Boris: I do want to thank everyone who is here today. I really appreciate that. Obviously spring break starts tomorrow at 9 o’clock. I have a flight out of here so technically for a lot of people classes ended for you either Wednesday or Thursday. I also appreciate that there are several people here, who are not paid by student government. There are some people who are sitting here who don’t get any financial anything out of this and I really appreciate that and every week I sign timesheets for 6 individuals and for now on I am going to be a lot more stricter about that. I am not too pleased by what I am seeing by certain people and I think that you know usually when I first got here I had this attitude that like student government shouldn’t get paid and if I ever have a student government position I am never going to take the pay and then suddenly you got the job and you see the check and you’re like oh man well I don’t know if I’m going to say no to that, but regardless I just think that it’s important that every week when if you ever saw my time sheet the bulk of my hours are on a Friday. You know I put the bulk of it on a Friday and I would personally have people such as chairs and other folks here you know don’t put down on your sheet that you are working four or five hours on a Monday or Tuesday and not show up on Friday. I have a problem with that so I am going to start really getting on top of that and also when someone’s up here and speaking about anything and it is questioning time. The floors now open and someone asks a question the person responds, if they same person wants a follow-up they have to look at the chair, whether it’s myself or the pro-temp and say follow up and remember the follow-up is supposed to be related to the first question. Lastly I just want to say that when I am up here I don’t really hear the side conversations too much I see people chit-chatting but I don’t really hear it that much so I don’t really get on top of it, but it is distracting to some other people around you so I am going to crack down on that a little bit. Other than that that is all I’ve got to say.

*motion to admit all members by Dumas; seconded by Montes; no objections

OPEN FORUM:
Coicuo: I am here to speak on behalf of BRHR1105 “more responsibility and accountability”: As you know, I am not in the house anymore technically, but being in the house our primary and most important purpose is to represent the students respectively. we are supposed to be biased towards the students meaning that any issues that they have we are supposed to represent them in that way and I think we have been deferring from that for quite some time and that reflects on us as an institution as a whole. There have been many personal attacks. I don’t know if you feel like that but I feel that there has been some personal attacks and there has been some deterrence to the rules, especially Robert’s rules of order, which we all should be abiding by. There have been things that I don’t want to get into like people saying stuff outside the meeting, inside the meeting as well there has been side conversation like speaker Bastidas had said and I think it takes a hit on us as a reputable institution. As FAU I think we are one of the best but some things that we do doesn’t really show it too much and there was some comments that I don’t really like that were said and there are things that have been said like corruption and I feel like it is kind of distorting it, but also there was also a resolution sent that was very controversial and I don’t think there is sufficient grounds for us to be sending that. One student said that you know this is something that he or she doesn’t like, but that wasn’t sufficient grounds to write it up, I think it should have been like a focus group to see if students actually did feel that way and also I want to commend Eric Lupo for bringing people that said that they did not want that bill to be in here and he really showed that that bill was very controversial, it wasn’t a good resolution and I feel that we need to take better steps towards being a better house in general and with that I yield for questions.

Questions:
Grider: Mr. Coicuo do you, was the purpose of writing this bill, do you believe that it was to also initiate this to the new house members that will be coming in next meeting. Would you recommend tabling it to next meeting so they can also see this bill and have it represented to them?
Ciocuo: yes, I recommend sending this to committee.
Pollock: I really like this bill and I think that every representative should be reminded of the things that are stated in there. The only thing that strikes me every time when I read every single line is if you read our statutes of our constitution it does outline every single thing that is said in this bill. Do you feel like we actually need this or that representatives need to be more responsible and paying attention to what their job contains?
Ciocuo: Well I felt that the whole house in general had to be reminded of what is in the statutes and constitutions because there are some people that just utterly didn’t abide by it in some of these house sessions.
Boris: I would like to recognize governor Gentry.
Gentry: Are you aware that it is awesome to see a freshman who isn’t even in the house right now to write this type of legislation?
Coicuo: Yes I am aware it was very tedious looking at the statutes but I felt that it was something that was really needed, not as hints out to anyone, but it’s just a reminder.
Capata: Could I just comment and remind the speaker to speak up for the recorder.
Boris: When you are at the podium please speak up.
John Taylor: Hi everybody I spoke with you last Friday and I don’t have much to say today because I provided everything that I could possibly say in the resolution, but I did want to come up and answer any questions while I can under open forum, since when you bring it up for business I cannot speak so I will go ahead and jump to questions.
Questions:
Grider John if this is tabled until next week would you be here as well, I assume the answer is yes?
Taylor: Not next week because it’s spring break.
Grider: Next meeting, sorry follow-up.
Taylor: Yes, next business meeting if there were a delay I would still be here.

