

## STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

May 12, 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 72 senators present.

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

- Fu
- Howard
- Kim
- Mason
- Rodriguez
- Russell
- Skinner
- Smiley
- Visuvasam

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Emma Sanchez
  - Believes that there was a stronger applicant for the International Cabinet Director position and the stronger applicant was not given enough attention. Hopes the chair selected will do a good job and prove her wrong.
- Sommerville Wang
  - Gave a goodbye speech.
- Zachery Utt
  - Discussed “Hotspot Act,” spoke about the importance of distributing wifi hotspots to students who do not have access to reliable internet and the opportunity for UF to partner with T-Mobile. Suggested student service fees are used to cover the cost.
- Mark Merwitzer
  - Discussed resolution suggesting that any landlords or apartment complexes who do not partner with SG to provide rent relief should not be allowed to participate in the next housing fair
- Senator Claudia Tio
  - Shared introduction power point that lead into why she believes she is purposely not being let into LatinX & LGBTQ+ caucuses because of her independent status. Urged people to let productive members of these communities into their caucuses

even if they don't agree with them. Hopes to be let into these caucuses after hearing her presentation.

- Senator Kevin Trejos
  - Presented legislation with Senator Clavijo-Gomez produced by the Latin X caucus for the senate meeting
- Senator Santiago Clavijo-Gomez
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- Senator Zachariah Chou
  - Expressed his support for the “Hot Spot Act.” Provided information for different resources that may be helpful during this time that are available in Gainesville, including resources for rent relief

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#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:**

- There were no amendments. The minutes stand approved.

#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Chairwoman Girschick moved to approve Student Senate Bill 2020-1010 preservation of student organizational funds by unanimous consent. Motion Passes
- Chairwoman Girschick moved to approve student senate bill 2020-1012 allocations and reserves for all campus rent relief fund by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Chairwoman Girschick moved to approve student senate bill 2020-1017 line item transfer for Firth-Year Leadership Program by unanimous consent. Motion Passes
- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moved to approve Julia Cordover for the open District A seat by unanimous consent. Motion Passes
- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moved to approve Erin Carr for the student honor court administration agency head position by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moved to approve Armin Dastjerdi for finance and affordability cabinet director by unanimous consent. Objection
- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moved to approve Paige Gryski for PACE affairs cabinet director by unanimous consent. Objection.
- Chairman Roland moved to approve student bill 2020-10-13 cabinet reorganization act of 2020 200 student code revision by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Chairman Roland moved to approve student bill 2020-10-14 resolution celebrating Asian – Pacific Islander – Desi American heritage month 2020 by unanimous consent. Motion passes

- Chairman Roland moved to approve student bill 2020-10-15 resolution recommending additional resources for international students facing hardships due to Covid 19 crisis by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Chairman Roland moved to approve student bill 2020-10-16 resolution supporting translation of official emails coming from the University of Florida by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Senator Zimmer moved to suspend all constituency requirements for all senators for Summer A & Summer B by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Chairwoman Hoffmann moved to hear all approved absences of block by unanimous consent. Motion passes
- Chairwoman Hoffmann moved to approve senate absences block by unanimous consent. Motion passes

### **STUDENT BODY OFFICER REPORTS:**

- Trevor Pope Thanks Senate for unanimously approving rent reserve transfer bill.
- Addressed why he made his recommendation for International Cabinet Director
- Announced sponsorship created for the Food & Fork Pantry
- Announced Thursday night Game Night for all students happening for the next 7 weeks
- Explained in more detail what the Rent Relief program entails, why it was created, how they came to the \$500,000 amount and how students will be selected to receive rent relief
- Detailed the criteria of how students will be selected to receive rent relief funds
- Addressed questions he has heard regarding rent relief
- Branden Pearson spoke about resources found to support students in off campus housing and showed the FAQ that was created on this subject.
- Encouraged students us SLS during this time
- Trevor opens floor for questions

### **SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Thanked everyone for their commitment to their roles

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

- Cabinet Directors
- Finance & Affordability- Armin Dastjerdi
  - 5 mins of Q & A begin
  - 3 rounds of con pro begin
  - Vote for Armin Dastjerdi to serve in Finance seat begins
    - 43 Yes – Majority wins, vote passes

- PaCE Affairs- Paige Gryski
  - 5 mins of Q&A begins
  - Minority Party Leader Solomon moves to suspend debate and go straight into voting by unanimous consent. Motion passes
  - Minority Party Leader Solomon moves to approve candidate by unanimous consent. Motion Passes

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:**

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Brown greets the senators.
- Reminder senators about voter records – asked that voter records be sent to the Senate Secretary
- Listed the senate seats that are currently open
- Listed open committee seats
- Will be conducting 1 on 1s via Zoom soon

### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairwoman Girschick greets the Senators.
- Thanked Senators for passing the Preservation of Student Orgs Fund bill
- Thanked Senators for passing the Rent Relief bill
- Waiting on Dr. Mull to sign the Fall 2020 Operational Travel and Event Request bill
- Answered question regarding dietary restriction bill

### **ALLOCATIONS:**

- Chairman Reineke greets the senators.
- Waiting for Dr. Mull to finish look over the Event Request bill
- 3 Allocation spots open and accepting applications

### **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairman Longland greets the senators.
- Will be sending listserv email regarding when legislation will be due & the next judiciary meeting
- 2 seats open on judiciary committee
- Answered question about powerpoint presentations

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Hoffman greets the senators.
- Stressed importance of turning in voter records
- Committee meeting won't be happening soon – will send out email before next meeting
- Asked that people apply to the R&E committee
- Apologized for pronouncing names wrong

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairman Kays greets the Senators.
- Mentor/Mentee went great
- Planning to hold Replacement Senator orientation next week
- I&C Committee is working to put together various e-sport intramural teams

### **FIRST READINGS:**

- STUDENT SENATE BILL 2020-1011: 800 CODES REVISION- Accommodations for Dietary Restrictions Act
- Minority Party Leader Solomon moves to approve legislation by unanimous consent. Objected
- 5 minutes of bill presentation begins
- 1<sup>st</sup> round of Con begins
- 1<sup>st</sup> round of Pro begins
- 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Con begins
- 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Pro begins
- 3<sup>rd</sup> round of Con begins
- 3<sup>rd</sup> round of Pro begins
- Final round of Con begins
- Final round of Pro begins
- 3 minutes of final privilege begins – taken on by Senator Attlesey
- Minority Party Leader Solomon withdraws motion
- Chairwoman Girschick suggests to refer back to committee
- Minority Party Leader Solomon moves to recommit the bill back to budget by unanimous consent. Motion passes

### **SECOND READINGS:**

- There were none.

### **BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

- There were none.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Senator Tio asks that people request online ballots and vote for Florida democrat delegates
- Minority Party Leader Solomon R&A will be interviews for open committee seats. Reach out to him if interested.
- Senator Faisal wants to look into reopening Green Caucus – email him if interested. Also asked anyone email him if they are interested in helping out with the Hotspot Act

- Senator Attlesey working on algorithm to replace first come first serve system used by allocations – looking for people to help with this
- Senator Wilder addressed Senator Tio’s concerns regarding Google Form. If any Senators are looking to join the LGBTQ caucus reach out to him. Working on resolution for a living learning center for LGBT students
- Pro Tempore Brown: Looking into joining E-Sports League with RecSports & do not forget to turn in your voter records to the Senate Secretary

**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 10:03 PM.