THE SIXTY-EIGHTH STUDENT SENATE

The Journal: February 17, 2016

The meeting of the 68th Student Senate was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Student Senate President Erin Lusaka.

Senator Graham led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT (First Roll Call): Senators Anderson, Billisi, Bland, Boddie, Charles, Corcoran, Crager, Edmond, Farooqui, Goodman, Graham, Hatcher, Hill, Hughes, Jackson, Lewis, Matthews, McDaniel, McLaughlin, Mix, Moorhead, Ravelo, Riley, Rosenthal, Sartain, Schumacher, Simpkins, Solomon, Spadavechhia, Thomas, Turnage, Villardebo.

MEMBERS ABSENT: (First Roll Call): Senators Barker, Fields, Galant, Mendoza, O'Keefe, Quinn, Schaler, Scott, Urichko.

MEMBERS TARDY/LATE: (First Roll Call): None.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Corrections: None.

Student Comments: Joe Brown and Ryan Cote of the Student Alumni Association (SAA) announced that they have a mentorship program where you pair up with members of SAA. Cote said the applications will be open for two weeks for student leaders. Students from the Acts of Random Kindness (ARK) Project talked to the Senate about a Go Fund Me account to buy a bath tub for the student who was shot in Strozier Library last year. They said they are touring ten universities in ten weeks and they have contacted the victim's family and he is in need of some sort of walk in bath tub. They asked the Senate to help them promote this event through social media. They are meeting with Ronnie on Friday and they are trying to get this done in two days.

Special Introductions and Announcements: Christine Colbert, a law student at FSU, talked to the Senate about the summer law program, where students from around the country spend four (4) weeks attending FSU Law School. She said while in this program you get free housing and meals plus you get a $500 stipend at the end of the program. The deadline line to apply is March 25. Grey Dodge, also from the FSU Law School, told the Senate that there are 60 students in the program this is a good way to learn about law school. He said the classes are constitutional law and local attorneys come and speak to you. The program is open to anybody past their freshman year.

Messages from the Executive Branch: None.

Messages from Agency and Bureau Directors, SGA Organizations Officers and Employees: R.C. Frederick, BSU Event Chair, announced that on February 22, they are having an event entitled Cerebral Check-In a stigma that surrounds mental health. Erica Menendez, VSU Director asked the Senate to support their candidate coming up tonight. Taylor Lorenz of IRHC announced that they have elected a new national coordinator. She said they won the bid to have the FARH conference at FSU next year. She also announced that they are having a yoga program on the Union Green on March 30.

Messages from the Executive Cabinet: None.

Messages from the Class Councils: None.

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students: None.

Messages from the Judicial Branch: None.

Messages from the Union Board and Soar Board: Katy Mack of the SOAR Board announced that applications are due on March 1, for anyone that wants to be on the SOAR Board.

Messages from the Campus Recreation Board: Jake, Chair of the Campus Recreation Board, announced that the deadline for applications has been extended until Friday.

Report of the SGA Accounting Office: As of February 17, 2016, Senate Projects has $28,509.78. RTAC has $8,858.16 and PAC has $12,916.34.

Report of Committees:

Student Affairs – Chair McLaughlin said the committee talked about tabling and having a coffee talk.

Budget- As reported in the Calendar.

Internal Affairs - The committee and the Senate interviewed and passed Margaret Potter for Pow Wow Director and Chris Schoborg for VSU Chief Financial Officer. Both candidates passed by a vote of yes-31, no-0, abstained-0.

Finance - The committee passed Consent Resolution 17 and 18, amending Consent Resolution 18 as follows: allocated $400 for registration to the Rifle Association making their total $1,100; and zero funding Minority Association for Pre-Med Students.

Judiciary- Did not meet.

Rules and Calendar - As reported in the Calendar.

Transportation - Senator Crager heads this committee. For more information see him.

Confirmations: Margaret Potter for Pow Wow Director and Chris Schoborg for VSU Chief Financial Officer.

