

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

April 14th, 2020

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:30 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 92 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Lloyd
- Rodriguez, K.
- Scott
- Smiley
- Wilson
- Xu

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Adreanne Martinez:
 - Encouraged Student Government to take on the efforts of the Student Body Resolution Requesting that the University of Florida Assemble a Working Group on UF's Connections to Indigenous Expropriation and Slavery to Better Understand and Document the University's History.
 - Reached out to UF's Chief Diversity Officer, who applauded her efforts and encouraged her to continue to raise the topic with Student Government.
 - Resolution has the support of the UF Law Center for Race and Race Relations and the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program.
 - Informed the Senate about history
- Senator Dylan Attlesey
 - Yielded time back to the chair.
- Senator Emma Sanchez
 - Speaking for Dr. Ortiz who wasn't able to make it
 - Read statement from Dr. Ortiz regarding legislation Adreanne Martinez spoke on
 - Samuel Proctor Oral History Program is excited to work with SG
 - Spoke her opinion on how this legislation is important and should not be tabled
 - Yielded the rest of her time
- Myles Sullivan
 - Grad student in anthropology department
 - Read passage from an Alligator article in the 1910's about black face shows that UF held as a sports fundraiser

- Mentioned that 57 Universities are also partaking in similar projects
- Elizabeth Ibarrola
 - Spoke about the importance of students speaking on their experiences on race
 - Wants SG to support the research of the history of racial issues at UF
- Gabriella Paul
 - Wants more resources allocated to research on race & slavery
 - Explained what one semester of “seeking answers” on race & slavery would look like
 - Spoke on history of slavery and UF
 - Asked for more time and resources from SG to help explore subject further.
- John Sensbach
 - Professor of history & advisor on project Adrenne & Gabrielle spoke about
 - Mentioned nearly 60 universities are working on similar projects
 - Summarized report on how UF was built by slave owners & removing Seminoles from their land
 - Made case for why project is important and why more research on subject needs to be done
- Senator Sana Nimer
 - Gave a goodbye speech.
- Ryan Morini
 - Speaking on resolution brought up by Adreanne
 - Spoke on the deep seeded interest students have on subject.
 - Many top 10 universities have been working on similar projects
 - Summarized the importance of why we should work on project
- Senator Madeleine Bennett
 - Gave a goodbye speech.
- Kevin Trejos
 - Yielded time back to the chair.
- Colin Solomon
 - Yielded time back to the chair
 - Thanked Madeleine for her service
 - Spoke on tabled resolution
 - Supports research on UF & race
 - Confirming/Rejecting nominations made by Trevor Pope
 - Inspire party chose to vote against 8 people
 - Addressed why they rejected Branden & the 2 judicial branch nominees (Nickas & Jones)
- Zachariah Chou
 - Yielded time back to the chair
 - Discussed Slavery Resolution & Final Privilege

- Discussed meaning of “Gator Bait”
- Discussed Budget Issues – Would like more transparency
- Commented on Sana’s time in Senate
- Commented on Branden Pearson & why he is unfit for position he was nominated for

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AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were no amendments. The minutes stand approved.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Bennett moved to approve Gabi Zlatanoff to the open District A seat by unanimous consent. Motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Bennett moved to approve all nominations for open committee seats by unanimous consent. Motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Bennett moved to approve Executive Secretary Nominations by unanimous consent. Motion Passes
- Majority Party Leader Bennett moved to strike Jacob Van De Car & Natalie Rodriguez from the Summer Replacement Lists by unanimous consent. Motion Passes
- R&E Chair Feraby Hoffmann moved to hear all approved absences as a block by unanimous consent. Motion Passes
- R&E Chair Hoffmann moved to approve excused approved absences by unanimous consent as block. Motion Passes

STUDENT BODY OFFICER REPORTS:

