The meeting of the 62nd Student Senate was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by Senate President Reggie Cuyler.

Senator Gonzalez led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

MEMBERS PRESENT (First Roll Call): Senators Angulo, Assidon, Baumann, Bonderud, Brome, Chance, A. Charlemagne, Costello, Daniels, Donoho, Ermitus, Escalante, El Shemi, Fistel, Garrett, Ghaneie, Greene, Harper, Howard, Hutchinson, Jackson, C. Johnson, Kushner, Lis, McKinnis, Mecheoullam, Mroczkowski, N. Myers, Peart, Schlesinger, Simmons, Slider, Swift, Tunis, Walters, Waltz.

MEMBERS ABSENT: (First Roll Call): Senators Allard, Armstrong, Beaubien, Bender, Brusseau, Cassell, E. Charlemagne, Clary, Dougherty, Drake, Evan, Gilzean, Gold, Gonzmart, Holmes, A. Johnson, Keith, Kozlowski, Lara, Liniger, Lope, Love, Melbourne, Scandling, Smythe, Triay, Vandercook.

MEMBERS TARDY/LATE (First Roll Call): Senators Joseph (7:58), Tanenbaum (9:00), Wood (8:35).

Corrections: None.

Student Comments: None.

Special Introductions and Announcements: None.

Messages from the Executive Branch: Sean Bevil, Chief of Staff, announced that there is a vacancy in the Executive Cabinet: Deputy Secretary for Community Affairs. Lauren Robertson, Student Body Vice President announced that there are volunteer opportunities with Youth in Government event that takes place on Thursday, February 18, from 4 - 7:30 p.m. She said it will be great for Student Senators who will be needed to run legislative committees for the Youth in Government program.

Messages from Agency and Bureau Directors, and SGA Organization Officers and Employees: Pavielle Bookman, Black Student Union President, told the Senate that their next general body meeting will be on Friday, January 22, at 7 p.m. in room 208 Student Services Building. She also announced that Black History Month will kick off February 1, and the events for the month will include history of African Americans, speakers and a few
surprises. Dayana Bernavil, Black Student Union Treasurer, announced that the BSU will be supporting the blood drive for Haiti relief. Vu Thai, Asian American Student Union Director, announced that their general body meeting will be on Thursday, January 21. He also announced that they will co-host an event, Cultural Showcase called Variations, with Alpha Kappa Delta Pi on February 2, at 8 p.m., at the Club Downunder. Thai also announced that the Lunar Banquet on Thursday, February 9 at 7 p.m. Dr. Howard introduced herself to the Senate. She told the Senate that she and Sandra Miles will be alternating this semester at Senate. She also announced that there are several legislators looking for interns, and if you are interested go to the SGA Website. She informed the Senate that SGA’s inventory is finished and there were two lost computers: The Women’s Center and the Hispanic Latino Student Union.

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: None.

Messages from Campus Recreation: None.


Committee Reports: There was a motion by Senator Daniels to waive the Rules of Procedure concerning Senate attire for tonight’s Special Session meeting. The motion passed.

Student Affairs - Did not meet.

Budget - There was a motion by Chair Mroczkowski to go into Committee of the Whole for PAC Resolution 11, the motion passed. The resolution was debated and amended to fully fund IFC $2,500 for a conference on Risk Management by a vote of yes-30, no-7. There was a motion to accept the decision of the committee as the decision of the Senate that motion passed.

Finance - Did not meet. There was a motion by Chair Assidon to go into Committee of the Whole for Bill 10, the motion passed. The committee passed Bill 10 without objections. There was a motion by Senator Daniels to accept the decision of the committee as the decision of the Senate that motion passed.

Judiciary - Did not meet. Senators Fistel, Drake and Mroczkowski were added as sponsors for Bill 8.

Internal Affairs - Did not meet.
Rules and Calendar: Did not meet. College Delegates: Senators Walters reported that he met with the Dean of the Department of Computer Sciences and their main concern is retention of students in that department. Senator Fistel talked to the Dean of the Business School and they discussed ideas for that school.

