

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
September 10th, 2019

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:45 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 call was called and a quorum was established with 65 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Cornair
- Dorneus
- Ducoat
- Espinoza
- Evans
- Gettlemen
- Girschick
- Grant
- Heriveaux
- Herman
- Kaufman
- Kendrick
- Manuszak
- Morris
- Patel, Dilan
- Pepple
- Prieto
- Ramos
- Russell
- Zlatanoff

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Emily Hyden:
 - Organizer for protest of blue lights on fraternity row.
 - “It’s a shame that it has come to this point.”
 - Talks about the process of the legislation.
 - The negligence from SG and administration is the reason for these protests.
 - Invites those in the chamber to right the wrong done in the past.
 - Those in power have not done this yet.
 - Safety should be one of the top concerns of the student body.

- Real lives, students and people who have been disserved up until this point.
- Believes actions could have been done sooner.
- 16,000 people have expressed interest in taking part in the protest taking place next week.
- There is no excuse to delay action any further.
- Senator Amrose:
 - Here to speak about reserve transfers.
 - Has helped write some reserve transfers which he hopes will be passed.
 - Wants to authorize a reserve transfer of \$25,000 for the installation of a blue light on Fraternity Row.
 - The reserve transfer was submitted over a month ago but no action has been taken.
 - Hopes that the Senate will actually take action.
 - Doubts that anyone has said they are against blue lights.
 - Hopes that the Senate will listen to its constituents.
 - Spoke with a constituent recently, and reminded Senator Amrose who they are here to represent in the first place.
 - “Are you here for yourself, are you here for your party, or are you here for the students?”
 - “Let’s do what we need to do to get these blue lights installed.”
 - Hopes the chamber will eventually vote in favor of a blue light on Fraternity Row.
 - Another reserve transfer he has worked on, is one to help student organizations find funding for the school year.
 - Many organizations are not being given the money that is needed to operate.
 - Student government is currently not funding student organizations and Senator Amrose strongly feels student government should be doing that.
- Minority Party Leader Bindi:
 - Brought awareness to today’s date, September 10th, being World Suicide Prevention Day.
 - Mentions trigger warning for any students who may be affected by suicide.
 - States mental health and suicide statistics.
 - Will be drafting legislation regarding mental health awareness.
 - Encourages anyone who may want to co-author legislation with him to reach out.
 - While resumes were sent out hours before the meeting, there should be more time to review the appointments to University Committees.
 - Does not blame Senate Leadership for not sending out resumes of nominees but feels that they need more time to look over resumes carefully. Therefore wants to table the University Committees nominees.
 - Feels that this chamber has frequently miscommunicated.

- Cites the 200 codes, that the majority of the senate must vote in favor of the approval of those in the University Committees.
- Feels that they cannot adequately review the nominees without debating them.
- Hopes to be able to structure a debate with the Replacement and Agenda Committee in order to adequately review candidates.
- A vote for tabling is not a vote against, but rather a way to postpone the vote until next week.
- Senator Rush:
 - Speaks about World Suicide Prevention Day.
 - States statistics on mental health and suicide.
 - It often becomes tough to maintain mental health in college.
 - Has been personally affected by suicide.
 - Feels that her job as a senator is to bring awareness to resources that students could use in moments where they feel suicide is the only answer.
 - States the National Suicide Prevention hotline: 1-800-273-8255
 - Lists things that are possible signs of someone wanting to commit suicide.
- Senator Chou:
 - Gives an update on reserves transfer progress, and other things that have popped up.
 - Has been meeting with SG leadership in order to move the reserve transfer along.
 - Explains how he found the dollar amount for the reserve transfer.
 - To his knowledge, this is the only short-term solution for student organizations to get funding.
 - Stresses that University Committees are not Senate Committees, but for the entire college.
 - It is good to have members of all communities on University Committees so there is a lot more perspective.
 - Strongly suggests the chamber to be able to look at the resumes for the University Committees.
 - If you are ever in a position of power, make sure you bring people in.
- Emma Weiskopf:
 - Yields her time to the chair.
- Senator Maniti:
 - Here as an organizer to a large event, that caters to thousands of students.
 - AKM is a tradition started in 1992, which celebrates the accomplishments, heritage and tradition of Asian American Culture.
 - As a low-income first-generation student, she craved to find a home away from home when coming to UF.
 - Going home, all Senator Maniti talks about are her experiences at these events, expressing her Filipino heritage.

