

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
December 3rd, 2019

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:37pm 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 63 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Alexander
- Anderson
- Barrocas
- Chatoff
- Diaz
- Faisal
- Freedman
- Gunby
- Hutchison
- Jackson
- Kanouse
- Le
- Lima
- Lloyd
- Longland
- Lovesky
- Marsh
- Martinez, R.
- Miller
- Pepple
- Rodell
- Shoaf
- Solomon
- Stern
- Wikan
- Wray
- Wyche

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Damon Veras:
 - Not Present.
- Senator Nelson:
 - Asks for support in legislation that reflects our progress at the university, regarding the new Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. D’Andra Mull.
 - Asks for the senators’ support in welcoming Dr. Mull.
 - The Florida Cicerones hold an annual Grateful Gator Day.
 - Asks for support in the passing of the legislation that has been made in honoring Grateful Gator Day.
 - We have a duty to make every day at the University of Florida a little bit better.
 - It will be a new year with new opportunities.
 - It is time to address the issues that have risen, and open minds to progress as well as the bipartisanship to create an inclusive campus.
 - Hopes to look on 2020 and see that we have represented the students at the University of Florida.
 - Student Government can only be as successful as we are willing to make it.
 - Hopes we come back with focus, wisdom and optimism that this is possible.
- Alfredo Ortiz:
 - Those who do not know their history are damned if they repeat it.
 - Talks about the progress made after multicultural students creating fundraisers because of funding being stricken, blue lights being pushed on fraternity row, and unhappiness with Donald Trump Jr. coming to campus.
 - No legislation is on the table that speaks on impeachment.
 - This is a political move in regards to the upcoming election.
 - There was never an intent to impeach Student Body President Murphy.
 - “You wonder why voter turnout is so low.”
 - “The independent movement has long died.”
 - “And the Inspire Party wears its corpse.”
 - Wants to form a cooperative movement in resentment to the current two party system.
- Senate President Pro-Tempore Sandifer:
 - Interviews for the open Information & Communication seat were done incorrectly.
 - Will be moving to strike this line on the agenda.
- Senator Bindi:
 - Spoke on bipartisanship previously.
 - It is not a word, it is an action.
 - It is a promise to make to constituents to do what is right.
 - Sometimes, bipartisanship is simply a word.
 - Communication and cooperation is very seldom.

- Previous perceptions by Senator Bindi have been inaccurate, and wants to change this.
- Agrees with everything that Senator Nelson has said.
- Invites those to work with Senate President Dunson in creating an environment to work together.
- Members of the Minority Party has a lot to offer. Work with them.
- To the minority party: work with them.
- Working together will prove advantageous.
- Announces that he is no longer a member of the Minority Party, as an independent member.
- Student Senate Bill 2019-1109: Fairness of the Replacement and Agenda Committee Act will allow for more fair representation in the Member at Large Elections.
- Will work on it in the future in case of it not passing tonight.
- William Zelin:
 - Was not planning on giving more speeches.
 - Here to speak on what is being advocated for with the Constitution Revision Commission.
 - Wants it to be easier for independents to have an easier time running and creating legislation.
 - Proportional representation would allow for the student body to represent without “splitting the vote.”
 - We must create a system that welcomes new voices.
 - Under multi party systems, coalitions must be formed accomplish things instead of party politics.
- Robert Schulte:
 - Gives officer report now due to an exam, for Gator Innovators.
 - Last year was the first ever Gator Tank competition.
 - Will be having this again next semester
 - Will have one big event instead of multiple rounds.
 - If anyone in organizations want to reach out to sponsor, please contact Schulte.
 - Wants to come out with an entrepreneurship email update.
- Mark Merwitzer:
 - Thanks Gator Party Leader Hernandez in support of Student Senate Bill 2019-1108: Anti-Intimidation Act - 747 Code Revision.
 - This is a symptom of something worse though, in that parties participate in “hellish” activities with opponents.
 - People are subject to law, and Inspire Party are being subject to violations as much as Gator Party.

