

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

September 6th, 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 86 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Jones
- Martin
- McMillin
- Natal
- Ser
- Shirley
- Whorra

AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- There are no amendments to the minutes for August 30th.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Chairman Champoux motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1067 Funding for Grand Kids by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Champoux motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1068 Funding for Pazení Sauti Africa Choir by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Weiner motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1061 Amendment to the Student Body Constitution Article VIII Section 2 Part 3 by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Weiner motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1062 Fall 2017 Reapportionment by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Weiner motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1063 Spring 2017 Reapportionment by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Long motions to approve the Approved Absence Petition by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Long motions to approve the Failed Absence Petition by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Brown motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2016-1069 800 Code Revisions by unanimous consent. Approved.
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PUBLIC DEBATE:

- Randall Martin welcomes the senators.
 - This is the last time he will speak here.
 - This past Saturday, September 4th, a chair of honor to remember Prisoners of War and those soldiers Missing in Action (POW and MIA, respectively) was unveiled in the Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

- The seat stands as a symbol that those service members still listed as POWs or MIA will always be welcomed at Steve Spurrier - Florida Field when they come home.
- They were also able to recognize Commander Ford, a former Gator, who was captured in North Vietnam in 1968 whose remains did not come back to the United States until 1985.
 - Since they could not find a record that he was honored in 1968 or 1965, it was fitting that the University Athletic Association was able to honor Commander Ford by bringing his family on the field.
- The Collegiate Veterans Society was able to accomplish this Chair of Honor with the help of the University Athletic Association, specifically Alicia Longworth and Stephen Beutel, the Student Senate, Student Government, and the fraternity brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Tau Omega.
 - Senator Titus asks if there are plans to put more seats like this in other stadiums on campus.
 - Randall Martin replies that as long as somebody is working to get it accomplished, absolutely.

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT:

- Chief of Staff Haley Smith welcomes the senators.
 - She reminds the Chamber that open Staff Applications do close Friday, September 9th, at 5pm.
 - There are some awesome and exciting opportunities in the Executive Branch.
- The Big Event Director Zack Morris welcomes the senators.
 - The Big Event is a new city-wide service phenomenon that other SEC schools have started this initiative.
 - It is a way to thank the community, the City of Gainesville, for being the home of the University of Florida.
 - The purpose of The Big Event is not only to thank Gainesville but to also create a stronger bond with the people of Gainesville.
 - They are reaching out to local nonprofits and local households and local businesses to revolutionize what it means to do community service.
 - Applications are out and he encourages everyone to get involved in this new agency.
 - He reminds everyone that tradition is very important, so come and make your mark on the University of Florida.
 - The Big Event is on Saturday, April 1st!
- Chief of Staff Haley Smith expresses her excitement to have The Big Event as an agency now and can't wait to show the other SEC schools how it's really done here at UF!

- A few students will be participating in a preeminent task force over with Emerson Alumni Hall and individuals who are spearheading this new campaign.
- Look forward to another platform tracker video series on Monday, September 12th regarding poncho distribution!
- Hopefully by the end of the month, the Executive Branch can report back to the Chamber with the new Safe Ride program.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Clements welcomes the senators.
- She announces that Dr. Dave Parrott, the Vice President for Student Affairs, is here to speak to the Chamber.
 - Dr. Parrott appreciates being here this evening and is excited to speak to the Chamber.
 - He is still getting adjusted to the campus, but believes that he is doing better with directions!
 - He also loved going to the game this past Saturday and is looking forward to many more to come.
 - He was born in Kentucky and spent a number years in Michigan and Texas, but now he is a Floridian by choice!
 - He is excited to be a part of the University of Florida culture and experience.
 - He has worked in Western Kentucky University, Western Michigan University, Bowling Green States University, and Texas A&M University. He actually spent the past 15 years at Texas A&M University.
 - Dr. Parrott spent the entire summer trying to learn as much as possible about UF.
 - His very first meeting on the first day, June 1st, was to meet the students.
 - He wants to make sure that students are first on the agenda.
 - His wife is now a faculty member and she is very happy to be here at UF!
 - They have two sons and they are also having fun being a part of UF.
 - He opens the floor for questions!
 - Majority Party Leader Werk asks how long he was at Western Kentucky University because her mother attended.
 - He did his Undergraduate and Master's degrees from the late 1970s to mid-1980s.
 - He worked several positions there until 1996.
 - Chairwoman Phillips asks what motivated him to go into student affairs.
 - He answers that he was a first generation college student in his family and that when he came to

