The meeting of the 62nd Student Senate was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Senate President Reggie Cuyler.

Senator Mechoullam led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

MEMBERS PRESENT (First Roll Call): Senators Assidon, Baumann, Bender, Bonderud, Brome, Brusseau, Cassell, Chance, E. Charlemagne, Clary, Costello, Donoho, Dougherty, Drake, Escalante, El Shemi, Evan, Garrett, Ghaneie, Gold, Gonzalez, Gonzmart, Greene, Harper, Howard, Hutchinson, Jackson, Keith, Kozlowski, Kushner, Lara, Liniger, Mckinnis, Mechoullam, Mroczkowski, N. Meyers, Schlesinger, Simmons, Slider, Smythe, Swift, Tunis, Vandercook, Walters, Wood.


MEMBERS TARDY/LATE (First Roll Call): Senators Angulo (7:50), Daniels (7:42), Fistel (7:44), Tanenbaum (7:41).

Corrections: None.

Student Comments: Mallory Mullen of the FSU Service Corps told the Senate that they will be at the next meeting to explain the service bill for FSU Service Corps. Jamie Bayo of Peace Jam announced that the Peace Jam Conference will take place on March 20-21, 2010, and he thanked SGA for their support. He told the Senate that he would like for them to be mentors for this event and they will have a training session for mentors on January 29, at 5 p.m. in the Center for Civic Education. Bayo said the conference will focus on genocides this year.

Special Introductions and Announcements: Latanya White and Charee Williams of the United Way of Tallahassee spoke to the Senate concerning ways to connect with the young professionals and college students in Tallahassee. Williams told the Senate that there are job opportunities in Tallahassee and businesses are interested in keeping students here and they will offer internships to do this. She said she is a member of Access Tallahassee and its free to anyone who wants to join.

Messages from the Executive Branch: Lauren Robertson, Student
Body Vice President, told the Senate that she needs input for safety issues on campus to know what is good and what is not good about FSU’s campus. Shelby Garriga, Secretary of Public Relations told the Senate that she is working on the SGA FaceBook Page and she wants it to be an effective way to get out what is going on in SGA. She told the Senate that if they have something that they want to go on this page then they should let her know. Adam Fox, OLA Director, told the Senate that the list of people needing interns at the Capitol will be up on OLA website tomorrow and you would probably have to work only a few hours a week, depending on the person you pick. Student Body President Rob Jakubik told the Senate that he has about two and one-half months left to complete the Seminole Experience Book that will go to every student that attends convocation. He announced that there will be a passing of torch for President T.K. Wetherell on February 17, with a statute unveiling of him. He said there will be food and entertainment and he encouraged everyone to come out. Jakubik told the Senate that he is in favor of Constitutional Amendment One because the Senior Class Council has not been very effective and now Senate can set up statutes for the Senior Class Council.

Messages from Agency and Bureau Directors, and SGA Organization Officers and Employees: Vu Thai, Asian American Student Union Director, announced that their Lunar Banquet will be on February 9 and tickets will be distributed the first week of February. He announced that their month is March 15 through April 15 and their theme is “We have the Power”. He said they will have 20 events on empowering the Asian community and if you need more information go to fsu.AASU@gmail.com. <mailto:fsu.AASU@gmail.com>

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students: None.

Messages from the Senior Class Council: None.

Messages from the Judicial Branch: None.

Messages from the Union Board: Report given by Ariel Giumarelli and Bill O’Connor: The Union Board had their first meeting of the semester on today at 4:30 p.m. and their next meeting will be on February 3. Announcements: The Art Center is offering Paint-a-Pot at ten percent off on Thursdays and Fridays and they are open late until 11 p.m. on Thursday; Crenshaw Lanes will have Cosmic Bowling on Friday, January 15 and Saturday, January 16 beginning at 9 p.m.; the Pizza League will meet on Sunday, January 17, at 5 p.m. Movies showing this week at the Student Life Center: Gentle Broncos tonight at 7:45 and 10:15 p.m.; Paranormal Activity, Thursday and Friday at 7:45 and 10:15 p.m. and Revenge of the Nerds on Tuesday at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Club Downunder: An Evening of Poetry on Thursday, January 14, and RJD2 will be performing on Friday, January 15, along with Happy
Chinchester and the Constellations. They urged RSO’s to Get Recognized this Spring and there will be a workshop on Thursday, January 14 at 2 p.m. in Davis Building 311 B.

Messages from Campus Recreation: Brittnay Boldizar, Chair of Campus Recreation, told the Senate that towels machine broke and it cost $5,000 to repair and tool bundler also broke and cost it $10,225 to repair. She announced that they will have a retreat at the end of the month at the Reservation.

Report of the Student Body Auditor: As of January 12, 2010, Senate Projects is $113,932.00.

Committee Reports:

Student Affairs – The committee met today and discussed having a retreat on January 30 at the Pita Pit at 1 p.m. and then going to the Reservation. They also looked into SGA section for toilet times at the Strozier Library. For more information on the toilet times see Chairman Simmons.

