

**STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**  
**November 5th, 2019**

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:31 pm 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 quorum was established with 74 senators present.

**Not there for roll call:**

- Freedman
- Gunby
- Jackson
- Jain
- Lai
- Marsh
- Nimer
- Shaw
- Singleton
- Skinner
- Solomon
- Wray

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Anthony Rojas:
  - Here to talk about Student Body President.
  - This issue is independent of what one's politics are.
  - There is no reason for any student body president anywhere should be doing favors for any presidency.
  - No reason that in Senate, people should be discussing breaking campaign laws.
  - No one can be sure that the money will not be used for specific campaign purposes.
  - Not disclosed by Donald Trump Jr. where the \$50,000 was going.
  - The emails say that the Student Body President did a "favor" for a President's reelection committee.
  - When told that there are various media outlets that PRR's are not being processed, he feels that there is a deeper problem.
  - Based on the events that have occurred, something seems to have been done wrong.
  - Feels it is a problem that student fees were used for this.
  - Does not feel that the Trump Re-election Committee needs any favors.
  - Donald Trump campaign does not need \$50,000 from Senate.
  - Mentions that sexual assault victims need the \$50,000. The Counseling Wellness Center needs \$50,000.
  - Cannot believe that Michael Murphy, is "shaking hands with the Trumps" in DC instead of making the lives of students at UF better.

- Does not get the idea of tackling national politics, when one has not touched on campus politics.
- Feels that there has been no significant change by Michael Murphy since he has started his term.
- Feels that Murphy thinks he is “smarter than the police chief.”
- His last name is not Murphy, his student fees should not have been used to fund Donald Trump Jr.
- Alfredo Ortiz:
  - Reads part of a speech written by Mark Merwitzer.
- Mark Merwitzer:
  - Merwitzer finishes his speech and shows a PowerPoint presentation. His speech reads as follows:
    - “Good evening everyone, honestly it feels kinda strange to be back after not attending a meeting since last spring and going through a hellish campaign. For the new people here, I was involved in SG last spring advocating for the passage of a few minor bills and a texting while driving resolution. While I did not have a formal affiliation for more than a week, which is a story for another day, I did work closely with members of the Inspire caucus. One of the first things current Inspire Party President Zach Amrose gave me was the infamous “bradshaw papers.” It is essentially Inspire’s holy bible. One of my favorite passages in the paper was “Above all else, the main goal of this coalition seems to be maintenance of its members’ permanent dominance over campus politics: whatever internal jockeying for position happens in the build- up to a Student Government election, the System has been remarkably effective over a number of years at presenting a united “party” to the student body come campaign season. It has also been ruthless in leveraging the advantages of incumbency against any opposition and has become renowned for its willingness to utilize aggressive and threatening tactics against anyone who dares to challenge it.” Here is the kicker: What I am about to prove tonight is that the same person who gave me this damning warning about the system, exhibited the exact. Same. Behavior. Let’s fast forward to the recent fall campaign season when I ran as an independent. During the campaign I publicized multiple things that I thought exhibited Inspire’s greatest flaw: they were system lite. Since I somewhat knew Inspire’s leadership and know that some of them are professional memers, I would usually send them something to let them know that I was about to release something. Just see the conversation I printed out for you all. Two weeks after I released my first bit of important material, I thought it was appropriate to release round two, which I thought was extremely telling of Inspire leadership’s behavior. I sent the two people directly implicated (Zach and Ashley) a clip from a best selling game that said tactical nuke incoming. It was a play on the fact that I was about to drop the bomb on their campaign. I will be the first to admit that was a bad meme, but it was NOWHERE near threatening. That was why I was completely shocked when I received a call from UFPD saying that Zach and Ashley called the police on me and wanted a police report filed. To those who have already heard this part, I swear I am not beating a dead horse, just bear with me. Before I continue, let’s jump to the debates. During the senate candidate debate, one candidate said that they were harassed by Inspire. That struck a nerve with me because the

