THE SIXTY-SIXTH STUDENT SENATE

The Journal: October 1, 2014

The meeting of the 66th Student Senate was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Student Senate President Lindsay Wood.

Senator Munoz led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Reflection:


MEMBERS ABSENT: (First Roll Call: Senators Adames, Atanda, Berrios, Farah, Ouellette, Ray, Sandora, Sanil, Turner, Vickers, Whitter, Yates.

MEMBERS TARDY/LATE: (First Roll Call): Senators Arowolo (8:28), Mitchell (8:17).

There was a motion to unlock the Calendar, the motion passed.

CORRECTIONS: None.

Student Comments: Kevin Carty of NAMI thanked the Senate for funding them last semester. He explained to the Senate that they work on stamping out mental health on campus and educating students about mental health issues. He said they are having a 5K run in November. Edward Major told the Senate that he just attended a town hall meeting about the Seminole Bus System and the transportation system at FSU. He asked everyone to participate in the survey on the SGA page.

Special Introductions and Announcements: Alexis Sanchez, Supervisor of Elections, announced that there will be a mandatory candidate seminar on Monday, October 6, in room 322 Union and on Tuesday, October 7, in room 311B Union. She reminded everyone that elections takes place on October 15 and don’t forget to vote.

Messages from the Executive Branch: Stefano Cavallaro, Student Body President, told the Senate that graduate enrollment is declining at FSU and it is important that FSU stays competitive in getting graduate students. He announced that the presidential search is over and you can feel free to talk to him about the committee’s selection of the new president. He said he will bring Mr. Thrasher to SGA in the month of October. He asked the Senate to support the forwards coming up tonight for the Supreme Court candidates, which were recommended from the FSU Student Bar.
Messages from Agency and Bureau Directors, SGA Organizations Officers and Employees: Andrew Sloan, Veteran Student Union Director, told the Senate that he is forwarding his executive board soon. He announced that there will be a film festival on Veteran’s Day and tickets are $10 for students and $30 for the general public. Jessica Blackband, Student Sustainability Initiative Director, announced that they are having a forum/discussion on Amendment One and a bar-b-que on Friday with the Disabled Student Union and on Saturday they are going to the football game with G-4 and collecting recyclables after the game. Laurence Thompson told the Senate that the Black Student Union tables every Wednesday in the Union from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. He announced that the Golden Tribe Lecture Series will feature Ron Paul tomorrow. Amy Nicotra, SCURC Director, told the Senate said there is a lot of work being done by your peers in producing the OWL. She announced that the Ambassador Program applications are on line on their website and they also mentor students who want to do research. She asked the Senate to please support their candidates coming up tonight and she thanked the Senate for the funds to buy Polos.

Messages from the Executive Cabinet: None.

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students: None.

Messages from the Judicial Branch: Roger Rozanski, Supreme Court Chief Justice, thanked Tavaress Thomas for his help during his term as Supervisor of Elections. He told the Senate that he supports the Associate Justices coming through and he asked the Senate to please support the resolution for Eugene Butler.

Messages from the Union Board: None.

Messages from the SOAR Board: Jacques Toussaint said their organization basically shows students how to get involved on campus.

Messages from the Class Councils: None.

Messages from the Campus Recreation Board: None.

Report of the SGA Accounting Office: As of October 1, 2014, Senate Projects has $61,145. Remaining balances: RTAC has $70,411.09 and PAC has $72,359.35.

Report of Committees:

- **Student Affairs** - Did not meet.
- **Budget** - The committee passed Consent Resolutions 36 and 37, amending Resolution 37.
- **Internal Affairs** - There was a motion to go into Committee of the Whole to interview Jason Miller for
Deputy Supervisor of Elections, the motion passed and the candidate was interviewed and passed with one abstention.

Judiciary - The committee interviewed and passed Shanna-Kay Gibbs, Leonard Hebb and Nina Schmidt for Associate Justices of the Student Supreme Court.

Finance - As reported in the Calendar.

Rules and Calendar - There was a motion to go into Committee of the whole to interview candidates for Senate. The Senate interviewed and passed Hannah Bartholomew for Arts and Sciences Seat 4 (one abstention), Zhong Yi for Arts and Sciences Seat 10 (one abstention), and Fitzgerald Light. The committee failed Brian Boeneke for Undergraduate Studies Seat 20 (yes-17, no-20, ab-1), and Chandler Dutram for Undergraduate Studies Seat 8 (yes-17, no-18, ab-2).

