THE SIXTY-SECOND STUDENT SENATE

The Journal: February 3, 2010

The meeting of the 62nd Student Senate was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Senate President Reggie Cuyler.

Senator Gonzmart led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

MEMBERS PRESENT (First Roll Call): Senators Assidon, Baumann, Brusseau, A. Charlemagne, Clary, Costello, Daniels, Dougherty, Drake, Ermitus, Escalante, El Shemi, Garrett, Ghaneie, Gilzean, Gonzalez, Greene, Howard, Jackson, Joseph, Keith, Kozlowski, Kushner, Lara, McKinnis, Mechoullam, Mroczkowski, Peart, Schlesigner, Simmons, Slider, Smythe, Swift, Tunis, Vandercook, Walters, Waltz, Wood.


MEMBERS TARDY/LATE (First Roll Call): Senators Fistel (8:15), Hutchinson (9:24).

Corrections: None.

Student Comments: Nathan Beisel of Seminole Christian Life announced that Fireplay will be in concert on February 15, at 8:30 p.m., in the Club Downunder.

Special Introductions and Announcements: None.

Messages from the Executive Branch: Richard Benson, Student Body Deputy Treasurer, explained to the Senate RTAC allocations. He told the Senate that he is in favor of Bill 14. Sean Bevil, Chief of Staff, announced that the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Center for Civic Education, and the International Center is having a showcase on February 11, in the Student Service Building room 208, time to be announced. He also announced that Lori Hanson will speak at FSU on February 22, at 7 p.m. in Miller Hall; and she will autograph and sign free books for students. Lauren Robertson, Student Body Vice President, announced that there will be a student dialogue, on February 17, Noon in the Union, with the Mayor of Tallahassee and other government officials, and this will give students an opportunity to network. She also announced that the Mayor and government officials will meet with students from FAMU, TCC and FSU in City Hall to hear
students concerns and get input from them. Rob Jakubik, Student Body President, told the Senate that it is important that they attend the student dialogue with the government officials. He announced that the SGA Face Book page has been launched and he asked the Senate to invite their friends to join. Jakubik also announced that the new Off Campus Housing Service will bring in from 4 to 8 thousand dollars. He said that the “Passing of the Torch” will be on February 17, from 2-5 p.m., at the Westcott Plaza; this event will be thank you to Dr. T.K. Wetherell and a welcome to Dr. Eric Barron, new FSU President. Adam Fox, Office of Legislative Affairs Director, told the Senate that he and President Jakubik attended the Board of Governors’ meeting in Tampa and Governor Crist launched his new initiative - retooling the economy. He announced that FSU Day at the Capitol will be on April 6, 2010, and FSU got the money from sponsors to put it on. He said he will have a table that day at the Capitol. Fox told the Senate that there are two bills of concern - Bill 667 and 699. He said that Bill 667 is the Bright Futures bill, where if you drop a class you have to pay that money back in 60 days. Bill 699 is also about Bright Futures, where you have to guarantee that after you graduate, you will work in the state. He said that Florida cannot afford Bright Futures anymore and Bright Futures does not cover tuition increases or differential tuition.

Messages from Agency and Bureau Directors, and SGA Organization Officers and Employees: Nikki Burney, Homecoming Director, announced that applications for Homecoming Executive Board are on the website and Face Book. Paul O’Connor of IFC told the Senate that the seminar was a success and he thanked the Senators who came out to support this. Lauren Herrod, IRHC Assistant Director introduced the incoming assistant Director James Maloney. She said her term ends next weekend. She also announced that they are starting Penny Wars in all the residence halls for the Haiti Relief Fund. Adrian Williams, Black Student Union Assistant Director thanked the Senate for allocating $900 for a speaker on February 18 and he asked the Senate to please support Resolution 21. Sakeena Gohagen, BSU Master Coordinator, told the Senate that she is excited about the BSU opening ceremonies on Monday night. She said that there will be a COBOL recognition calendar, so stop by the BSU table and get one. Vu Thai, Asian American Student Union Director, thanked everyone who came out to the Asian Cultural Show: about 200 people showed up. He reminded everyone of the Lunar Banquet which will take place on February 9, so come out for food and entertainment. Danielle Bolden, Pride Student Union Director, told the Senate that the Dan Savage event was very successful. She said they are currently having their general body meeting now. She said the t-shirts were not to be pre-approved and she told the Senate that she would love their support on Resolution 25.

