

THE SIXTY-FIRST STUDENT SENATE

The Journal: September 9, 2009

The meeting of the 61st Student Senate was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Student Senate President Bobby Seifter.

Senator Angulo lead the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

MEMBERS PRESENT (First Roll Call): Senators Angulo, Assidon, Baumann, Bonderud, A. Charlemagne, Change, Cuyler, Daniels, Dougherty, Dunnington Fabre, Goins, Gold, Gonzmart, Howard, Humphries, Johnson, Joseph, Kushner, Lampi, Laughlin, Lias, McKanstry, Moallem, Mroczkowski, Richards, Sargent, Scandling, Schlesinger, Simmons, Triay, Tunis, Walker, Wood.

MEMBERS ABSENT: (First Roll Call): Senators Blair, Callahan, Carter, E. Charlemagne, Donoho, Fistel, Gilzean, Ghaneie, Grossman, Holmes, Hunter, Johns, Kaiser, Losito, Malone, Melbourne, Peterich, Shubitz, Williams.

MEMBERS TARDY/LATE (First Roll Call): Senators Hutchinson (8:35), Theodore (7:37), Yarbrough (7:42).

Corrections: None.

Student Comments: Beyond Borders members explained that they are a cultural exchange program where ten FSU students go to a different country and 10 students from that country come here. If you are interested in participating, please come to their informational meeting on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the International Center.

Special Introductions and Announcements: Elizabeth Swiman of the Sustainable Campus Committee, told the Senate that they are trying to get a movement started on campus and they meet every once in a while. She invited the Senate to participate in all their programs and if anyone has any questions please talk to Senators Simmons, Humphries or Seifter and they can tell you what is going on, on the students side.

Messages from the Executive Branch: Sean Bevil, Chief of Staff, told the Senate that he has interviews last week and has forwarded names to the Senate to be confirmed. He said

they had their first cabinet meeting tonight and agencies and bureaus directors will be coming through next week. Richard Benson, Student Body Deputy Treasurer, said that RTAC met yesterday and funded travel for the National Association for Business Economics. He said that he suggested that they send 2 people instead of 5, and the funding request passed. He told the Senate that the Student Body Treasurer is concerned that no one has applied for funding from the PAC Fund Distribution Committee.

Benson said that the RTAC committee is fantastic and enjoys chairing this committee. He said he wants the Finance Committee to look closely at Bill 67 and he said he would slash it in half if it came to the RTAC. He also advised the Senate to look at the academic policy closely tonight, especially the word "intentional". Robert Jakubik, Student Body President, told the Senate it has been a long search but he, Sean Bevil and Adam Fox, has finally come up with a candidate for Student Body Vice President. He told the Senate that Chapter 1000.6 A, lets him review agencies and they plan to zero fund the American Indian Student Union. He said he does not like things that just sit around and do nothing and this agency does not do anything. He announced that there is a Board of Trustees meeting next week. He explained to the Senate that the transaction fee states that if you drop a class, after drop and add there will be a fee that you would have to pay FSU, but this fee is not in effect yet, because the students don't know about it. Meme Bengochea, Director of the Garnet and Gold Gala told the Senate that this year's theme for Homecoming is Ignited by Tradition and Warchant will be featuring Pitbull and Gym Class Heroes so please bring two (2) can goods as a donation in lieu of an admission fee. He also announced that Pow Wow will be featuring Jim Gaffigan at the Civic Center and block seating forms are due next Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 2 p.m. Spear Night applications are due on Monday, September 14, at 5 p.m. in room 305 A. Chief and Princess applications are due Friday, September 18, 2009, at 5 p.m., and should be turned in at the Alumni Center.

Messages from Agency and Bureau Directors, and SGA Organization Officers and Employees: Alexandria Antonescu, FSU Service Corp Director, told the Senate that their purpose is to promote community service and they also publish The Spear. She told the Senate that on September 19, at 9 a.m., they are going to FAMU and other places around the community to volunteer. Aldo de la Paz, HLSU

Director, announced that Hispanic Heritage Month starts on Tuesday, September 15, and he passed out their brochure to the Senate.

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: Carter McMillan and Bill O'Connor gave the following report: Parent's Weekend is October 9 and 10; Union Board members will be attending the Association of College Union International Regional Conference at the University of South Florida on October 23-25; September 17 is Constitution Day and from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. there will be free ice cream and copies of the constitution available to anyone that wants a copy. Movies for this week are: The Exorcist is playing tonight at 7:15 and 10:15 p.m.; and Pee Wee's Big Adventure is this week's Friday night Midnight Movie. Performing at the Club Downunder: on Thursday, September 10, Derrick Comedy is performing; Surfer Blood, Whale Tundra and Tiny Teeth are playing Friday, September 11, and She Wants Revenge and Kill Hannah are playing Monday, September 14, starting at 9:30 p.m. Union Productions is having a lecture on Wednesday, September 16, led by a FSU Professor that was a monk, will have a session to teach you how to meditate.

They are having Geek Night on September 18, and it is free to all students. They also announced that they will have Rewind Evolution on September 22, and a Rock on Rock Wall on September 24. For more information go to unionproductions.org.

Messages from Campus Recreation: Matt Wilson, Chair of the Campus Recreation Board, said the construction at Salley Hall and Phase II of the Intramural Field is still going on. He said that Halo 3 game can be played at the Leach Center on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Report of the Student Body Auditor: As of September 8, 2009, Senate Projects is \$95,400.00.

Committee Reports:

Student Affairs - Chairman Sargent said the committee set

goals for this semester.

