

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

**June 11th, 2019**

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:05pm and announced that the meeting may be filmed or audio recorded and may be available to the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Roll was called and a quorum was established with 56 senators present.

#### **Not there for roll call:**

- Berrocal, Zarella
- Dougan, Skye
- DuBois, Garrit
- Garner, Kyle
- Goren, Andrew
- Isleib, John David
- Li, Yichen
- Maroun, Evan
- Mills, Aaron
- Nguyen, Spencer
- Russell, Logan
- Shan, Kevin
- Singleton, Stephen
- Stein, Max
- Wright, Noah

### **PUBLIC DEBATE:**

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Dunson:
  - Senator Pearson moves to suspend the Senate rules and procedures to announce the vacant committee seats via standing vote. That motion passes.
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  - There is also an open Allocations Committee Chair.
- Joseph Andreoli:
  - Desires to use network analysis as a decision support tool for Student Government.
  - Claims it can improve the diversity of food options on campus.
  - States that the first step within network analysis is the use of an origin-destination cost matrix.

- Discusses the various applications of network analysis beyond adding PDQ on campus.
- Will give a presentation of network analysis on the blue lights around campus at the next meeting.
- Senator Glover:
  - “Hopefully by now, we have had the opportunity to look over Student Senate Bill 2019-1065”.
  - “This is a celebration of social progress, and the uniqueness that makes ‘us who we are’”.
  - It is also time for awareness.
    - There is still a long way to go.
  - Tomorrow morning will be three years since the 2nd largest mass shooting in US history -- speaks on the Pulse Nightclub Mass Shooting.
  - Asks for a moment of silence for those affected by this shooting.
  - If there is anyone willing to help on this initiative, please reach out to Senator Glover or Senator Jackson.
- Senator Ortiz:
  - Went to New York for the first time to meet with Puerto Rican students across the country to fix crises including those related to Hurricane Maria.
  - Brings this up because Hurricane Maria has been a recurring topic within the chamber.
  - “What are certain problems that Puerto Ricans face in the United States?”
  - The relationship of Puerto Rico and the United States is “Colonial.”
  - Emphasizes nationalism and believes that in the context of Puerto Rico, is something healthy to have.
  - Asks when was the last time someone has heard about DACA or immigration reform.
  - Asks when was the last time the chamber has heard about Puerto Rican independence through media or movements.
    - Notes that it has been very seldom, if ever at all.
  - States that our concerns of the community are fundamentally different than other Hispanic communities.
  - States that Puerto Rico is the last colony in Latin America.
  - Asks the question, “should Puerto Ricans call themselves Hispanic?”
  - Puerto Rican Nationalism is a good way of “combating that.”
  - States that Puerto Rican nationalism makes sure that the culture is not eroded.
  - Plans to write resolutions to discuss what was talked about during his trip to New York.
  - Based on the Senate’s prior support, this would be a very good way to start.
  - Please reach out if anyone is willing to help on this issue.

- Senator Perez
  - Greets the Senate body.
  - Introduces Senator Maria Espinosa, who is a senator within the minority party.
  - Desires to focus on making this summer a time for growth.
  - Urges Hispanic-Latin X members to join the Caucus Membership.
  - Introduces the idea of Spanish Language Preview, EBT Legislation, CIW Follow-Up, and a Puerto Rico Follow-Up.
  - Introduces Domino at the Plaza event on June 14th.
- George:
  - Third-year Industrial Engineering student.
  - Was forced to choose between his queer identity or my Venezuelan and Syrian identities .
  - People told him to choose between getting involved with SG or “actually doing something.”
  - The common impression was that SG does not actually do much.
    - Knows that SG does great things to the community.
    - Also knows that they can do so much more.
  - Knows that senators were elected by the student body, but it doesn’t mean that they have represented them.
  - Desires to see more done for the community by SG.
  - The LGTQ cabinet director nominee is lacking experience, asks to see more.
  - Desires for us to do more to protect LGBTQ+ people.
  - There are many students that are homeless and also LGBTQ people.
  - “Interest is nice, but I want to see more than just that.”
  - States he wants us to give credit where credit is due.
  - “Many only operate in the perspectives that they only know, but implores them to reach out to ‘everyone else’.”
- Senator Amrose:
  - Here to briefly remind everyone of the nominations that the Inspire Caucus will be objecting.
  - States that they will not be objecting to many of the Supreme Court nominees.
  - Will be objecting to:
    - The Finance and Affordability Nominee.
    - The Women’s Affairs Nominee.
    - The Veterans Affairs Nominee.
    - The Diversity Affairs Nominee.
    - The Campus Safety Nominee.
    - The Press Nominee.
    - The LGBTQ Affairs Nominee.
  - Believes this is not a responsible way to run a student government.