- Mark Mulhall gave summary on what was done this year, what they were looking to get done before COVID 19, and items currently happening.
 - Participated in sustainable transportation fair
 - Participated in Housing Fair
 - Participated in the Office of Sustainability’s Listen Session on UF’s climate action plan
 - Partnered w/ Zipcar on the “Clear Air” Grant competition
 - Partnered w/ Chop the Vote in the environmental policy panel
 - Administered the GGG challenge
 - Worked with Senators to create a green counsel
 - Listed projects that were unable to be completed due to COVID 19
 - Suggested people should apply for sustainability activities
 - Mentioned green roundtable zoom meeting that anyone can participate in to learn about staying green in quarantine, provided his email for more info on that.
- Trevor Pope provided updates on his upcoming administration
 - Announced initiatives he plans to start on day 1
 - Addressed his nominations for his administration

- Suggests everyone come together during this trying time

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Thanked everyone for their understanding during these trying times
- Congratulated Colin Solomon for being elected as IRHA President

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Agency Heads
 - Colin Solomon moved to remove Branden Pearson, Will Sandifer & Mark Mulhall from the block. Objected.
 - Nominations will be heard as a block and put to a vote.
 - Majority Party Leader Bennett makes motion to remove Will Sandifer & Branden Pearson from the Agency Head block by unanimous consent. Motion Passes
 - Considering block without Will & Branden and put to a vote
 - Majority Party Leader Bennett makes motion to strike Will Sandifer & Branden Pearson by unanimous consent
 - Colin Solomon attempts to clarify what Majority Party Leader Bennett means by her last statement – According to Solomon she meant to say “she wants to send those names back to the executive branch so the motion can be correct for parliamentary procedure.”
 - Majority Party Leader Bennett confirms that is what she meant by her last motion. Motion passes.
 - Majority Party Leader Bennett makes motion to remove Mark Mulhall by unanimous consent. Motion passes.
 - Majority Party Leader Bennett makes motion to approve agency head block by unanimous consent. Motion passes
 - Colin Solomon makes motion to move call the previous question by unanimous consent. Motion passes
 - Request to remove Benjamin Lima from panel as he is not a current senator. Denied since he is a senator right now.
 - Colin Solomon makes motion to approve the block by unanimous consent. Motion passes
 - Debate for Mark Mulhall as agency head – 5 mins of questions and answer
 - Trevor yields to Mark
 - Senator Tio asks what differentiates Mark from past Gators Going Green chairs
 - Senator Chou asks Mark to explain the Clean Air Grant competition
 - Chairwoman Girschick asks “what are some things in the past you’ve been a part of that would make you lead you to be a good chair for the position”
 - Speaking in Con begins
 - Senator Tio admires Mark’s willingness to come and speak in front of everyone but did not see a lot of differentiation between himself and past chairs. Sen. Tio

thinks resolutions are important if they create tangible change and hasn't seen that through said resolution or projects done by Gators Going Green

- Minority Party Leader Solomon piggy backed off Senator Tio's comment – believes that Mark has failed to bring tangible change to campus. Wants to see more tangible plan of action.
- Speaking in pro begins
- Senator Zlatanoff served as Mark's Chief of Staff. Stated that Mark is one of the most passionate people she's ever met about GGG, says the reason why things didn't come to fruition is because the semester got cut short but they were on the brink of them starting. Believes it would be a true shame for him to not continue in this position
- Chairwoman Hoffman says the most relevant experience you can have is already "completing" that position. Said Mark figured out what works and what doesn't and knows the best way to accomplish tasks. Believes going in with strong leadership will allow Mark to make the tangible change he's been working so hard on. Spoke about how passionate Mark is about GGG.
- Senator White believes Mark has been turning around GGG. Worked with Mark last Summer and commented on how he has set up sustainable framework for GGG.
- 2nd Round of Con
- Minority Party Leader Solomon responds to Senator Zlatanoff's comment - The semester being cut short doesn't excuse the months of in-action from the GGG office between June-March.
- Senator Chou read the report Mark gave to Senate last semester to prove his point. Is disappointed by the lack of tangibles from this administration. Looked online and did not see anything about Zipcar initiative. Cannot find justification to reappoint Mark.
- 2nd Round of Pro begins
- Chairman ..(inaudible) 1:30 Believes Mark is the person for this job and that he has been consistent.
- Senator Zlatanoff defended why it has taken time for Mark to make tangible change. Believes he will accomplish all his plans and more with a second term.
- Senator White said the last administration did not take sustainability seriously which held Mark back. Defended the work Mark has done behind the scenes and mentioned their meeting with the Office of Sustainability. Confident that Mark will be able to push GGG in a positive light if confirmed.
- 3rd Round of Con begins
- Senator Tio commented that Senator Rodriguez put a lot of time into her GGG application and had good ideas but was rejected and another applicant (Mark) who she saw as underqualified was selected. Mentioned a resolution regarding

aluminum cans in vending machines that was written by the Inspire Caucus and sent to Mark was not supported. Expressed worry that Mark is biased and is not passionate enough.

