

THE SIXTY-FIRST STUDENT SENATE

The Journal: October 21, 2009

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

A Senator led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

MEMBERS PRESENT (First Roll Call): Senators Angulo, Assidon, Baumann, Blair, Bonderud, E. Charlemagne, Chance, Cuyler, Daniels, Dougherty, Fabre, Fistel, Ghaneie, Gilzean, Goins, Gold, Gonzmart, Holmes, Howard, Humphries, Hutchinson, Johns, Johnson, Joseph, Laughlin, Lias, Malone, Moallem, Mroczkowski, Peterich, Richards, Sargent, Schlesinger, Simmons, Tunis, Vasquez, Walker, Waltz, Williams, Wood, Yarbrough.

MEMBERS ABSENT: (First Roll Call): Senators Callahan, Carter, A. Charlemagne, Donoho, Hunter, Kaiser, Losito, McKanstry, Melbourne, Sails, Scandling, Seiglitz, Theodore, Triay.

MEMBERS TARDY/LATE (First Roll Call): Senators Broome (8:00), Kushner (8:00).

Corrections: None.

Student Comments: Rody Thompson told the Senate that FSU will host the Southeast Region for PeaceJam and they are bringing Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Rigoberta Menchu to campus where she will hold a public talk that is open to anyone. She said Menchu will be on campus the entire week and she will facilitate a conference the weekend that she is here. She said the HLSU is co-sponsoring this event and the total to bring her to FSU is \$20,000. Jamie Bayo announced that the Light the Night Walk will be on November 19 and they are expecting 1,500 students to participate and 70 organizations have already registered. He said the walk is a fund-raiser for blood cancers and this is the biggest service event on campus. Nicole Torres of the Acabelles told the Senate that they are trying to go to the Soul Jam and they were not able to fund-raise as much as they needed to this semester. She said they only raised enough money to pay for their rooms and RTAC gave them \$900, but no money for gas and they are asking the Senate to amend RTAC's allocation and give them the extra \$558 for one car for gas and it is 619 miles one way. She told the Senate that they have lined up two fund-raisers this semester and they will fund-raise for themselves next semester and they will not ask Senate for anymore money in the

Spring semester coming up. Vincella Smith, President of The Movement asked the Senate to deeply consider Bill 83, the Service Act Bill, that Senator Daniels is proposing.

Special Introductions and Announcements: None.

Messages from the Executive Branch: Sean Bevil, Chief of Staff, thanked all the Senators, that are leaving, for a job well done. He

announced that there was an Student Service Award event last night and Nick Russell was recognize for his Freshman leadership in high school and continue that leadership here at FSU. He announced the following: Campus Leaders Breakfast on Monday, November 2, from 8-11 a.m. in the Student Services Building; SGA/FSView Off Campus Housing Fair on November 3, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; SGA Awareness Week on the Union Green and a Town Hall Meeting on November 17, from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Student Services Building Room 214. Bevil told the Senators that are leaving that there are available positions in the Executive Branch. He said that Aramark is currently doing a Market Match to change the vendors on campus. Lauren Robertson, Student Body Vice President, announced that applications are available to membership on the Freshmen Leadership Council and anyone knows any Freshmen that would like to get involved in SGA, please get them to apply. She said 50 Freshmen will be on the Council. Rob Jakubik, Student Body President urged the Senators to come out to the town hall meeting to voice their concerns with parking and dining services on campus. He told the Senators departing tonight to stay involved in SGA and hold Senate accountable. Richard Benson, Student Body Deputy Treasurer, told the Senate that this Senate has done more to benefit the lives of students than any other Senate he has seen since he has been here. He said that the Bio Diesel project members will be to show Senate what they got for the money they spent. He told the Senate that the Acabelles were funded for everything except mileage and they did not show enough effort to get gas money. He spoke on the Bill 83 saying that we do fund service organizations and they are treated just like other RSOs. He said when you use money to help non-students, that is where the line is drawn and he is not happy to use money to build houses for non-students and to send students over seas to build houses. Kelly-Ann Fasano, Student Body Treasurer, reported that PAC is going well and they are getting bigger requests for bigger programming. She said that she tried, about a year ago, to do a service bill similar to the one on tonight's agenda and it failed. Sadie Molinet, excitingly told the Senate that there is only three days to go before Homecoming. She urged the Senate to attend every event to see where the money is going. She said that Outback is catering the Garnet and Gold Ball and the first 1,000 students get in free. Go to Homecoming.fsu.edu for a list of all the events.