- Notes the disrespect of the minority party in interrupting William Zelin’s speech.
- Accuses the party of “burying” the video evidence of this.
- Majority Party Leader Hernandez:
 - Wants to talk about Student Senate Bill 2019-1107: Resolution Applauding the Reconstruction and Reinstallment of the Institute Of Black Culture and the Institute Of Hispanic-Latino Cultures (La Casita).
 - These facilities are available to all students.
 - Seeing what these projects mean to students was powerful.
 - Notes her mother, a student at the University of Florida in the 1980s, was not welcome in the community.
 - Can say that Hernandez has felt a part of this community in her time.
- Senator Gomez-Clavijo:
 - Speaks about Student Senate Bill 2019-1109: Fairness of the Replacement and Agenda Committee Act
 - This bill will amend the codes to say that the Member at Large elections should require a 2/3 majority vote in senate.
 - Believes that these members should have super majority representation.
 - Feels that this will result in less opposition to the elected Members at Large.
- Senator Amrose:
 - Was asked about the impeachment of the Student Body President during the Thanksgiving holiday. Was forced to say that he does not think it will happen.
 - Recites the Student Body Constitution, Article VII regarding impeachment.
 - The procedure stated has not happened, and does not think that it will not happen.
 - The chair of the Impeachment Body took it to the Judiciary Committee, and it failed due to having majority party members on the committee.
 - Believes it is unfortunate that it did not pass, because the majority of students outside of the chamber were in favor of the impeachment.
 - Shouldn’t be rewarding members for spending \$50,000 to push a political agenda.
 - This is not because of the fact that the minority party did not try.
 - It is important to notice that the vast majority of committee seats are Gator Party members.
 - Talks about Student Senate Bill 2019-1109: Fairness of the Replacement and Agenda Committee Act.
 - Believes that this bill will also fail.

*****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:

- Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to hear the Assistant Supervisor of Election recommendations by a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - There was a motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to hear the Student Honor Code Vice Chancellor recommendations by a block by unanimous consent. Approved.
 - There was a motion to approve the aforementioned block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to approve the Replacement and Agenda Committee Recommendation for the open District C Seat: Kevin Marti by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to approve the Replacement and Agenda Committee Recommendation for the open Graduate Seat: Domenica Aycart by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to approve the Replacement and Agenda Committee Recommendation for the open Graduate Seat: Amery VanDeGrift by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to approve the Replacement and Agenda Committee Recommendation for the open Graduate Seat: Jadon Whitted by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to approve the Replacement and Agenda Committee Recommendation for the open Academic Assessment Committee seat: Madeleine Bennett by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to approve the Replacement and Agenda Committee Recommendation for the open Academic Assessment Committee seat: Madeleine Bennett by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to approve the Replacement and Agenda Committee Recommendation for the open Greek Affairs Cabinet Director: James Andrew Shea by unanimous consent. Approved.
- There was a motion to approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1104: Resolution Amending Rules IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, XI, XII, and XIV of the Student Senate Rules & Procedures by unanimous consent. Approved.
- There was a motion to approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1105: Resolution Celebrating Grateful Gator Day by unanimous consent. Approved.
- There was a motion to approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1106: Resolution Welcoming Dr. D'andra Mull as the New Vice President of Student Affairs by unanimous consent. Approved.

- Student Senate Bill 2019-1107: Resolution Applauding the Reconstruction and Reinstallation of the Institute Of Black Culture and the Institute Of Hispanic-Latino Cultures (La Casita) by unanimous consent. Approved.
- There was a motion to approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1108: Anti-Intimidation Act - 747 Code Revision by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Brown moves to Student Senate Bill 2019-1110: Line Item Transfer for Food Science and Human Nutrition Club by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Brown moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1111: Line Item Transfer for First-Year Leadership Program by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Brown moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1112: Line Item Transfer for the Neuroscience Club by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Brown moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1113: Line Item Transfer for Law Association for Women by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Brown moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1114: Line Item Transfer for Undergraduate Consulting Club by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Senate President Pro-Tempore Sandifer moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1103: The Political Correspondence Transparency Act - 600 Code Revision by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senate President Pro-Tempore Sandifer moves to refer the Replacement and Agenda Committee Recommendation for the open Information and Communication Committee seat back to committee by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Chairwoman Morris approves all approved absence petitions individually by unanimous consent.
- Senator Amrose moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1109: Fairness of the Replacement and Agenda Committee Act by unanimous consent. Objected.

STUDENT BODY OFFICER REPORTS:

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE:

Danielle Grosse: External Affairs

- Contact at externalaffairs@sg.ufl.edu

J.R. Molm: Internal Affairs:

- Contact at internalaffairs@sg.ufl.edu

Mark Mulhall: Gators Going Green:

- Contact at greengators@sg.ufl.edu

Haven Garcia: Young Leaders Conference:

- Registration is until December 16th or until no spaces remain.

