

THE SIXTY-SECOND STUDENT SENATE

The Journal: September 15, 2010

The meeting of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Student Senate was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Senate President Cuyler.

Senator Guerra led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

MEMBERS PRESENT (First Roll Call): Senators Aaronson, Acosta, Assidon, Brady, Chance, Costello, Drake, El Shemi, Gilbert, Guerra, Harper, Hutchinson, Jackson, Jones, Kushner, Mroczkowski, O'Connor, Penn, C. Perez, Ponder, Slider, Swift, Tannenbaum, A. Thomas, S. Thomas, Walters, Waltz, Wood.

MEMBERS ABSENT: (First Roll Call): Senators Brusseau, Cassell, Chin, Clary, Fallen, Fistel, Garrett, Greene, Lara, Liniger, London, Peart, Sharpe, Smythe, Strickland.

MEMBERS TARDY/LATE (First Roll Call): Senators Fairbanks (7:39), Georges (7:37), Mechoullam (8:50), R. Perez (8:20), Purvis (7:45) and Virgin (8:15).

Corrections: None.

Student Comments: Austin Yost of FPIRG told the Senate that they are a new RSO on campus and it is student run and student funded. He said they are trying to get every student at FSU registered to vote. The Homecoming Executive Council (HEC) introduced themselves to the Senate. Lauren Healy, the Assistant Director of HEC told the Senate that there are a lot of great things going on for Homecoming which includes Warchant which will feature Ludacris. She asked the Senate to come out to the Homecoming activities to show your support.

Special Introductions and Announcements: None.

Messages from the Executive Branch: Brock Howard, Chief of Staff, announced that Garnet and Green goes Green will be out in force at the Wake Forest Game on September 25 and they increase recycling at football games. He also announced that there are Deputy positions open in the Executive Cabinet but they have not been advertised. Dayana Bernavil, Student Body Treasurer, told the Senate that she met with RTAC and PAC chairs and tomorrow she will have a financial workshop. Student Body Vice President Bobby Seifter told the Senate that Executive cannot guarantee payment or reimbursement on Resolution 65. He told the Senate that Bill 92 will remove four (4) SGA Agencies that are not performing well. He said that the American Indian Student Union has not produced student leaders and there has not been any programming for over one year. Seifter said the Jewish Student Union is under

performing dramatically and even though there is a need for Jewish culture, this agency is not doing anything. He said the both Institute for Conservative Studies and Institute for Liberal Studies are not doing any programming and he does not think that SGA should support political organizations or be responsible for passing on political ideas. He said that the Black Student Union, Hispanic Latino Student Union, Asian American Student Union, PRIDE and the Women's Center really exceed these agencies in putting on programs. He said that these agencies that he is deleting from the statutes should be guaranteed a line item budget, but they can exist as an RSO, once they apply for that status. He told the Senate that he has spoken to the directors of the agencies, except for the American Indian Student Union, which does not have a contact person.

Messages from Agency and Bureau Directors, and SGA Organization Officers and Employees: James Maloney, IRHC Director, announced that they will be having a Lord of the Wings contest again and the local vendors will participate in the wings cook-off. He also announced that they will have the "Best Room on Campus Contest", and the winner will receive priority housing for next year. Dr. Howard announced that the President's Retreat will be at the Seminole Reservation on October 27, and this year students can nominate themselves.

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students: None.

Messages from the Senior Class Council: Brett Shafter, Senior Class President, told the Senate that they are working on their Speaker Series and they are looking at getting George Foreman. He thanked the Senate for the extra money to bring in better speakers and they are trying to bring two speakers a semester. He also announced that the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce has internships for seniors.

Messages from the Judicial Branch: None.

Messages from the Union Board: Sara Saxner announced to the Senate that the Union Board met today and their next meeting will be on October 6, at 4:30 p.m. She said the new budget has been approved and policy changes brought up by the Policy Committee were also proposed during this meeting. She announced that Constitution Day took place today in the Union and they passed out free ice cream and apple pie and they also passed out pocket size constitutions. Saxner said that Kevin Shea performed last Thursday, September 9, and the performance was sold out, and Citizen Cope played on Sunday, September 12, along with Get Him to the Greek. The following performances will take place at Club Downunder: Sleepy Sun, Wednesday, September 15, with Strangers Family Band; Open Mic Night, Wednesday, September 15, in the SLC Courtyard; Union Productions Volunteer All Call, Thursday, September 16; Invisible Children "Face to Face" Tour, Monday, September 20; The Drums/Surfer Blood and The Young Friends, Tuesday, September 21. The following movies will be shown at the SLC: Babies, Splice, RoboCop, Psycho, Macgruber. A new tent has been ordered for the Flying High Circus and 170 people auditioned to be a part of the program. The Oglesby Art Gallery is still displaying the "This Beautiful World" exhibit and Crenshaw Lanes will feature Comic Bowling on September 17 and 18, beginning

at 9 p.m.; FSU students will be charge \$10 per hour per lane and the General Public will be charged \$18 per hour per lane.

Messages from Campus Recreation: None.

Report of the Student Body Auditor: As of September 14, 2010, Senate Projects is \$73,171.00.