- Senator Chou said meeting with the sustainability office doesn't make Mark a qualified applicant because anyone can meet with the sustainability office, including himself. Claims Mark is being glorified for doing the bare minimum. Mentioned that Mark continues to have no tangibles. Doesn't see the "activist spirit" in Mark.
- 3rd round of pro
- Senator White spoke on Senator Tio's claim – stated that Mark has been in constant communication with Senator Rodriguez since being agency head. Spoke on Senator Chou's comment – stated that Mark has been doing more than the bare minimum. Mentioned not having the support of the executive branch & all stakeholders caused problems in Mark's ability to do his job.
- Senator Zlatanoff echoed what Wynton said. Knows Mark has passion for the job and believes he is the most qualified because he has already served in this position. Believes it makes sense to let Mark continue his projects.
- Senator Rodriguez wanted to input facts. She reached out to Mark to coordinate a meeting with the Office of Sustainability. Considers Mark to be a really great person and hopes he takes his experience from this past year and put it into work if he is reselected.
- 4 min round of Con begins
- Senator Tio doesn't believe her points have been addressed. Her big concern is the lack of diversity on his staff. Confused as to why Senator Rodriguez wasn't chosen for GGG because her application was so great & others with no sustainability were chosen over her. Worried and hesitant to appoint Mark because he doesn't accept opposing viewpoints. Doesn't think the lack of action from SBP is a good excuse for lack of tangibles done by Mark. Believes that Mark's supporters are giving a lot of excuses and is not seeing her points addressed.
- Senator Wilder has been involved in similar fronts over the last year and doesn't believe they have a good presence.
- 4 min round of pro begins
- Senator Hoffman Highlighted again that Mark has the most experience out of anyone because he has already held this position. Pointed out how passionate Mark is because he is minoring in agricultural and resource law and soil and water sciences. Defended Mark's passion and ability to do the job and doesn't believe the cons being brought up are relevant.
- Senator Zlatanoff addressed Senator Tio's concern, was part of selection processes as GGG Chief of Staff, said they had a diverse team and many people

were able to come in and help. Mentioned that there were many ways that anyone who was passionate about sustainability could have gotten involved. Defended Mark's passion and impact.

- Chairman Kays Believes Mark had an awesome application and that he now has the contacts and experience to get things done.
 - Senator White Believes the experience and contacts Mark has gained will help him going forward. Touched on Senator Chou's remarks: believes the fact that he is the only one from last year up for nomination should speak volumes in regards to his ability to do the job.
 - All rounds of Con and Pro complete
 - Vote for Mark as GGG chair begins – 34 No, 57 Yes motion does not reach 2/3, motion fails
 - In line to hear the cabinet block.
- Cabinet Chairs & Directors
 - Majority Party Leader Bennett moved to approve the block for Cabinet Chairs and Directors by unanimous consent.
 - There is an objection – debate follows
 - There is a motion to remove the following names from the block by unanimous consent: Daniel Badell, Grace Taylor, Keri Ann Collins. Objected. Motion fails
 - 5 mins of question and answer begins
 - President-Elect Pope will be speaking on behalf of this block
 - Chairwoman Girschick asks what some of the best ideas Trevor has heard that has gotten him excited for his term as President. Asked about what he is excited to implement.
 - Addressed the objections. Defends objections of Grace Taylor, Daniel Badell and Keri Ann Collins
 - First Round of Con begins
 - Senator Patel speaks on cabinet director for Internal Affairs – Their main issue is that she is not an international student and doesn't believe she'd be a good fit to represent international students because of that.
 - Minority Party Leader Solomon addressed point personally brought up against him regarding a bias against Grace Taylor & IRHA. States that he has no ill will against Grace Taylor because she hasn't served on IRHA. However, he notes that Grace does not have the proper experience to run it effectively. Made another note about Keri Ann Collins – he believes an international student should be in that position
 - 1st Round of Pro begins
 - Senator Zlatanoff touches on Grace Taylor. Believes she is qualified because of her passion and great work ethic.

