THE SIXTY-SEVENTH STUDENT SENATE

The Journal: November 5, 2014

The meeting of the 67th Student Senate was called to order at 7:35 p.m., by Student Senate President Andrew Forst.

Senator Whitmire led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Reflection:


MEMBERS ABSENT: (First Roll Call: Senators Arowolo, Bullock, Maxwell, Newman, Rodberg, Schwartz, Yates.

MEMBERS TARDY/LATE: (First Roll Call): Senators Alteme (8:10), Antoine (8:10), Patel (7:40).

Corrections: None.

Student Comments: The SGA OGA Board of Directors and others spoke to the Senate in support of Julianne Simson. Ed Major said that Student Body President gave Julianne no warning or reasons for her firing and this is unacceptable. Meagan Bergevin told the Senate that she does not believe that Julianne should have been forced into resigning from her position as OGA Director. She said Simson supported Cavallaro when no one would and she feels that he betrayed the FSU student population by depriving the students of a dedicated, passionate director whose contributions to this campus were and will continue to be extremely significant. Felicia Perez told the Senate that the circumstances surrounding Julianne’s resignation should be looked into. Lacey, Ph.D student, told the Senate that there is a lack of transparency and a lot of corruption and SGA deserves to have more women like Julianne and it’s a shame to see her go and she is not going to take it anymore. AJ D’Amico said that he has resigned as acting OGA Director today and his decision is effective because he cannot work with two people he does not have respect for. He said to treat human beings with love and respect and this is shameful and embarrassing. He said Burning Spear wants to play House of Cards with the students but they need to fix what is broken and serve with integrity. Mercy Joy Corlew announced that the Veteran Student Union is having their film festival next Tuesday, November 11, from 2-5 p.m. at the stadium on the 4th Floor and tickets are $10.
Special Introductions and Announcements: None.

Messages from the Executive Branch: Gerald Johnson, Student Body Vice President, thanked the Senators for coming to “Meet and Greet” and he told Senate to feel free to come and visit them. Jorge Rendon, Student Body Treasurer, told the Senate that they are trying to enhance life at FSU and students need to make the best of is and listen to both sides at all times.

Messages from Agency and Bureau Directors, SGA Organizations Officers and Employees: Andrew Sloan, VSU Director, told the Senate they went on a trip to the VA Hospital in Lake City and only five people showed up. He said they will have an event on Sunday, at 10 a.m. in Coon Bottom at the Club there. Jonathan Koch, Homecoming Director, announced that they have an event tonight for Homecoming and please attend Pow Wow and fill up the Civic Center. IRHC Director Divya Pubbi announced that they are having an event on Landis Green on November 13 at 1 p.m., called Mind Matter. Katrina Pitt, AASU Director, announced that their Winter Ball will be held on December 3 in the ballrooms. Regina Joseph, CPE Director, told the Senate that she was really shocked that the OGA Director was fired. She said Student Body President Cavallaro told her she could not be CPE Director because she spoke out at a rally. Jessica Blackband, SSI Director, announced that they are having an event at 7 p.m. on November 17. She said that she is not qualified to speak on the Julianne Simson firing but she is sad to see her go. Mason Roth, Jean Tabares, Alexander Morado and the entire Board of Directors of OGA spoke to the Senate concerning Julianne Simson’s dismissal from office as OGA Director. Peter Milios said she served the students not the executive branch; Andrea Palermo said she served with integrity and she is surprised at the accusations that were made and she stands behind Julianne Simson.

Messages from the Executive Cabinet: Laurence Thompson, Secretary of Engagement, announced that they have a table every Wednesday at Market Wednesday. They are having Coffee Talk on November 18, from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., where they will hand out coffee to students walking around.

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students: None.

Messages from the Judicial Branch: None.

Messages from the Union Board: Rachel Sticco announced the following: the Board elected Rachel Sticco as Chair and Connor Milo as Vice Chair; a new policy within Student Activities Center will leave an open computer so that organizations who don’t have space can request to use the computer for a certain amount of hours; incorporating Conduct Reports for student workers to give the Union Board feedback on what is going on within the SAC offices; working to create a new policy for the Student Life Cinema, which will allow them to sell ads for the beginning and ending of all movies; changes to Krentzman Lounge with great feedback from students; the Union will be
celebrating its 50th Birthday on November 14 at 2 p.m., which is the exact same day the first ceremony was held to open the Union in 1964.

There was a motion to unlock the Calendar and swear in Senator Rebecca Antoine. The motion passed and the Senator was sworn in.