person who said that wasn't exactly the kind of person anyone should harass and seemed to be going through a lot. Another candidate, my good friend Alfredo, was straight up asked to drop out in a private meeting. In other words, the other independents running claimed that they were jockeyed so that Inspire can present the Indie movement as a united party, and the tactics used were aggressive and threatening. Deja Vu. Now with this pattern established, let's dive into the police report, particularly look at the last three lines. I am going to let you all connect the dots with this one. One: They were not threatened and the language was established as not aggressive. Two: Inspire leadership has a history of coercing other independent candidates. Three: I just released some really damaging stuff against these people. Four: They knew damn well the police were going to call me to get my side of the story, knowing that talking with the police over things like this is terrifying. When I brought this concern to the public grabowski said that she was a "mandatory reporter" and she was just doing her job, and if I bring this up again she is going to go straight to SAI. At the time being scared of more trauma from this, thought ok fine, I am going to drop it from here and leave it at that. I regretfully gave in and did not even pick up the police report because I did not want to think about it anymore. That was right up until I was made aware by multiple sources that Inspire leadership just held a trial over some internal dissent. One member even made a remark that Ashley and Zach were aware of, which was much more credible to go to the police over then a tactical nuke meme. I cannot go into detail because my week old PRR on the trial has not been fulfilled. Party of transparency am I right? With someone making a way worse remark and Ashley and Zach not going to the police over it, I knew that the talking point of being a mandatory reporter was bullshit. At that point I knew I had to read the report because there was more at play than me getting intimidated. What we have at play here is a party leadership that tries to be dominant over their party's politics, tries to maintain their party coalition, and utilizes aggressive and threatening tactics against anyone who dares to challenge it. The intimidation of other candidates, the frivolous police report to tarnish my name, and the orwellian trial all show that. I did not come here just to complain. I have also come with solutions. One of three things needs to happen. One: Zach and Ashley resign. Two: Zach and Ashley need to be completely removed from Inspire politics and a wall needs to be created, or three: Every single member of Inspire needs to leave the party that became the very thing it swore to destroy and become an independent like me. Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."

- *If you wish to see presentation materials from Merwitzer, please request by email at [senatesecretary@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:senatesecretary@sg.ufl.edu).*

- Carmen Florez:
  - Yields her time to the chair.
- Emelie Reyes:
  - Yields her time to the chair.
- Majority Party Leader Hernandez:
  - Formally introduces herself as the Gator Party Leader
  - Looking forward to the work that will be done this semester.

- Some issues that need to be addressed: accountability and transparency.
  - These values should be the cornerstone of how we handle ourselves.
- Obvious that not everyone is rising up the office.
- Met with no response when asking the Inspire party leadership to speak before the meeting tonight.
- “How are we expected to reconcile differences for the sake of students if people will not communicate?”
- It is extremely unjust what Student Body President Murphy has done regarding the recent ACCENT show.
- Must condemn actions of Student Body President Murphy.
- It is important that we keep communication open.
- Appreciates those who came tonight to speak on the issues that have already been discussed.
- Important we stand behind our students.
- If any students want to reach out to her with any questions or concerns, reach out to her at [ghernandez1@ufl.edu](mailto:ghernandez1@ufl.edu).
- Wants Gator and Inspire Parties, along with independents to know that Majority Party Leader Hernandez is a resource.
- Stephanie Beltran:
  - Speaking as Diversity Chair of SG.
  - Reads a statement on the UF Student Government Statement
  - Must lead with the interest of all Gators in their heart.
  - Student Body President Murphy, after bringing the Trump family to campus, was leading with best interest of him and his family.
  - Michael Murphy used his position to act in self-interest, without thinking of how that makes communities of minorities feel.
  - We must hold the Student Body President accountable.
  - Will hold those around her accountable.
  - Her job as diversity chair is to promote the voices of minorities on campus. Please reach out if you have any questions.
  - Office hours: Monday from 1-3pm and Wednesday from 1-2pm.
- Mariantonia Florez
  - Yields her time to the chair.
- Bruce Glasserman:
  - Wishes Senators good evening.
  - Second year transfer student.
  - Comes tonight to support the resignation of Student Body President Murphy.
  - Last week, the Alligator released emails exchanged between Murphy and a Trump Campaign Official, Caroline Wren.
    - This was in contradiction to what was said earlier, where SG contacted the Trump administration initially.
    - Came out after Murphy’s personal and family ties were revealed.
  - This is a clear example of conflict of interest.
  - Murphy has abused his power as Student Body President.
    - Allowed for \$50,000 of student fees to be used for a “political campaign.”
  - This is not normal or appropriate, it is corrupt.

- Murphy has not taken his ethical responsibility seriously.
- No question in his mind that Murphy should resign.
- Mr. Murphy has failed to advocate for all Gators.
- For the good of the University, Michael Murphy must resign as the Student Body President.
- Gabriela Pombo:
  - Was not present.
- Francisco Aguirre:
  - Was not present.
- Senator Silva:
  - Serves as Lakeside Complex senator.
  - Wants to talk about accountability in SG.
  - Recently \$50,000 of Student Fees were used to host Donald Trump Jr. on our campus.
  - Many thought the event created an unsafe and hostile environment for many students on this campus.
  - Student Body was not given the chance to vote on which ACCENT speaker they wanted to come to campus.
    - This to her shows lack of democracy.
  - 800+ tickets were claimed within the first 4 hours.
    - Noticed that many of those seats were taken by people who were not students.
  - Was not given the opportunity to get a student ticket.
  - \$50,000 was used to fund a campaign event.
    - Details of story say otherwise.
  - Emails published between Murphy and Caroline Wren included the Trump Victory stamp and was sent from the companies email.
    - Murphy's family has maxed out on being able to contribute to Trump campaign.
  - Many organizations on campus need funding that could have used the \$50,000.
    - Does not believe that using the \$50,000 for the Trump campaign has any sort of positive effect on students.
  - Will not stand for something that negatively affects the student body, because "That's just not right."
- Francoise Hayek:
  - Was originally going to yield his time, but still feels that more needs to be said.
  - Still feels more needs to be said.
  - Feels highly disappointed in the actions of elected Student Body President Murphy.
  - His actions and intent behind them were unethical and illegal.
  - Finds it shameful that student orgs have struggled to be funded.
  - Those same funds have gone towards paying for a speaker that has said "horrible things" to people like himself.
  - As someone who identifies as Hispanic, people who are constantly being shut down by Trump and his campaign, it feels like an attack and shut down.