SPEAKER’S APPOINTMENTS:
Boris: I put all five of the liaison, but I am going to appoint three today, so without objections I would like to start with the last two.
De-stressor liaison:
Boris: For de-stressor. The whole idea behind this, it is kind of a two part thing. One I want us to get involved in stress week, just on principle. I just think that the GAC does it and I think that the house should have some involvement. I would like to see someone who can maybe rally up some members to get involved with stress week to help out and I know that in the past there were often SG members that would stay late in the office putting together stress week bags and stuff like that so I want to do that and I would like to have someone who is a point person for that and furthermore since we have this extremely huge amount of money in this account I think that we can contribute some from our contingency account to stress week. So I would like to have someone who could reach out to the GAC and find out what they are doing and then come to us for some recommendations and ask to whether we can purchase some items that maybe the GAC cannot to further promote stress week and for that I wanted to appoint Becca Capata to be the de-stressor liaison. Do you accept?
Capata: Yes
Motion to approve Becca Capata as de-stressor liaison by Varela; seconded by Montes; no objections [applause]

Environmental action liaison:
Boris: This was a committee created a while back there was a specific project with this, there was actually a bill that just got submitted to me so I could not put it on the agenda for today, but I just got it yesterday and it has to do with recycling bins I also think that there has been some improvement, but I still think there are some things we could do to use paper better. So with that you know, seeing that she is so very efficient and she wrote the recycling bin bill. I wanted to appoint representative Dumas to be the Environmental action liaison. Do you accept?
Dumas: Yes
Motion to approve Dumas as Environmental action liaison by Capata; seconded by Blouin; no objections [applause]

Health liaison:
Boris: Before we had a committee that seemed to be working on one particular cancer stud and I would like to have someone that could do two things, one you know when there are a lot of these announcements that we say, I don’t know if you remember but I am sure many of you were here, when the H1N1 was a huge issue. A lot of those e-mails were being sent out, there was some concern from students as to what the University was doing to respond to that and furthermore there are a lot of programs that PET puts together that we should know about. So I

*Motion to approve Becca Capata as de-stressor liaison by Varela; seconded by Montes; no objections [applause]

*Motion to approve Dumas as Environmental action liaison by Capata; seconded by Blouin; no objections [applause]
would love to have someone who can come and every now and then give us some reports as to what the university is doing because sometime we have those questions and that way if we’re informed about that than any students who ask us as SG members you know now we are informed to tell them the responses. With that I would like to appoint
Ella Tepper to be the Health Liaison. Do you accept?

Tepper: Yes I do.

*Motion to approve Ella Tepper as the Health Liaison Massetti; seconded by Dumas; no objections [applause]

Boris: I have not made a decision yet on academic lobbying or flag implementation so without any objections I would like to strike those from the agenda we will do those next time.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: None
VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: None
GOVERNOR’S REPORT:

Gentry: we’ve been working on stress week in our GAC meeting today and definitely one of our goals is to reach out to more students which does require more money and that will depend too on what quality of stuff we want to include in the stress week bags. So if you have any suggestions or things like that, the theme is tropical remember so you can either go now to Capata or if you see me or Owens with anything for that I worked with Jon on the night owls golf cart bill brhh1105 they desperately need more golf carts they’ve increased their productivity 75% from last year and just done an amazing job with getting the students and everything and I know the associate director is here to speak more about that as far as the other legislation goes as I said brhh1105 the accountability one I think it’s awesome that a freshman is taking the steps to do that, but I do agree with pro-temp Grider that maybe that could be something that the new representatives see and with the budget brhh1105 I know they worked really hard on that and should be passed for sure. The other two pieces of legislation today on the agenda with the support sb234 and the library hours one, I would definitely send those to committee because there is a lot contained n both of those. A lot of things that need to be read and a lot of things that need to be looked into to educate ourselves about, for example with the library one giving money to actual departments that will want to continue to take that money from us every single year. I don’t think that that is a good commitment we want to make to give the library $40,000 every year and they are obviously going to agree with it and want the money because that is what departments do they try to take your money so and again you are opening a can of worms to give the library money then another department is going to want money. Along with the support for sb234, one thing that bothers me about this and what bothered me recently in the house this year is this whole bipartisan partisan issue. I’ve never seen it in the house before we have never had this issue this is student government for FAU, when you come in this room there shouldn’t be divisions between republicans and democrats we should all just be here together and it seems that a lot of these pieces of legislation are being written from these perspectives and as Patricio was saying it is causing personal problems and in the end it is kind of deflecting from what we are really here to do. Which I believe someone put on that blog post in the sun sentential that we should be writing legislation for the students and for their activities we shouldn’t be doing it just for fun and just to try to like, just because one person does it lets do it too. That’s all.

Questions: None

CHIEF JUSTICE’S REPORT:

Boris: Mr. Scalice gave me his report to read aloud apparently he is in Walt Disney world having a good time. This is Scalice “Unfortunately I could not make it in person today to deliver my report however here is brief overview of what has been happening in the judicial branch. To continue with the process of making the student court more transparent and available to everyone the FAU judicial branch facebook page has been created. Please be sure to like it and suggest the page to all of your FAU facebook friends. You can find it at

http://facebook.com/judicialbranch

The student government judicial branch website has also been updated to reflect the current contact information for all of the justices. More updates will follow soon. Now for the big news. The student court received its first appeal of the year 2011.01 on Tuesday March 1st; this was an appeal filed by the current student body president Ayden Maher and it pertains to certain decisions of the elections board in the most recent Student Government election. There was a student court meeting yesterday, March 3rd at 5pm to decide whether or not to proceed to a full student court hearing. The unanimous decision of the court after reviewing the appeal was that a student court hearing would be justified. At this point I am working with the associate justices to find the time that would work best to review this case as soon as possible, we cannot meet over spring break so most likely the student court hearing will take place in the early part of the following week. We are now in the information gathering stages of the hearing process details and public notice of the hearing will soon follow along with the minutes from yesterday’s student court meeting.” We actually have a judicial branch. That is like a first.