Messages from the SOAR Board: None.

Messages from the Class Councils: None.

Messages from the Campus Recreation Board: None.

Report of the SGA Accounting Office: As of November 5, 2014, Senate Projects has $49,662.10. Remaining balances: RTAC has $54,557.32 and PAC has $70,152.65.

Report of Committees:

Student Affairs - The committee elected Senator Vazquez as Chair and Senator Anger as Vice Chair. Sweepings members are Senators Light and Lipham. The committee meets Thursdays at 5:15 p.m. in the Senate Office.

Budget - The committee elected Senator Roman as Chair and Senator Berrios as Vice Chair. Sweepings members are Senators Barth and Polansky. The committee meets Wednesdays before Senate in the Senate Office.

Internal Affairs - The committee elected Senator Pierre-Louis as Chair and Senator Molina as Vice Chair. Sweepings members are Senators Molina and Munoz. The committee meets Thursdays at 5:15 p.m. in the Senate Office.

Judiciary - The committee elected Senator Alejandro Acosta as Chair and Senator Brown as Vice Chair. Sweepings members are Senators Whitmire and Moorhead. The committee meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the Senate Office.

Finance - The committee elected Senator Montenegro as Chair and Senator Yagur as Vice Chair. Sweepings members are Senators Goldberg and Smith. The committee meets Mondays at 8:15 p.m. in the Senate Office.

Rules and Calendar - The committee meets before Senate.
Confirmations: Ryan Coty for Senate Clerk, Douglas Roberts for Senate Parliamentarian and Maxwell Martin, Kaitlin King and Lindsay King for Senate Aides.

Consent Calendar: None.

Bills First Reading: There was a motion to go into Budget Committee of the Whole to hear Consent Resolutions 1 and 2, the motion passed.

Consent Resolution 1 – Sponsored by Senator Silver. PAC allocations for Poetic Lyricism, African Student Union and FSU Gospel Choir. **PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.**

Consent Resolution 2 – Sponsored by Senator Jones. RTAC allocations for Hillel at FSU and We Take Education Higher at FSU. **PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION**

Bills First Reading:

Bill 1 – Sponsored by Senator Collins. An allocation of $350 from Senate Projects to Senate Expense. Purpose: to purchase sanitization stations and that will be placed in the SGA lobby and the Senate Chamber. **REFERRED TO FINANCE 10-29-14.**

Bill 2 – Sponsored by Senators Barth and Vazquez. A revision of $400 within SCURC from Expense to Food. Purpose: to purchase pizzas for their Research Remix event series. ($100 per event in the Fall and spring 2014-2015). **REFERRED TO FINANCE 10-29-14.**

Bill 3 – Sponsored by Senator Munoz. An allocation of $3,000 from Senate Projects to Dean of Students (Food Pantry). Purpose: to replenish the Food Pantry. **REFERRED TO FINANCE.**

Bill 4 – Sponsored by Doyle. A revision and addition to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 405.2. Purpose: to revise Chapter 405.2 and to add Chapter 415, creating the Legislative Aide Program. **WITHDRAWN BY THE SPONSOR.**

Constitutional Amendments: None.

Resolutions:

Resolution 1 – Sponsored by Senators Doyle and Yi. Subject: Recognizing November as Veterans Month. **PASSED AS AMENDED WITHOUT OBJECTIONS.**

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

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Closing Announcements: Senator Vazquez announced that Dr. Coburn will be in the Union on November 12 to speak to students. Senator Berrios said you have the right to object and respect Senators who exercise this right. Danielle Acosta Morgan urged the Senate to please attend Homecoming events and see you’re A&S Fees at work. She told them that Kevin Hart tickets are available. She also asked the Senators to introduce themselves to her. She told everyone to study hard and go to class. Senate Parliamentarian Doug Roberts asked the Senate to please speak louder so everyone can hear and you ask a Point of Inquiry to ask about rules. Student Senate Pro Tempore Derrick Scott gave out his phone number 904-302-4479. He told the Senators to please pick up their iClickers and return them after Senate. He also urged everyone to read their legislation before they get to Senate. He said the last thing we need is a divide between the Legislative and Executive Branches, and we need to listen to both sides. Student Senate President Forst told the Senate that it is bad when people are being sworn in and talking is going on. He asked the Senate to stay focused on what is going on in Senate and please read your legislation before coming to Senate and be prepared. He said the Senate Retreat and Senate Orientation is coming soon. Forst also asked the Senate to please start attending organization events.


The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

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