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: Heather Peeples of the Union Board reported that the Board met today. Student Life Center Events: Good Hair, February 3 at 7:45 p.m. and 10:15 p.m.; Where the Wild Things Are, February 4 and 6 at 7:30 and 10 p.m., Dark City, February 5, at midnight. She reported that the Union Board had its first planning committee meeting for the Study Union. This event is planned for finals and this space will be open until 2 a.m. to provide study space for students. She said that Bill Clutter, Director of the Oglesby Union, announced that Aramark has done extensive research and surveying across the campus and has decided to begin making additions this summer to the food vendors currently located in the Union and across the campus.

Messages from Campus Recreation: Sean Vasario told the Senate that FSU Sportsplex has been awarded the most outstanding sports facility at a university, and this award will be presented in April in California. He told the students that they can reserve space for the volley ball court on line.


Committee Reports:

Student Affairs - Did not meet.

Budget - The committee passed RTAC and PAC consent resolutions.

Finance - Did not meet. The committee will meet at 8 p.m. on Thursday. There was a motion to go into Committee of the Whole to debate Bills 14 and 15 and Resolution 25. Bill 14 was amended and postponed for one week. Bill 15 was tabled for one week. The Finance Committee passed Resolution 25 without objection. Senator Tunis made a motion to move out of committee, the motion passed. Senator Garrett made a motion to accept the decision of the Committee as the decision of Senate.

Judiciary - As reported in the Calendar.

Internal Affairs - Did not meet.

Rules and Calendar - Chairman Chance said the committee deliberated absences.
College Delegates - No reports.

Senate Confirmations: None.

Consent Resolutions:


PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTIONS.

Resolution 15 - Sponsored by Senators Donoho and Jackson. PAC allocations for Veritas, Kauz 4 Unity, College Libertarians of FSU. 

PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTIONS.

Bills First Reading:

Bill 14 - Sponsored by Senator Tunis. A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 807.4. Purpose: to remove the Student Body Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer from RTAC and PAC Funding Boards. TABLED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Bill 15 - Sponsored by Senator El Shemi. An allocation of $513.00 from Senate Projects to SGA Administrative Expense. Purpose: to pay the five cent increase for the delivery of the New York Times. TABLED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Bill 16 - Sponsored by Senator Joseph. An allocation of $2,400 from Senate Projects to First Responder Unit. Purpose: to purchase four (4) radios. REFERRED TO FINANCE.

Bill 17 - Sponsored by Senator Hutchinson. An allocation of $3,500 from Senate Projects to Center for Leadership/Civic Education. Purpose: to pay for keynote speaker for ACC Conference and speak at public film festival event. REFERRED TO FINANCE.

Bills Second Reading:

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. **FAILED. YES-16, NO-17, ABSTAINED-3.**


**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. **FAILED. YES-16, NO-13, ABSTAINED-2.** **DID NOT GET THE REQUIRED TWO-THIRDS VOTE NEEDED TO PASS.**

**Resolutions:**

Resolution 21 - Sponsored by Senators El Shemi and Harper. Subject: Allowing the Black Student Union to spend more than $2,000 for a speaker.

**PASSED WITH ONE OBJECTION.**

Resolution 22 - Sponsored by Senators Jackson, Costello and Slider. Subject: Approval of the Academic Honor Code.

**PASSED.**

Resolution 23 - Sponsored by Senator Daniels. Subject: Allowing the Executive to spend more than $2,000 for a speaker.

**PASSED.**
Resolution 24 - Sponsored by Senator Tunis. 
Subject: Selecting former Senate President Bobby Seifter as member of the Senate Hall of Fame. 
POSTPONED ONE WEEK.

Resolution 25 - Sponsored by Senator Assidon. 
Subject: Allowing Pride Student Union to buy t-shirts from the Clothesline. 
PASSED WITH OBJECTIONS

New Business: The Senate voted on the Senate Awards to be given out on March 24, at the Presidential Inauguration.

Unfinished Business: None.

Closing Announcements: Senator Hutchinson told the Senate not to forget elections on February 10. Senator Wood reminded the Senate of the Fireflight concert and he told the Senate to not forget to give him your donations for the chicken farm. Senate Pro Tempore told the Senate to take notes during debate so you can ask questions later. She asked the Senate to respect each other and the Senate President. Senate President Cuyler said that tonight was one of the most intellectual debates he has seen in a long time and the Senate is progressing, but the respect levels in this room need to change: there are certain ways to disagree and when it starts to get personal nothing get done.


The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

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