

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

May 19, 2020

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:00 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 76 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Askin
- Fu
- Howard
- Mason
- Russell

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Senator Claudia Tio
 - Delivered a presentation focused on ethics in Student Government
 - Discussed the Donald Trump, Jr. ACCENT show from fall semester and how our student leaders should be responding to this issue
 - Talked about the University's claim that the show was not a campaign event
 - Encouraged Senators to not forget how important this issue is to students
 - Explained why Student Government should not be endorsing corporations such as Pepsi
- Mark Merwitzer
 - Congratulated Student Body President Pope on being on the cusp of passing the rent relief bill
 - Stated that more action needs to be taken
 - Discussed the piece of legislation that failed in the Judiciary Committee that would have required housing entities to provide relief to their tenants if they want to take part in the next SG housing fair.
 - Told stories about students' housing situations
- Zachery Utt
 - Spoke about the Hotline Transfer (Hotspot) Act
 - Discussed how this bill would help students without internet access
- Senator Colin Solomon
 - Commented on the fact that he is no longer serving as the Minority Party Leader or member of the Inspire Caucus
 - Sent good wishes to the senate leadership and new Minority Party Leader

- Talked about the formation of the Action UF Coalition
- William Warke
 - Spoke about high rent prices in Gainesville and encouraged the Senate to action on the issue
- Cassandra Robinson
 - Discussed her housing situation and the rent relief bill
- Senator Shawn Zimmer
 - Feels that UF should be doing more regarding coronavirus aid
 - Discussed Senate Bill 2020-1020: 200 Codes Amendment and how it is a display of ultra-partisan legislation
 - Believes the 200 Codes Amendment will silence the voices of many students and as a result, the Inspire Caucus is wholeheartedly objecting to this legislation
- Senator Zachariah Chou
 - Wants to take another look at the amount of money SG is distributing for rent relief because the amount per student will not be adequate
 - Spoke about the 200 Codes Amendment and stated that if anyone hates democracy, they should vote for this bill
 - Read an article for reference about recess appointments
 - Encouraged the Majority Party to think twice about making decisions that would have negative effects on them in the future

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AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were no amendments. The minutes stand approved.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moved to strike Carlos Estrada (Open Summer D Seat) from the agenda by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moved to hear the open summer replacements seats as a block by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moved to hear committee seat recommendations as a block by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moved to approve Suzanna Barna for the open allocations committee seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moved to approve Julia Cordover for the open allocations committee seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moved to approve Richard Doan for the open allocations committee seat by unanimous consent. Objected.

- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moved to approve Thomas Wildermuth for the open judiciary committee seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moved to approve Sydney White for the open judiciary committee seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moved to approve Faith Allen for the open rules and ethics committee seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moved to approve Emery Ianonne for the open information and communications committee seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moved to approve Taylor Collin for the open building construction senate seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moved to approve Lauren Traycik for the open District A senate seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moved to approve Jason Scheurer for the open District B senate seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moved to approve Ethan Jetter for the open graduate senate seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moved to approve Andrew Ilcken for the open infinity senate seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Solomon moved to approve all legislation under second readings by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Senator Solomon moved to hear all open district summer replacement seats as a block by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Zimmer moved to strike Student Senate Bill 2020-1020: 200 Codes Amendment from the agenda by unanimous consent. Objection.
- Chairman Longland moved to approve Student Senate Bill 2020-1018: Resolution Supporting Frontline Workers as We Continue to Fight Coronavirus by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Longland moved to approve Student Senate Bill 2020-1019: Resolution Encouraging University of Florida Students to Participate in “The Great American Takeout” by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Patel moved to strike Student Senate Bill 2020-1020: 200 Codes Amendment from the agenda. Senate President ruled that motion dilatory as it was already previously made. Point of order.
 - Senator Patel moved to appeal the decision of the chair. Motion withdrawn.
 - Senate Patel’s point of order was sustained. The assembly went into debate procedures to strike Student Senate Bill 2020-1020: 200 Codes Amendment from the agenda with two rounds of alternative pro/con debate.
 - No Senators spoke in con
 - Senator Tio spoke in pro
 - Senator Solomon spoke in con

- Senator Patel spoke in pro
- Debated ended. The assembly went into voting procedures.
- Yes- 28, No- 48. Motion fails.

STUDENT BODY OFFICER REPORTS:

- No reports were given.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Thanked Senators for coming to the SG game show

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Open Summer Replacement Senate Seats – Building Construction: Taylor Collin
 - Taylor Collin gave a presentation
 - Three-minute question and answer session commenced.
 - Pro/Con debate commenced.
 - Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff spoke in pro
 - Senator Solomon spoke in pro
 - Senator Tio spoke in con
 - Senator Wildermuth spoke in pro
 - Senator Solomon spoke in pro
 - Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff called the previous question by roll call vote. Yes- 44, No- 12. Motion fails.
 - Taylor Collin was granted one minute for final privilege
 - Senate entered voting procedures. Yes- 50, No- 26. Taylor Collin is confirmed for the open building construction seat.
- Open Summer Replacment Senate Seats- District A: Lauren Traycik
 - Senate President Pro-Tempore Brown designated to present on the senator's behalf as the chair of the Replacement and Agenda Committee. Yielded time to chair.
- Minority Party Leader Zimmer asked for a quorum call
- 50 senators were present. Quorum was not established.

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.