- Imagine knowing that the \$300 that his family struggles to pay, is going towards someone who wants his people gone.
- Was born in the USA, he has every right to be here, yet the Trump administration still wants to get him out.
- His money should not be forced to pay for a campaign.
- Murphy and whoever made this decision need to be held accountable.
- Jasmine Dubois:
  - Third year transfer student. First year here at UF.
  - This whole issue made her think of what \$50,000 could pay for.
    - Goes through various items that \$50,000 could pay for, that might be more beneficial to the student body.
  - Has no words for Student Body President Murphy and ACCENT Agency Chair Henry Fair for allocating \$50,000 towards the most recent show.
  - Moving forward, she hopes we can take a deep breath.
  - Extremely grateful for the commitment made, regardless of what you believe, but we can always do better.
  - Believes that those in the chamber can do more.
- Jared Rossi:
  - UF Senior and former ACCENT staffer.
  - It seems to be a partisan hit on Student Body President Murphy for exercising the 1st Amendment.
  - Appalled that bringing a conservative speaker to UF has created such uproar.
  - Many are looking at conversations started by Caroline Wren, as something illegal.
  - The evidence today is purely from the words of the Trump Administration.
  - Based on Murphy's statements, he took every step to make sure that this event not a campaign stop.
    - Clearly shows Murphy's interest to make sure that the actions taken were in the right.
  - Knows that there are those on the Minority Party to stick words down Murphy's mouth, but they are not his own.
  - To those with an open mind, implores those with an open mind, to know that Murphy and those on ACCENT were not doing anything illegal or unethical.
  - Welcomes multiple perspectives of speakers in the future ACCENT shows.
- Samuel Santos:
  - Was not present.
- Carlos Estrada:
  - Yields his time to the chair.
- Kevin Lemos:
  - Has come here in defense of Murphy.
  - Murphy has committed no impeachable act in bringing Donald Trump Jr. to the University of Florida.
  - Event was not a campaign event.
    - If it was, they would have had to withhold all funding information.
  - The FEC does not have any jurisdiction under this event, and will not, meaning that it was not a political stop or fundraising event.

- Fails to understand why this is being considered a fundraising or campaigning stop.
- Those calling for an impeachment is not worried about the legality of the event, rather they are worried about the message that is carried by the speaker.
- Regardless of unpopularity of the speaker, ACCENT upheld the mission statement of the agency, in bringing controversial speakers.
- Kyle Poe:
  - “8th year” student here.
  - Second time he has spoken to SG.
  - Last time he spoke here was 2013, when they were bringing another controversial speaker.
    - In the final moment, SG pulled out on this show.
  - For one of the first times, he was proud when SG was bold enough to bring a controversial speaker to UF.
  - It took a lot to invite a controversial speaker.
  - He does not agree with many of their beliefs or what they have to say but still is happy to go to any of these events.
  - Thanks SG for using money appropriately.
- Emily Hyden:
  - Doing a good thing is going out of the way to benefit someone.
  - Doing a bad thing, is doing the wrong, if that hurts other people, even if it is
  - Doing what is good and right takes a lot more courage to do.
  - In the case of Murphy, no matter what side of the aisle you stand on, it is clear that his actions are not good.
  - Appointed Agency Heads in April.\_\_\_
    - His actions were not fair or ethical.
  - In September, he was against blue lights on Frat row.
    - Felt that blue lights are a waste of student fees.
  - Could not put his feelings on Sexual Assault Awareness aside
  - Mentions the use of \$50,000 to fund a “Trump Campaign Speech.”
  - Lied about emails when interviewed with The Alligator.
  - Reiterates Murphy’s use of \$50,000.
  - Mentions the illegality of this incident.
  - If she could recalibrate Murphy’s moral compass, she would but she can’t.
  - What we can do is call injustice “when you see it.”
  - Murphy’s history during his presidency show that he has not been worthy to hold his positions.
  - Many in the room voted for Agency Head appointments, against blue light instalments, and others.
  - “Do you think your silence benefits you?”
  - More and more demands are being filed by students
  - “Are you going to sit in the boiling pot, and forget to jump out?”
- Nicole Smith:
  - Was not present.
- Senator Barrocas:
  - Will talk about history of University.