- Senator Wilson:
  - Lets everyone know that she will be the new coalition leader for the Graduate and Professional Students' Affairs Coalition.
  - Both parents are veterans.
  - Notes that a nominee overlooked was a very qualified veteran that should have been nominated for Veterans Affairs.
  - Discontent with the Veterans Affairs Nominee; believes that there should be someone else more qualified for the nomination.
- Minority Party Leader Grabowski:
  - Greeted the Senate body.
  - Objecting to a few of the nominations.
  - Supports many of the nominees put forward.
  - However, has an issue with some of the nominations such as Veterans Affairs and LGBTQ+ Affairs.
  - Discusses the Sunshine Law.
  - Presents an email from Senate President Shaw and highlights certain points.
  - Found contradictions in the minutes and the emails she was receiving from Senate President Shaw regarding the CRC.
  - Claims Student Body President Murphy yelled at someone and shows her discontent for this situation.
- Senator Espinoza yields her time.

***\*\*If you wish to hear any speeches given during public debate please request the recordings from [senatesecretary@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:senatesecretary@sg.ufl.edu)\*\****

### **REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Minority Party Leader Grabowski moves to suspend all of the special rules on the agenda.
  - In a roll call vote of 16 in favor to 40 opposed, the motion failed.

### **Judicial Branch Nominees**

- Senator Pearson moves to call the previous question to approve the Judicial Branch nominations as a block by a standing vote.
  - In a standing vote of 40 in favor to 16 opposed, the motion was approved.
  - In a roll call vote of 49 in favor to 7 opposed, the block was approved.

### Cabinet Chairs

- Minority Party Leader Grabowski moves to suspend the special rules on the agenda for the Cabinet Chair nominations.
  - In a roll call vote of 15 in favor to 41 opposed, the motion failed.
- Senator Pearson moves to call the previous question to approve the Cabinet Chair nominations as a block by a standing vote.
  - In a standing vote of 40 in favor to 16 opposed, the motion was approved.
  - Minority Party Leader Grabowski motions to postpone the approval of the appointments by one week, per Code 104.1.
    - According to Robert's Rules of Order the motion is seen as invalid.
  - In a roll call vote of 41 in favor to 15 opposed, the block was approved.

### AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

### REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Dunson welcomes the senators.
- Open Summer Replacement Seats:
  - Murphree Area
  - Springs
  - Tolbert
  - Yulee
  - District A
  - District B
  - District C
  - District D (2)
  - Architecture
  - Building Construction
  - Education
  - Graduate (3)
  - Law
  - Medicine
  - Nursing
  - Pharmacy
  - Sophomore (2)
- Open Permanent Seats:

- Keys
- Veterinary Medicine
- District D (3)
- Graduate
- Open Committee Chairs:
  - Allocations
- Will send out a Doodle to organize one on one meetings.
- The UF Student Healthcare Center is offering a Mumps vaccination.
  - Contact them at 352-392-1161.

### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairman Brown welcomes the senators.
- Reach out with questions regarding the Budget Committee -- 3 open seats.
- Will be presenting Student Senate Bill 2019-1061.

### **ALLOCATIONS:**

- Senator Girschick welcomes the senators.
- There are 5 open seats on the committee. Reach out if there are any questions.

### **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairman Sandifer welcomes the senators.
- Reach out for any questions about the committee -- 3 open seats.

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Morris welcomes the senators.
- Constituency is due next week when the gavel hits.
- Reach out for any questions regarding the above point.
- 2 absences for Summer A and Summer B; warning emails have been sent out today regarding absences.
- There are 5 open committee seats.
- Meeting time for next week will be Wednesday at 8:00am.
- Mentions the constituency event hosted by CASA.