PROGRAM REPORTS:

Associate Director of Night Owls Derek Smith: just following up on what governor gentry was saying about brhh1105 about our need to expand and we are requesting to have a new golf cart before the new budget passes. Because as she said, like right now we are running pretty much as much as we can, we constantly have a writing list going and just barely scrape by with having 5 carts per night until 930 and 2 of them are constantly breaking down repeatedly. So are plan is to get the one right now and hopefully get one from the left over GAC funds and we have one more in the budget for the upcoming g year. But being of the new process that it takes the get the golf cart purchased if we were to wait until we get the money for it we wouldn’t be able to have the new cart by the fall semester starts and then with innovation village being open it would be a little tough. So our plan is to get that cart retire one, and then hopefully the GAC one retire that cart and the third just in case for any of the other carts breaking down because they like to do that quite often. The cart will cost $7,400 and we are getting it from golf cart depot instead of all-star golf cart, which is where we normally go and their quote was $9,000 and this is the best we could find so yeah

Questions: None

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ADVISORS REPORT:

Bishara: Hi everyone it is almost spring break so I will be short. We did have a court meeting and we did have an election board meeting this week. The election board had, I think, 7 contestations and of those the elections board voted to hear two of them for an election board hearing, when the appeal was put forth to the student court that put automatic stay on any actions the election board could take so the hearing was canceled. Now that there will be a court hearing the elections board still cannot meet. I would love to tell you when a runoff election is going to be, but I can’t so stay so tuned read your emails more information to come on that. In addition to that some upcoming things, The candidate for the Coordinator for Student Government, that search process we will be bringing candidates to campus that dates for those
interviews are March 17 March 24 and March 25th. You will receive information about the sessions that will take place for those interviews. We will have an open forum session that all students can attend and I will also be sending out the resumes to all of those candidates. I look forward to your participation in that process. This person will be working with student government helping with advising programming the website so please participate in that process it you have questions please see me. I will be out of the office next Monday and Wednesday, and next Friday, until Wednesday the 16th because I am going to CMA with the student media leaders. If you need anyone during that time you can contact Abbi or you can contact Terri, but I hope you all have a great spring break and I don’t think I have anything else to report except for the senate did meet and pass the university wide budget, which means you all can finish up the Boca budget which is exciting right. Okay that is it.

Questions:
Grider: Heather what is the final number that we got to allocate was it the 50 or the 53?
Bishara: the amount you were working with at the hearing.
Grider: I know there was a little discretion so we kind of put that under?
Bishara: I don’t have it in front of me I can look at the legislation, but I didn’t print the legislation to be honest.

CHAIR REPORTS:
Committee On Committee: David Grider: No Report
Rules and Policies: Amanda Phillips: [ABSENT]
Ways and Means: Guilherme Massetti: No Report
Campus Action: Thais Arsolino: [ABSENT]

Campus Budget: like heather said the senate met they approved the university wide budget and the number we are working with Grider is 950, so it’s right. Personally I wouldn’t mind if we reading over the bill. If you guys see anything that you, I mean you can table it if you want since it does deal with money but we did meet we did deliberate, we took our time on it, so it is pretty much it. I yield my time.

Questions: None

HOUSE FORUM:
Grider: I am up here to speak on quite a few weeks. So excuse me if I take a little while. Let’s start with bicycle racks, by nick; I don’t know if anyone knows where that’s at so I think we should table it till next week. Moving on to the moral responsibility; I think it is a great bill as well and as well I think we should table it to next week as was suggested by the author. Two of the more controversial ones that might take a little more time out of us. The Support sb234; I believe it is a very long bill it is very well written; I. I must commend Jon who wrote it, I believe that every representative should read it. I know that we come into these meetings a lot of times and we see a bill and look at the title and oh I’m not for that , I’m for that or I’m against that I believe it should definitely be sent to all committees. Hopefully we will have quorum. And everyone could read. Look it over make sure it is very thoroughly discussed before we come into a house and vote on something that if we don’t know anything about it. With that being said I would like to table that until next week. Night Owls to expand we did allocate money in our budget hearings for night owls, but I also believe they do need the other carts, so I think we should do that today and just go ahead and pass. I see no reason not to they actually need it. With the increase of students on campus I would love for them to have enough time I would hate for them to have to wait. Moving forward my baby right here this is the extend library hours. I know a few people are for it and there are some people that are against it for whatever reasons. I have something to pass out can I pass it out now. Is that bad timing? We have the by far, of any school in the state the worst library hours. The worst. I actually have a, can I get someone could pass that out for me. To your left. There are a whole bunch of them to your left. I am a little unorganized people sorry. We have by far the worst library hours of any states school publicly funded. Well with the exception of I just found this today. University of west Florida, but they have a total enrollment of maybe $12,000 or $11,000. Otherwise all other 10 state schools we have the worst library hours. This isn’t something that we don’t do we have extended library hours in the past for exam weeks till 2 o’clock. This is not a precedent for student governments elsewhere in the state. The USF government has their library, USF I believe, USF has extended their library hours for 24 hours with their student government budget. So this is something they did through their budgetary process the same thing we are doing, just not 24 hours, but I would love to increase to the students. As it is now it is 8 to 12 as you can see and on Thursdays and Fridays it is only 8 to 6 which is ridiculous. We are looking at with the extension would be till 1 o’clock Monday through Thursday and until 9 o’clock opposed to 6 on Fridays and Saturdays, which is a great resource for the students to have. I know we do have the Hillel area
Boris: Time has expired I need a motion to extend questioning time.