- Wants to talk about the Florida Legislative Investigative Committee.
  - Known as the “Johns Committee.”
- The committee identified many students and professors as gay, and forced them to name all others that were gay at the University of Florida.
- Being outed in the 1950’s was a death sentence.
- Students not publicly outed were sent to facilities to “heal.”
- The investigation were expanded to other schools.
- Imagines that he is not the only senator that is tired of our University being called out for its dark history.
- To his knowledge, UF has not apologized for this incident.
- Feels formal apology by our University is necessary.
- Also feels that LGBTQ+ members should be advocating for this as well.
- Homophobia is not welcome here in Gainesville.
- If interested in working with him, please reach out.
- Senator Ragan
  - Yields her time to the chair.
- Jared Rodriguez yields her time to the chair.
  - Yields his time to the chair.
- Senator Portugues:
  - Yields his time to the chair.
- Minority Party Leader Lima:
  - Senator for District D and Inspire Party leader.
  - Thanks all guests in attendance and those who spoke in Public Comment.
    - Doing great service by raising awareness to disgraceful behavior.
  - As senators, we have the duty to defend the Student Body Constitution and the statutes.
  - When we stray from these documents we stray from true representation for the student body.
    - Sometimes uncomfortable but always necessary.
  - As discussed in the media and tonight, Murphy paid Donald Trump Jr. \$50,000 to speak on campus.
  - Notes the things that should be solved instead of allocating \$50,000 to “the Trump Family.”
  - Some mentioned that it was not a campaigning event, if so why were emails exchanged on campaign company emails?
  - Cites the 800 Codes in the Student Body Statutes.
  - In lieu of the evidence, and the senators’ duty, members of the Inspire caucus will be submitting a resolution for the resignation of Murphy.
  - This should not be a partisan issue.
  - This is an issue of ethics and following the law.
  - Using students fees to fund the Trump campaign to come to UF is unacceptable.
  - “We have the ability to call for something concrete, something actual.”
  - Michael Murphy must be impeached. If you agree with impeachment of Murphy head to:
    - [Bit.ly/accountabilityatuf](https://bit.ly/accountabilityatuf)
  - “Actions speak louder than words.”



- Senator Amrose:
  - Inspire party senator.
  - Speaks on his experience with SG.
  - As explained by many speakers before him, students should be representing students and that is all.
  - \$50,000 being used to fund a “campaign event” is unacceptable.
  - It is not just Michael Murphy who is an issue here, you cannot be elected without the support of many people. Points out that many of those people are in this chamber.
  - Notes that those who support Murphy are clapping during public debate, but have not done anything to combat these previous actions.
  - For those in the Senate who support Murphy, not many of them have done anything to stand against Murphy’s \_\_\_\_\_
  - Explains these people’s support of many actions done by Senator Pearson that he considers wildly unethical.
  - Allowing unqualified people to fill positions, is wrong. Yet people in this chamber voted for that.
  - Looking forward, is hoping to draft legislation so that the Senate can vote on approving prospective ACCENT shows.
- Senator Chou:
  - Wants to talk about something different yet relevant.
  - It hit that there is only one month until Winter Break.
  - Wanted to talk about getting things done.
  - You get into Senate because you want to get things done.
    - You stay in senate if you actually get things done.
  - People in the chamber: you are either extremely humble or this is just another thing to add to your resume.
  - Asks those to consider for those who have voted for you, if their lives are at least a little better off.
  - Politics is fun, but at the end of the day, you serve the people you are meant to represent. Every ounce that you are not using to be a student, should be used to better represent the students you are serving.
  - Not here to yell, but rather wants the senators to think about this.
  - You get \$0 to make the lives of those you represent better.
  - “What are you going to do with the time you have left?”

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Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves for a 15 minute recess by unanimous consent.  
Approved.

The Meeting was called back to order at 8:55pm

**ROLL CALL:**

Quorum was established with 76 present.

**Not there for roll call:**

- Freedman
- Goren
- Gunby
- Jain
- Lai
- Marsh
- Shaw
- Singleton
- Skinner
- Wray

**AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:**

- There were none.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to approve the R&A Open permanent Graduate Seat: Anna Rodell by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to approve the R&A Open permanent Graduate Seat: Erika Davis by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to approve the R&A Open permanent Graduate Seat: Lily Wyche by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to approve the R&A Open permanent Vet Med Seat recommendation: John Hutchinson. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to approve the R&A recommendation for the Open Rules and Ethics Committee seat: Nik Bindi by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to approve the R&A recommendation for the Open Rules and Ethics Committee seat: Ramon Martinez by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to approve the R&A recommendation for the Open Budget and Appropriations Committee seat: David Kays by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to approve the R&A recommendation for the Open Allocations Committee seat: Sana Nimer by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to approve the R&A recommendation for the Open Judiciary Committee seat: Colson Douglas by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to approve the R&A recommendation for the Open Judiciary Committee seat: Madeleine Bennett by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to approve the R&A recommendation for the Open Judiciary Committee seat: Annabelle Groux by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to approve the R&A recommendation for the Open Judiciary Committee seat: Alexander Shoaf by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to approve the R&A recommendation for the Open Information & Communication Committee seat: Mary Kate Urbanski by unanimous consent. Objected.

