator Schaettle yields his time to the chair.
- Audrey Guerra welcomes the senators.
  - She wanted to discuss the Supreme Court decision to overturn the online voting amendment.

- She voices her concern and would like to just ask the Chamber to not ignore this issue and hopes that they work to help implement the amendment.

### **OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT:**

- External Affairs Director Jason Richards welcomes the senators.
  - The Executive Branch will be meeting Friday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am.
  - The U Matter We Care and SG ponchos will be all over campus soon and he will come by next week to discuss updates.
  - Haley Smith, the Chief of Staff, will be leading sexual assault week and is assembling a task force.
    - She asks that those interested or those who have questions to please email her.
- Action SG Chair Ty Robare describes that UF Student Government has a partnership with the bookstore for discount day.
  - On the first day of school for law students and the first day of school for the rest of the students there will be a 7% discount on textbooks.
    - There is also a price match policy.
    - He asks the senators to look for the post in the future and to share it so that they can get the word out for their constituents.
  - Look forward to a platform tracker video post at the end of this week and early next week.
  - Executive Branch tabling events will be starting back up next week on Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup>, starting with Student Body President Susan Webster.
  - They are also working with Business Services to replace the charging stations all over campus, so stay tuned for that information.
  - They are currently trying to create a Pokémon Go event.
    - Stay tuned for updates on that.
  - He opens the floor for questions.
    - Senator Stein asks what they will do with the old chargers once they are replaced.
      - Action SG Chair Ty Robare answers that the majority of the chargers have broken over time and that many of the chargers are outdated as well, so they will most likely be recycled.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Senate President Clements welcomes the senators.
- She reminds everyone that UF is hosting the SEC Exchange for Student Government July 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - All Student Governments from the SEC schools will be here to go through workshops and seminars.
    - This event happens every year, but this year UF is hosting.
    - If anyone is interested in helping out, please email Senate President Clements.

- She thanks the senators for coming out to Meet Your Senator Day and the Senate Retreat.
  - She was very excited to see the great turnout.
- The Advising Task Force met last week to discuss their research.
  - Just a reminder: they split up research into external and internal research.
    - They researched other universities and are excited to see new programs implemented here.
      - Keep an eye out for those updates.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:**

- Senate Pro-Tempore Meyers welcomes the senators.
- He shares that the committee met this past Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, and put forward the recommendations you all approved tonight so thank you for that.
- There are open seats
  - There is one open Permanent Seat due July 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon:
    - District C
  - There are open Summer B Replacement Seats due July 15<sup>th</sup> at noon:
    - 3 graduate
    - Health & Human Performance
    - Law
    - Nursing
    - Pharmacy
  - There is one open Committee Seat due July 15<sup>th</sup> at noon:
    - Allocations Committee
- Humans vs. Zombies will be from July 20<sup>th</sup> to July 24<sup>th</sup> this summer.
  - He will send out the link to register over the list serve so look for that and get excited!

### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairman Brown welcomes the senators.
- He thanks the Budget and Appropriations Committee for all of the hard work during the hearings this past week.
- He gives a shout out to Budget and Appropriations Committee clerk.
- He gives a brief presentation regarding the Big 4 Budget.
  - He will email out the presentation after the meeting if anyone would like to take a closer look.
  - There are not many changes from the 16-17 fiscal year.
    - They anticipate a 0% increase in the budget.
    - There are no changes to the amount of the total budget and there are no changes in the overall amount for the Big 4 budgets. Funds, however, were moved around within each total budget but there are overall no increases/decreases.
  - There was a deduction in the SG technology line and those funds were moved elsewhere.

- On the topic of Recreational Sports and their budget.
  - He just shares that Recreational Sports is such a great resources for our students.
    - Between the gyms and Lake Wauberg, we really have a lot of opportunities at our fingertips.
    - At Rec Sports, you are able to get a fitness test.
      - They even have people trained to give everyone the opportunity to learn fitness habits.
- The Reitz Union has added costs since the expansion.
  - This past year, there was an incident, in which no one got hurt, that one of the concrete rails fell down.
    - That cost \$2 million and the Reitz Union received a loan from the University of Florida to repair that.
      - They have to pay it back over the next ten years so it will show up in the 17-18 cycle to begin to pay back.
- With Student Activities and Involvement, there was some moving around in order to keep paying the people who work there.
  - It was just ironing some things out to cover those costs.
- Chairman Brown opens the floor to any questions about the budget.
  - Senator Stein points out that the SAI Programming and Administrative fees took a big hit in order to cover some costs. He asks how that will affect the services that they provide.
    - Chairman Brown answers that budget-wise it affects us, but knowing the employees of the SAI, the services will not decrease. He believes that the real value is not in the programming but in the tangible employees.
- Chairman Brown wanted to cover the Dallas Shooting that happened this past week.
  - He shares his remorse and sympathy for the slain officers as they laid to rest this week.
    - He believes that police officers are servants of the people and they provide an enormous service to the community to those who cannot protect themselves.
  - He addresses the issue of thinking that if you announce that you support the police, it is taken as you are anti-black.
    - He does not think that these are two mutually exclusive things and he believes that he can value the life of every single person.
      - He values police lives and also the lives of law-abiding citizens who are unarmed.
  - He shares that this is an opportunity to stand up and make a change.
    - He points out that many individuals can't put a face to name.
  - He makes himself an example and shares a personal account.
  - This is the reality for a lot of Americans.
  - Often times, being in the utopia of UF, it is hard to imagine a life like this.
  - He doesn't mean to make this a bashing against America, but it is a negative thing that can be changed.

