

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

**July 14, 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:**

- Askin
- Hagan
- Louis
- Silva
- Utt

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Claudio Tio:
  - Gives goodbye speech.
- Senator Glasserman:
  - Here to speak about the judiciary committee decision to postpone the resolution supporting FSU to stand in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community.
  - As a student senator it is our duty to serve students including students of all sexual orientations and gender identities. As such it is our duty to stand up and say something when a public official makes derogatory statements.
  - It goes without saying that such a revolting example of transphobia and bigotry has no place at a distinguished university. Let alone within one of our student governments. That is why the FSU senate removed Mr. Denton from office.
  - They correctly understood that a person in a position of authority does not get to assert transphobic comments to the members of the student body or constituents without being held to account.
  - All constituents and students have the right to not be attacked by a public representative.
  - If you claim to represent the student body, it is our job to make sure that all constituents are treated with dignity and respect.
  - Speaks on times and ways in which the Judiciary committee has had misconceptions and why they are incorrect.
  - Talks about Mr. Denton's aspirations and hesitations that the judiciary committee expressed on passing the resolution due to his career choice within the legal field.

- Talks about the issue presented by failing the resolution presented to the judiciary committee.
- Best way to represent constituents is by letting them know that we stand with them and will not tolerate anti-LGBTQ+ hate.
- Feels it is not the job of the judiciary committee to determine ways to represent the LGBTQ+ community nor it is their job to decide on not representing them.
- Emphasizes the importance of being allies to the LGBTQ+ community.
- Senator Seaberg:
  - Talks about codes and the importance of how they influence freedom of speech and campaigning.
- Senator Begley:
  - Speaks on the legislation him and Pro-Tempore Brown are working on that has to do with supporting the implementation of Green Dot training and alliance with sexual assault victims.
  - Explains purpose and mission of Green Dot training.
  - Talks about Green Dot training within our own campus and university.
  - Legislation aims at trying to get organizations to participate in Green Dot training, especially executive boards.
  - Email him if you would like to help.
- Senator Solomon:
  - Tells story about him and his grandmother and things that she taught him.
  - “It is better to prevent, than it is to cure” a proverb his grandmother taught him (in French) which has been close to his heart for the past few weeks.
  - Feels that the senate is at a place where they can help prevent further harm.
  - Thanks those who have apologized to him.
  - Urges bill presented by Senator Glasserman’s to be put on the agenda.
- Senator Sahil Patel:
  - Speaks on the bill he and Senator Glasserman wrote to help support the LGBTQ+ community.
  - Gives backstory on how this bill came to be.
  - Explains what the resolution consists of. Feels it is the least that can be done to support LGBTQ+ community.
  - Expresses feelings towards the way the judiciary committee reacted to the resolution.
  - Not too late to show where allegiance lies and to do the right thing.
- Senator Chou:
  - Talks about history of Student Government that he is finding through his research.
  - Touches upon the judiciary committee’s hesitation on including ethnicity in resolution which reminded him of prior situation.

- Thinks the circle of parallel seen between the judiciary committee’s hesitation towards certain legislation.
- Mentions how older judiciary committees allowed any legislation he wrote to be shown to the senate despite if they agreed or not because they knew it was not just their decision that mattered.
- Urges current judiciary committee to return to the “golden time” when they removed nonpartisan.
- Presents some legislation and changes he is working on.
  - First one is a revision to allow a continuous funding for organizations that have over 350 people show up to their events.
  - Second one is field and fork pantry support revision. If an event funded by SG has leftover food from an event, they should be required to donate it to the Field and Fork Pantry. There is a lot of logistics to this, but he feels it is possible.
  - Third is 800 code revisions. It is a transparency act where if someone completes FERPA training they could see funding documents. Feels there is a lack of transparency between SG and funding.
  - Another change has to do with digital absentee ballots for elections this upcoming fall due to COVID19.
- Minority Party Leader Zimmer:
  - Talks about his disappointment with things that are not on the agenda rather than things that are on it.
  - Situation this past week seen in Judiciary committee reminded him of prior encounters.
  - Does not agree with judiciary’s stance on legislation that was failed. Feels their reasons were frivolous.
  - Feels that the current system is flawed and ineffective.
  - It is time to do the right thing.

***\*\*If you wish to hear any speeches given during public debate please request the recordings from [senatesecretary@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:senatesecretary@sg.ufl.edu)\*\****

**AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:**

- Senator Solomon moves to correct spelling of Lindsay Kaighan’s last name and her email by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Senator Solomon moves to attribute the public comment proceeding Isabella Garcia’s to Senator Zach Utt by unanimous consent. Approved.

- Senator Solomon moves to change the signature count on his petition from 17,000 to 1,700 by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Senator Solomon moves to change the 6<sup>th</sup> line in alternate faculty nominations the word Zlatanoff to Zimmer by unanimous consent. Approved.