- Many students like herself, find a home in the events and traditions that have been around for over 25 years.
- Finds it difficult, as she has to beg people to sponsor her organization and their events.
- Here to call on both sides of the aisles to try to find a long-term solution.
- States she does not believe that a reserve transfer is not enough to fix this.
- Wants to ensure that there is a solution that will prevent this from happening again.

*****If you wish to hear any speeches given during public debate please request the recordings from senatesecretary@sg.ufl.edu*****

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Chairman Brown moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1095: Line Item Transfer for Student Chapter of the Society for Theriogenology by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Brown moves to Approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1096: Line Item Transfer for University Film Society by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Brown moves to Approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1097: Line Item Transfer for Student Chapter of Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Brown moves to Approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1098: Line Item Transfer for Volunteers for International Student Affair by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Brown moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1099: Line Item Transfer for Young Americans for Freedom by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Senator Pearson moves to add special rules to the agenda by standing vote. Motion seconded. In a standing vote of 46 to 17, that motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Bindi moves to table the University Committee recommendations until the next meeting. That motion is seconded. In the eyes of the chair, that motion fails.
 - That motion fails.
- Minority Party Leader Bindi moves to table Class Councils, Internal Affairs, and Housing Cabinet Directors recommendations. In
 - That motion fails.
- Minority Party Leader Bindi moves to table Student Senate Bills 2019-1092 and 2019-1093 until next meeting. In the eyes of the chair, that motion fails.
- Chairman Sanidfer moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1094: 300 Code Revisions by unanimous consent.

- Chairman Sandifer Moves to Approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1092 Fall 2020 Reapportionment by standing vote. In the eyes of the chair, that motion passes.
- Chairman Sandifer Moves to Approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1093 Spring 2020 Reapportionment by standing vote. In the eyes of the chair, that motion passes.
- Senator Amrose moves to attach special rules so that Agency Head, Cabinet Directors and University Committees have a structured pro con debate. There was a motion for a roll call vote. In the eyes of the chair, that motion fails. In a standing vote, in the eyes of the chair, that motion fails.
- Senator Pearson moves to approve John Molm for the Internal Affairs Agency Head recommendation by standing vote. In a standing vote of 56 to 9, that motion passes.
- Senator Pearson moves to approve the recommendation for the Class Councils Agency Head, Derek Ro by standing vote. In a standing vote of 60 to 6, that motion passes.
- Senator Pearson moves to approve the recommendation for the Housing Cabinet Director, Mia Forsman by standing vote. In a standing vote of 58 to 9, that motion passes.
- Senator Pearson moves to approve the University Committee Nominees block by standing vote. In the eyes of the chair, that motion passes.

STUDENT BODY OFFICER REPORT(S):

Student Body Vice President Abraham:

- Emma Weiskopf, Disability Affairs Cabinet Director:
 - Asks the Senators to participate for the famous “2 Bits” chant during football games.
- Office Hours:
 - Monday: 11 AM-12:30 PM, 3-5 PM
 - Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
 - Friday: 10 am – 4:00 pm
- Thanks the chamber for approve the Housing Cabinet Director nomination:
- Veterans Affairs Cabinet Director Mason:
 - 8 AM to 11 AM, Flag raising ceremony tomorrow to honor the fallen of 9/11 in front of the Reitz Union Pond.
 - Gives the procedure for tomorrow, in order to commemorate and honor the lives lost during September 11th.
 - Event at 5 PM, the Memorial Stair Climb Event at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.
 - Over 11,000 steps were climbed on 9/11 by firefighters.
 - Invites everyone to come out.
- Just had her first cabinet meeting and says everyone is extremely excited to start working.
- One goal is to have the Legislative and Executive branch to work closer this year.
 - Wants to hear people’s input on how to achieve this.

