The meeting of the 67th Student Senate was called to order at 7:35 p.m., by Student Senate President Andrew Forst.

Senator Burk led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Reflection:


MEMBERS ABSENT: (First Roll Call): Senators Adames, T. Anderson, Chopourian, Hill, Holland, Holroyd, Randall, Rodberg.

MEMBERS TARDY/LATE: (First Roll Call): Senator Ford (8:08).

Corrections: None.

Student Comments: Erika Suhr and Cedric Sheffield of the World Affairs Program (WAP) spoke to Senate about their organization. Erika said that they are ranked in the top 25 Nationally and they compete with Ivy League schools. She said they have been a RSO for about 25 years or more and they have many new members this year. Cedric told the Senate that they have a competition in Montreal next week.

Special Introductions and Announcements: None.

Messages from the Executive Branch: Stefano Cavallaro, Student Body President, told the Senate that he is looking forward to the new year and they will complete their platform and the community discount program. He said he is working with student polling and will get this out soon. He said he is also working on the upcoming session in getting the legislative agenda. He told the Senate that the guns on campus bill will be heard in committee and he is against having a “carry on” campus and President Thrasher is against this also. He told the Senate to feel free to talk to him about anything. Cavallaro asked the Senate to please support the Homecoming candidates and OGA Deputy Director.

Messages from Agency and Bureau Directors, SGA Organizations Officers and Employees: HLSU Internal Relations officer asked the Senate to please support Bill 8. She announced that their GBM will be on January 22, at 7 p.m. Justin Ravello, Street Team Director, told the Senate
they looking for new members and the application go live tomorrow.

Messages from the Executive Cabinet: Doug Levinson gave a shout out to Senator Molina for manning the table in the Union. He announced that there will be a SGA Coffee Talk at the Integration Statutes at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday. He also announced that Golden Tribe Lecture Series will take place next Tuesday and the guest speaker will be Danny Glover.

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students: None.

Messages from the Judicial Branch: None.

Messages from the Union Board: None.

Messages from the SOAR Board: None.

Messages from the Class Councils: None.

Messages from the Campus Recreation Board: None.


Report of Committees:

Student Affairs - Did not meet. The committee will meet tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. and they will discuss doing Town Hall meetings this semester. The Street Team is coming back this semester.

Budget - The committee corrected Consent Resolution 6 to $2,546.52.

Internal Affairs - The committee interviewed and passed Adrian Romero for OGA Deputy Director, Kristen Sikora for Homecoming Director and Alison Christie for Homecoming Assistant Director. All candidates passed the Senate without objection.

Judiciary - Did not meet.

Finance - The committee passed Bills 8 and 9 to Second Reading.

Rules and Calendar - Did not meet.

Confirmations: Adrian Romero for OGA Deputy Director, Kristen Sikora for Homecoming Director and Alison Christie for Homecoming Assistant
Consent Calendar:

Consent Resolution 8 – Sponsored by Senator Jones. RTAC allocations for The Belly Dancers at FSU and FSU Undergraduate Mock Trail. PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

Bills First Reading:

Bill 10 – Sponsored by Senators Molina, Barth, Roman and Collins. An allocation $5,460 from Senate Projects to College Leadership Councils. Purpose: to help fund cell phone charging stations and all the needed accessories. REFERRED TO FINANCE.

Bills Second Reading:

Bill 8 – Sponsored by Senators Alteme and Light. A transfer of $5,000 from Hispanic Latino Student Union to PeaceJam. Purpose: to help bring Nobel Laureate Adolfo Perez Esquivel to speak at FSU on April 11, 2015. PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

Bill 9 – Sponsored by Senator Munoz. A transfer of $2,000 from Senate Projects to Senate Food. Purpose: to replenish Senate Food for the Spring semester 2015. PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

Constitutional Amendments: None.

Resolutions:

Resolution 5 – Sponsored by Senator Scott. Subject: Designating that the SGA Spring elections will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015. PASSED. YES-38, NO-4, ABSTAINED-4. (An amendment to change the date to February 11, 2015 failed by a vote of Yes-8, No-32, and ab-4)

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: The Senate sang Happy Birthday to Senator Moorhead.

Unfinished Business: None.

Closing Announcements: Senator Goldberg announced that Evan Black will speak at FSU and the event is being sponsored by the College of Law. Senate President Forst told the Senate that if they want to talk about an idea they may have please come see him. Danielle Acosta announced events for MLK Week: they are the MLK Dialogue Dinner; Student Involvement Fair; Black Film Festival and guest speaker Danny Glover. Senate Parliamentarian Doug Roberts told the Senate that a point of information is for questions and that Rule 12.20 states that there is no campaigning in the Senate Chamber. Senate Clerk Ryan Cotes quoted
Dr. M.L. King and said we need to recognize and stop putting labels on ourselves and drive out hate and be more loving and compassionate. Senate Pro Tempore Scott announced that there will be a day of service at TCC and TCC would like FSU students to participate. He also announced that the Senate Retreat will take place on Sunday, January 25 at the Seminole Reservation where they will do the high ropes course. Scott also announced that he needs Senators t-shirt size and he is trying to get Senate to participate in the Big Event. Andrew Forst, Senate President, said that the Golden Tribe Lecture Series will have Danny Glover and Felix Justice and he urged everyone to come out. He said at the Senate Retreat the Senate will go over Chapter 400 and all other pertinent material for Senate, so please read Chapter 400.


The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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