*Motion to extend speaking time by 5 minutes by Anastasis; seconded by Berichi; no objections

Grider: We are looking at extending it until 1 am and 9pm on Fridays and Saturdays, which would give students more ample study time this would likely put us on par with other state schools. I see no reason to lag behind in any manner seeing that education is the reason we came to school and what promotes education better than a library and if we don’t have that facility to facilitate our learning I see no reason to have it there, I mean obviously I see a reason to have it there, but I see no reason to have the hours as short as they are. It is a lot of money so it is going to come with a lot of questions here and there I am working out with Dr. William the director of the library. I know it has been mentioned that we are afraid to fund this permanently. What I am going to work out is a phase out plan with him which is something that I am going to address in a minute. Because I don’t want; honestly I know what happened with the all night study area. That was something that we funded and we stopped funding it one year and the school had to take it over because they had no choice. What were they going to do? But I don’t want this also to go for one year and then turn back because we have a lot of students coming on campus next year. So I plan to work out a phase out plan. So if we allocate 40 this year 20 next year they do half so they can request more in their budgetary process as well so this wouldn’t be something that we get stuck with year in and year out. Any other concerns. There is going to be a bit of difficulty with the actual accounting methods of it. So I am going to have to take care of that a little further, but next week I will have that all for you. Also I recommend that we just send it to committee so that everyone can definitely review it, vote on it next week. also as I was saying about extending it out next year. I don’t know how we feel about this is something is should have brought up with budget chair Dumas. Apologize for not doing this ahead of time. I was thinking if we were to do a contingency phase out than we might be able to what we did in the budget process was we cut $50,000 from our house contingency allocated another 10 somewhere else and another 40 to COSO. My thinking was instead of giving COSO 40 we could allocate them an extra 20 and allocate an extra 20 into the contingency to maybe this project extend the hours if this is something we want to do to help. I am not by any means saying that is what I want to do. I feel that this might be a feasible
option to fund it not for next year, but the year beyond. With that putting down the phase out plan. I know she mentioned that she would be okay to have it tabled, but I really wouldn’t want it to be tabled for too long. I would love to have her comment on that if there is a chance. Moving on we did do the budget and it was a great process. I am sure she appreciates all of our work and she works really hard on it. Seeing from there on and if you have any questions for me I now open my time.

Questions:

Gentry: are you aware that the clubs in COSO they have no other source of funding than what they get from the activity and service fees and that the library has its own funding that they can maybe look at and use to keep the library open for the students?

Grider: to answer your question I am absolutely aware. We gave COSO an extra 40, I would not be asking to cut COSO’s funding I would just be asking to not expand it as much as we previously were and attaching onto the second part of what you were saying. Yes the library has its own funding, but their budgets have been cut in the past few years and this is something that I see would help every student on campus opposed to just those that are actually involved in clubs, which is a much greater percentage.

Gentry: follow-up; are you that it wasn’t extra money for COSO they were just confused on what they could request. They thought they could only request an increase of 3%, they weren’t really requesting what their clubs needed.

Grider: I am now aware I suppose

Blouin: Do you believe that maybe a resolution asking the library to be extended more would work better than us allocating the money. Maybe if you had a resolutions saying that we think this is an important thing and maybe you guys should look into making it possible they would look into it and try to make it happen?

Grider: I do feel that would be a great step if that is something that we could get done without our funding. Yes that would be wonderful, but I spoke with the director of the library personally and the lady who handles the budgetary issues of the entire library and all the staffing. They simply don’t have the funding to do it. We have extended library hours before for finals week. This is something we do in the past. We have a great idea of money sitting in the contingency account. Last year we spent $30,000 on shirts. I am asking. Jerseys. I apologize. $18,000 I apologize. $18,000 on shirts. I am asking for $40,000 to increase the betterment of every student here on campus.

Boris: I would like to recognize Gentry

Gentry: Are you aware that the library only benefits the students who use it?

Grider: Are you aware… I am aware. I am also aware that the library is a resource that I can firmly say the majority of our entire population of our school uses. Whether it be the library resources used for studying or for books or for any manner of that sort.

Boris: Queuing time is expired.