- Majority Party Leader Hernandez moves to approve the R&A recommendation for the Open Information & Communication Committee seat: Lillian Wiggins by unanimous consent. Objected.

**SENATE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

- Senate President Dunson welcomes the senators.
- Thanks everyone for coming out tonight and for being bold to speak up.
- Breaks her heart to know the current displeasure of the student body.
- Feels personally convicted over the communication released by Murphy and Caroline Wren.
- We should be holding each other accountable and to higher ethical standards.
- Believes that senators are in position to revise and change codes.
- Looks to make change that is not just empowering, but is dignifying for everyone on campus. Feels that all feel this way.
- Everyone on our campus should feel dignified and represented.
- Next week, November 12th, Alexandra, a Kognito Reporter, will be coming to lay the fabric for Kognito training to make sure that we are prepared to break down the stigma around mental illness on our campus.
- If someone has feelings they were unable to share, please reach out to Senate President Dunson.

**REPLACEMENT & AGENDA RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Judiciary Committee

Senator Lima moves to open the floor for nominations for the open Judiciary Committee Seat. Seconded. There was a motion for a roll call vote. In the eyes of the chair, that motion passes.

Roll Call Vote:

<b>Name:</b>	Approve motion to open the floor to nominations for Judiciary committee seat
Alexander, Brady	N
Amrose, Zachary Aaron	Y
Anderson, Drew	N
Attlesey, Dylan	Y
Barocas, R. Matthew	Y
Bennett, Madeleine	Y
Bindi, Nikolas	Y
Blomeley, Emily	Y
Brown, Cooper	Y
Castillo, Melody	Y
Chatoff, Jordyn	N
Chou, Zachariah	Y
Cordova, Julia	Y

Davis, Erika	Y
Diaz, Matthew	Y
Douglas, T. Colson	N
Dunson, Emily	Senate President
Espinoza, Maria	Y
Faisal, Mohammed	Y
Fallin, Brandon	Y
Freedman, Austin	Absent
Galeano, Noemi	N
Garcia, Isabella	Abstained: Conflict of Interest
Girschick, Samantha	Y
Glover, Jackson	Y
Goel, Nandini	Y
Gomez-Clavijo, Santiago	Y
Goren, Andrew	Absent
Groux, Anabelle	N
Gunby, David	Absent
Hernandez, Gabriela	Y
Hoffman, Feraby	Y
Hutchinson, John	Y
Jackson, Kristen	Y
Jain, Mallika	Absent
Jesurajan, Jessica	Y
Jones, Meryl	Y
Kaighin, Lindsay	Y
Kanouse, Laura	N
Karim, Raisa	Y
Karimi, Solmaz	Y
Kays, David	Y
Kendrick, Tyler	Y
Lai, Zhonglin "Savannah"	Absent
Le, Lynn	Y
Lima, Ben	Y
Lloyd, C. Thelwell (Wells)	Y
Longland, Seth	Y
Lovesky, Bailey	Y
Maniti, Faith	N
Marsh, Eric	Absent
Martinez, Jessica	Y
Martinez, Ramon	N

Miller, Timothy	N
Morris, Abby	N
Muralidhara, Sparsha	Y
Murshid, Minaal	Y
Nelson, Marcus	Y
Nimer, Sana	Y
Oni, Busa	Y
Orban, Steven	Y
Patel, Sahil	Y
Phillpot, Audrey	N
Pearson, Branden	Y
Pepple, Grace	Y
Portugues, Anthony	Y
Potthast, Olivia	Y
Ragan, Rebecca	Y
Rajaei, Moein	Y
Reineke, Chase	N
Rodell, Anna	Y
Rodriguez, Yanissa	Y
Rush, Alana	Y
Sandifer, Will	N
Shaw, Libby	Absent
Shoaf, Alexander	N
Silva, Angel	Y
Singleton, Stephen	Absent
Skinner, Ryan	Absent
Solomon, Colin	Y
Stern, Alyssa	N
Tio, Paola-Claudia	Y
Urbanski, Mary Kate	N
White, Wynton	Y
Wiggins, Lillian	Y
Wikan, Audrey	Y
Wilder, Ryan	Y
Wray, Kyle	Absent
Wyche, Lily	No VR
Zimmer, Shawn	Y

In a roll call vote of 66 to 11, that motion passes.  
Senator Lima nominates Senator Jackson. Senator Jackson accepts.