Consent Calendar:

Consent Resolution 17 – Sponsored by Senator Charles. PAC requests for Mortar Board (no show), Business of Medicine, Indian Student Association, American Chemical Society and Coping through College. **PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.**

Consent Resolution 18 – Sponsored by Senator Anderson. RTAC requests for Classical Guitar Society, Rifle Association, FSU College Republicans, Minority Association for Pre-Med Students and Saving Smiles. **PASSED AS AMENDED. (Minority Association for Pre-Med Students was zero funded on this resolution; Rifle Association was amended to add $400 for registration making their total $1,100).**

Bills First Reading:

Bill 14 – Sponsored by Senator Billisi. A transfer of $6,000 from Executive Projects to Executive Branch Food. Purpose: to pay for the food for the SGA Spring Inauguration on March 30, 2016. **REFERRED TO BUDGET.**

Bill 15 – Sponsored by Senator Anderson. A revision of $1,200 within Senate from Expense to Food. Purpose: to pay for food for the remainder of the fiscal year. **REFERRED TO BUDGET.**

Bill 16 – Sponsored by Senator Lusaka. An allocation of $4,000 from Senate Projects to MAPS. Purpose: to help fund registration fees for the Student National Medical Association Conference in Austin, Texas. **REFERRED TO BUDGET.**

Bills Second Reading:

Bill 9 – Sponsored by Senator Farooqui. A revision of $1,800 within the Asian American Student Union from Contractual Services to Expense. Purpose: to bring 9 people to ECAASU and to offset costs for their 20th anniversary. **PASSED. YES-27, NO-3, ABSTAINED-1.**

Bill 10 – Sponsored by Senator Farooqui. A revision of $382 within the Asian American Student Union from Contractual Services to Clothing and Awards. Purpose: to buy t-shirts for AASU. **PASSED. YES-29, NO-1, ABSTAINED-1.**

Bill 11 – Sponsored by Senator Rosenthal. A transfer of $3,000 from the Women Student Union Contractual Services to Peace Jam Contractual Services. Purpose: to help bring Nobel Laureate Rigoberta Menchu Tum to Peace Jam's 8th annual conference on April 8-10, 2016. **PASED. YES-31, NO-0, ABSTAINED-0.**

Bill 12 – Sponsored by Senators McDaniel, Charles, Jackson, McLaughlin, Sartain, Simpkins. An allocation of $3,500 from Senate Projects to Dean of Students (Food Pantry). Purpose: to help restock FSU's Food Pantry. **PASSED. YES-32, NO-0, ABSTAINED-0.**

Bill 13 – Sponsored by Senators Urichko, Anderson and Charles. An allocation of $5,000 from Senate Projects to RTAC. Purpose: to provide sufficient funding for upcoming requests. (Amended in committee from $8,000 to $5,000 and delete PAC from the bill). **PASSED. YES-32, NO-0, ABSTAINED-0.**

Constitutional Amendments: None.

Resolutions: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Closing Announcements: Senator Spadevechhia announced that Irving Roth, a holocaust survivor is coming to FSU to speak. Senator Jackson announced that LeaderShape applications are due by February 25. Senator McDaniel announced that the Black Student Union is having a seminar on college relationships and the lack thereof. Senator Charles encouraged students that have never sponsored any legislation to please reach out to their constituents to see what they need. She told the Senate that she was honored to have been selected Senator of the Month along with Senator Billisi. Senator Moorhead announced that the College of Engineering is having a carnival with cotton candy, and a resume work shop. Senator Billisi thanked the Senate for electing him for Senator of the Month. He said that he has been talking with some students and they do not like the options that they have for food on campus. Vicki Dobiyanski, Dean of Students, told the Senate that there will be an open forum on February 25 at the Wellness Center on sexual misconduct policy. She thanked the Senate for their support for the funds for the food pantry. She suggested that if you want to donate to the food pantry, please look at donating pasta and pasta sauces. Senator Hughes announced that there will be an Executive debate on Monday, February 22, at 7 p.m., in SSB 203. Danielle Acosta, SGA Advisor, told the Senate that she is conducting a mock election to make sure that the system is working. She said there are 80 seats in the Senate and there are 20 grad seats that need to be filled. She urged the Senators to talk to their friends about getting involved. The Senate Clerk told the Senate, don't count days, make the days count. Pro Tempore Ravelo asked the committee chairs to please send their committee reports to him. He told the Senate that he attended a strategic planning committee at the university center and he and the Senate President were the only students there. Senate President Lusaka urged the Senate to check out the FSU Strategic Plan. She told the Senate that she needs someone to sponsor Bill 16. Lusaka urged the Senate to attend the Black History Month events and go the Women Student Union events next month, which is Women History Month.

Final Roll Call: PRESENT: Senators Anderson, Billisi, Bland, Boddie, Charles, Corcoran, Crager, Edmond, Farooqui, Goodman, Graham, Hatcher, Hill, Hughes, Jackson, Lewis, Matthews, McDaniel, McLaughlin, Mix, Moorhead, Ravelo, Riley, Rosenthal, Sartain, Schumacher, Simpkins, Solomon, Spadavecchia, Thomas, Turnage, Villardebo. ABSENT: Senators Barker, Fields, Galant, Mendoza, O'Keefe, Quinn, Schaler, Scott, Urichko, and Volker.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

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