- Senator Hartzog speaks on Daniel Badell. Believes he has the passion and drive needed to succeed in position.
- Senator Wiggins speaks on Grace Taylor – believes her experience has prepared her for the IRA position
- Senator Longland speaks on Grace Taylor worked with her on preview and believes she is capable of taking on the IRA position
- Senator Galliano speaks on Grace Taylor believes she is qualified for the position
- 2nd Round of Con begins
- Senator Karim spoke on why they object to Daniel Badell
- Senator Tio spoke on Grace Taylor and why her credentials don't work for the position and about the Housing Fair not being beneficial to majority of students because it funds a banquet some people aren't invited to.
- Senator Muralidhara spoke on Keri Ann Collins and objects to her in position to represent international students
- 2nd Round of Pro begins
- Chairman Kays defends Grace Taylor & Keri Ann Colins
- Senator Groux defends Grace Taylor & Keri Ann Colins
- Senator Allen defends Daniel Badell
- Senator Rodriguez defends Daniel Badell
- Senator Trejos defends Daniel Badell
- 3rd Rounds of Con
- Senator Gatos speaks on Keri Ann Collins: doesn't think she's qualified for position, hasn't heard many pros for her
- Senator Nimer speaks on Keri Ann Colins – believes if she was in the position it would be a disservice to international students
- Senator Patel spoke on Keri Ann Collins doesn't believe she has the right background for this position.
- Senator Tio agrees with Senator Patel
- 3rd Round of Pro Begins
- Senator Trejos defends Daniel Badell
- Senator Marti (2:17:54) Defends Daniel Badell & Grace Taylor
- Chairwoman Hoffmann defends Grace Taylor & Keri Ann Collins
- Final Round of Con Begins
- Senator Tio wanted to finish remarks – point of order made that cons should go to people who were not able to speak before – was not able to finish her remarks
- Senator Chou speaks on whoever is in charge of any cabinet should be part of the community they're representing. Yields time to Senator Faisal.
- Senator Faisal makes more points on why Keri Ann Collins isn't right for position
- Senator Murislahara speaks on Keri Ann Collins: doesn't believe she's right for position

- Senator Castillo spoke on Keri Ann Collins doesn't believe she is right for position
 - Final Round of Pro begins
 - Senator Zlatanoff Spoke on Grace Taylor, defended Grace
 - Chairman Longland Spoke on Badell & Keri Ann, defends both
 - Chairwoman Girschick spoke on Keri Ann, defends her for the position
 - Senator Hartzog Spoke on Daniel Badell, defends for position
 - Senator White Spoke on Daniel Badell defends his ability to do job
 - Minority Party Leader Solomon requests motion – moves to remove Keri Ann Collins from the block by roll call vote. Motion passes –
 - Roll call vote begins to remove Keri Ann Collins from block 39 yes, not 2/3rd Motion Fails
 - Roll call vote for approving cabinet chair & director's block begins
 - 52 yes – Majority vote Cabinet Chair and Director block passes
- Judicial Branch
 - Majority Party Leader Bennett calls a motion to remove Jon Nikas & Preston Jones from Judicial Branch block
 - Motion Passes
 - Majority Party Leader Bennett calls motion to strike Jon Nikas & Preston Jones by unanimous consent. Motion passes
 - Majority Party Leader Bennett calls motion to approve the judicial branch nominations block by unanimous consent. Motion passes
 - Majority Party Leader Bennett makes motion to approve judicial branches block by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Summer Replacements
 - Majority Party Leader Bennett moves to call the previous question for Eric Kienegger by unanimous consent. Motion passes
 - Majority Party Leader Bennet moves to approve Eric Kienegger for the Summer A pharmacy replacement seat by unanimous consent. Motion Passes
 - Move to approve Shannon Locascio for the Broward Summer seat replacement by unanimous consent Motion passes
 - Move to call previous question for Richard Doan by unanimous consent. Motion passes
 - Move to approve Richard Doan for the business Summer C replacement seat by unanimous consent. Motion passes
 - Move to call previous question for Tyler Visuvasam by unanimous consent. Motion passes