- college he couldn't understand simple concepts at college and he didn't want to ask anyone.
 - As he was heading toward the door to drop out, a faculty member stepped between him and the door and helped him register for classes.
 - Since then, he felt an obligation to pay it forward to future students.
 - Senator Selogy asks if there are any goals for auxiliaries on campus, specifically resident life.
 - Parrott answers that the goal is to provide the highest quality of service to our students while still making it affordable.
 - He says that he wants to continue finding ways to be as efficient as possible.
 - Senator Fletcher asks what the biggest goal he wants to accomplish here at UF.
 - Parrott answers that there about 4,000 institutions of higher education in the United States, 60 of those are elected to the AAU (UF is one of those 60). Within those 60, there are 16 that are both land grant and AAU.
 - Dr. Parrott explains that land grant is about access and education of the state population and AAU is about high standards of academics. Putting those two things together is very important to him and together they are a drive for excellence.
 - He wants to make sure that it is an idea of inclusive excellence for the students here at the University of Florida so that everyone gets an equal opportunity to succeed.
- Senate President Clements thanks Dr. Parrott for coming tonight!
- Captain Holcomb is here for his monthly update!
 - Fortunately, there is nothing major involving the police department going on right now!
 - Captain Holcomb has been here 29 Fall seasons and something that he has experienced are the post-football game celebrations that don't go well.
 - University Avenue is blocked off three hours before game time, which the students seemed to like very much.
 - There was a timely warning on Saturday morning for sexual battery.
 - He reminds everyone to make good choices and reiterates that UF is not anti-alcohol, it's more about making good decisions.
 - He asks that everyone please use RTS, SNAP, or Uber and encourage everyone else to do so as well.
 - Senator Leasure asks what you would do in a case of unreported sexual battery issues.

- Captain Holcomb answers that unreported is kind of a sticky word, because there are reports that come through but do the victims do not wish to go the criminal route. He adds that it's difficult to put out timely warnings if they don't have all of the correct details.
 - Senator Hasan asks how he is doing tonight.
 - Captain Holcomb answers that he is doing great!
 - Senator Fletcher asks if the Ride Along program is still available.
 - Captain Holcomb affirms that the program is still in effect.
- Senate President announces her office hours:
 - Monday: 2pm-5pm
 - Tuesday: 2pm-4pm
 - Wednesday: 2pm-5pm
 - Friday: 10:30am-12:30pm
 - If you can't make these times, please email her to schedule a time to meet.
- She then reminds the Chamber how to properly mark their voting records.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate Pro-Tempore Meyers welcomes the senators.
- He hopes everyone had a great long weekend and is glad that the Gators won this past weekend!
- He announces the Open Senate Seats due Friday, September 16th at noon:
 - District D
 - Engineering
 - Hume
 - Liberal Arts & Sciences
- He announces the Open Senate Seats due Friday, September 9th at noon:
 - District C (2)
 - Dentistry
- He announces the Open Committee Seats all due Friday, September 9th at noon:
 - Information & Communication (2)
 - Rules & Ethics

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Brown welcomes the senators.
- He thanks everyone for passing the 800 Code Revisions.
 - A lot of work went into those revisions from the Budget Committee, Allocations Committee, SG Finance, and the Student Body Treasurer's Office.
 - The goal was to make the codes were as fair to all students involved as possible.
 - They raised the cost per head from \$3.00 to \$3.50 to help student organizations provide more food at their events while still understanding

that there has been no increase in the Students Activity and Involvement Fee.

- The purpose was to make sure that it remains affordable to students.