Senate Confirmations: None.

Consent Resolutions:

Resolution 11 - Sponsored by Senators Donoho and Jackson. PAC allocations for Beyond Borders, The Gospel Choir at FSU, Inter-Fraternity Council and the Catholic Student Union.

PASSED AS AMENDED. YES-30, NO-7.

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.

Bill 8 - Sponsored by Senators Fistel, Drake, Mroczkowski. 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 11 - Sponsored by Senator Garrett. A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 802.6. Purpose: to allow printed or manufactured materials paid for by A&S Fees to be waived by the Senate by a two-thirds vote. REferred TO FINANCE AND JUDICIARY.

Bill 12 - Sponsored by Senators Mroczkowski and Harper. An
allocation of $2,800 from Senate Projects to Black Student
Union Contractual Services. Purpose: to provide funds for
five (5) speakers for BSU’s Black History Month event “Rap
Sessions: Hip Hop and Gender”. REFERRED TO FINANCE.

Bills First Reading Continued:

Bill 13 - Sponsored by Senators Daniels and Gonzalez. A
revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapters 701.1 M and
704.5 C. Purpose: to add international students as a
division of FSU and give at least one Senate seat to
students coded as International Students. REFERRED TO
JUDICIARY.

Bills Second Reading:

Bill 10 - Sponsored by Senators Greene and Simmons. An
allocation of $750.00 from Senate Projects to Strozier
Library. Purpose: to purchase 4,000 Blue Books for the
student body. PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTIONS.

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 1-13-10.

Resolutions:

Resolution 15 - Sponsored by Senator Wood.
Subject: Giving Seminole Christian Life permission to spend
more than $2,000 for their Fireflight Concert in February.
PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTIONS.

Resolution 16 - Sponsored by Senators Angulo and
Hutchinson.
Subject: Giving permission to the Asian American Student
Union to spend more than $2,000 for their Lunar Banquet in
February.
WITHDRAWN BY SPONSORS.
There was a motion to amend the Calendar and go back to Rules and Calendar Committee as a Whole; the motion passed. Senate President Cuyler explained that a resolution commending someone must go through Rules and Calendar. The Senate debated and passed Resolution 17 by unanimous consent. Senator Mroczkowski made a motion to accept the decision of the committee as the decision of the Senate, the motion passed.

Resolution 17 - Sponsored by Senator Cuyler and the 62nd Student Senate. Honoring President T.K. Wetherell. PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

New Business: Senate President Cuyler informed the Senate that the First Responder Unit has requested $2,221 to purchase 15 new radios. He also informed the Senate that Senate needs to approve the changes for the Academic Honor Code Policy.

Unfinished Business: None.

Closing Announcements: Senator Daniels said he will be in the Krispy Kreme Challenge this weekend. Senator Assidon announced that there will be a blood drive tomorrow for Haiti, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Senator Donoho said she will be in the Krispy Kreme Challenge this weekend, also. Senator Simmons reminded everyone to recycle. Senator Mechoullam told the Senate that she will be auctioned off during the Global Haiti Initiative Date Auction.

Dr. Howard reported that the Brogan Museum wants to know if FSU SGA would be interested in a membership with the Brogan Museum. See her or Senate President Cuyler for more information. Senate Pro Tempore Chance said she will be in the Krispy Kreme Challenge also and she will run 4 miles. Senate President Cuyler told the Senate that Finance need members. He asked if anyone wanted to look into the missing computers to please see Dr. Howard. He asked the Senate to encourage students to apply for the RTAC and PAC committees. He thanked the Senators for coming out tonight and showing their dedication to the students. Cuyler told the Senate that he knew they would come because they are “top notch.” Quote from the Senate President: A stone must endure great pressure before it is deemed a diamond.

Final Roll Call: There was a motion to accept the first roll call as the final roll call; the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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