

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

May 26, 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:

- Howard
- Iannone

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Cooper Brown
 - Announced open senate seats
- Senator Claudia Tio
 - Addressed use of the term “filibuster” and what her actual goals are
 - Apologized for not impeaching Michael Murphy
 - Elaborated on Student Senate Bill 2020-1019 and issues she has with it
- Senator Zachery Utt
 - Addressed the “Hotspot Act”
- Senator Zachariah Chou
 - Discussed the direction of Senate over Summer
 - Discussed Amendments
 - Discussed Appointments

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AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were no amendments. The minutes stand approved.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Senator Patel moves to strike Student Senate bill 2020-1020: 200 codes amendment from first reading – objected
 - Two rounds of Con/Pro begins

- Vote begins, motion fails 28/47
- Chairwoman Hoffman moves to approve absence block by unanimous consent – Motion passes
- Senator Tio moves to recommence student Senate bill 2020-10-19 to Judiciary
 - Two rounds of con/pro begin
 - Roll call vote begins 25/50 motion fails

STUDENT BODY OFFICER REPORTS:

- No reports were given.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Reminded everyone what the role of Senate President entails

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Summer Replacement Seat Block begins
 - Presentation by Pro Tempore Brown – Time yielded to the chair
 - 3 mins of Q & A begins
 - Senator Tio moves to have the Q&A portion extended
 - Senator Solomon makes clarification on point made by Pro Tempore Brown
 - Pro/Con for 2 min of Q&A extension begins
 - Senator Patel moves the previous question by unanimous consent – objection
 - Final round of con begins – no one speaks in con
 - Senator Hoffmann begins vote to extent Q & A by 2 mins Final Vote: 8/65 motion fails
 - Pro/Con begins for Summer Seat block
 - Roll call vote begins to approve Summer Seat Block – Final Vote: 75-0 Block Passes
 - Point of information from Senator Patel
- Committee Seat block begins:
 - Presentation given by Pro Tempore Brown
 - Senator Tio makes point of order – not sustained
 - 3 minutes of Q&A begins
 - Senator Tio moves open the floor for nominations to the allocations seat – Motion Fails
 - Senator Tio moves to open the floor for nominations to the judiciary seat – not sustained
 - 2 mins of pro/con for Committee Seat Block begins
 - Senator Patel moves to call the previous question by unanimous consent – objection
 - Pro continues

- Senator Solomon moves to call the previous question not by unanimous consent – motion requires vote
- Senator Hoffmann conducts vote 1/79 previous question passes
- Senator Zimmer moves to approve the block by unanimous consent – objection
- Senator Hoffmann conducts vote on approving committee seat block 79/1 motion passes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Replacement Agenda Committee report with Pro Tempore Brown begins
 - Brown welcomes new senators
 - Urged Senate to fill out 1 on 1 forms
 - Addressed questions regarding replacements seats
 - Addressed question regarding voter records
- Budget and Appropriation Report from Chairperson Girschick
 - Reminded Senators to email her with any questions
- Allocations Report from Chairperson Reineke
 - Addressed Fall 2020 Senate bill that was sent out. Email him with questions
 - Welcomed his three new committee members
- Judiciary Report from Chairperson Longland
 - Legislation due at Noon on Thursday and Friday
 - Congratulates new member
- Rules & Ethics report from Chairperson Hoffman
 - Welcomed Faith onto the committee
 - Addressed question regarding voter records
 - Voter records should be turned into that evening
 - Email her with any questions
- Information and Communication Report from Chairperson Kays
 - Informed everyone that Replacement Senator Orientation took place prior to the meeting
 - Email him with any questions
 - Will be planning a replacement Senator orientation for the seats confirmed at meeting

FIRST READING:

- First readings begin
- Student Senate Bill 2020-10-19 Resolution encouraging UF students to participate in the Great American Takeout
- Senator Tio moves to postpone 2020-10-19 indefinitely – Motion Fails
- Senator Patel moves to approve 2020-10-19 by unanimous consent – objection made
 - Minority Party Leader Zlatanoff moves to call previous question - second
 - Chairperson Hoffmann begins 2/3rd vote Motion Passes vote 6/73
 - Vote begins to pass bill 2020-10-19, legislation passes
- Hearing of Senate Bill 2020-10-20 begins 200 codes amendment begins
 - Senator Tio makes a Point of Information
 - Senator Tio makes Point of Order
 - Senator Zimmer would like to recommit bill back to the committee
 - Two rounds of Con Pro begin
 - Chairperson Hoffman conducts roll call vote. Vote of 30-50 Motion Fails
 - Senator Patel makes point of information
 - Senator Faisal moves to postpone Student Senate Bill 2020-10-20 indefinitely
 - Two rounds of Pro Con begin
 - Vote to postpone legislation begins 30-50 motion fails
 - 5 mins of Bill presentation begins – None
 - 5 mins of non-debatable technical questions begins
 - Q&A portion begins
 - Senator Patel moves to appeal the decision of the chair – seconded
 - Chairperson Hoffman begins 2/3 roll call vote 27-53 Motion Fails
 - Point of Information made by Chairperson Hoffman readdressed
 - Senator Chou makes Point of Information
 - Senator Patel Makes Point of Information
 - Q&A for legislation 2020-10-20 continues
 - Minority Party Leader Zimmer moves to extend the Q&A period by 2 mins – one second, one objection
 - Majority vote to extend Q&A time by 2 mins begins Motion Fails 27-51
 - 3 Rounds of Pro/Con begin
 - Senator Solomon makes motion to appeal the decision of the chair – second
 - 2/3 vote begins to appeal decision of the chair Motion Fails 28-50
 - Pro/Con continues
- Hearing of Amendment 1 begins
 - Senator Patel begins 2 mins of presentation
 - 2 mins of technical questions begin
 - 2 rounds of Con/Pro begin
 - Minority Party Leader Zimmerman moves to amend bill by unanimous consent – objection

- Chairperson Hoffmann begins roll call vote on Amendment 1 Motion fails 29-37
- Hearing of Amendment 2 begins
 - Senator Patel beings 2 mins of presentation
 - 2 min of technical questions begin
 - 2 rounds of Con/Pro begin
 - 1 min of Final Privilege begins
 - Senator Patel moves to approve amendment by unanimous consent – objection
 - Chairperson Hoffmann begins roll call vote Motion Fails 29-50
- Hearing of Amendment 3 begins
 - 2 mins of presentation begin
 - Chairperson Kays moves to call the previous question – second
 - Vote for previous question begins Motion Passes 72-6
 - Vote on Amendment 3 begins Motion Fails 8-71
 - Senator Utt moves to adjourn – second
 - Vote to Adjourn begins Motion fails 25-59
 - 3 mins of final privilege begins – time is yielded to chair
 - Vote begins on passing Amendment 3. Amendment fails.
- Bill passes 29-50

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Senator Tio makes apology to Senator Glasserman – Plugs SG trivia
- Minority Party Leader Zimmer Inspire Caucus is open to anyone re Coronavirus aid and advocacy, reach out to him for more details
- Senator Utt Looking for cosponsors to help with the Hot Spot act
- Chairperson Hoffman Update about voter record Google Form
- Pro Tempore Brown made additional update about the Google Form and voter records in more detail
- Minority party leader Zimmer moves to use voter records as final roll call by unanimous consent – motion passes

ADJOURNMENT:

- There was a motion to use vote records as final roll call. The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 PM.