

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

September 20th, 2016

The Senate President called the meeting to order at 7:33 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 73 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Bensoussan
- Burden
- Dickson
- Dowling
- Fletcher
- Holloway
- Jasal Patel
- Pokhrel
- Robb
- Spence
- Stanford
- Staviski
- Stern
- Sweeney
- Trawick
- Twymon
- Worth

AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- There are no amendments to the minutes for September 13th.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Werk motions to hear the recommendations for the Executive Nominations as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Werk motions to hear the recommendations for the open Senate Seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Long motions to hear the failed absence petitions as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - Motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Nobody signed up for public debate.

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

- Accent Chairman Mike Greenberg introduces himself.
 - He announces that year is the 50th anniversary of Accent.
 - He adds that he is excited about the programming slate for the upcoming year.
 - His office is always open for suggestions or comments so please reach out!
 - He announces the first program of the year which is on Monday, September 26th.
 - It will feature Captain Scott Kelly, who was the first astronaut to spend a full year in outer space.
 - There are a couple more events coming soon but he is not allowed to announce at this time for contractual reasons.
 - One of the events will be partnered with External Affairs in the political realm and trying to do a second one as well.
 - Another event will be a major sports event!
 - He encourages everyone to tell their friends and get as many people to the events as possible.
- Destiny Goede, Chomp the Vote Chairwoman, presents herself.
 - Chomp the Vote handles all student voter registration while being non-partisan.
 - She has some good news for us:
 - UF is competing with the University of Tennessee to get as many students as possible to register to vote before October 11th!
 - She asks that everyone reach out to people in their organizations who need to register to vote or need to update their registration!
 - She asks that everyone like and share the video on the Student Government Facebook page that just got released!
 - September 27th is actually National Voter Registration Day!
 - Chomp the Vote will be out on campus helping student register to vote and it just so happens to be during Student Government elections so encourage everyone to register to vote after they cast their ballot in the Student Government election!
 - They will be registering a lot of people across the state of Florida.
 - They are working with all of the other universities in Florida to work on some civic engagements that we are all going to work towards so that we can get a high civic engagement across the state.
 - Finally, Chomp the Vote is always in Turlington so come and say hi!
 - She encourages everyone who is in organizations to spread the word and get as many people out there to register to vote as possible.
 - She passes out voter registration forms to the Chamber and announces that she will collect them at the end of the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Clements welcomes the senators.

- She reminds everyone that there will not be a Senate meeting on Tuesday, September 27th due to the elections.
- She also reminds everyone to not wear party affiliation paraphernalia in the Student Government office and to refrain from discussing the campaign in the Chamber.
- September 30th to October 2nd is Family Weekend!
 - They will have an open house going on in Student Government and need representatives to talk to the families visiting.
 - This will be held on Friday, September 30th from 1pm to 4pm in the office space.
 - This will count as a constituency for a Student Government event.
- She wanted to bring a spotlight to President Obama's appointment of President Fuchs to the National Science Board and National Science Foundation and how it a huge deal for the University of Florida to showcase how advanced we are in the sciences!
 - Check out the articles that have been released!
- She reminds senators that everything was approved so please mark it down on your voter record.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate Pro-Tempore Meyers welcomes the senators.
- He announces that the following Open Senate Seats applications will be due September 30th at noon:
 - Graduate (2)

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Brown welcomes the senators.
- He wanted to come up and announce that there will be seats opening up on the Budget and Appropriations Committee after elections!
 - If anyone is interested or has questions, please contact him!

ALLOCATIONS:

- Chairman Champoux welcomes the senators.
- The committee did not meet because we are in the election cycle so, per the codes, the committee cannot hear any requests 2 weeks prior to the elections.
- They will be able to hear the requests that are in after elections so keep encouraging organizations to send in requests!

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Weiner welcomes the senators.
- The committee did not meet this weekend due to lack of legislation.
 - They will meet one last time on Monday, October 3rd in the morning.
- All legislation will be due Friday, September 30th at noon.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Long welcomes the senators.
- The committee met to hear all of the petitions and probation reports.
- There were 2 senators who did not fulfill their probation requirements and they will be summoned before the committee to discuss their terms or face expulsion from the Chamber.
- She reminds everyone to keep checking the calendar for events to fulfill their constituency.
- After elections, there will be 2 seats open on the Rules and Ethics Committee, so if you are interested let her or Senator Muncan, who is the vice chair of the committee, know!

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Phillips welcomes the senators.
- Spike It with Senate is Thursday, September 29th at 6:30pm at the Broward Courts!
 - She encourages everyone to join a team!
 - The cost is \$30 per team of 6 people and the winning team gets to choose what charity the funds raised go to.
 - Deadline for registration is September 28th at 11:59pm.

SECOND READING:

- There were none.

FIRST READING:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

There are no bills pending signatures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chairman Weiner announces that Florida Blue Key will have a Meet the Candidates Day on Wednesday, October 5th from 1pm to 2pm in Plaza of the Americas.
- Senator Bahmad announces that Hispanic Heritage Month has started!
 - There will be free headshots on Wednesday, September 21st from 4pm to 6pm in Heavener Courtyard.
 - If you are interested, please sign up on the link on Facebook, and she is about to share a post on Facebook as well.
 - Thursday, September 22nd there will be a yoga event in Plaza of the Americas from 4pm to 6pm.
 - They will provide yoga mats and snacks so come out to relax!
 - If you have any questions, just ask her!

- Senator Smith shares some information about Young Life and Project Makeover.
 - There is a Young Life meeting following the Senate meeting on the 2nd floor of the Reitz Union, so feel free to join!
 - He announces that Project Makeover's Captain applications are now available!
- Senator Dwyer announces that Hillary Clinton is coming to Orlando tomorrow!
- Senate President Clements reminds everyone that the Senate meeting is cancelled next week on Tuesday, September 27th but will resume the following week on Tuesday, October 4th.
 - If you filled out a voter registration, please turn that in to Destiny!

ROLL CALL:

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

No Vote Record Received:

- Bensoussan
- Burden
- Dickson
- Dowling
- Fletcher
- Holloway
- Pokhrel
- Robb
- Spence
- Stanford
- Staviski
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MEETING ADJOURNED:

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.