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

- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moves to approve Reilly Gallagher for the open Allocations committee seat by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moves to approve Ethan Jetter for the open Rules & Ethics committee seat by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moves to remove Damon Veras from the Assistant Treasurers block by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moves to STRIKE Damon Veras from the agenda by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Senator Louis moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2020-1033: Resolution on International Women in Engineering Day by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Senator Louis moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2020-1034: Judiciary Committee Review Act: Rules and Procedures Amendment by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Minority Party Leader Zimmer moves to add Resolution Supporting the FSU Student Senate's Measure to Stand in Solidarity with the LGBTQ+ Community to the agenda.
  - Senate President Garner rules the motion dilatory.
- Senator Solomon moves to appeal the decision of the chair to not allow us to move the bill to the agenda. In a roll call vote of 62 to 23 that motion fails.

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

- Student Body President Pope:
  - Greets senators.
  - Announces projects executive branch is working on.
  - Free Delivery Friday: partnership with Bite Squad will provide free delivery to any UF student every Friday regardless of location. Will be present during finals week. Done to promote social distancing.
  - In process of creating free business card coping service in SG printing center. Wants to ensure students are marketable and secure their futures in the workforce.
  - Bringing headshot photobooth to the Career Connection Center for students to get headshots.
  - Met today with someone from Marco Rubio's team to advocate for more CARES Act funding for students during COVID19.
  - Encourages senators to attend Rec Sport Virtual classes.

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

- Hopes everyone is having a great summer B.
- Reach out if you need anything.
- Promotes Rec Sports virtual format and invites everyone to join.

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

- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moves to call into question the previous block for assistant treasurers. In a roll call vote of 62 to 23 that motion passes.
- Kenai Gupte is up for Assistant Treasurer. In a roll call vote of 62 to 23 Kenai Gupte is approved.
- Vishweshwar Ramanakumar is up for Assistant Treasurer. In a roll call vote of 60 to 24 Vishweshwar Ramanakumar is approved.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:**

- Senate Pro-Tempore Brown greets senators.
- Announces open seats and due dates.
- Encourages people to sign up for one-on-ones. Email him if interested.
- Invites everyone to do yoga with Kyle tomorrow at 5:30 PM and Thursday at noon with him.
- Promotes legislation he is working on concerning Green Dot training.
- Minority Party Leader Zimmer gives minority report. Expresses disappointment of appointment of assistant treasurers.

#### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairwoman Girschick greets senators.
- Gives update on rollover hearings.
- Committee met Friday and Monday about BIG 3. There is another meeting tomorrow at 2 PM, Thursday at 2 PM they are having the second meeting for Rec Sports, and Friday is the third meeting for the BIG 3.
- Committee will be meeting Friday at 2 PM for quarter revisions.

#### **ALLOCATIONS:**

- Chairman Reineke greets senators.
- Welcomes Reilly into committee and announces vice chair as Senator Kaighin.
- Heard 233 requests, funds have been exhausted and bill was started.
- Email any questions.

#### **JUDICIARY:**

- There was no report.

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Hoffman greets senators.
- Announces vice chair as Senator Groux.
- Voter Record due Thursday at 11:59 PM.
- If she is mispronouncing your name, please let her know.

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairman Kays greets senators.
- Talks about senate retreat. Poll will be sent out tonight regarding time for next week's seminar.
- Posted about collaboration with Rec Sports and will be continued for 6 weeks every Monday. Videos will be captioned moving forward.
- Email him with questions.

### **FIRST READINGS:**

- There were none.

### **SECOND READINGS:**

- There were none.

### **BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

- There were none.
  
- Minority Party Leader Zimmer moves to order judiciary committee to meet before next Tuesday, 7/21/2020. In a roll call vote of 61 to 23 that motion fails.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Senator Patel promotes his legislation and asks judiciary committee to meet so there is not a large pile up due to not meeting.
- Senator Nelson lets people know there is an open judiciary committee seat.
- Senator Elmatouggi says that tomorrow at 7:30 PM HAS in collaboration with others will be a memorial and discussion for Vanessa Guillen.
- Chairwoman Girschick announces Wynton White as her vice chair.
- Senator Glasserman reminds people to register to vote.
- Senator Faisal announces legislation he is working on, if anyone wants to collaborate reach out to him.
- Chairman Kays announces his vice chair, Senator Trejos.
- Senator Solomon is helping Senator Kaighin and Traycik, reach out if you want to help.
- Senator Chou is reaching out for help/collaboration on legislation he spoke on earlier.
- Senator Swiersz email her if you want to help her on legislation she is working on.

- Minority Party Leader Zimmer talks about legislation he is working on that allows for more transparency on voting. Reach out if you want to help.
- Senator Kantamneni urges people to please wear your mask and socially distance. Gives shoutout to budget chair and members.
- Senate President Garner announces Rec Sport classes that him and Senate Pro-Tempore Brown will be hosting.

**ROLL CALL:**

- Minority Party Leader Zimmer motions to use voter records as final roll call by unanimous consent. Motion passes.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.