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 TARDY/LATE: (First Roll Call): Senators Acosta (9:21), Engelbrecht (8:05), Pierre-Louis (7:43), Ruthledge (7:43), Yagur (7:45).

Corrections: None.

Student Comments: Jerry Funt told the Senate that shared government is important however, the last presidential search was not an example of shared government. He said students spoke in opposition of John Thrasher at the meetings and it is obvious that students were not a vital part of the decision and they cannot pretend that they were. He said the language of the resolution needs to be reworded and the Student Body President voted yes despite 87 percent of the students polled said they were in opposition of Thrasher. Funt said that graduate students polled were in opposition to Thrasher by 100 percent. Students from the Food Pantry asked the Senate to support Bill 13. Christine Hwang with Liberty in North Korea passed out a flyer about this group and she urged anyone interested to come out and learn more about them.

Special Introductions and Announcements: Katie Lufts of Garnet and Gold Scholarship Society passed out flyers concerning her group and she urged everyone to come out and learn more about them.

Messages from the Executive Branch: Stefano Cavallaro, Student Body President, told the Senate that he is working on centralizing all on campus job opportunities for students. He announced that Dr. Coburn is coming to speak to the Senate on December 3, and they are also planning Pizza with President Thrasher in January. Andrew Wilson,
Chief of Staff announced that Coffee Talk will take place near the Integration Statutes from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 18.

Messages from Agency and Bureau Directors, SGA Organizations Officers and Employees: Katrina Pitt, AASU Director, announced that they are having their Fall Week on November 17-21, starting Monday with the screening of the Joy Luck Club; Tuesday with the Chinese Lion Dance Troupe in the Union at 7 p.m.; Wednesday with HEAL Informational Session; Thursday they will have Kickball Olympics and Friday their event is entitled This is How We Roll Asian Food Bazaar. Jessica Blackband, SSI Director, told the Senate that applications for the Student Green Fund are available and the award is $50,000 to different students who apply. She asked the Senate to please support Bill 2 and Resolution 2. Senator Barth representing SCURC asked the Senate to please support Bill 2. She said cool research is being conducted by undergraduate students and the deadline for submitting material for the OWL is November 15. Andrea Palermo, of OGA, told the Senate that applications are available for the Board of Directors members. For more information email tmoore@fsu.edu or call him at 644-3847.

Messages from the Executive Cabinet: Laurence Thompson announced that the SGA Tailgate will take place on Saturday, November 22 before the Boston College game. He also announced that Market Wednesday is every Wednesday and Boyce Avenue is coming for Dance Marathon. He also asked the Senate to support Resolution 2.

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students: None.

Messages from the Judicial Branch: Roger Rozanski, Supreme Court Chief Justice, announced that on November 13, the Election Commission, Student Senators, the Supervisor of Elections and the Deputy Supervisors and the Student Supreme Court will meet to discuss the Elections Code to examine potential aspects, loopholes and issues with the Code and provide the framework and major details for potential changes. He told the Senate that at some point and time they will be looking into changing the statutes to change the class requirements for law students to sit on the Supreme Court, because there are currently classes that are not completed until the their third year is completed, which creates a lot of turnover and harms the consistency of the court.

Messages from the Union Board: The Union is celebrating their 50th Birthday tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the Union Courtyard.

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 12, 2014, Senate Projects has $49,662.10. Remaining balances: RTAC has $51,716.57 and PAC has $69,032.60.

Report of Committees:

Student Affairs - The committee did not meet.

Budget - The committee passed Consent Resolution 3 without objection.

Internal Affairs - The committee did not meet. There was a motion to go into Committee of the Whole to interview Kelshay Toomer for Black Student Union Secretary and Christine Zubek for Women Student Union Director of Administration. Both candidates passed without objection.

Judiciary - The committee did not meet.

Finance - As reported in the Calendar.

Rules and Calendar - The committee meets before Senate.

Confirmations: Kelshay Toomer for Black Student Union Secretary and Christine Zubek for Women Student Union Director of Administration.

Consent Calendar:

Consent Resolution 3 - Sponsored by Senator Silver. PAC allocations for the American Indian Student Union. PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

Bills First Reading:

Bill 5 - Sponsored by Senator Molina. A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 911, the Office of Student Sustainability Initiative. Purpose: to change the name from Office of Student Sustainability Initiative (OSI) to the Office of Student Sustainability (OSS) and add two new positions. REFERRED TO JUDICIARY.

Bills Second Reading:

Bill 1 - Sponsored by Senator Collins. An allocation of $350 from Senate Projects to Senate Expense. Purpose: to purchase sanitization stations that will be placed in the SGA lobby and the Senate Chamber. PASSED. YES-35, NO-0, ABSTAINED-0
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 semesters 2014-2015). PASSED. YES-37, NO-1 ABSTAINED-0

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. PASSED. YES-39, NO-0, ABSTAINED-0

Constitutional Amendments: None.

Resolutions:

Resolution 2 - Sponsored by Senators Montenegro, Acosta, Roman, Vazquez and Pierre-Louis. Subject: Welcoming John Thrasher as the 15th President at FSU.
(Amendments made by Senator K. Anderson were failed by a vote of Yes-10, No-30 and Abstained-0; amendments made by Senator Barth to add BOT members passed as friendly, without objection)
PASSED AS AMENDED. YES-34, NO-4, ABSTAINED-1

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

Closing Announcements: Senator Engelbrecht announced that Light the Night will take place tomorrow night. Senator Molina commended Senator Collins on his presentation. Senator Jones announced that Dance Marathon will have Boyce Avenue and please buy your tickets from him. Senator Doyle said they are still working on the Legislative Aide program. Danielle Morgan Acosta announced that Kevin Hart is on Sunday at the Leon County Civic Center. She also announced that Sweepings deliberations will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. She told the Senate that their tone of voice and how they interact is terrible and people are being disrespectful. She told them if they need help on how to be civil then come and see her and she will help them. Doug Roberts, Senate Parliamentarian, said that there is a lack of decorum and according to Rules of Procedure Rule 12.15, the Senate Conduct Code is not being followed. He told the Senate that they need to be civil, productive and kind and don’t sigh and make noises by gasping out loud when someone is debating. He thanked the Senate for the opportunity to serve, getting the sanitizer and for voting in favor of the monies for the food pantry. Senate Pro Tempore Scott told the Senate that it is really disrespectful to call the question when someone wants to talk. He said that the Retreat will take place on Sunday, November 23 at the Reservation. Senate President Andrew Forst suggested that the Senate do a food drive. He also suggested that the
Senate limit emotions and focus on facts. He said the retreat will be good and please attend if you can and Senators should also attend events that are funded by A&S Fees.


The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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