The organizational meeting of the 70th Student Senate was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Student Body Vice President Stacey Pierre.

Senator Brown led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT (First Roll Call): Senators Acevedo, Al-Awady, Alvarez, Angel, Arthmann, Bolton, Bousbar, Brown, Correa, Dawkins, Denton, Ellis, Gavin, Gonzalez, Iniguez, Jackson, M. Joseph, Knight-Baker, Maglaqui, McQuillan, Ouellette, Paz, Pimentel, Pinango, Poole, Powell, Rapee, Reiter, Robertson, O. Rodriguez, Schulster, Singhal, Steinberg, Touma, Villegas, Wright.

MEMBERS ABSENT (First Roll Call): Senators Aparicio, Blowers, D. Rodriguez, Spear, Steele, Trinchetto.

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

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Corrections: None.

Student Comments: Richard Sommerr, World Affairs Program, announced to the Senate that they finished 6 points higher than year in competition. He thanked the Senate for their support.

Special Introductions and Announcements: None.

Messages from the Executive Branch: Kyle Hill, Student Body President, told the Senate that it is a privilege to work with the next Senate. He introduced Robyn Jackson, FSU General Counsel. Jackson explained to the Senate about the first amendment and said they are bound by the first amendment. She said guidelines and criteria are used when you fund certain events regarding process and procedures as outlined in the Student Body Statutes for SGS funding boards.

Messages from Agency and Bureau Directors, SGA Organizations Officers and Employees: Jared Honts, OGA Director, introduced the Board members to the Senate. Erica Rivera of Homecoming announced that Solange is the headlining artist for War Chant.

Messages from the Executive Cabinet: None.

Messages from the Class Councils: None.

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students: None.

Messages from the Union Board and Soar Board: None.

Messages from the Judicial Branch: None.
Messages from the Campus Recreation Board: None.

There was a motion by Senator Knight-Baker to adopt the 69th Rules of Procedure as the 70th Rules of Procedure. The motion passed.

Student Body Vice President Pierre opened the floor for nominations for the 70th Senate President. Senator Poole nominated Senator Peter Singhal, he accepted. Senator Chris Pinango nominated Senator Sabrina Bousbar, she accepted. Senator Pinango also nominated Senator Andrew Reiter, he accepted. Senator Jackson closed the floor for nominations. After the nominees gave their speeches and Senators asked questions and spoke in favor of the nominees voting took place. The Senate elected, by majority vote, Senator Peter Singhal as the 70th Senate President. Student Body Vice President Pierre swore in Senator Singhal as the 70th Senate President. After taking the Chair Senate President Singhal thanked the Senate for electing him and putting their trust in him.

Senator Singhal opened the floor for nominations for the Senate Pro Tempore. Senator Jackson nominated Senator Anthony Maglaqui, he accepted. Senator Poole nominated Senator Touma, she accepted. Senator Dawkins nominated Senator Jett Angel, he accepted. Senator Terry Bolton nominated Senator Bousbar, she accepted. Senator Paz nominated Senator Acevedo, he accepted. Senator Knight-Baker closed the floor for nominations. Senator Robinson seconded the motion. After the nominees gave their speeches and Senators asked questions and spoke in favor of the nominees voting took place. There was a run-off between Senators Maglaqui and Angel. The Senate elected Senator Anthony Maglaqui as the 70th Senate Pro Tempore. Senator Maglaqui was sworn in by Senate President Singhal.

Report of the SGA Accounting Office: As of November 1, 2017 Senate Projects has $25,900.00. RTAC has a balance of $49,215. PAC has a balance of $51,081.00.