Pollock: I just want to talk on a few things. Brhr1105 moral responsibility and accountability like I said before I like the bill if we want to pass it as is, I don’t think we need to spend too much time on it we already are held to these obligations. If we want to remind ourselves and make it public, reminding ourselves that we need to do our job better than we can do that? I don’t think we need to spend too much time on it thought that would be a waste. Support sh234; I believe this needs to be sent to all committees so that everybody can become familiar with it. I have my own thoughts about it, but I will wait until we enter into debate on that when the time comes. We also have about 7 people missing today, most of whom are senior members or chairs so we should not do much with that. Night owls does need to expand. I think we can probably go through that quasi committee and pass it as it and I think night owls is one of our most popular and widely used services on this campus. Student’s love it and it is a great way for us to go “yep student government pays for this we are doing something for you guys” we are visual because a lot of students go yeah its student government, they don’t do anything for us. Extending library hours. Okay. $40,000 is a big amount especially when you put it in the perspective that it is about 40% of our budget about 38% of our budget this year. That is a huge chunk to give to another department and take away from the students. Am not sure exactly how the hierarchal tree goes and how the library stands on that I do not believe they are in the division of student affairs, no they are not. I think it is wrong to give money outside the division of student affairs because this is money for student affairs. Yes the library does benefit us. Dr. Brown is a big opponent of giving money from student fees to Students love it. Student government pays for it. Extending library hours. Other organizations and I am not ever saying that we should base our decision off of what anybody from, one of the deans or vice presidents say because this is student money and it needs to be made through student decisions, but I think his opinion is a very valid one. They have their own process and it is their responsibility to work within their budget to accomplish the goals that they need to accomplish and this all points back to about 5000 that we spent to buy the police officer, the police department a couple new bicycles. I felt that they were very much needed because we only had one bicycle cop each shift. So if he is being used in the dorms no one is patrolling the internal sections of campus because there are no streets that go through the center. If you have ever walked around campus I the middle of the night you will know that it is kind of a scary place so now we have about two bike cops that are on duty at all times which I believe was an immediate student issue that we needed to address and the police department couldn’t do it by themselves. Dr brogan agreed and it was an exception that we made, but he is very much against about giving that and I think it was a very valid point to consider because we are taking money out of the students hands and we are giving it to the other department that will be putting it to other things as well as extending the library hours. I believe that the library hours don’t need to be extended all too much not $40,000 worth at least we might be able to refine it down. Also the senate because this is a university wide facility as well it is not just a Boca facility. The senate should be taking this up not us it is almost a little bit out of our scope, but I guess it’s justified because it’s on the Boca Raton campus. I would say that I think we need to definitely not give 40% of the our budget out of the student hands and put it into the libraries hands. Campus Boca Raton budget allocations for next year. I will say very briefly because I know my time is about to expire. I think we should trust the committee that we appointed and pass this immediately as we do every year because they are us, most of them are sitting in here and that is what their job was to prepare this to present this to us. You are more than welcome to take your look at it now, but I don’t think there needs to be much debate since this was a house of representatives committee that did put this proposal together. I am now open for questions.

Questions:

Grider: do you in your opinion believe that it is the job of student government officials to do things that would benefit the students of our campus.

Pollock: of course, but I think we need to look into what this is going o benefit and what this is going to take away from. You are proposing taking money away from COSO, just initially. This is going to be taking a big slice of the pie that is going to student organizations. I look at
some of the schools that you listed on here. I’ve toured some of these schools you brought up the University of South Florida. The University of South Florida has a huge budget. I don’t know how they get their huge budget, but I have been there. They offer 10 or 15 copies per student per day for every student in their entire university system and they are not just uh university of south Florida they are the university system of south Florida. They don’t have a president of their school they have like a chancellor of their university of south Florida system. It is really weird, but their student government has a huge budget and they are able to spend money on things like this. So you are almost comparing apples to oranges and another college that I see. The new college of Florida. Has anybody in here, just by a show of hands known anything about new college of Florida. Okay yeah. The new college of Florida if you have ever been there or know someone that goes there they are a different breed. I am not saying that as an insult to anybody they are some for the brightest individuals that I have meet in my entire life, but they really get at it, you’ll see that during the week, their library closes at 1 pm. I mean what kind of library close at 1 pm during the week when most of the students are studying and on the weekend it goes to 1 am. You will see that throughout the state most libraries close at about 6 or 7 o’clock on Friday or Saturday. That is when student s are going home or going out they don’t need t be open as long because they don’t have any classes they are trying to cram for and increasing the hours on those days would be a waste of money in my opinion. If we want to focus on students during the week when they are in their trying to cram for their test or papers or whatever they have to do we could put some resources into that, but I don’t necessarily think that it is our responsibility to do this. It is the state.

Grider: follow-up. Being that you agree that it is within our scope to do things that would benefit the students. Do you believe that this would benefit the students of our school and also I apologize on new college it is supposed to be AM not PM.

Pollock: I do believe that this will benefit certain students, the student s as a whole, no I do not. I do not believe it will benefit them they do not use it so much on Friday and Saturday.

Boris: time expired

*Motion to extend the speakers questioning time for 2 minutes by Gridier; seconded Lupo

Pollock: it would be a waste of our resources to increase the library hours by 3 hours on Friday and Saturday when students really aren’t even in there or on campus anyway. We are doing a lot better from when I first got here a few years ago, but students are still going home on the weekends by and large or at least going somewhere else unless it is finals time. An increase during finals time is adequate right now, I don’t think that we need to put our resources that are supposed to go directly into benefiting students into the hands, a good chunk and just because the speaker says that we have a lot of money doesn’t mean we should through half the pie at something. T eh reason we bought jerseys last year was because we had about 2 weeks left of the budget cycle and no one else had any suggestions, so we were going to lose it. I see those jerseys around campus often and I get a lot of feedback on them. They love that student government did that because it is something that they get a lot of use out of. I do see that some of that stuff benefitted the students. It wasn’t like we did it in the beginning of the year and said we are going to spend $18,000 on jerseys, we were going to lose the $18,000 and nobody had any better ideas.

Boris: I would like to recognize the lady in the back.

Lady: I agree with extending the library hours

~Point of Order: Blouin: could you please stand up when you speak

Lady: Are you aware that I agree with extending the library hours because the dorms aren’t always the best place to study at night?

Pollock: I agree with you but we have an all night study area thought that can be utilized by students who can’t get their work done in their dorms. I do agree with you that it is a little difficult to study in the dorms

Boris: the questioning time has expired

*Motion to extend questing time by 5 minutes by Gridier; seconded by Montes

Capata: Are you aware that it Hillel can hold like 3o people. It gets so crowded there. I go in there and I am like okay and I walk out. It is so noisy. You can’t study you can’t do anything.