- Move to approve Tyler Visuvassum for the District D Summer C replacement seat by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Move to call the previous question for Hannah Kim by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Move to approve Hannah Kim for the District D Summer C replacement seat by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Move to call previous question for Yashasvi Bhat by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Move to approve Yashasvi Bhat for the Engineering Summer C replacement seat by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Move to call previous question for Zachary Utt by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Move to approve Zachary Utt for the Engineering Summer C replacement seat by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Move to call previous question for Alanas Gonzalez by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Move to approve Alanas Gonzalez for the Liberal Arts & Science Summer C replacement seat by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Move to call previous question for Bruce Glasserman by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Move to approve Bruce Glasserman for the Liberal Arts & Science Summer C replacement seat by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Move to call previous question for Madelyn Sarlo by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Move to approve Madelyn Sarlo for the Liberal Arts & Science Summer C replacement seat by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Move to call previous question for Alexis Hanlon by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Move to approve Alexis Hanlon for the Medicine Summer C replacement seat by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Move to call previous question for Lee-Ann Tanza by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Move to approve Lee-Ann Tanzo for the nursing Summer C replacement seat by unanimous consent. Motion passes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Brown welcomes the senators.
- One open permanent District A seat. Brown will let everyone know when the application is up and when the due date is
- Gave shoutout to Senator Nimer

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Girschick welcomes the Senators.
- Gave shoutout to Senator Nimer
- All Fall semester budget hearings are finished
- Bills are currently being created for everyone to look over
- Will be sending out an SAI listserv email explaining to all organizations on which line items were funded

ALLOCATIONS:

- Chairman Reineke welcomes the senators.
- Thanked committee members for their hard work
- 172 event requests were approved by their committee before funding ran out on 4/3
- Working on forming bills and moving requests from the Google forms to Docutraq. Should be done by mid-day Wednesday 4/15

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Longland welcomes the senators.
- Legislation cannot be heard tonight will be tabled to next meeting
- SG website has been updated with new templates by assistant majority party leader Raisa Karim & Senator Douglas
- Senator Karim goes into more detail about templates and how to navigate them
- Will copy and paste on to zoom chat
- Senator Chou asks when the next meeting will be held and when legislation will be due

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Hoffman welcomes the senators.
- Welcomes new members to her committee
- Suggests everyone reach out to their constituents and make themselves available
- Reminder to send in voting records to senate secretary
- Question from Senator Zimmer: Does attendance from the previous meeting that was cut short count towards attendance? Half absence since roll call is missing
- Question from Senator Tio: What things go on a voter record? Can a sample voter record be sent out?

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairman Kays welcomes the Senators.
- Thanked everyone for participating in the Senate retreat
- Mentor/Mentee pairing will be a separate event
- Fill out Mentor/Mentee form if interested

FIRST READINGS:

- Chairman Longland moved to table all pending legislation until next week by unanimous consent. Motion passed.

SECOND READINGS:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Minority Party Leader Solomon mentioned he is the IRA President Elect and he is excited about it
- IRHA is releasing director applications this week, will be posted on IRA Facebook page
- Senator Turner trying to start back up the Woman & Jewish Caucuses. Put sign up form in zoom chat
- Senator Wilder LGBT caucus is off the ground looking for people to join
- Senator Shields looking to start up a Greek Caucus, looking for people to help
- Senator Chou included link in chat for Gator Bait article. Anyone is welcome to speak to him about advocacy since he is the oldest senator. Happy to help anyone with personal projects. Thanked Trevor Pope for his efforts.
- Senator Zimmer congratulated the student who participated in Jeopardy
- Pro Tempore Brown- walked through voter records with everyone.
- Senate one-on-ones starting up again next week via Zoom and will continue through Summer
- Chairwoman Girschick is holding focus groups for leaders who have been part of the budget cycle for two semesters or more

ROLL CALL:

- There was a motion to use voting records as final roll call by unanimous consent. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 PM.