The meeting of the 67th Student Senate was called to order at 7:30 p.m., by Student Senate President Andrew Forst.

Senator Dumas led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Reflection:


MEMBERS ABSENT: (First Roll Call): Senators Berrios, Bullock, Gray, N. Hill, Herman, Kerce, Lensky, Morelli, Rosario, Schwartz.

MEMBERS TARDY/LATE: (First Roll Call): Senators Anger (8:40), Forbes (7:35), McLaughlin (8:30).

Corrections: None.

Student Comments: Students for funding Poverty will have an event on April 14-16, called the Experience Poverty Challenge, where you have to live off of $2.00 a day for 3 days. They are asking some Senators to sign up and help them raise.

Special Introductions and Announcements: Sherrill Cork, Business Services Assistant Director, told the Senate that they have moved Seminole Dining, Parking Services and the Card Center all in one area next to the Bookstore on Woodward. She informed the Senate of the following: there is now a Starbucks in the Dirac Library; Renegade Runner delivers food for a minimum order of $6.00 from until 1 a.m.; they have hired a firm to review their dining program; they are coming out with a survey next month and President Thrasher will look at a survey report; thinking about a midnight breakfast during finals and have administrators serve breakfast. She asked that you call her at 644-7521 if you have any questions or suggestions. She also told the Senate that she needs students to serve on advisory councils and a student is needed for the Bookstore Advisory Council now. Matt Inman, Director Transportation Services, told the Senate the following: they have ordered 150 bikes for the Bike Share on campus; no changes in Nite Nole and Seminole Express; after May 1, there will be no more parking permits-going virtual; trying to remove service vehicles to make more parking spaces; and a Town Hall meeting on April 16 from 3-4 p.m.

Messages from the Executive Branch: Jean Tabares, Student Body President, told the Senate that they recommended an increase in A&S and Medical Fees and there will be a public hearing on April 15, from 1-2 p.m. in the Senate Chamber.
Messages from Agency and Bureau Directors, SGA Organizations Officers and Employees: SCURC will have their OWL release party on April 21, at the HSF House at 6:30 p.m.

Messages from the Executive Cabinet: None.

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:

Messages from the Campus Recreation Board: The Chair of the Board congratulated the new Senators and announced that upcoming events will be forwarded to Senate President Forst for dissemination.

Report of the SGA Accounting Office: As of April 8, 2015, Senate Projects has $23,325.75. Remaining balances: RTAC has $3,738.78 and PAC has $17,695.11.

Report of Committees:

Student Affairs – The committee will meet on Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Budget - The committee will meet on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Senate Conference room. The committee passed Bills 26 and 30 to Second Reading.

Internal Affairs - The committee did not meet.

Judiciary - As reported in the Calendar.

Finance - The committee passed Alejandro Moreno for PAC member.

Rules and Calendar - Chair Derrick Scott said the committee went over absences, he absent policy and goals of the committee. They have not established a meeting time.

Confirmations: Alejandro Moreno for PAC member.

Consent Calendar:

Consent Resolution 26 – Sponsored by Senator Lusaka. RTAC request from SPE. **PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.**

Consent Resolution 27 – Sponsored by Senator Silver. PAC request from Circle K International. **PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.**
Bills First Reading:

Bill 31 – Sponsored by Senator Lusaka. A revision of $1,000 within the Black Student Union from Expense to Food. Purpose: to pay for food for their Inauguration ceremony, the summer general body meetings and summer BSU week activities. REFERRED TO BUDGET.

Bill 32 – Sponsored by Senators Smith, Ravelo and Moorhead. A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapters 200, 300 and 400. Purpose: to redefine open positions in SGA and the Applications Act; the process for submitting legislation and making the statutes consistent. REFERRED TO JUDICIARY.

Bills Second Reading:

Bill 26 – Sponsored by Senator Jones. An allocation of $1,706.68 from Senate Projects to Big Event Expense. Purpose: to reimburse travel funds for the Big Event Conference. PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

Bill 28 – Sponsored by Senator Moorhead. A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 400. Purpose: to clarify the role of the Senate Clerk. PASSED. YES-44, NO-0 ABSTAINED-1.

Bill 29 – Sponsored by Senator Moorhead and Smith. A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 800, the Finance Code. Purpose: to change all Finance Committee duties to Budget Committee duties and vice versa; and to strike all College Leadership Councils. (Amended to strike 805.3 D) PASSED AS AMENDED. YES-39, NO-3, ABSTAINED-2.

Bill 30 – Sponsored by Senators Doyle and Burk. An allocation of $60.00 from Senate Projects to College of Music Leadership Council. Purpose: to purchase a security lock for the new phone charging station. PASSED. YES-48, NO-0, ABSTAINED-1.

Constitutional Amendments: None.

Resolutions:

Resolution 26 - Sponsored by Senators Smith, Belloit, Munoz, Peltier, A. Anderson, Cohen, Parente and Urichko. Subject: Recognizing the Month of April as Earth Month and supporting the Office of Student Sustainability Initiative and Sustainable Campus. PASSED. YES-45, NO-1, ABSTAINED-2

Unfinished Business:

Resolution 25 - Sponsored by Senator Moorhead. Subject: Asking the Florida Congressional Delegation to aid in sponsoring the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act. PASSED. YES-41, NO-4, ABSTAINED-5

New Business: The Senate sang Happy Birthday to Senator Ravelo.
Closing Announcements: Senator Smith asked the Senate to please look at Bill 32 and come to him with your questions. Senator Silver announced that he is working on College Leadership Council and he urged the Senate to come to PAC meetings to see how the process works. Senator Burk told the Senate that he met with President Thrasher on Tuesday and talked to him about Resolution 24, which the president was fully aware. Senator Belloit announced that the facility tour of Moore Athletic facility will be tomorrow, Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the University Center. Senator Munoz told the Senate that the Local Fees Committee votes on changes, but they did not raise fees. He said their committee does not have final say and all their decisions can be vetoed. Senator Lusaka thanked everyone for voting for her. She told the Senate that she met with Dr. Brandon Bowden about having an ambassador program for minority students, mostly African Americans students. She said that RTAC is now requiring organizations give them 21 days a request. She also announced that there are 4 open seats on RTAC. Senator Ravelo thanked everyone for singing the happy birthday song to him. Senator Anger said the Haylie Collins is a certified Yoga instructor and she has invited Senate come do Yoga for finals. Senator Ayers announced that PCC wrapped up their Spring Fling. He also announced that FSU is number 8 for veteran supported universities. Danielle Acosta urged the Senators to come see her and to go to the Local Fees meetings next Wednesday. She also told the Senate that they need to go to events funded by SGA and to talk to her about how to format bills correctly. Senate Pro Tempore Scott explained how the iClickers worked to the Senate. He said the ordering of Polos has been pushed back because there is not enough money. He told everyone to follow him on Instagram. Senate President Forst thanked all the Senators that are working on projects such as cleaning up the statutes.


The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

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