Pollock: It holds a lot more than 30 people

Capata: I am just saying. Do you feel comfortable when you are right next to each other? So max capacity yeah. Like 75 people but it isn’t very comforting because it is so cramped are you aware that there is only 15 computers up there for thousand so of students.

Pollock: I am aware. I think that instead of throwing $40,000 at the library maybe we should explore another study area on campus and if we need a more adequate area. Maybe the engineering building has some space. But throwing 40000 at the library isn’t going to benefit the students enough that they will see or notice it whereas with a club they are going to come in here and request hey my club wants to do a festival. But we can’t do it because we put all of our money into one thing.

Gentry: I am pretty sure you are aware that College of Engineering has a 24 hours study area?

Pollock: I was not aware maybe we could put in about $3,000 in advertising that area. Instead of spending 40,000. I think what the parliamentarian brought up before; a resolution would be a great way to get the ball rolling o this to get money to do this because the students would like to see it done

Gentry: follow-up; do you remember how much of a tough time it was dealing with the police department.

Pollock: yes it was ridiculous

Coicou: are you aware that the library budget is annually getting cut and the engineering building study area is more of a lounge not a study area. Also are you aware we don’t have to give 40% of our budget.

Pollock: I am now aware. I know many departments are getting their budgets cut including ours. I believe that it is the sign of the times, but that doesn’t mean we need to take our money and give it or bail out and we can provide we the students. They need to work with their funding to satisfy the students needs.

Capata: I would like to recognize the young lady in the back.

Daisy McCoy: Are you aware that the engineering study area, also known as the Q only has card access into it. And it is basically for engineering students and I believe it is not open all night. Also where is the study area that you mentioned?

Pollock the one above hillel is near the Einstein bagels above the Jewish center.

McCoy: That one is really small

^ POI: Capata: I think this is great and all but do you think this would be an appropriate discussion for a focus group

Boris: I think this is a great discussion for a focus group, but also committees
Pollock: we also don’t have a study on how many student this is going to affect after hour increase so we are basically blindly throwing 40% of our budget at something not knowing the outcome. We are under the assumption that 1, 2, 3 hours will affect them.

Boris: question time has expired

Pollock: please be done I am tired

Dumas: I forgot to do this during my report. For the brh1107 the Boca Raton campus allocations I did want to say a big thank you to everyone who was on that committee, they were really excellent and I do agree with Pollock we should approve it but it is up to you guys. I am now going to speak about brh1106 “extend library hours” Per our statutes we need a line item, this 41,000 is just 41,000 it doesn’t say where it is going. It doesn’t justify the amount so we need that. Now I am going to speak about brhr1106 support sb234. My printout is only 4 pages Anistasi and I did read it in full II do thank Mr. Jon Taylor for writing this bill I do like to see outside students writing bills however the 4 representatives that sponsored this, I find it disheartening that you did not inform Mr. Taylor on how we work this resolution the 2 therefore be it resolved clauses make it seem like we can do these changes to a& S fees, but we cannot we don’t have that type of power. Number two; it says that that “the student body at large fully supports” that is incorrect, resolutions that come through this house are Boca house opinion, we do not speak for treasure coast, we do not speak for Broward, Jupiter or any other house just our house and also I do think we should table it and people should read sb234 as I have and understand that what senator Evers wants to do is have open carry and has a clause about concealed carry on campus, so this bill is not just about concealed carry. I just wanted to say it so you know that. I yield my time.

Questions:

Grider: are you aware that I do apologize, I do have a line item and I would like to present it to you and everyone else.

Dumas: thank you

Boris: I would like to recognize Mr. John Taylor in the back

John Taylor: are you aware that the resolution only concerns the concealed carry.

Dumas: yes I am aware of that but your resolution title says support sb234, so if we vote to support it then everybody in this room needs to know what SB234 says in its entirety it says open carry or Florida and campuses say concealed carry.

Taylor: Follow-up: so you are aware that the resolution only concerns concealed carry

Dumas: I am aware of that, but Mr. Taylor what you are not understanding is that the title of the resolution says support for sb234; you are saying support sb234 in its entirety. And the bill is about open carry and for campuses it says concealed you did not say that in the resolution

Taylor: Are you aware that the students are affectively disarmed with current legislations.

Dumas: I am aware of that and Mr. Tyler I am a big proponent of the second amendment I am very much aware of that I do go to the Delray shooting range and I do agree with the right to bear arms. I am not ignorant, I have already read sb234

Capata: do you really go to the gun range?