- Mental Health Awareness Week will be November 18-22nd and they want programming to be done like never before, invites people to reach out to her with any ideas they may have for that week.

SENATE PRESIDENT REPORT:

- Introduces new Senate Advisor, Jacobi Bedenfield.
- Jacobi:
 - Primary position is to advise the Senate.
 - Has high expectations for everyone in the chamber.
 - Hopes that the students have high expectations for himself.
 - Office is directly across from James Tyger.
 - Invites everyone to come see him in his office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Pro-Tempore Dunson welcomes the senators.
- Affirms everyone of how great Jacobi is.
- Encourages the chamber to reach out to him and get to know him.
- Thanks everyone who has spoken on World Suicide Prevention Day.
- Feels it is important for students to know the resources available to us.
- Encourages students to learn about what the resources are in order to help students and others.
- Flu season is on the move, stay updated on what is going on in the Student Health Care Center. Look out for free flu shots.
- There are still open spaces for Senate One-on-Ones.
 - Encourages people to sign up for the open spots.
 - Many have talked about wanting to have better community in this chamber.
- Open Permanent Replacement Seats:
 - Building Construction
 - Dentistry
 - Education
 - Graduate
 - Vet Med
- Open Committee Seats:
 - Budget and Appropriations (3)
 - Judiciary
 - Allocations
 - Information and Communications
 - Rules and Ethics

MINORITY PARTY REPORT:

- If you want to learn more about Senate, encourages people to meet Jacobi.
- Reemphasizes that senators should apply to committees in the senate.
- Encourages people to do one-on-ones with Senator Pro-Tempore Dunson.
- Reemphasizes the importance of mental health and finding resources.

Budget & Appropriations:

- Chairman Brown welcomes the Senators.
- There are three open seats on the committee, encourages anyone interested in applying to reach out.
- Thanks the Senate for approving the Line Item Transfers.
- Encourages students to email him regarding budget questions.

Allocations:

- Senator Glover welcomes the senators.
- If anyone is interested in applying to the five open seats, reach out to Chairwoman Girschick.

Judiciary:

- Chairman Sandifer welcomes the senators.
- There are three open seats for the committee.

Rules & Ethics:

- A member from the committee welcomes the senators.
- Warning letters will be going out soon.
- Reminds chamber of absence policy and constituency.

Information & Communication:

- Chairwoman Jones welcomes the Senators.
- Check email for information regarding tabling tomorrow and the event for September 11th.
- There are five open committee seats. Invites anyone who has questions to email her at info@sg.ufl.edu

FIRST READING:

- There are none.

SECOND READING:

- There are none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There are none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator: Crisis center always looking for volunteers to help those who may need it.
- Senator Barocas:
 - There is a Presidential debate this Thursday, invites everyone to come. It is in Cypress and Grove Brewery starting at 8 PM.
- Senator Jackson:
 - Gator Nights will be this Friday night.
- Senator Gatos: If interested in learning the Portuguese language, come to the ___ on Thursday at 4PM. The second GBM for an organization he started will be next Monday.
- Senator Hernandez: The CALS Philanthropy Council Applications are opening. The Hispanic Heritage Month 5k on 9/15/19 at 7:30 AM, signup will be online.
- Senator: The Dominican Republic Association is having their first GBM tomorrow at 7 PM. La Casita is opening November 17th.
- Senator Portugues: HHM Pageant event will be next Friday at 7:30pm in the Reitz Grand Ballroom.
- Senator: The opening HHM ceremony is this Friday starts at 7 PM, doors open at 6:15 PM. There is also a Bahamas Relief going on they are collecting items until Friday.
- Senator Adan: Any organizations who would like to table for the Homecoming and Gator Growl festival, speak to her.
- Senator Diaz: His organization will be hosting an event on October 12th.
- James Tyger: Started attending Senate meetings in June 2012, this will be one of the last ones for Tyger. Tyger will not be going anywhere, however.

ROLL CALL:

- There was a motion to use voter records as final roll call by unanimous consent.
Approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.