Messages from Agency and Bureau Directors, and SGA Organization Officers and Employees: Dayana Bernavil, Black Student Union Treasurer, thanked the Senate for approving the resolution for the Bobby E. Leach event where they will award two students each a \$500 scholarship. She also announced that they will have the BSU Family Feud on Friday at 7 p.m. in Student Services Building Room 208. Vu Thai, Asian American Student Union Director, announced that their Heritage Week is November 9-13 and on Friday, October 23 they are showing a documentary entitled "Vincent Who" at 5 p.m. in HCB room 101 and they are co-hosting an event with others called Bowling for Breast Cancer at Crenshaw Lanes and tickets are one dollar each and he has purchased 20 tickets. Felicia Lilien, Jewish Student Union Director, announced that they are having an event at Lake Ella on Sunday, October 25, called Pick up and Picnic, where they will pick up trash and afterwards they will have a picnic. She asked to not bring any meat. She also announced that they are having Recipe for Life Dinner at Hillel and they will have a speaker there also. They are also having a movie and bagel brunch at All Saints Café in the near future. Aldo de la Paz announced that they are going on a conference in Orlando on November 6 and on November 12 they are having an event entitled Realizing the Dream, where they will teach the student body about the Dream Act. He asked the Senate to support PeaceJam, where they are co-sponsors. He thanked the Senators that attended their Heritage Month events. Nick Russell of FSU Service Corps told the Senate that he supports the Bill 83, the Service Act Bill, because it works with students that do community service. Danielle Bolden, Pride Student Union Director, announced that they had a great turn-out on Coming Out Day on October 6. She announced that some members of the PSU E-Board went to Washington, D.C. to attend the National Coming Out Day March. The Women's Center is having Coffee Hour every week and on Monday a representative from Thagard Student Health Center will speak at the Women's Center about breast cancer. They are having Love Your Body Week on November 9-13. Senator Dougherty spoke on behalf of the Institute for Conservative Studies announced that ILS is having an event on Thursday, October 22, in HCB 205, entitled "What it Means to Be a Modern Liberal."

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: Christine Kelly and Carter McMillan gave the following announcements: the Union Board met today for a Leadership Team Building Social; the Chair and Vice

Chair of Union Board attended the President's Retreat at the Reservation today; the Union Board has been invited to attend the Garnet and Gold Reception on October 26, as well as the Clock and Seal Banquet on Friday, October 30, before PowWow; a few members of the Union Board will be attending the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) Region 6 Conference in Tampa. Their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4 at 4:30 p.m. Events coming up: Friday, October 23, Union Haunted Harvest; Seminole Haunting in the Union from 8:30-11:30 p.m.; Friday, October 23, Breakfast for a Buck from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m.. Homecoming starts this weekend with Warchant featuring Pitbull and Gym Class Heroes on Langford Green at 7 p.m.; a blood drive on Monday, October 26 in the Union; Spear-It Night Talent Showcase for Big Fan on Campus and the Alma Mater Singing Competition in the Union Ballrooms at 7 p.m.; Vires, Artes, Mores Knowledge Bowl on Tuesday, October 27 in the Union at 11 a.m.; Renegade Recess on Tuesday, October 27 from 4-6 p.m. at the old Intramural Fields; On line Homecoming voting on Wednesday, October 28, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Seminole Festival and Pep Rally on the Union Green from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Skit Night at the Moon on Wednesday, October 28 at 5 p.m. Movies showing at the Student Life Center: Wednesday, October 21, "Whatever Works"; Thursday and Saturday, October 22 and 24, "Public Enemies" ; Friday, October 23, "Evil Dead II", and the Rocky Horror Picture Show on Friday, October 23 at 11:30 p.m. They also announced that former FSU Circus Director Richard "Dicky" Brinson passed away and there will be a memorial for him at the Circus tent on Thursday, October 22 at 5:15 p.m.

Messages from Campus Recreation: None.

Report of the Student Body Auditor: As of October 20, 2009, Senate Project is \$178,444.00.

Committee Reports:

Student Affairs - Did not meet.

Budget - Chairman Howard reported that the committee passed Resolutions 11 (RTAC) and Resolution 12 (PAC) on the Consent Calendar.

Finance - As reported in the Calendar.

Judiciary - There was motion to go into Committee of the Whole to hear Bills 81, 82 and 83, the motion passed. The committee passed all three bills, with Bill 83 having objections. The Senate heard Resolution 74 in Committee of the Whole and the resolution failed by a vote of yes-10, no-20 and 3-abstentions. There was a motion to accept the decision of the

committee as the decision of the whole, the motion passed.

Internal Affairs - The committee did not meet. There was a motion by Chairman Chance to go into Committee of the Whole, the motion passed. The Senate interviewed and passed: Nicholas Martin for OLA Board of Directors; Alexander Antonescu for FSU Service Corps Director; James Blair for OLA Assistant Director. James Blair resigned his Senate seat before he was sworn in as OLA Assistant Director. All the candidates were passed without objection.

Rules and Calendar- Chairman Cuyler reported that the committee sent Resolution 74 to the Senate.

Senate Confirmations: Nicholas Martin for OLA Board of Directors; Alexander Antonescu for FSU Service Corps Director and James Blair for OLA Assistant Director.

Consent Calendar:

Resolution 11- Sponsored by: Senator Mroczkowski.  
Subject: Approving the Resource and Travel Committee Allocations for Best Buddies, Eta Sigma Delta, Florida Lodging Association, Engineers Without Borders, Acabelles.

