

THE SIXTY-EIGHTH STUDENT SENATE

The Journal: April 20, 2016

The meeting of the 68th Student Senate was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by Student Senate President Erin Lusaka.

Senator King led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT (First Roll Call): Senators Billisi, Boddie, Brown, Corcoran, Crager, Eastland, Edmond, Farooqui, Gonzales, Goodman, Graham, Hancock, Hughes, Ishaque, Jackson, Joseph, Kelleher, King, Kruetzer, Luebbers, Martin, Matthews, Mix, Ney, Nixon, O'Hara, O'Keefe, Perry, Pimentel, Ravelo, Reiter, Sartain, Schneller, Scott, Sikora, Simpkins, Solomon, Theodore, Vilardebo, Walsler, Whyte.

MEMBERS ABSENT: (First Roll Call): Senators Bland, Charles, Hatcher, Hendricks, Hill, Lewis, Quinn, Rodriguez, Rosenthal.

MEMBERS TARDY/LATE: (First Roll Call): Senator Ichite (8:05), LaBrec (9:48), Moorhead (9:03).

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Corrections: None.

Student Comments: Tara Rooney told the Senate that headdresses on campus are worn inappropriately and their intentions are good but it does not respect the culture or the Native Americans tribes and she is in support of Resolution 15. Drew Walkowicz told the Senate that FSU is fortunate to use the Seminole name and it our responsibility to make sure headdresses are worn appropriately at its best and it is ignorant at its worst and it is racist. Laurence Thompson told the Senate that he is in favor of Resolution 15. He referenced the Integration Statute where the princess wears a headdress. He said when she wore it, it was what they gave her and crowned her with. He said it is important that we continue to strive for excellence. Daniel Bell, SAA President, told the Senate that in FSU's relationship with the Seminole Tribe of Florida, we must represent the tribe positively and it is morally wrong to use the headdress. He asked everyone to keep that moral respect in mind when you are representing the Seminole Tribe.

Special Introductions and Announcements: Kyle Doney, a member of the Seminole Tribe, told the Senate that he is a FSU alumni and he has always been proud of going to FSU. He said there are 567 Native American tribes and most of them are completely separate. He said that Bill Durham reached out to the Seminole Tribe concerning the ceremony of planting of the spear, which he has done several times. He said the Dolby was crowned with the wrong attire and headdress is not to be worn at all.

Messages from the Executive Branch: Valerie Shallow, Student Body Vice President, told the Senate that student leaders from all walks of life met with Vice President Coburn and Danielle Acosta and they will continue to meet once a month as part of the Diversity & Inclusion Student Council. A sub-group will be formed to create an inclusive campaign and everyone is welcome to attend. Nathan Molina, Student Body President, asked the Senate to support the 16

candidates coming before the Senate tonight. He told the Senate that he is in support of Resolution 15.

Messages from Agency and Bureau Directors, SGA Organizations Officers and Employees: Pride Student Union Director Candace Tavares said that wearing a headdress is not needed to show your support for FSU. She also asked the Senate to support the WSU candidates being forwarded tonight. Erica Menendez, VSU Director, told the Senate that she supports Resolution 15. Taylor Lorenz, IRHC, told the Senate that she participated in Relay for Life last week and it was amazing. She announced that they had their award ceremony last week for the residence halls. Georgette Cartegena, HLSU Director, thanked the Senate for supporting the HLSU gala. She spoke to the Senate about how the search was conducted for the new director of HLSU. She told the Senate that she does not support the HLSU candidate that was forwarded. She read a letter explaining why she does not support this candidate.

Messages from the Executive Cabinet: The Secretary of Academic Affairs, told the Senate that he is working on expanding undergraduate research and having FSU-SGA to work with high school SGAs. Isaac Urichko, Deputy Treasurer, told the Senate that he is working on RTAC and PAC revisions.

Messages from the Class Councils: None.

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students: Newly elected COGS Speaker Ben Elwood told the Senate he represents all graduate students and they administer funding to the students so that they can attend conference and present papers. He told the Senate to see him if you will be attending graduate school.

Messages from the Judicial Branch:

Messages from the Union Board and Soar Board: None.

Messages from the Campus Recreation Board: None.

Report of the SGA Accounting Office: As of April 20, 2016, Senate Projects has \$10,494.89. RTAC has \$1,243.85 and PAC has \$2,459.12.

Report of Committees:

Student Affairs – As reported in the Calendar.

Budget- As reported in the Calendar.

Internal Affairs - As reported in the Calendar. Senator Kruetzer moved to go into Committee of the Whole, the motion was objected to and the Senator did not withdraw his motion. The Senate voted on whether or not to go into Committee of the Whole by a vote of yes-35, no-6 and ab-0. The Senate voted not to go into Internal Affairs as a whole by a vote of yes-20, no-21 and ab-0. The Senate interviewed and passed Sophia Gallo for Secretary of Public Relations (yes-31, no-1, ab-0); Mary Ama Hennessy for OSL Director (yes-39, no-1, ab-2); Kadeem Walker for OSL Assistant Director (yes-40, no-0, ab-1); Christopher Mergenthaler for OEI

Director (yes-39, no-1, ab-2); Brittany Pratt for Senate Clerk (yes-37, no-0, ab-5); James Doyle for OGA Director (yes-35, no-4, ab-3); Rolando Gerena for Medical Response Unit Director (yes-43, no-0, ab-1); Kristen Christensen for SCURC Director (yes-37, no-4, ab-0); McKenna Briton for SCURC Owl Director (yes-3, no-2, ab-1); Amanda Scell for Deputy Secretary of SGA Research (yes-41, no-0, ab-1); Kaylynn Toomey for WSU Director (yes-32, no-0, ab-2); Melissa Rony for WSU Assistant Director (yes-33, no-0, ab-1); Alexandra Gaskin for CPE Director (yes-33, no-1, ab-0); Christian Vogt for CPE Assistant Director (yes-33, no-1, ab-0).