- He shares a quote from a former president: “Everything that is wrong with America and be made right with everything that is right about America”.
- He asks the Chamber what they can do to make it right and to make a difference.
- Chairman Brown believes that the best will happen with the United States and throughout history we have proved to evolve and retain time and time again for the better.
  - But, we often say that we value diversity.
    - Something to value today is the diversity of perspective.
      - The perspective for someone at the top of a skyscraper is different than the perspective of someone who has to take the stairs because the elevator was taken away from them.
  - His dream is for us to all stand at the top of the skyscraper and look down at all of the change we have made.

## **ALLOCATIONS:**

- Chairman Champoux welcomes the senators.
- The committee met this past Sunday and they untabled an organization’s request.
  - Hopefully next week there will more requests on the agenda to vote on.
- He thanks everyone for approving the two requests today.
  - He was excited for the First Generation Organization that they were able to do outreach for.
  - They were able to get LOGRAS funded under the umbrella of the Hispanic Student Association instead of just Allocations.
- The committee also worked on some 800 code revisions so hopefully you’ll see them soon.
- They also tabled at Preview to different organizations and also at Gator Mania to get the word out.
  - They will continue their outreach for organizations to get funded by Allocations.
- He thanks everyone who came out to the Finance and Information Forum earlier that evening.

## **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairman Weiner welcomes the senators.
- The committee met this past Monday.
  - They heard 1 bill and 3 constitution.
    - They failed one bill and 2 constitutions and passed 1 constitution.
- He will be hosting his Bill Writing Workshop tomorrow July 13<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm.
- The committee will meet Monday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.
- All legislation will be due Friday July 15<sup>th</sup> at noon.

## **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Long welcomes the senators.
- The committee met this past Sunday.
  - They reviewed constituencies and absences.
    - She reminds the senators that there is a 7 day period to submit your constituency fulfillment.
- Probation is due July 19th at midnight.
  - Don't forget to submit it under the probation forms and to do the correct requirements.
- The committee is currently researching all sub-organizations within the colleges to give the constituents more options
- She tells everyone that the calendar is open to editing from everyone so if your organization is meeting please put it on the calendar!

## **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairwoman Phillips thanks everyone for attending the Senate Summer B Retreat and Meet Your Senator Day.
- The Committee met this past Sunday night and will meet again on Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The committee is working on the Senate Philanthropy Event Spike It For Senate.
  - The cost will be \$30 per team and they will be teams of 6.
  - The winning team gets to pick the charity where all of the money raised goes to.
- Headshots will be moved due to weather.
  - If it has stopped raining, they will take them tonight.
  - If it is still raining, they will be taken next week before the meeting.
- Tabling sign-up sheets are still live.
  - There are only a few Preview sessions left.
  - There's still Reitz Tabling.
- She reminds everyone to set up their senate email.
  - She gives instructions on how to do so.
  - It is important so that your constituents can reach you.

## **SECOND READING:**

- There are no bills in second reading.

## **FIRST READING:**

- There are no bills remaining. They were approved.

## **BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

There are no bills pending signatures.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Senator Bahmad invites everyone to learn about the Hispanic Student Association at Turlington tomorrow July 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.
- Senator Powell wanted to thank everyone who came to the candlelight vigil yesterday.
  - It was a wonderful way for us to stand in solidarity.
- Senator Wedemeyer is going to be a site leader for Summer Plunge and she will be stationed at Fisher House.
  - If anyone is interested in volunteering in her site, please sign up via the link she shared on her Facebook.
- Chairwoman Phillips gives a shout to Cole Gabriel and Wilson Trawick for tabling at Gator Mania and representing Senate.

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

### **No Vote Record Received:**

- Carey
- Dolan
- Felder
- Herschberg
- Morgan
- Nguyen
- Nunes
- Shayli Patel
- Twymon
- Worth
- Wright

### **MEETING ADJOURNED:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.