Confirmations: Jason Miller for Deputy Supervisor of Elections, Hannah Bartholomew for Arts and Sciences Seat 4, Zhong Yi for Arts and Sciences Seat 10, Brian Boeneke for Undergraduate Studies Seat 20, Shanna-Kay Gibbs, Leonard Hebb and Nina Schmidt for Associate Justices of the Student Supreme Court, Lauren Lange for SCURC Treasurer, Alexander Barth and Sydney Jones for SCURC Board of Directors, Kyle MacDonald-Bogart for Deputy Supervisor of Elections, and Legislative Aides Brian Boeneke (Silver), Robert Hicks (Forst) and Chandler Dutram (Collins).

Consent Calendar:

Consent Resolution 36 - Sponsored by Senator Silver. PAC allocations for Indian Students Association, Garb Fashion Troupe, and Sports Management Association. PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

Consent Resolution 37 - Sponsored by Senator Jones. RTAC allocations for International Association of Emergency Managers-USA Student Chapter at FSU, Sport Management Association and Society for Women. TABLED, THEN THERE WAS A MOTION TO TAKE IT OFF THE TABLE AND DEBATE SPORTS MANAGEMENT. PASSED YES-40, NO-0, ABSTAINED-1.

Bills First Reading:

Bill 75 - Sponsored by Senators Tabares and Engelbrecht. An allocation of $3,000 from Senate Projects to the Women Student Union Expense. Purpose: to purchase 800 t-shirts for the “Know More” Campaign. REFERRED TO FINANCE.
Bills Second Reading:

Bill 71 - Sponsored by Senators Pierre-Louis and Molina. A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 202.9. Purpose: to establish a deadline date for submitting forwarding letters to the Internal Affairs Committee. **PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

Bill 73 - Sponsored by Senator Molina. An allocation of $812.93 from Senate Projects to Strozier Library. Purpose: to purchase iPhone and Mac chargers for Strozier Library. **PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

Bill 74 - Sponsored by Senators Tabares and Akemon. A transfer of $11,300 from College Leadership Council Arts and Sciences to College Leadership Council Visual Arts Theatre and Dance. Purpose: to allocate funds to an active CLC to fund their publications and yearly events. *(Amended in Finance from $9,000 to $11,300).* **PASSED YES-41, NO-0 AND ABSTAINED-1.**

Constitutional Amendments: None.

Resolutions:

Resolution 38 - Sponsored by Senator Butler.
Subject: Amending the Rules of Procedure Rule 9.06.
**STILL IN RULES AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE.**

Resolution 50 - Sponsored by Senator Barth.
Subject: Supporting the efforts of the UFF-FSU-GAU to nullify proposed restrictions on the outside employment and activities of graduate assistants.
**REFERRED TO STUDENT AFFAIRS.**

Resolution 51 - Sponsored by Senator Acosta.
Subject: Nominating Eugene Butler III for the Senate Hall of Fame.
**WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR.**

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: The Senate voted for the Russell Hellein Award. Senators Forst, Tabares, Acosta, Roman, Montenegro, Akemon and Silver were nominated. The winner will be announced at the Senate Inauguration on October 29, 2014.

Unfinished Business: None.

Closing Announcements: Senator announced that this month is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. He told the Senate that he was in an accident
on September 19 and he appreciates all the love shown by the Senate. Senator Anderson announced that the Orientation Leader applications are available now. Senator Forst announced that the budget season is here and hearings start on Monday so please come out, hearings are open to the public. Vicki Dobiyanski told the Senate that tonight was a disaster on many levels and an embarrassment to her. She said folks are going to the wrong committees and resolutions that cannot be done are being submitted and Senators need to know their rules. She told the Senate that she is proud of them but they have got to get it together. She also asked the Senate to not talk while candidates are speaking. Dobiyanski clarified rumors about the budget for the upcoming years and told the Senate that it is not our fault for the shortfall, mistakes were made by not charging fees to online students, but SGA is fine. She said she brought the problem to the CFO in April, but they did not listen. She informed the Senate that graduate enrollment is down and undergraduates are not taking a lot of hours. Senate President Wood welcomed the new Senators. She told the Senate that their talking is just ridiculous and Senate needs to be respectful and not speak while others are speaking. She asked the Senators to turn in their absences to the Senate Pro Tempore Palermo with your excuses. She informed the Senate that party materials are not allowed in Chamber and do not wear your shirt on the wrong side, bring another shirt. She announced that Senate at the Capitol will take place on October 8, from 4-7 p.m. and the meeting will start at 5:15 p.m. The 66th Senate photo will be taken on Wednesday, October 15 at 6:45 p.m. in the Senate Chamber and Sine Die will take place on Wednesday, October 22, in the Senate Chamber. Inauguration will take place on Wednesday, October 29, at 5:300 p.m. in the ballrooms.


The meeting adjourned at 10:44 p.m.

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