

THE SIXTY-EIGHTH STUDENT SENATE

The Journal: June 29, 2016

The meeting of the 68th Student Senate was called to order at 7:39 p.m. by Student Senate President Erin Lusaka.

Senator Billisi led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT (First Roll Call): Senators Abbott, Billisi, Boddie, Brown, Charles, Cole, Corcoran, DeFrant, Dell, Gaston, Hill, M. Joseph, W. Joseph, King, Martin, Moore, North, O'Hara, O'Keefe, Ornstein, Reiter, Sidelnik, Smith, Theodore, Walker, Walsh, Whyte.

MEMBERS ABSENT: (First Roll Call): Senators Bell, Bland, Guerrier, Goodman, Ichite, McLaughlin.

MEMBERS TARDY/LATE: (First Roll Call): None.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Corrections: None.

Student Comments: None.

Special Introductions and Announcements: None.

Messages from the Executive Branch: Nathan Molina, Student Body President, announced that SGA is hosting the FSA meeting on July 23. He explained to the Senate that FSA is a lobbying arm in the State University System (SUS), and they meet to discuss university and student issues and they also advocate for students. He asked the Senate to please support Curtis Rahman for Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life because they feel he is someone who can fill the gap with fraternities and sororities. Wesley Sapp, Deputy Chief of Staff gave a shout out to Senator Reiter. He said the Engineering students have access to many things on the FSU campus. Sapp said transparency is the key so they created a goals tracker that will help keep them accountable. Valerie Shallow, Student Body Vice President, announced that Orientation is over and a lot of new Freshmen want to get involved in SGA. She asked the Senate to be a resource for the new students. She told the Senate that they had an all agency meeting last night and the following agencies are working on the following: AASU is have an event entitled Speed Friending on July 6, in Union 313 and 314; Black Student Union is having their BSU week on July 10-14; Hispanic Latino Student Union is having their GBM on July 11, at 7 p.m. in room 314 and 315; Pride Student Union is having their GBM on July 12 in SSB 203; and the Women Student Union is having a Luau on July 13, on the Union Green from 12-2 p.m. Lee Gibson Student Body Treasurer announced that the SAP funding committee is meeting on July 20 to allocate \$15,000 to A&S Fee recipients. This meeting is open to all students who would like to attend.

Messages from Agency and Bureau Directors, SGA Organizations Officers and Employees: Candace Tavares, PSU Director, told the Senate that they had 58 people in attendance to talk about Pulse tragedy. She said they are reaching out to incoming students who they passed out Pride stickers and snacks. They reached out to the CARE program and three students, out of 400, came out to their event. Zack Shuman, IRHC Associate Director, announced that they had

a welcome back block party on Sunday. Jonathan Quinlan of IRHC, announced that they just returned from attending a conference at the University of Delaware on how to engage residents. He thanked the Senate for the Green Dot resolution and he wants to continue to discuss Green Dot issue.

Messages from the Executive Cabinet: Ashleigh Anderson told the Senate that she met with the dietician for Seminole Dining to see what they can expect this fall. She would like the Student Affairs committee to do a survey and she will be forming questions and sending them out. Anderson announced that a Finance ad-hoc committee has been formed and anyone with concerns can attend the meeting where you can find out the funding process.

Messages from the Class Councils: None.

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students: None.

Messages from the Judicial Branch: None.

Messages from the Union Board and Soar Board: None.

Messages from the Campus Recreation Board: None.

Report of the SGA Accounting Office: As of June 29, 2016, Senate Projects has \$14,537.00. RTAC balance is \$0 and PAC balance is \$0.

Report of Committees:

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| Student Affairs – | The committee did not have quorum. They discussed tabling in the Union, starting a voter registration drive through CARE and try and get 150 students registered. |
| Budget- | Did not meet. |
| Internal Affairs - | The Senate interviewed and failed, after lengthy debate, Curtis Rahman for Secretary and Fraternity or Sorority Life (yes-8, no-11, ab-3) Senator O’Keefe moved to forward the candidates, the motion failed. The motion was then withdrawn by O’Keefe. There was a motion to recess for 5 minutes, the motion failed by a vote of yes-6, no-19, ab-1. There was a motion by Senator Walker to overturn the decision of the Chair to view a power point concerning Curtis Rahman; the motion to overturn the decision passed by a vote of yes-11, no-10 and ab-3. The Senate viewed the power point. There was a motion to show the power point in favor of Curtis Rahman, the motion passed by a vote of yes-16, no-3, ab-3. |
| Finance - | As reported in the Calendar. |
| Judiciary- | Did not meet. |
| Rules and Calendar - | As reported in the Calendar. The Senate interviewed and passed David Duany for Human Sciences Seat 3 (yes-21, no-3, ab-1). |