Finance - As reported in the Calendar.

Judiciary- As reported in the Calendar.

Rules and Calendar - As reported in the Calendar.

Transportation - Senator Crager invited everyone to the meetings.

Confirmations: Sophia Gallo for Secretary of Public Relations; Mary Ama Hennessy for OSL Director; Kadeem Walker for OSL Assistant Director; Christopher Mergenthaler for OEI Director; Brittany Pratt for Senate Clerk; James Doyle for OGA Director; Rolando Gerena for Medical Response Unit Director; Kristen Christensen for SCURC Director; McKenna Briton for SCURC Owl Director; Amanda Scell for Deputy Secretary of SGA Research; Kaylynn Toomey for WSU Director; Melissa Rony for WSU Assistant Director; Alexandra Gaskin for CPE Director; and Christian Vogt for CPE Assistant Director.

Consent Calendar: None.

Bills First Reading:

Bill 25 – Sponsored by Senator Goodman. An addition to the Student Body Statutes adding Chapter 310 Fellowship of Diversity and Inclusion. (Amended in committee. Revised bill was sent to the Senate). **WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR THROUGH EMAIL.**

Bill 42 – Sponsored by Senators Reiter, Kreutzer and Perry. An addition to the Student Body Statutes adding Chapter 1012. Purpose: to add the Access Student Union to the Statutes. **REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, FINANCE, BUDGET, STUDENT AFFAIRS, INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND RULES AND CALENDAR.**

Bills Second Reading:

Bill 40 – Sponsored by Senator Boddie. A revision of \$11,185.42 within the Black Student Union from Contractual Services to Expense, Food and Clothing and Awards. Purpose: to pay for office supplies, food for CARE move in, and summer and fall promotions. **(Amended in committee from \$11,000 to \$11,184.42) PASSED. YES-30, NO-0, ABSTAINED 3.**

Constitutional Amendments: None.

Resolutions:

Resolution 15 - Sponsored by Senator Scott
Subject: Not condoning the wearing of headdresses because it inaccurately depicts the culture of the Seminole Tribe.
PASSED AS AMENDED. YES-27, NO-4, ABSTAINED-5.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Closing Announcements: Senator Nye said that he is putting up on the 68th Senate Facebook page why he voted a certain way. He said this will help others to see how he feel about something and why he voted the way he did. Senator Billisi gave a shout out to the Internal Affairs committee for doing a good job. He also gave a shout out to the three graduating Senators. Senator O'Keefe asked everyone to come to their meetings and voice their opinions. Senator Joseph suggested that Senate let the Legislative Aides become members of RTAC and PAC to show their true dedication of wanting to become a Senator. Senator Boddie told the Senate that the graduating Senators have impacted all our lives in different ways. Ali Raza told the Senate that he is graduating and tonight's debate was lively. He thanked the Senate for taking the time to debate Resolution 15. He said that he has been here a year and one-half. He mentioned that Danielle is an incredible woman and Senators should take some time to meet her. He said that he is so grateful that she has allowed graduate students to get involved in SGA. He wished Justin, Michael and Derrick all the success and he told them to continue to think about why you got in Senate and who you are representing. Chase Breeden told the Senate that he has had some great conversations with Senators and he has an open door policy. He said he will be in Tallahassee until May 20 and will return in the fall. He told the Senate to think of where they are right now and how did you go about getting there. Danielle Morgan Acosta told the Senate that she thought the debate was delightful tonight. She told the Senate to do their work in committee and when you are working on legislation please see her in order to present a complete bill that can be successful on the Senate floor. She urged the Senate to complete their financial certification. She announced that Senate's first meeting will be May 18 and we will only meet every other week. Justin Ravelo displayed the names of the Senators who are not financially certified and told them that they are doing financial things and they are not financially certified. Senate President Lusaka told the Senate to please read the Rules of Procedure Rule 10.14, and read Title IV, which is about the Senate. She said as long as Roberts Rules of Procedure do not conflict with Senate Rules we are ok. She told the Senate to please be well versed in all these rules. She told the Senate not to speak when others are speaking, respect one another and to be careful with privileged motions and points of information. She told the Senate to make sure you come to Senate prepared and speak your mind in debate. She gave a shout out to Senator Billisi for having one on ones with his committee members. The three graduating Senators Michael Moorhead, Justin Ravelo and Derrick Scott said their good byes to the Senate which took about 45 minutes.

Final Roll Call: PRESENT: Senators Billisi, Boddie, Corcoran, Crager, Eastland, Edmond, Farooqui, Goodman, Graham, Hancock, Hughes, Ichite, Ishaque, Joseph, King, Kreutzer, LaBrec, Luebbers, Martin, Moorhead, Ney, O'Hara, O'Keefe, Pimentel, Ravelo, Reiter, Sartain, Schneller, Scott, Sikora, Theodore, Vilardebo, Walser. ABSENT: Senators Bland, Charles,

Gonzales, Hatcher, Hendricks, Hill, Jackson, Kelleher, Lewis, Matthews, Mix, Nixon, Perry, Quinn, Rodriguez, Rosenthal, Simpkins, Solomon, and Whyte.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Senate President

Senate Program Assistant