Committee Reports:

- Student Affairs - As reported in the Calendar.
- Budget - Chairman Mroczkowski announced that the Budget Committee will meet next week on September 21-24, in the Senate Chamber. If you have any questions, please e-mail the chairman at blm09@fsu.edu.
- Finance - There was a motion by Senator Assidon to go into Committee of the Whole for consideration of Bill 90 and Resolution 63, the motion passed. Bill 90 was amended to \$1,203 and Resolution 63 was amended and sent back to committee.
- Judiciary - As reported in the Calendar.
- Internal Affairs - The Senate interviewed and passed Joaquin Alvarez for HLSU Treasurer, Mike Bailey for OGA Internal Director, Ivan Marchena for HLSU Secretary, Nick Russell for Director of Servant Leadership, James Cheng for AASU Treasurer and Stephanie Delgado for HLSU Assistant Director.
- Rules and Calendar - Chairman Chance said the committee forwarded Rueben Stokes for Social Sciences Seat 2.
- College Delegates - No reports.

Senate Confirmations: Joaquin Alvarez for HLSU Treasurer, Mike Bailey for OGA Internal Director, Ivan Marchena for HLSU Secretary, Nick Russell for Director of Servant Leadership, James Cheng for AASU Treasurer and Stephanie Delgado for HLSU Assistant Director.

Consent Resolutions:

- Resolution 35 - Sponsored by Senator A. Thomas.  
RTAC allocations for American Society for Mechanical Engineers.  
PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTIONS.

Bills First Reading:

Bill 90 - Sponsored by Senator Drake. A transfer of \$1,300 from RTAC to Senate Projects. Purpose: to replenish funds used from Senate Projects on behalf of RTAC, which does not meet during the summer semester. **AMENDED FROM \$1,300 TO \$1,203 AND PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.**

Bill 91 - Sponsored by Senator S. Thomas. A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 413.8 C. Purpose: to make statutes comply with what is actually in practice for the Senate Hall of Fame. **REFERRED TO JUDICIARY 9-8-10 AND POSTPONED 9-14-10 IN COMMITTEE.**

Bill 93 - Sponsored by Senator Jackson. A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapters 803.3 (A,B), 807.2, 807.3. Purpose: to have statutes comply with Funding Board Guidelines and appropriate use of funds. **REFERRED TO FINANCE AND JUDICIARY.**

Bill 94 - Sponsored by Senator Jackson. A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapters 300.5, 803.3 and 806.1. Purpose: to change the name of RTAC to Resource for Travel Allocations Committee. **REFERRED TO FINANCE AND JUDICIARY.**

Bill 95 - Sponsored by Senator Jackson. A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapters 300.4 and 300.5. Purpose: to have the statutes comply with Funding Board Guidelines. **REFERRED TO JUDICIARY.**

Bill 96 - Sponsored by Senators Aaronson and Assidon. An allocation of \$20,000 from Senate Projects to Homecoming/Warchant. Purpose: to hire an opening act artist for Warchant 2010. **REFERRED TO FINANCE.**

Bills Second Reading:

Bill 77 - Sponsored by Senator Chance. A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 401.7. Purpose: to ensure that proposed legislation is placed online. **POSTPONED IN JUDICIARY.**

Bill 92 - Sponsored by Senators Assidon and Chance. A deletion to the Student Body Statutes Chapters 1001, 1006, 1008, and 1011. Purpose: to delete the American Indian Student Union, The Institute for Conservative Studies, the Jewish Student Union and the Institute for Liberal Studies from the Student Body Statutes. **PASSED WITH OBJECTIONS.**

Constitutional Amendments: None.

Resolutions:

Resolution 63 - Sponsored by Senator Guerra.  
Subject: Revising the Organizational Fund

Guidelines.

**REFERRED TO JUDICIARY AND FINANCE 9-8-10. POSTPONED  
IN JUDICIARY 9-14-10. (AFTER DEBATE IN COMMITTEE OF  
THE WHOLE, THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED BACK TO  
FINANCE) .**

Resolution 65 - Sponsored by Senators Aaronson and Jackson.  
Subject: Giving Homecoming/Warchant \$20,000 to hire  
an opening act.

**PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTIONS.**

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Senator Hutchinson made a motion to confirm the Headliner Committee; the motion passed and the Senate confirmed Dayana Bernavil, Brock Howard, Caroline Chance and Larry Edwards. All the candidates passed without objections.

Closing Announcements: Senator Waltz announced that this is his last night in Senate and he will attend Mississippi State University with a full scholarship for his Ph.D. studies. Senator Jackson told the Senate to continue to reach out to various organizations on campus. Vicki Dobiyski announced that budget training will take place in the Micco Room on Friday. Senate Pro Tempore Chance said that there was good debate tonight. She announced that her sorority philanthropy is sponsoring "Hamburger for Hearing", and the cost is \$5.00. Senate President Cuyler informed the Senate that the budget process starts next week and he encouraged everyone to attend. He also informed the Senate that the University Libraries committee need more Senators to sit on the committee. He said that Learning Districts is exploding and more software to needs to be renewed on each computer. Thought: the only time that success comes before work is in the dictionary. The Senate gave Senator Shawn Waltz the slow clap.

Final Roll Call: PRESENT: Senators Aaronson, Acosta, Assidon, Brady, Chance, Costello, Drake, El Shemi, Ermitus, Fairbanks, Georges, Gilbert, Guerra, Harper, Hutchinson, Jackson, Jones, Kushner, Mechoullam, O'Connor, Penn, C. Perez, R. Perez, Ponder, Price, Purvis, Sharpe, Slider, Stokes, Swift, Tannenbaum, A. Thomas, S. Thomas, Virgin, Walters, Waltz, Wood. ABSENT: Senators Brusseau, Cassell, Chin, Clary, Fallen, Fistel, Garrett, Greene, Lara, Liniger, London, Mroczkowski, Peart, Sharpe, Smythe, Strickland, Teicher.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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