Dumas: yeah Delray shooting

Boris: brhr1105 the resolution from Mr. Coicou I support it. We could pass it today it is very simple. I love to put in again in a frame and put it in the SG workroom like the first resolution we passed. I think we should pass night owls. The quote is there I think we have people here that could answer questions on it, but if you feel it should go to committee that s fine. Extend library hours. That needs to go to committee. There is a lot of stuff that needs to be worked out. In a lot of ways I like the idea but the reality of the situation is what happens next year, one and what it opens the door to, and furthermore the fact that it is not part of student affairs and other schools have different policies and we have this student affairs model. I had the same concerns as Mr. Pollock, and governor Gentry, but I am not shooting it down. We need to talk about it. The budget I think we can pass it today, but if we was to send it to committees that’s fine. I only want to talk about sb234. I don’t want to sit here and get into a gun argument. You all know where I stand on that. I do want to say that there is a lot of concern on whether these kinds of subjects affect us in student government. I think that that is a fair argument. I don’t think that I have any more grounds to tell Mr. Taylor, Anastasi, or Lupo that this is our of our jurisdiction because that did not apply obviously to what I wrote. I think the difference is I was approached by a student that was not a member of student government who is a member of the sociology club and said that I think sb1070 is a serious problem and I was like tell me something I don’t know and she said there is a concern that representative snider was going to write a bill about it so that is what we did. I am not here to promote a wacky liberal agenda. For those of you who actually know me. You will know that I supported YAF over the summer and you will also know that I supported the guns on campus and the police department. So if I am here trying to advance my liberal resume I am not getting a job any time soon. Secondly let me just say that I think it is within our scope to talk about this because FIU just passed a resolution about sb234 that was against sb234, 26 yes, zero no. there entire student government was against sb234. UF, the flagship university of Florida passed a resolution against sb234 it passed 52 to 17, opposed to sb234. Just a week ago, Mr. Edwards went to the university of West Florida in Pensacola and he went to the SG meeting and spoke in support of his own bill and they still shot it down 15 to 6. So other student governments are considering this and they shot it down. That’s all I got to say

Questions:

Dumas: Are you also aware that FSA all of the presidents shot down sb234

Boris: yes. Mr. Maher, I did not do the research on it, but Mr. Maher said that all of the presidents of the universities at FSA voted unanimously against sb234. I am not saying we can’t consider it because they are considering it. We have all the right to talk about it because all the other universities are doing it too

Lupo: are you aware that we are not UF or FIU and we can make our own decisions

Boris: of course we’re not. I am just making the point that we should be taking about this because they are even though I am glad that they opposed it though.

Pollock: Don’t you think it is important to consider what our fellow colleagues around the state are considering because at the end of the day we are all university students of the state of Florida and what the state legislator does affects all of us.

Boris: absolutely, especially when you look at the place UF is it is a different area and then of all places Pensacola and they had Evers right there and they still shot it down. You know we don’t have to do what the other schools did, if the majority of us support us, that’s great, but you know what I am excited for the next meeting.
Pollock: I think it is amazing that the universities in Gainesville, and Pensacola and FSA unanimously from every university in the state of Florida would actually vote not to support this. Are you aware?

Boris: I am aware.

Grider: without any objections I would like to recognize John Taylor in the back

Taylor: are you aware of any students who have supported concealed carry at any of the schools you mentioned.

Boris: I have not. All I did was look at sb234 and certain schools on Google and those are the three that I found. And some of the SG websites, since that is the concern lately are not very updated. I don’t know if they have passed stuff. This is the only thing I have heard of which is a resolution to support. The other were to not support. I am actually glad because whether this passes or not we are going to be in the news I think and that is really good

Taylor: follow-up: are you aware that a very simple friendly amendment can be made to change anything that are outside of the bounds of the house in regards to saying the student body at large

Boris: yes but we have to be careful because we cannot change more than 20% of a bill or resolution, but we can change minor things.

Grider: without any objections I would like to recognize governor Gentry in the back.

Gentry: are you aware that when I went to FSA, unless the majority of the schools are on the same page about something one school isn’t really going to make a difference.

Boris: I am aware

Anastasi: are you aware that the University of Central Florida had a bill in their house against it, but the majority of the students voted not to take a stand against it. So that is one university that is for it.

Boris: that is interesting. In that case they are just tabling it basically, they didn’t really decide on it.

Anastasi: No they took a vote, it is the same thing as FIU, they wrote it saying we oppose, but when they got there more people vote no to not oppose it.

Boris: okay sounds good. But I do want to say I have not heard that and there may be other schools that have voted for it. I brought those schools up to say that we should be voting on this and I want to be very clear on something. I don’t think we should table this indefinitely. I think this should go to committee and we should have an up and down vote and the reason for that is because when it comes time for it to go up on the website I don’t want it to say it was a controversial issue, I don’t want it to say sb234tabled indefinitely, I want it to say passed or failed.

Anastasi: if the majority of the universities take a stand against sb234. Do you think that the huge republican majority in both houses will take that into account?

Boris: I highly doubt they will. I sat there watching hundreds of people protesting the health care bill and that congress didn’t care, so I am pretty sure it is the same game. We have all the right to oppose it.

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*motion to admit all members by Grider; seconded by Anastasi

VETOED BUSINESS: None

TABLED BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:
BRHB1102 “we need more bicycle parking racks”
*Motion to send brhb1102 to all committees by Massetti; seconded by Pollock

NEW BUSINESS:
BRHR1105 “more responsibility and accountability”
*Motion to send brhr1105 to all committees by Montes; seconded by Lupo

BRHR1106 “support for sb234”
*Motion to send to all committees by Pollock; seconded by Massetti

BRHB1105 “Night owls needs to expand”
*Motion to pass Grider; second Capata; 0 objections

Vote: passed with 15 yes and 0 no

BRHB1106 EXTEND LIBRARY HOURS
*POLLOCK; MONETS SENT TO ALL COMMITTEES

Brhb1107 “Boca Raton Campus Budget Allocations, 2011-2012 Fiscal Year”
*Motion to approve by Pollock; seconded by Montes; Massetti friendly amended to add name as a sponsor.

Vote: passes with 15 yes and 0 no

OPEN FORUM:
*motion to admit all members by Lupo; seconded by Grider

Daisy McCoy: I just wanted to say something about the chairs in the library. It is really hard to find chairs to sit and especially during final exams and midterms it is really crowded.

