

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

June 9, 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 83 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Iannone

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Pro-Tempore Cooper Brown – Greets Senators, shares thoughts on recent events affecting our community. Made statement about events that happened during the judiciary meeting. Encourages white senators be better allies to the black community. Spoke about pending resolution.
- Chairman Seth Longland – Spoke about comments made at the judiciary meeting. Encourages resolution be tabled back to the committee.
- Senator Ryan Wilder – Spoke against Branden Pearson, asked to strike him from the agenda and shared homophobic remarks that he has made.
A request was made to have the minutes reflect the following quote said during remarks: “Branden Pearson called a member of the UF community a faggot and during my remarks Branden Pearson moved to adjourn the June 18th senate meeting prior to the review of two pro LGBTQ+ pieces of legislation.”
- Senator Claudia Tio – Apologized to the student body for SG failing to impeach former Student Body President, Michael Murphy. Audio inaudable.
- Senator Colin Solomon – Speaks against Branden Pearson being appointed as Internal Affairs Director
- Senator Bruce Glasserman – Introduces self to Senate, spoke against homophobia, believes it is the job of the Senate to represent every student no matter what, asked for people to contact him if interested in working on his resolution
- Senator Faith Allen – Spoke on Digital Racism resolution. Made statement against racism to Senate. Urges Senate vote to send resolution back to the committee.
- Senator Tyler Kendrick – Made statement against racism to Senate. Spoke about resolution being created to take a stand against racism – urged anyone interested to help.
- Senator Marcus Nelson – Made statement against racism to Senate

- Senator Wynton White – Acknowledges recent victims of police brutality. Thanks Trevor Pope and Pro Tempore Brown for using platform to make positive changes. Thanked Branden Pearson for being an ally towards the black community. Spoke about digital racism bill. Made statement against racism to Senate. Encourages Senate to pass legislation. Encourages Senate President to create a diversity committee.
- Senator Zachery Utt – Introduces self to senate. Made statement against racism. Spoke about racism problem at UF. Urges senate to pass resolution
- Senator Sydney White – Greet Senate, introduces self, addresses comments made during judiciary committee meeting. Spoke on why she voted to remove Liberty Woodly’s name from bill. Wants bill to be re-written to reflect recent changes. Spoke about resolution being written to commend UF’s decision receding Liberty’s acceptance to UF – invited people to help if interested.
- Senator Sahil Patel – Greets Senate, speaks on two amendments he and Senator Utt made on bill 2020-1032.
- Senator Zachariah Chou – Spoke against Branden Pearson. Responded to comment Senator White
- Minority Party Leader Shawn Zimmer – Urges senate to listen to concerns that are brought up about racism and homophobia

*****If you wish to hear any speeches given during public debate please request the recordings from senatesecretary@sg.ufl.edu*****

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were no amendments. The minutes stand approved.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Chairman Longland moves to approve student senate bill 2020-1030 by unanimous consent – Motion Passes
- Chairman Longland moves to approve student senate bill 2020-1031 by unanimous consent – motion passes
- Chairman Longland moves to approve student senate bill 2020-1021 by unanimous consent – (inaudible)
- Chairman Longland moves to approve student senate bill 2020-1022 by unanimous consent -motion passes
- Chairman Longland moves to approve student senate bill 2020-1023 by unanimous consent – motion passes
- Chairman Longland moves to approve student senate bill 2020-1024 by unanimous consent – motion passes
- Chairman Longland moves to recommit student senate bill 2020-1032 back to committee by unanimous consent – objection