Alexander Shoaf:

First Round of Con:

- Senator Solomon: This being his first time on senate, it is too early for Senator Shoaf to be added to the committee this early in his career.
- Senator Tio: Biggest problem with candidate is that he has no experience with legislation. Thinks it would be better to have people who have legislative experience in the Senate.

First Round of Pro:

- Majority Party Leader Hernandez: His ideas presented in the interview would be very innovative when trying to tend to students, and would result in having a direct line to the student body.

Second Round of Con:

- Senator Amrose: It is important to recognize that a lack of experience can hurt the student body. This is where one needs to know how to write and read legislation.
- Senator Lima: Clear to him that this applicant is not the most qualified for this position. His resume does not show any qualifications for him to hold this position.

Second Round of Pro:

- Senator Alexander: Work with Shoaf in the past Gator Growl when he was an Assistant Director. Could count on his work ethic, and it should speak for his qualifications.
- Senator Martin: Whenever Alex starts something new, he will work on it until he has it nailed down. He is also honest and he believes that this qualifies.
- Senator Hoffman: Highlights that this was the Replacement and Agenda Committee's recommendation, and it should be trusted.

Third Round of Con:

- Senator Solomon: It is the R&A's committee recommendation, but it is hard to take this recommendation seriously when he has no experience in the Senate. He does applaud his work ethic and willingness to learn but that is not enough for someone to hold a position.
- Senator Chou: It is time to consider what is being said on either side. One is saying that the person is not qualified, while the other is saying he is a nice person.

Third Round of Pro:

- Senator Pearson: Senator Shoaf reached out to him, asking what it looks like to be on the Judiciary committee, which is key to being on this committee. Senator Shoaf has worked on previous projects that give him experience that would be helpful to the Judiciary committee.
- Senator Hernandez: Time expired.

Final Round of Con:

- Senator Wilder: We have the opportunity to pick someone who actually knows the job.
- Senator Tio: Does not feel that he has the experience to serve on this committee.
- Senator Amrose: The Replacement and Agenda Committee has time again rejected appointing seats based on the lack of diversity. This was not the case here. Senator Jackson is quite qualified instead.
- Senator Lima: as touched on by other speakers, it is important that we have people on this committee who have a wide range of experience on campus and on senate. We should

value the opportunity of having someone who has experience within the senate on the committee over picking someone who has close to none.

Final Round of Pro:

- Senator Pearson: Touches more on Shoaf's experience, including his work with Florida Blue Key Speech and Debate Tournament. While working on the University Services Team, Chairman Pearson wholeheartedly is in favor of Senator Shoaf.

Kristen Jackson:

First round of Con:

- Senator Hernandez: One of her concerns is Jackson's inability to work with the committee chair. If there is a personal problem between the committee member and chair that would be a hindrance to the efficiency of the committee.
- Chairwoman Morris: Worried about the efficiency of the committee if appointed.

First Round of Pro:

- Senator Nimer: It is not the place in this body to be speaking of people's personal issues in this chamber, if the candidate did not feel she had the capacity to work with the chair, she would have known that. Senator Jackson has plenty of experience both writing legislation and being involved on campus.

Second Round of Con:

- Chairwoman Girschick: Personally believes that Senator Jackson is an amazing person. But an important aspect of being on Judiciary committee is holding professionalism and does not believe that would be upheld by Senator Jackson.
- Senator Wikan: Cannot offer trust in her, considering she has walked out of meetings.
- Senator Hoffman: Based the appointments off of the best interview.

Second Round of Pro:

- Senator Tio: States her various qualifications, including the drafting of many bipartisan pieces of legislation.

Third Round of Con:

- Chairman Pearson: Wants to have a committee that is able to work together, but believes that Senator Jackson is unable to do this based on her behavior in past meetings.

Third Round of Pro:

- Senator Nimer: Senators are not the only ones writing legislation. Student organizations are also writing legislation. The applicant provided legislation workshops and office hours. \_\_\_\_\_
- Senator Garcia: If we are going to talk about character, since that is such an important thing for people across the aisle, Kristen Jackson is an amazing human being and went above and beyond to help me during campaigning.

Final Round of Con:

- Senator Nelson: Given that Senator Jackson has brought ill-advised behavior into the chamber, feels her fit in the committee is not there.
- Senator Morris: Believes that qualifications and experience are important but outside involvement that Jackson is involved in does not correlate with the position, but other candidates do.
- Senator Pearson: Kristen Jackson was in a legality issue before, where she had to publicly apologize on Inspire's Facebook, and it is a concern to have someone who has not followed legality be on a committee that deals with legality.

- Senator Hoffman: Reiterates that the Replacement and Agenda picks the most qualified applicant, and there is a reason why Senator Jackson was not selected.