Questions:

Grider: What is your stance on the library bill?

McCoy: I agree with it.

SPECIAL ORDER SPEECHES:

Capata: I just want to thank everyone for coming, you really care about the house and that is really important. I have a goat and it had a baby this morning, I haven’t come up with a name yet. I thought it was really cool. Also these bills are really important, I know spring break is coming up and it is fun time but you have a responsibility. You represent 500 students and now because there are less of us in the house you represent double the amount of students so your opinion really matters. So I think if we just took an hour out of our spring break it would be really important for us to do that. You’re here you care, so make it know that you care come educated next time to the house meeting, don’t come and not know what the heck is going on with these bills. Read. You know how to read you are in college. Let’s be educated and know about something. Even though Grider got shot down it’s cool, he is still really passionate. He got shot down by some people, I admire his
courage. Lupo I admire your courage you came up here and said what you had to do. I love this house. I love you guys I really do. I think it is so great and I just wanted to tell you guys that
Blouin: I also volunteer at the LGBT resource center about 10 hours a week. I just wanted to thank you guys for giving us that budget to give us food and our t-shirts. If you haven’t seen our t-shirts yet, they are super cute. I have four of them and I intend to wear one every day, all the time. Just thank you guys so much we had over 70 people come out open house. Chartwells catered it and it was absolutely gorgeous and it was a great time a lot of fun. That you guys for giving us the budget to have those events.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT:
Boris: Again about the whole member’s game. We have 23 members right now. I received a resignation today. Once I have the email it will be 22. But once we get back on the 18th there were 8 members elected, some of them are here today and they will be sworn in on the 18th. There was a rule that was overlooked I believe. But technically the elections board verification and the ability to be sworn in has to be done after spring break. There was a bit of confusion and I am sorry about that and I thank you guys for coming anyway. If you do not make the 18th you can come on the 25th and be sworn in. we still about 12 or 13 seats open, which is fine because we have about 16 in house applications. So come the beginning of April it will be fine we are just going to fill the whole house up again. So it will be kind of competitive. We will have to vote 13 times. It will be like back on the 18th where everyone could only vote and 8 times. So that is moving forward. Also I just want to let you know as we approach the summer. Everything continues during the summer, there are still meetings every Friday. We work a few things in different ways because of the budget, but we continue and people will be graduating and moving on. Just know you can remain in the house rep if you are enrolled in fall. I wanted to just send a reminder out because it seems like some people were concerned about something. For those of you who have known me might know that I am a very political person. I got involved in politics the day George Bush beat John Kerry, I was an angry fella and ever since then I am involved in democratic politics. I don’t hide it from anyone and I have no shame in it what-so-ever, I am a progressive democrat. Some might call me a liberal or commi. But there has been some discussion to whether I can do this job correctly. I have actually been asked to recuse myself in other words if we are considering sb234 or sb1070 I shouldn’t vote because I am the college democrat’s president. If you guys think that I should recuse myself that is fine but there are two members of the college republicans e-board here two and I would like for them to recuse themselves right along with me. Just an idea, but I don’t think anyone should be recused. If you look at UF or big student governments up north. They have 10 or 8 members from the college republicans and college democrats and honestly they pass some pretty ridiculous stuff up there. In UF they made November 4th Barack Obama day.
Grider: Time has expired I will need a motion.
*Boris: up at UF they voted to make November 4th to make Barack Obama day. I think that’s clear that there are some people who have a really democratic or liberal agenda. I don’t do that I do not need to use this institution to do that. To make democratic congressmen like me because I have experience and I have worked on campaigns. When I came into the house it was on my résumé that I was the college democrat’s president and that I have worked on a congressional campaign twice. I have no shame what-so-ever in that. I should not be able to look at representative Anistasi, Lupo, and Grider and say well you guys are republicans and your opinions don’t matter. When you speak it doesn’t matter what you say. I don’t do that to you so therefore I expect the same treatment because at the end of the day I only have one difference from you guys and that is that I chair the meeting, I preside. I have one vote. I don’t have lot of power. I don’t control what goes on the agenda you do. I look forward to whatever political attacks come my way because it cracks me up.

Questions:
Capata: Are you aware that I think that if you should sit out on your vote we should all sit out on our vote because that is the dumbest thing I have ever heard in my life. We are all different people we all have different opinions that is why we are here.
Boris: I am aware. Also for two years I was never questioned and when I joined student government I was the VP of college democrats. For two years, no one has ever questioned me, whether I should recuse myself but later two years later they are republican.
Grider: without any objection I would like to recognize John Taylor
Taylor: are you aware that it was not a member of the house of representatives who asked that you recuse yourself?
Boris: it was a student and the issue at hand is whether you all, what you, I pointed out that I could use the house and make them bend to my agenda. I think it is good to throw it out there because maybe there are some members here who think that I should recuse myself but when I hear form an outside student, you are right maybe I shouldn’t care about it, but I brought it here today to let everyone know that I am college democrat president

*Motion to close the floor Pollock; seconded by Becker

Reminders:
Boris: The next house meeting is March 18th 2011 at 3:30PM here in the senate chambers.

FINAL ROLL CALL:

*Absent: Arsolino, Baptiste, Fritz, Hasan, Phillips, and Wu

ADJOURNMENT:

*Motion to adjourn by Montes; seconded by Berichi.

5:10PM