**PASSED AS AMENDED.**

The Senate amended the Acabelles to  
\$1,493.00

Resolution 12- Sponsored by Senator Chance.  
Subject: Approving the Programing Allocations Committee Funding for Flute Association at FSU and the National Association of Business Economics.

**PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.**

Bills First Reading: None.

Bills Second Reading:

Bill 76 - Sponsored by Senators Seifter and Chance. A transfer of \$17,000 from Senate Projects to Union Expense. Purpose: to purchase two monitors and weather proof casing that will be placed in the Union Courtyard to advertise SGA and Union events.  
**WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR.**

Bills Second Reading Continued:

Bill 77 - Sponsored by Senators Mroczkowski and Howard. A transfer of \$7,178 from Senate Projects to International Center and the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Purpose: to fund a student staff position for a new office which will be called the Center for Global and Multicultural Engagement. This position will be paid starting Spring 2010, Fall 2010 and Spring 2011.  
**PASSED WITH OBJECTIONS.**

Bill 80 - Sponsored by Senators Daniels and Hutchinson. A transfer of \$5,000 from Senate Projects to PeachJam at FSU. Purpose: to bring Nobel Peace Prize winner Rigoerta Menchu to speak and participate in the 2010 PeaceJam Conference at FSU.  
**PASSED.**

Bill 81 - Sponsored by Senator Mroczkowski. An addition to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 802.10. Purpose: to bring the Finance Code up to date with the spending habits of the Executive Projects Account and the Golden Tribe Lecture Series Account.  
**PASSED.**

Bill 82 - Sponsored by Senator Waltz. A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 710.2. Purpose: to allow candidates to withdraw from an election at any time. **PASSED .**

Bill 83 - Sponsored by Senators Daniels and Seifter. An addition to the Student Body Statutes adding Chapter 811. Purpose: to outline the process by which service organizations may apply and receive funding. **PASSED WITH OBJECTIONS.**

Constitutional Amendments: None.

Resolutions:

Resolution 74- Sponsored by Senator Wood.

Subject: Changing the Rules of Procedure Rule 10.04.

**FAILED. YES-10, NO-20, ABSTAINED-3.**

Resolution 75- Sponsored by Senator Dougherty.  
Subject: Allowing the Women's Center to spend \$3,000 to bring Dan Savage to speak at FSU.

**PASSED.**

Resolution 76- Sponsored by Senator Fabre.  
Subject: Allowing the Hispanic Latino Student Union to spend \$5,000 to help bring Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Rigoberta Menchu to speak at FSU in conjunction with PeaceJam.

**PASSED.**

Resolutions Continued:

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Resolution 77- Sponsored by Senator Chance.  
Subject: Giving permission to the Jewish Student Union to have their event off campus, at Hillel.

**PASSED.**

Resolution 78- Sponsored by Senator Angulo.  
Subject: Giving permission to the Asian American Student Union to have an event off campus.

**PASSED.**

New Business: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

Closing Announcements: Senator Hutchinson told the Senate that he likes to watch people that do things and he thanked everyone for making his Senate term worthwhile. Senator Waltz said that he does not like to refer to agencies by tiers. He told the Senate that he is resigning from his Graduate Studies Seat 4, because he cannot hold two seats in the Senate. Senator Simmons told the Senate that he is tabling on Market Wednesday this semester. Senator Tunis thanked everyone who is leaving and told Senate President Seifter that he did a great job as Senate President. Senator Richards announced that she is graduating in December and her thesis film will be shown on December 16 from 2-5:30 p.m. Senator Fistel said he is proud of the Senate for passing the service bill tonight. Senator Chance told Senator Humphries that he will be sorely missed. Senator Moallem thanked the Senate for her experience. She told the Senate that organizations need to know they will be held to certain standards and Senate need to do their research on legislation on the floor. Senator McKanstry thanked everyone for their support and friendship. He announced that there is a Gospel Choir concert on November 11 at Opperman. He beautifully sang the Hymn of the Garnet and Gold for the Senate. Senator Walker thanked everyone and told the Senate to do as much as they can for the students at FSU. Senator Goins thanked everyone for their help and said that he is graduating in the Spring. Senator Daniels said that he liked the way that Senate is going and it is a pleasure to serve the students. Senator Howard said that this was an amazing Senate and there is a trend toward working on great things. Senate Pro Tempore Cuyler said

that he was truly blown away by the 61st Student Senate. He said this is the first Senate that made changes and changed lives of students at FSU and made FSU students understand that SGA really cares. Senate President Seifter told the Senate that he came in SGA as a Freshman and Senate has been picking him up and making him realize who he is. He told the Senate that he is extremely

thankful and humbled by the trust Senate has put in him. He thanked Senate Pro Tempore Cuyler for being an amazing Pro Tempore and making Senate great.

Final Roll Call: Sine Die.

The meeting adjourned Sine Die 12:05 a.m.

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