Final Round of Pro:

- Senator Solomon: Emotions are not disqualifiable at all. It is disgraceful that any senators would make her feel less than for displaying emotions. Mock trial does not qualify someone to handle legislation.
- Senator Barrocas: Provides examples to her qualifications and past experiences that make her qualified.
- Senator Lima: How insulting it is to reduce someone based on their emotions. Why are we not talking about the legislation that she has worked on and all the experience she has?

There was a motion for a roll call vote. Seconded. In the eyes of the chair, that motion fails. In standing vote of 42 to 32, Senator Shoaf has been approved to the open Judiciary Committee seat.

#### Information & Communications Committee

Senator Lima moves to open the floor for nominations, that motion is seconded. In a standing vote of 31 to 42, that motion passes.

Senator Lima moves to nominate Senator Tio. Accepted.

Senator Lima moves to nominate Senator Garcia. Accepted.

Mary Kate Urbanski:

First Round of Con:

- Senator Lima: Main issue is the fact that she has had very minimal experience on her resume, especially in comparison to other applicants. There were no signs of outreach experience in her resume or interview.

First Round of Pro:

- Senator Cordover: She was in the Emerging Leaders program with Dance Marathon at UF, which is a massive outreach experience not just within DM, but throughout the university.
- Chairwoman Jones: As chair, she knows what necessary experience is for the committee.

Second Round of Con:

- Senator Amrose: When there are applicants who have exhibited lots of experience, it is not smart to not go with these people, which is not Senator Urbanski.
- Senator Tio: Wants to echo sentiments of Senator Amrose. Senator Urbanski has no political outreach experience which is different than any other outreach experience that may be held.

Second Round of Pro:

- Majority Party Leader Hernandez: Senator Urbanski served on the outreach team for Study Edge, which is a skill an experience she can transfer into Senate.

Third Round of Con:

- Senator Tio: Political outreach is extremely different than any other type of outreach. Other candidates have experience with political outreach and Senator Urbanski does not.

Third Round of Pro:



- Chairman Pearson: Outreach to students is very important, and Senator Urbanski has done this with Dance Marathon at UF and Study Edge.
- Senator Bennett: Knowing Senator Urbanski for a few years, she can attest to Senator Urbanski's character. Lists various experiences that Senator Urbanski has held that qualify her.
- Senator Cordover: Her outreach has not been politically charged, but rather in a social setting, making her more qualified for that.
- Chairwoman Jones: Time expired.

Final Round of Con:

- Senator Garcia: Does not understand why there is doubt that one candidate who is more qualified is not being placed on a committee over an inexperienced candidate.
- Senator Jackson: SG is a political entity, so having students in experience with political tasks is much different than not.

Final Round of Pro:

- Senator Wikan: Knowing Senator Urbanski over the past few years has shown her Urbanski's character which she believes qualifies her for this position.
- Senator Hernandez: Discusses her experience with the Coastal Construction Firm. Her tasks accomplished during the internship, with Study Edge, and Dance Marathon, regarding outreach, makes her qualified.
- Senator Solomon: Believes that I&C has a PR problem, having both social and political outreach is important. Time expired.

Senator Tio:

Senator Amrose moves to remove Senator Tio from consideration by unanimous consent.

Approved.

Senator Garcia:

First Round of Con:

- There were none.

First Round of Pro:

- Senator Nimer: It was stated that transferable skills are important. Senator Garcia has plenty of experience in political outreach.
- Senator Tio: Because no one rose for con, this proves how qualified she is.

Second Round of Con:

- Chairman Pearson: We should take into consideration R&A recommendations because they were able to interview each applicant, and they still did not select Senator Garcia.
- Senator Goren: A lot of us are unaware of qualifications, and therefore cannot speak on them.

Senator Amrose moves to recommit the recommendation for the open I&C Committee Seat. There was a motion for a roll call vote. That motion fails. In a standing vote, in the eyes of the chair, that motion fails.

Second Round of Pro:

- Senator: We have not heard reasons for rejection during the recommendation.
- Senator Zimmer: Was blown away by the application of Senator Garcia.

Third Round of Con:

- Majority Party Leader Hernandez: What set these applicants apart is the ideas that were given by each candidate. There have been applicants who have proposed things that would make great change to the committee.

Third Round of Pro:

- Senator: Senator Garcia had some of the most innovative ideas such as starting a listserv and a newsletter.
- Senator Chou: Wants to emphasize the importance of art skills needed in Senate.

Final Round of Con:

- Majority Party Leader Hernandez: Although many were qualified, the selected applicants' ideas were what brought more to the table, resulting in the actual recommendations.
- Senator Hoffman: Tries to take as many notes as possible during R&A meetings, and does not have lengthy notes on this applicant.

Final Round of Pro:

- Senator Muralidhara: Senator Garcia's ideas seem innovative. If given the opportunity to do so, she would most likely provide more innovative ideas than those she stated.
- Senator Diaz: Rules exist so that the Senate body can check R&A recommendations if they feel recommendations do not align.
- Senator Nimer: Notes that the lack of notes for an applicant shouldn't be blamed on the applicant, but rather the notetaker.