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairwoman Jones welcomes the senators.
- The committee has not been able to meet because of not having a quorum.
- There are 5 open seats; reach out via email if there are any questions.
- There will be a graphic with all open seats and committee seats coming soon.
- Make sure you like the SG and Senate Facebook page and follow the Instagram page.

## **VETOED LEGISLATION:**

- Senate President Shaw reads a letter written by former Student Body President Ian Green on why he vetoed Student Senate Law 2019-1046.
- Senator Pearson moves to sustain former Student Body President Green's veto by unanimous consent. Approved.

## **FIRST READING:**

### **Student Senate Bill 2019-1061**

- 5 Minutes of Presentation - Chairman Brown:
  - Walks through the amendments made to the Activity and Service Fee Budget.
    - Notes the cutting of the "lobbying" line based on code revisions not allowing lobbying to be funded.
    - Notes the increase of funds to the "projects" line.
    - Notes the increase of staff salaries, regarding a new position in Student Government that oversees committees in Student Senate.
    - Student Legal Services will now operate under Student Government.
    - The "travel" line has been created, and the funds were taken from the lobbying line to promote transparency.
    - Further dives into the changes made in the Amended Activity and Service Fee Budget.
- Senator Amrose moves to suspend the Senate Rules and Procedures to extend Chairman Browns speaking time by 5 minutes.
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- 5 Minutes of Questions:
  - Senator Ortiz: Would the new Student Government official oversee how much they are being paid through the budget process?
  - Chairman Brown: I do not believe so.
  - Coalition Leader Wilson: Asks for clarification of the travel grant clause related to the Graduate Student Council.
  - Chairman Brown: Correct. The newly proposed process affecting the travel grant subcommittee will be composed of the Graduate Student Council. The "pile of money" that the Graduate Student Council is pulling from is now a separate entity under the Student Government budget.
  - Coalition Leader Wilson: Do any other organizations pull from this same budget?
  - Chairman Brown: The \$122,000 for travel grants will specifically be used for travel only -- can be requested by other organizations.
  - Senator Bindi: Funding for CWC?

- Chairman Brown: The CWC is covered by the health fee to my knowledge.
- Senator Bindi: Is there any student salary fees that can be distributed to the CWC positions being added?
- Chairman Brown: The CWC budget would be under the health fee strictly.
- Senator Perez: Will there be a change in the model and finance?
- Chairman Brown: Will go under one organization.
- Senator Pearson moves to call the previous question of approving Student Senate Bill 2019-1061 by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - In a roll call vote of 56 to 0, Student Senate Bill 2019-1061 was passed.

#### Student Senate Bill 2019-1062

- Chairman Sandifer moves to call the previous question of approving Student Senate Bill 2019-1062 by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Chairman Sandifer moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1062 by unanimous consent. Approved.

#### Student Senate Bill 2019-1063

- Chairman Sandifer moves to call the previous question of approving Student Senate Bill 2019-1063 by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Chairman Sandifer moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1063 by unanimous consent. Approved.

#### Student Senate Bill 2019-1064

- Chairman Sandifer moves to call the previous question of approving Student Senate Bill 2019-1064 by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Chairman Sandifer moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1064 by unanimous consent. Approved.

#### Student Senate Bill 2019-1065

- Chairman Sandifer moves to call the previous question of approving Student Senate Bill 2019-1065 by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Chairman Sandifer moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1065 by unanimous consent. Approved.



### Student Senate Bill 2019-1066

- Chairman Sandifer moves to call the previous question of approving Student Senate Bill 2019-1066 by unanimous consent. Approved.
  - Chairman Sandifer moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1066 by unanimous consent. Approved.

### SECOND READING

- There were none.

### BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There were none.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senate President Shaw:
  - University Committee application is open and is due next Friday and will be on the Student Affairs website.
- Senator Jackson:
  - There will not be Gator Nights this summer.

### ROLL CALL:

- A motion to use voting records for final roll call by unanimous consent. Approved.

### ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.