Report of Committees: Senator Acevedo moved to go into Committee of the Whole Finance for Consent Resolutions, the motion passed. Senator Schulster is chair of PAC. The Senate voted on PAC Consent Resolution 1, to give Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) $800 by a vote of yes-16, no-13, and ab-3. Senator Steinberg moved to zero fund SJP. The amendment failed by a vote of: yes-15, no-17, and ab-1. The Senate passed the following: National Alliances of Mental Illness on Campus $400 for t-shirts (yes-25, no-1, ab-1); Freedom at FSU $570 for t-shirts (yes-26, no-0, ab-1); Connecting Experimental Labs and Life Sciences $72 for Food (yes-24, no-0, ab-2); The Kudzu Review $200 for Food (yes-24, no-2, ab-2), and Clutch Magazine $2,000 for expense (yes-22, no-4, ab-2). Senator Reiter voted to rescind and table, for one week in Finance, the first item in Consent Resolution 1, the monies given to SJP. After debate, the Senate voted yes-20, no-6, and ab-1 to table SJP for one week in Finance Committee. Senator Poole chaired RTAC in Senator Spear’s absence. The Senate voted, to approve the request for the North Florida Chapter of the American Meteorologist Society and National Weather Association $1,451.00 by a vote of: yes-23, no-0 and ab-3. There was a motion by Senator Bousbar to accept the committee’s decision as the decision of the Senate, the motion passed.

Student Affairs - The committee has not met.
Budget - The committee has not met.
Internal Affairs - The committee has not met.
Finance - The committees have not met. The Senate met in Committee of the Whole to approve Consent Resolutions 1 and 2 (see above).

Judiciary - The committee has not met.

Rules & Calendar - The committee has not met.

Senate Confirmations: Peter Singhal for 70th Student Senate President and Anthony Maglaqui for Student Senate Pro Tempore.

Consent Calendar:

Resolution 1 - Sponsored by Senator Schulster. PAC requests for Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP tabled one week in Finance) National Alliance of Mental Illness on Campus, Freedom at FSU, Connecting Experimental Lab and Life Sciences and Clutch Magazine. (See committee report above). PASSED (all passed but SJP).

Bills First Reading:

Bill 1 - Sponsored by Senators Steinberg and Dawkins. A revision to the Student to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 615, Homecoming Executive Council. Purpose: to clarify and improve the timeline of events regarding Homecoming and Pow Wow. REFERRED TO JUDICIARY.

Bills Second Reading: None.

Constitutional Amendments: None.

Resolutions: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Closing Announcements: Senate President Singhal showed the Senate how to find the Senate information on the SGA Website. He announced that Chair and Vice Chair elections will be held next Wednesday. He also announced that there will be a Senate Orientation soon. Senator Jackson gave a shout out to veterans and thanked them for their ultimate sacrifice. Daniel McBurney introduced himself to the Senate and said he looked forward to working with them. Danielle Acosta, SGA Advisor, told the Senate that the Senate guide-books will be very helpful and to please use them. She also told the Senate that after the committees have their elections for committee chairs and vice chairs they will need to elect two Senators from each committee to serve on the Sweepings Committee. She explained that sweepings are monies that you did not spend in the previous fiscal year, and those monies will be allocated to requesters. She said that applications for Sweepings requests are due November 20 and the total amount of the monies being swept is approximately $250,000; hearings will be held the week after Thanksgiving and deliberations will be held on December 1, and the Senate will vote on the bill the last week of classes. She congratulated everyone who ran for a position tonight. She told the Senate that she believes in the power of the student voice and the power in this Senate and there is a lot of hard work to do. Pro Tempore Maglaqui thanked the Senate for choosing him to
serve. Senate President Singhal thanked the Senate for their vote of confidence and said he will give 110 percent.

Final Roll Call: Present: Senators Al-Awady, Alvarez, Angel, Arthmann, Bolton, Bousbar, Daekins, Denton, Ellis, Gavin, Jackson, Knight-Baker, Maglaqui, Oullette, Paz, Pimentel, Pinango, Poole, Powell, Rapee, Reiter, Robertson, O. Rodriguez, Schulster, Steinberg, Villegas, Wright.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

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