- Two rounds of Pro/Con begin
 - Senator Zimmer moves to continue pro/con debate by two rounds – seconded
 - Roll call vote on motion begins motion fails 36-44
 - Senator Patel moves to amend current motion to say recommit the motion back to the committee of the whole – seconded
 - Senate president clarifies meaning of motion above
 - Pro/Con begins on motion to amend
 - Senator Zimmer moves to pass amendment sending motion back to the committee of a whole by unanimous consent – Motion passes
- Senate entered committee of the whole
 - Motion to appoint Marcus Nelson as committee of the whole chair by unanimous consent – objection
 - Senator Kendrick moves to make Pro-Tempore Brown chair of the committee as a whole – seconded
 - Senator Solomon moves to appoint Pro Tempore Brown as chair by unanimous consent - motion passes
 - Pro Tempore Brown take floor explains rules of debate process.
 - Majority Party Leader Zlatonoff moves to have all rounds following debate structure of 2 rounds of pro/con with 5 mins per round per side
 - Senator Patel says Senator Zlatonoff is out of order – reads rules
 - Senator Tio moves to amend the therefore letter as clause – seconded
 - Discussion on amendment begins
 - Majority Party Leader Zlatonoff moves to pass the amendment on the floor by unanimous consent – Motion passes
 - Senator Patel moves to amend the resolution to change verbiage of the 3rd whereas clause
 - Senator Sydney White move to strike the last therefore clause – objection
 - Majority Party Leader Zlatonoff moves to pass the next amendment on the floor by unanimous consent – motion passes
 - Senator Sydney White moves to strike the last therefore clause – second
 - Discussion begins
 - Senator Sydney White moves to amend the last therefore clause – objection
 - Senator Patel moves to call the previous question by unanimous consent – motion passes
 - In line to vote on Senator White’s therefore clause
 - Senator Patel moves to approve current motion by unanimous consent
 - Senator Tio moves to amend the 3rd whereas clause – motion rescinded
 - Senator Zlatanoff moves to approve this resolution and the amendments by unanimous consent – objections

- Pro Tempore Brown goes over rules of committee
 - Senator Nelson moves to amend the 5th therefore clause by unanimous consent – motion passes
 - Senator Zimmer moves to add to the author section “student senate committee of the whole” by unanimous consent – motion passes
 - Senator Solomon moves to rise to report by unanimous consent. Motion passes.
- Regular Senate meeting starts again. Pro Tempore Brown presents committee of the whole report.
 - Senator Solomon moves to dispense the reading of the report and make changes by unanimous consent – motion passes
 - Senator Utt Moves to pass legislation by unanimous consent – Motion passes
 - Minority Party Leader Zlatonoff moves to approve the permanent and replacement seat block by unanimous consent – motion passes
 - Minority Party Leader Zlatonoff moves to approve Cameron Stake for satellite affairs seat by unanimous consent – objections
 - Chairwoman Hoffman moves to approve the absences block by unanimous consent – motion passes
 - Chairwoman Girschick moves to approve student senate bill 2020-1029 by unanimous consent – motion passes
 - Senator Patel moves to strike Branden Pearson as internal affairs agency head – second
 - 2/3rd roll call vote begins 32-50 motion fails
 - Senator Solomon moves to address the chamber -motion passes
 - Senator Solomon moves to remove Branden Pearson from the agenda by a roll call vote - seconded
 - Roll call vote on motion begins 28 yes 54 no motion fails
 - Senator Tio moves to remove external affairs nominee Will Sandifer from the block – seconded
 - Roll call vote begins 27 yes 53 no – motion fails
 - Senator Chou moves to adjourn meeting – second
 - Roll call vote begins
 - Discussion about public notice begins
 - Senator Chou moves to appeal the decision of the chair – second
 - Roll call vote begins 57-27 motion fails
 - Senator Tio moves to strike external affairs nomination Will Sandifer from the agenda – second
 - Roll call vote begins 57-2 motion fails

STUDENT BODY OFFICER REPORTS:

- There were none

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President is working with MCDA to create a workshop for senate and will serve as the summer Senate retreat
- Senate President yields time to Senator Solomon to share a presentation about qualified immunity