Senator Lima makes a motion to call for a 15 minute recess. In the eyes of the chair, that motion fails.

In a standing vote of 44 to 31, Senator Urbanski has been appointed to the open Information and Communications seat.

Lillian Wiggins:

Senator Amrose motions to open the floor for nominations. Seconded. In a standing vote of 27 to 46, that motion fails.

Senator Lima motions to postpone the recommendation indefinitely. Seconded. This is debatable.

First Round of Con:

- Senator Solomon: This is a seat that must be filled immediately, and start reaching out to students and operate in all capacities.
- Chairwoman Jones: Wants to echo Senator Solomon's sentiments. Needs a full committee to operate with quorum and do the many things coming up.

Senator motions to amend his previous motion to instead recommit the I&C nomination back to R&A by unanimous consent. Objected.

First Round of Pro:

- Senator Lima: It has been clear that we do not have the information necessary to make an educated vote. That is why he believes that it would be in the best interest of everyone to delay this vote and get the information needed to make an informed vote.
- Senator Amrose: There is no harm done in making sure the correct decision is being made.

Second Round of Con:

- Senator Hernandez: This committee needs to get work ASAP and to do that, they need to meet quorum to do so. Discussing the current R&A recommendation would be healthy.
- Senator Rush: We have been waiting for too long, and this vote should not be postponed any longer.

Second Round of Pro:

- Senator Lima: Pro-con debate has not been enough to decide on some of these seats. If anyone feels that cannot make a choice, then it should not happen.

In a voice vote, in the eyes of the chair, the nays have it.

Lillian Wiggins:

There has been a motion to call the previous question. Seconded. This motion is not debatable. In a standing vote, in the eyes of the chair, that motion passes.

In a standing vote, in the eyes of the chair, that motion passes. Senator Wiggins has been appointed to the open Information and Communication Committee seat.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Sandifer welcomes the senators.
- There are some open permanent Senate Seats:
  - Education
  - Graduate (5)
  - Medicine
  - Nursing
  - District C seat

**BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairman Brown welcomes the Senators.
- Thanks everyone for coming to their Finance workshop.
- Thanks everyone for coming out to Budget hearing.
  - They are going in first come, first serve order.
  - If your organization has not been notified yet, that means they have not reached that part of the queue yet.
- Next hearing is tomorrow from 8AM-10AM
  - Thursday: 3-5 PM
  - Friday: 12-5PM

**ALLOCATIONS:**

- Chairwoman Girschick welcomes the Senators.
- Congratulates Senator Nimer for being placed on the committee.

- Allocations committee will be having a hearing this Friday from 3-5pm.
- Looking for a scribe for her hearings, email her if interested.
  - You do not have to be a senator.
- Asks the committee to meet at the end of this meeting.
- Running totals are unable to be provided on the agenda anymore.

### **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairman Pearson welcomes the senators.
- Welcomes four new members of his committee.
- For all members, asks to meet after senate adjourns.
- Office Hours: Monday 2-3pm
- If interesting as serving as a clerk, please email Chairman Pearson.
- Asks students to fill out a student survey, sent to over 24,000 students.

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Morris welcomes the Senators.
- Keep turning in constituency forms.
- If you are confused about your constituency, please reach out to her, you should be halfway through by now.
- Make sure you are converting forms in PDFs.
- Email [Rules@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:Rules@sg.ufl.edu) with announcements.

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairwoman Jones welcomes the Senators.
- Congratulates new committee members.
- SG polo and name tag order, Senator Cordover will be handling them. Polos will cost around \$25, but exact price will not be known until numbers are in.
  - Form will be sent out tonight and due Tuesday November 12th at 11:59 PM.
- Name tags are \$12, form will be released. Because the price is set, money and form is due before receiving name tags. Money and form due Tuesday, November 12th at 11:59 PM.
- Will having the Senate Mentorship program soon, encourages everyone to fill out the form.
  - Form also closes Tuesday Nov 12th at 11:59 PM
- Meet Your Senator Day will be on Friday, November 22nd.
  - Will send out sheet for senators to sign up to give out pizza.
- Fall Senate Retreat on Thursday, November 14th in the Reitz Union.
  - All in attendance will be given a half absence back.
- Will be sending out tabling sheet event soon, reminds them of the Field and Fork pantry tabling event. Email her if interested.
- Explains “Why Senate Wednesday”, if interested in being featured, fill out the form.
- Committee will hopefully be meeting soon.
- Email her at [info@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:info@sg.ufl.edu) if you have any questions.

### **FIRST READING:**

- There were none.

**SECOND READING:**

- There were none.

**BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

- There were none.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- There were none.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Senator Lima moves to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent. Approved.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 PM.