Budget – The committee passed the RTAC resolution and PAC resolutions.

          Finance   – Did not meet.

          Judiciary – Did not meet. Chairman Daniels said that someone is needed to co-sponsor legislation or it will die. He said that Senator Waltz is on a leave of absence and the committee needs a new vice chair.

          Internal Affairs – Did not meet.

          Rules and Calendar – The committee added Bill 10 to the Calendar.

Senate Confirmations: None.

Consent Resolutions:

Resolution 9 – Sponsored by Senators Donoho and Jackson. PAC allocations for Women in Business, Seminole Christian Life and the Insurance Society. **PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTIONS.**

Resolution 10– Sponsored by Senators Benson Peart and Tunis. RTAC allocations for Student Athletic Trainers Association and the National Society of Minorities in Hospitality.
PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTIONS.

Bills First Reading:

Bill 5 - Sponsored by Senator Williams. A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 300.5. Purpose: to improve the accountability of graduate student organizations and having the Student Body Deputy Treasurer serve as an ex-officio member on the Law School Allocation Committee and the Medical Student Council. REFERRED TO JUDICIARY AND FINANCE.

Bill 6 - Sponsored by Senator Williams. An addition to the Student Body Statutes adding 300.4 K. Purpose: to add the Student Body Treasurer as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Congress of Graduate Students. REFERRED TO JUDICIARY AND FINANCE.

Bills First Reading Continued:

Bill 8 - Sponsored by Senator Waltz. A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapters 616 and 617. Purpose: to amend the way the Homecoming and PowWOW Directors are chosen and to clarify these chapters. REFERRED TO JUDICIARY.

Bill 10 - Sponsored by Senators Greene and Simmons. An allocation of $750.00 from Senate Projects to Bills Book Store. Purpose: to purchase 4,000 Blue Books for the student body. REFERRED TO FINANCE.

Bills Second Reading: None.

Constitutional Amendments:

Constitutional Amendment 1 - Sponsored by Senator Chance. Amending Article V, Sections 1 and 7, and Article VII, Section 2. To remove the Senior Class Council from the Constitution so they can be regulated by statutes. REFERRED TO THE STUDENT SUPREME COURT FOR A DECISION.

Resolutions:

Resolution 9 - Sponsored by Senator El Shemi. Subject: Commending Bobby Bowden.
PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Resolution 11- Sponsored by Senators Mroczkowski and Hutchinson.
Subject: Holding the SGA Spring 2010 elections on Wednesday, February 10, 2010.

PASSED WITH OBJECTIONS.

Resolution 12- Giving permission to the Progressive Black Men, Inc., to take more than 20 students to travel to Washington, D.C. for a community service based trip.

PASSED.

Resolution 13- Giving permission to spend more than $2,000 to renew the lobbyist contract for the Pittman Law Group, the lobbying firm for the FSU-SGA.

PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTIONS.

Resolution 14- To correct a miscalculation in the annual reapportionment of the Senate seats, removing Graduate Seat 18 and adding Human Sciences Seat 4.

PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTIONS.

New Business: The Senate elected Dustin Daniels as the Senator of the Month for November and December. Senate President Cuyler told the Senate of requests that he has received from different organizations on campus. They are: Greek Life requesting $11,800 for members to attend a conference; FSU Police Department Chief Perry wants $19,000 for equipment for the Critical Incident Response Team and $8,000 to repair SAFE radio equipment; Union wants to purchase computers for $10,010 for RSO’s upstairs in Student Activities and they want $10,000 for Breakfast 4 a Buck.
Senate President Cuyler told the Senate that the money from T-Mobile will go to Breakfast 4 a Buck. The New York Times readership delivery increase to $513.00. He announced that former Senator Jacquelin Richards has a Lego Car and wants to donate it to SGA.

Unfinished Business: None.

Closing Announcements: Senator Howard announced that the Greek and Judicial Board applications will be available next Friday. He told the Senate that this is a great opportunity to meet students that are not involved in SGA. Senator Angulo said that the Pride Student Union Drag Show was a success and the Club Downunder was packed. Senator Gonzmart told the Senate that she is looking for human interest stories for her internship. Senator Hutchinson said that Thagard is giving out free flu vaccines. Sandra Miles
announced that there is a motivational conference at the Leon County Civic Center on Monday, January 25, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and tickets cost $225, but she has some free tickets for the Senate. Senate Pro Tempore Chance pointed out to the Senate that the posters on the wall are 62nd Senate’s goals. Senate President Cuyler said that the Weezer concert is next Wednesday during Senate so we will probably have to change Senate. He told the Senate that the Library Committee met today and the tutoring program is the greatest. He said they have logged in 175 hours a week for two courses and 728 students came by so far. He said this program might be picked up by graduate studies division next year. Cuyler told the Senate that they have accomplished 3 of their goals and he wants to re-dedicate the pledge to be the best Senate ever. Cuyler said “Great feats are never accomplished by being realistic.”


The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

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