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Agency head block begin
- Senator Zimmer makes point of order
- Senator Tio makes point of order – not sustained
- Senator Solomon moves to appeal decision of the chair – seconded
 - Roll call vote begins 57-26 motion fails
- Minority Party Leader Zlatonoff moves to call the previous questions on the block – second
 - Roll call vote begins 57-26 motion fails
- Senator Tio makes point of order
- Roll call vote for previous question on agency head block begins
- Point of order. Not sustained.
- Senator Patel rules to appeal the decision of the chair – second
 - Vote to appeal decision of the chair begins Motion fails 57-26
- Senator Patel makes a point of order – not sustained
- Vote on previous question begins 62-21 Previous question passes
- Senator Tio moves to vacate chair in accordance with rule 62 of Roberts rule – seconded
 - Roll call Vote begins Motion fails 69-14
- Roll call vote begins to appoint Will Sandifer for the External Affairs position, 54-28 Sandifer is approved
- Senator Tio makes point of order – not sustained
- Minority Party Lead Zlatanoff moves to approve Mark Mulhall as Gators Going Green agency head – second
- Senator Faisal moves to expunge all absences resulting from this meeting – objection
- Vote to appoint Mark Mulhall as Gators Going Green head begins
- Senator Patel moves to appoint Mark Mulhall by unanimous consent – objection
 - Roll call vote begins Mark Mulhall is approved 77-6
- Senator Chou makes point of order – order not sustained
- Senator Tio moves to postpone internal affairs nomination indefinitely – ruled dilatory
- Senator Utt moves to hear petition about Branden Pearson being a homophobe and to be read aloud an inserted into the minutes – second
 - Roll call vote begins – Senate President ruled motion dilatory

- Vote on appointing Branden Pearson as Internal Affairs chair begins
- Senator Solomon moves to add contents of petition in the minutes – Senate President gives warning
- Roll call vote begins. Passes 66-14. Branden Pearson is approved.
- Senator Tio explains why she abstained from vote
- Senator Solomon moves to adjourn – second
 - Roll call vote begins 24-57 motion fails
- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moves to approve the satellite affairs position Cameron Stake – seconded
- Senator Zimmer moves to approve Cameron Stake for satellite position by unanimous consent – objection
 - Roll call vote begins
- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moves to call the previous question on executive nomination Cameron Stake – second
- Motion to make the previous motion by unanimous consent – objection
 - Roll call vote begins 79-2 motion passes
- Vote on Cameron Stake for Open Satellite Affairs position begins. Approved 81-1.
- Minority Party Leader Zlatanoff moves to approve the Judicial Branch Block by unanimous consent – objection
- Minority Party Leader Zlatanoff moves to call the previous question on the Judicial Block by roll call vote – second
 - Roll call vote begins 59-23 previous question passes
- Roll Call vote on Preston Jones begins. 55-26 Preston Jones is confirmed
- Roll Call vote on John Nikas begins. 55-26 John Nikas is confirmed
- Senator Solomon moves to adjourn by unanimous consent – objection
 - Roll call vote begins. 62-22 motion fails

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Brown greets the senators.
- Announced open senate seats

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- No report

ALLOCATIONS:

- No report

JUDICIARY:

- No report

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairperson Hoffman greets the senators.
- Encouraged senators to reach out if they have any questions about absences

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- No report

FIRST READINGS:

- No bills remaining under first readings

SECOND READINGS:

- Senator Solomon moves to approve the class councils code revision by unanimous consent – motion passes

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Faisal makes announcement about 800 code revision. Email if you would like to sponsor
- Senator Nelson wants to figure out away to speed up and simplify the roll call voting process
- Senator Tio she has no respect for the senate, she won a contest on best senate outfit, made a birthday announcement
- Senator Solomon informed everyone about petition on his fb page
- Senator Utt is working on a large-scale civil rights act, reach out to him if interested
- Senator Trejos reminds everyone that Sunday is the last day to turn in receipts to SG finance
- Senator Glasserman reach out to him if you want to work on LGBTQ issues with him. Deadline to request vote by mail ballot for 8/18 state primary is 7/4
- Senator Patel thinks roll call votes take too long and would like to work on a solution
- Minority Party Leader Zimmer congratulates everyone on longest meeting on record. Also thinks roll call votes take too long. Reach out to him with any resolution ideas you may have.
- Senator Rodriguez - Hispanic Student Association will be hosting a Netflix watch party

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 1:18 AM.