- Contact at ylc@sg.ufl.edu

James Wheeler: Student Government Productions:

- Recently, Quinn XCII and Hippy Sabotage performed at Flavet field.
- Contact at SGP@sg.ufl.edu

Sam Fischer: Nightlife Navigators:

- Working with people developing autonomous vehicles as well as Uber Safe Rides.
- Contact at navigators@sg.ufl.edu

Joseph Lavoie: The Big Event:

- The Big Event is an annual day service happening in March.
- Contact at thebigevent@sg.ufl.edu

Austin Carrol: Freshman Leadership Council:

- Contact at frc@sg.ufl.edu

Henry Fair: ACCENT Speakers Bureau:

- Stay tuned for upcoming shows in the spring.
- Contact at ACCENT@sg.ufl.edu

Mateo Haydar: STAAR:

- Goes through the events that have occurred this year.
- Gives upcoming events next semester:
 - Will be tabling during the next semester.
 - Will be holding monthly series of events that tie in race, religious, gender and sexual identity.

Derek Ro: Class Councils:

- Ro prepared a speech for Chairwoman Morris to present.

Victoria Doherty: Student Honor Code Chancellor:

- Speaks on the Vice Chancellors that have been approved tonight.
- Contact at chancellor@sg.ufl.edu

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Dunson welcomes the senators.
- Read an article talking about having the opportunity to reflect things ones are thankful for during Thanksgiving.
- Talks about "Thanksgiving."

- We tend to have less stress when being conscious of the things that people are grateful for. Encourages all to do this during a stressful time like exams.
- Will be working towards having a newsletter by the end of the week.
- Is working on an Ad-Hoc Committee email after communicating with campus leaders.
- Invites Supervisor of Elections, Stephanie Siler:
 - Presents the spring 2020 Election Contingency Plan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Sandifer welcomes the senators.
- Open permanent Senate Seats:
 - Graduate (2)
 - Medicine
 - Nursing
- Open Committee Seat:
 - Information and Communication

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Brown welcomes the Senators.
- Have been conducting hearings for operational and travel requests.
- Please reach out with questions at Budget@sg.ufl.edu.

ALLOCATIONS:

- Chairwoman Girschick welcomes the Senators.
- Last hearing of the semester will be happening tomorrow.
- Have allocated over \$500,000 till this point.
- Will be allocating more next semester.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Pearson welcomes the senators.
- Presents a PowerPoint on how to write legislation.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Morris welcomes the Senators.
- Constituency was due this meeting.
- Probation emails will be sent out.
 - Explains what happens during constituency probation.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Jones welcomes the Senators.
- Hopes everyone had a fantastic Thanksgiving.

- If an SG Polo has been ordered. Please pay Senator Cordover.
 - Will be passed out after the break.
- Wishes luck on exams.
- Have a great break.
- Email with questions at Info@sg.ufl.edu.

FIRST READING:

Student Senate Bill 2019-1109: Fairness of the Replacement and Agenda Committee Act:

Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to refer the piece back the Judiciary Committee. This is debatable.

1st Round of Con:

- Senator Bindi: The primary purpose is to increase bipartisan behavior. A $\frac{2}{3}$ majority will force senators to find those who will be supported regardless of background.

1st Round of Pro:

- Majority Party Leader Hernandez: Wants to make sure proportions are correct, and that a position should actually warrant such a high margin.

2nd Round of Con:

- Senator Solomon: Was the only minority party senator that received a vote from the other side of the aisle. Wants to remove the idea of party politics.

2nd round of Pro:

- Senator Rush: Believes that these proportions will promote bipartisanship.
- Majority Party Leader Hernandez: Wants to have more discussion on the legislation.

There was a motion for a roll call vote. In the eyes of the chair, that motion fails. In a standing vote of 31 to 31, and a tie breaker vote of yes, Student Senate Bill 2019-1109 will be referred back to the Judiciary Committee.

SECOND READING:

Student Senate Bill 2019-1103: The Political Correspondence Transparency Act - 600 Code Revision:

There was a motion to call the previous question. Seconded. In the eyes of the chair, that motion passes.

In a standing vote, in the eyes of the chair, that motion passes.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Bindi: Cicerone applications will be open in the spring semester, starting in January. Spring Forum will be happening in January.
- Senator Solomon: Baking cookies for his residents.
- Senator Nelson: Asks for support on the issues and initiatives he spoke on in public comment.

ROLL CALL:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:09pm.