ALLOCATIONS:

- Chairman Champoux welcomes the senators.
- The committee met this past Sunday and heard about 8 requests:
 - Passed 3 requests
 - Tabled 1 requests
 - Failed 4 requests
 - The reason that there were only 2 on the agenda tonight because they are waiting for a couple constitutions to get approved by the Judiciary Committee.
 - They hope to see 2 more on the agenda next week.
- Next week will be the last time to have these requests on the agenda before election season is over according to the 800 Codes they have to be heard 2 weeks before elections.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Weiner welcomes the senators.
- The committee met this past Sunday.
 - They passed 1 constitution, failed 1 bill, and failed 1 constitution
- The committee will meeting on Sunday, September 11th at 5pm in the SG Conference Room.
- All legislation will be due Friday, September 9th at noon.
- He is working with a number of people to help develop a Gator One ID app for smartphones.
- A senator asks what bill got failed and why.
 - Chairman Weiner answers that it was the 700 Code Revisions Bill and it was failed based on the constitutionality of it and it had Online Voting in it and based on the Constitution and the Supreme Court ruling it was declared unconstitutional.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Long welcomes the senators.
- She welcomes up Vice-Chairwoman of the Rules & Ethics Committee, Senator Muncan, to introduce the calendar.
 - This semester they will have 2 calendars: one for the Fall senators and the other for the Spring senators.
 - She hopes that this will make it easier to complete constituencies.
 - There is a key on the side of each calendar to color code which events belong to which category.
 - They will update the calendar as events come up and they will email out the calendar.

- Chairwoman Long says that if they have any questions to just email her!
- She reminds everyone that probation is due next at Tuesday, September 13th at 11:59pm.
 - If you have any questions, please approach her after the meeting since it is typically easier to resolve issues face to face.
- The committee will meet Sunday, September 11th at 3:30pm in the SG Conference Room.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Phillips welcomes the senators.
- The committee will meet on Sunday, September 11th at 5pm in the Reitz Union Food Court.
- There is one tabling opportunity before the end of election season and it will be tomorrow September 7th from 10am-2pm.
 - If you are interested in tabling, please email her with what times you are available.
- Spike It with Senate was cancelled due to the hurricane weather.
 - It is rescheduled for Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:30pm
 - The rest of the information is the same: it costs \$30 for teams of 6, and the winner gets to pick the charity to which the funds are donated.
- She asks everyone to please continue share the social media posts on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.
- She encourages everyone to apply for the Information & Communication Committee!!!
 - If you are interested, please come talk to her!

SECOND READING:

- They were approved.

FIRST READING:

- They were approved.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

There are no bills pending signatures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Bahmad announces that Hispanic Heritage Month is coming up soon and they are looking for photographers September 21st from 4pm-7pm.
 - If you are interested, please see her after the meeting!
- Senator Praveen Varanasi announces that the Indian Student Association is having their first general body meeting of the semester tomorrow, September 8th, and following it will be a welcome ceremony, where they will showcase all of the

South Asian fraternities, Indian dancer teams, and many organizations involved in ISA. They will also have free food there! He invited everyone to come out!

- Majority Party Leader Werk announces that the first DOULOS meeting of the year is happening tomorrow night, September 8th, at Sigma Kappa. She invites everyone who is interested to come join.
- Senator Hanley announces that preview staff applications are still out and are due Friday, September 16th at 4:30pm. If you have any questions, she can answer them.
- Senator Smith announces that Young Life for College's second meeting is happening at 8:30pm, following the Senate meeting, on the second floor of the Reitz Union. He also thanks the Allocations Committee for funding a lot of their events.
- Senator Leasure announces that the Multicultural Greek Council Showcase is this Friday, September 9th, at 7:30pm in the Reitz Grand Ballroom.
- Chairwoman Philips reminds everyone to pick up their ordered SG polos, Senate t-shirts, and Spike it With Senate Tank tops!
 - Name tags are \$12 and on a rolling basis so just let her know what you want on your tag and how you want to pay!
- Pro Tempore Meyers invites everyone to attend the Grand Opening of the CORE building by Southwest Rec on Friday, September 16th at 3pm. It's a really cool new building that offers unique experiences on campus. If you want more details on that, please see him after the meeting.
- Senator Worth announces Young Leaders Conference Small Group Leader applications are open and will be open until September 12th. If you want to be a part of the award-winning Student Government conference, please talk to him and applications are on the Student Government website.

ROLL CALL:

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

No Vote Record Received:

- Jones
- Martin
- McMillin
- Natal
- Ser
- Shirley
- Whorra

MEETING ADJOURNED:

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.