The Senate failed Christian Go for Engineering Seat 1 (yes-8, no-13, ab-3), after lengthy debate.

Transportation - Did not meet.

Confirmations: David Duany for Human Sciences Seat 3 Fall and Sy-Anah Lattimore for Aide to Senator Theodore.

Consent Calendar: None.

Bills First Reading:

Bill 42 – Sponsored by Senators Reiter, Kreuzer and Perry. An addition to the Student Body Statutes adding Chapter 1012. Purpose: to add the Access Student Union to the Statutes. **TABLED UNTIL THE FALL SEMESTER.**

Bill 48 – Sponsored by Senators Boddie and Dell. An allocation of \$383.86 from Senate Projects to FSU Mortar Board. Purpose: to pay for a member to attend the FSU Mortar Board College Senior Honor Society national conference in Indianapolis from July 22-24, 2016. **WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR.**

Bill 49 – Sponsored by Senators Hill and Dell. An allocation of \$2,500 from Senate Projects to Peace Jam. Purpose: to help fund Peace Jam's affiliate fee with the expectation that the Executive Branch will provide the remaining balance. **REFERRED TO BUDGET.**

Bill 50 – Sponsored by Senator Walsh. A transfer of \$3,000 from Executive Projects Expense to Executive Branch Clothing and Awards. Purpose: to purchase summer/fall t-shirts. **REFERRED TO BUDGET.**

Bill 51 – Sponsored by Senator Reiter. An allocation of \$250 from Senate Projects to Coping through College. Purpose: to fund the Coping through College Summer C Bash on July 21, 2016. **REFERRED TO BUDGET.**

Bills Second Reading: None.

Constitutional Amendments: None.

Resolutions: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Closing Announcements: Senator Billisi said to the Senate that the way the candidate walked in is not the way he walked out. He said this is not the way a fellow Seminole treats another. Senator Boddie told the Senate that this is not a personal thing. He said Senate votes on qualifications and character and that is how he was raised. Senator Theodore announced that there will be a 4th of July BBQ from 1-4 p.m., at the BSU House. Senator Hill told the Senate to check our hypocrisy and shared that the power point made him feel self-reflective. Senator Gaston announced the next Student Affairs meeting will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. Danielle

Acosta, SGA Advisor, shared that she was gravely disappointed with the last of leadership in the Student Senate this evening. She said two students failed by personal and possibly outside issued in a hatred-filled and misuse of power. She implored the Senate to think about how you are speaking to others, attending committee members to express concerns, and she would like to see the definition and clarification of points, because they are being used incorrectly. She reminded the Senate that rules are there for a reason and in order to move past your policies you must change them through bills and resolutions first. She told the Senate that there are serious decisions that you need to make and you should attend BSU, AASU and Pride Student Union events in the next two weeks. She reminded Senators that financial certification will be open on July 5 and every Senators, per statutes, needs to be certified, and should be by the next Senate meeting on July 13. Erin Lusaka, Student Senate President, told the Senate that what they did is unethical and breaking Senate rules is not acceptable she said by questioning their integrity you comprised the Student Senate and showed hypocrisy and disrespect to the groups standing up her.

Final Roll Call: PRESENT: Abbott, Billisi, Boddie, Brown, DeFrant, Dell, Duany, Gaston, Hill, M. Joseph, W. Joseph, Martin, Moore, North, O'Hara, O'Keefe, Ornstein, Reiter, Sidelnik, Smith, Theodore, Walker, Walsh. Absent: Senators Bell, Bland, Charles, Cole, Corcoran, Guerrier, Goodman, Ichite, King, McLaughlin, O'Keefe.

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 p.m.

Senate President

Senate Program Assistant