Budget - Chairman Howard said that budget packets are due on Thursday, September 17, at 3 p.m., in the SGA Office.

Finance - Did not meet.

Judiciary - The committee interviewed Emily Whelchel for Supreme Court Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, who had to leave for a test and will be back next week for Senate confirmation. They passed Bill 65 (with amendments) and Bill 66 to Second Reading. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Internal Affairs - The Senate interviewed and passed: Lauren Robertson for Student Body Vice President, Andre Gooden for Supervisor of Elections, Dayron Silverio for HLSU Assistant Director, Nicholas Russell for Deputy Secretary of Community Affairs, Krista Hudson for Deputy Secretary of Special Projects, Brett Leone for Secretary of Sustainability and Al Heartley for PAC Fund Distribution Committee.

Rules and Calendar- Did not meet.

Senate Confirmations: Lauren Robertson for Student Body Vice President, Andre Gooden for Supervisor of Elections, Dayron Silverio for HLSU Assistant Director, Nicholas Russell for Deputy Secretary of Community Affairs, Krista Hudson for Deputy Secretary of Special Projects, Brett Leone for Secretary of Sustainability and Al Heartley for PAC Fund Distribution Committee.

Consent Calendar:

Resolution 2- Sponsored by: Senator Mroczkowski.
Subject: Approving the Resource and Travel Committee Allocations for the National Association of Business Economics to attend a conference.

PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

Bills First Reading:

Bill 67 - Sponsored by Senator Seifter. A transfer of \$9,000 from Senate Projects to Executive Projects. Purpose:

to purchase 15,000 "rally towels" for the "white out game" against the University of South Florida on September 26, 2009.

REFERRED TO FINANCE.

Bill 68 - Sponsored by Senator Assidon. A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 802.6 A (1,2,3). Purpose: to clarify use of the SGA logo on advertised materials only.

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND JUDICIARY.

Bills Second Reading:

Bill 65 - Sponsored by Senator Humphries. An addition to the Student Body Statutes adding Chapter 1000.5 C 4.

Purpose: to require all SGA agency directors to give an end of semester report to the Student Senate. **TABLED ONE WEEK.**

Bill 66 - Sponsored by Senator Humphries. A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 713.3. Purpose: to require a non-denominational prayer to be used at SGA Inaugurations.

FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

Constitutional Amendments: None.

Resolutions:

Resolution 57- Sponsored by Senator Seifter.
Subject: Approving the proposed changes to the Academic Honor Code Policy put forth by the Academic Honor Code Policy Committee.

PASSED.

Resolution 64- Sponsored by Senator Seifter.
Subject: A plan for sustainability of student life at FSU.

TABLED.

Resolution 66- Sponsored by Senator Cuyler.
Subject: Approving the reapportionment for Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 Senate seats.

PASSED.

Resolution 67- Sponsored by Senator Seifter.
Subject: Supporting the idea of funding 15,000 rally towels to be distributed to FSU students at the September 26, 2009

football game against the University of South Florida.

PASSED. YES-26, NO-3.

Resolution 68- Sponsored by Senator Simmons.
Subject: Working to educate the student body about the sustainable initiatives taking place and the best practices to implement them.

PASSED.

New Business: Senate President Seifter said he is forming a committee to investigate the American Indian Student Union. The committee will consist of Senators Angulo, McKanstry, Wood, Fabre and Dunnington.

Unfinished Business: None.

Closing Announcements: Senator Theodore asked the Senate to remember this night when the Senate approved something for \$9,000 in a fiscal responsible year. Senator Laughlin told the Senate that he will be giving a crash course in economics on next Wednesday. Senator Hutchinson told the Senate that his organization, Progressive Black Men, made \$900 for their charity and Senators Moallem and Daniels were present, and Senator Daniels was auctioned for \$40.

Senator McKanstry announced that the University Singers is planning a spring tour to Italy and they are selling CD's for \$15 each. Senator Moallem told the Senators to see her if they want to be orientation leaders for 2010. Sandra Miles thanked the Senate for not going for a long time.

Joke of the Week: Why does Tigger smell so bad? Because he hangs around Pooh. Senate Pro Tempore Cuyler told the Senate that he saw UM fans degrading a FSU statute and these fans were very drunk and disorderly and he wants to make sure that this does not happen again. He reported that the Library committee will meet on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, room 316. He announced that Phi Beta Sigma will have an all you can eat event on Saturday, September 12, at the Laverne Payne Community Center from 12-5 p.m. Senate President Seifter told the Senate that he witnessed the best football game he has ever seen: FSU vs. Miami. He said he thinks the new ticket system works great. He said Dr. Coburn will come to Senate next week and speak to Senate about Resolution 64 and Chief Perry will come the next week. Seifter asked Senators if they would like to form a HLSU 5K Run and he wants to do it.

Final Roll Call: PRESENT: Senators Angulo, Assidon, Baumann, Bonderud, A. Charlemagne, Chance, Cuyler, Daniels, Dunnington, Fabre, Goins, Gold, Howard, Humphries, Hutchinson, Kushner, Laughlin, Lias, McKanstry, Moallem, Mroczkowski, Richards, Sargent, Scandling, Simmons, Theodore, Triay, Tunis, Walker, Wood. Absent: Senators Blair, Callahan, Carter, E. Charlemagne, Donoho, Fistel, Gilzean, Gonzmart, Ghaneie, Grossman, Holmes, Hunter, Johns, Johnson, Joseph, Kaiser, Lampi, Losito, Malone, Melbourne, Peterich, Shubitz, Williams, Yarbrough.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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