

## STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

July 21, 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 84 senators present.

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

- Askin
- Groux
- Tanza
- Wiggins
- Wildermuth

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Senator Patel:
  - Gives presentation with how amendments to the constitution occur and his opinion on problems with the process.
  - Would love bipartisan participation on the bills he will be presenting.
  - If you have any questions or want a recap of what he said, email him.
- Senator Glasserman:
  - Discusses his opinion on issues with the replacement and agenda committee's recommendations for the judiciary chair and committee seat.
  - Talks about issues regarding legislation he has tried passing.
- Claudia Tio:
  - Gives shoutout to Kyle.
  - Discusses her opinion on the replacement and agenda committee's recommendations for the judiciary committee and chair seat. Feels that both people who were nominated are unqualified.
- Senator Seaberg:
  - Talks about legislation she is trying to move forward that protects freedom of speech.
  - Would love collaboration before she submits it to Judiciary committee.
- Senator Chou:
  - Talks about his experience going through the interview process for the Judiciary committee chair seat. Discusses his opinion on how those nominated are unqualified.

- Talks about the legislation he is trying to pass to make elections this fall online due to COVID19 and how he believes it will be a potentially deadly situation if not moved from in person to online. Discusses how there is a time crunch to amend the 700 codes and that he will go to administration if needed.
- Senator Utt:
  - Discusses the lack of representation of minority party among committees.
  - Urges that the legislation that will help with transparency be passed.
- Minority Party Leader Zimmer:
  - Discusses his opinion on the lack of representation among committees and how he feels it is a pressing issue that has to be fixed.

***\*\*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 include the point of information's from Senator Muralidhara and Senator Solomon from the last meeting by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Senator Solomon moves to include the responses from the point of information's by unanimous consent. Approved.

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

- Senator Utt moves to discharge the attendance probation act from the replacement and agenda committee.

#### **Round One of Con:**

- Senator Nelson: Feels that the review process should happen before making any quick decisions.
- Senator Hoffman: has worked with these rules a lot due to her seat and does not feel they are an issue.

#### **Round One of Pro:**

- Senator Solomon: addresses what Senator Nelson said and how they did try to have it reviewed and it was not. They try to do things the right way and it did nothing, so they are now here.
- Senator Utt: States how he did try to go through the normal process but was not heard. Feels that there are some serious issues with the codes that need to be addressed.

#### **Round Two of Con:**

- Senator Kays: feels that it is too big of a change to be making hasty decisions. Does not understand why such large structural change wants to be rushed.

- Senate Pro-Tempore Brown: Addresses how him and Senator Utt discussed why presenting the legislation to R&A was not the correct committee over email. Will not stand for Senator Utt trying to paint him as someone who did not care or respond to Utt's concerns.

**Round Two of Pro:**

- Senator Solomon: Feels it is ridiculous that Chairman Kays feels the way he does when he voted against having the judiciary committee meet which created an obstacle to having this piece of legislation heard. Reiterates stance on how they were prohibited from doing things the normal way which led them to having to do this.
- Senator Utt: Echoes what Senate Pro-Temp Brown said, but states that he disagreed with Brown's stance which is why he did not change his approach.
- Senator Chou's point of information: what happened with zoom polls?
- Senate President Garner replies stating that zoom polls are being looked into to try and figure out an effective measure which will show how Senators voted.
- In a roll call vote of 57 to 26 that motion fails.
- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moves to approve Karli Kimbrough for the permanent open District A senate seat by unanimous consent. Objection.
- Chairwoman Hoffman moves to approve the absence excuse for Taylor Collin by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Hoffman moves to approve the absence excuse for Hannah Elmatouggi by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Hoffman moves to approve the absence excuse for Nathalie Roumi by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Hoffman moves to approve the absence excuse for Elizabeth Swiersz by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Hoffman moves to approve the absence excuse for Zachery Utt by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Girschick moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2020-1035: Gender Neutral Wording Act – 800 Codes Revision by unanimous consent. Approved.

**STUDENT BODY OFFICER REPORTS:**

- There are none.
- Senator Greenwald motions to move on to the next portion of the meeting to start student body officer reports.

**Round One of Con:**

- There were none.

- Senator Solomon moves to approve previous motion by unanimous consent. Approved.

### **SENATE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

- Greets senators.
- Reminds senators that they are here to conduct business.
- Reminds senators about the senate retreat, coming up Thursday at 5 PM.

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

- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moves to call previous question on Karli Kimbrough. In a roll call vote of 81 to 2 that motion passes.
  - Minority Party Leader Zimmer motions to approve Karli Kimbrough for District A seat by unanimous consent. Motion is objected. In a roll call vote of 76 to 7 she is approved.
- Chairman Kays move to call previous question on Judiciary block. Senator Solomon motions to object. In a roll call vote of 57 to 27 the motion for objection fails. In a roll call vote of 57 to 27 the motion to call previous question on Judiciary block passes.
- Minority Party Leader Zimmer asks how Senator Louis voted on a piece of legislation. Senator Louis does not recall.
- Senator Patel asks Senate President Garner if he could bring proof next week that will show him when he attacked someone’s character. Senator Garner says he will attempt to try.
- Senator Wilder asks for proof on when Senator Louis lied on his resume as stated by Senator Solomon. Senator Solomon elaborates.
- Senator Utt: can you direct Minority Party Leader Zimmer’s original question to someone on judiciary?
- Minority Party Leader Zimmer: How did Senator Louis vote on the legislation regarding FSU senate? Senator Louis does not recall.
- Minority Party Leader Zimmer: Has Senator Louis apologized to Senator Solomon or Wilder? Senator Louis has not.
- Senator Utt: Can you ask if anyone on judiciary knows how Senator Louis voted on the legislation concerning the LGBTQ+ community and FSU? No one responds.
- In a roll call vote of 60 to 24 the Replacement and Agenda recommendation for Franco Louis for the open Judiciary Chair seat is approved.
- In a roll call vote of 61 to 23 the Replacement and Agenda recommendation for Gabriella Zlatanoff for the open Judiciary committee seat is approved.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- Senate Pro-Tempore Brown greets senators.

- Announces open seats and due dates.
- He will be submitting his legislation regarding Green Dot training soon. Encourages anyone who wants to be involved to email him.
- Will be submitting 800 code revisions hopefully within the next week.
- Minority Party Leader Zimmer gives minority report. Discusses his disappointment with the way in which replacement and agenda recommendations are handled. Feels that question and debate should be occurring despite it being a longer process.

### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairwoman Girschick greets senators.
- Thanks everyone on her committee for being attentive and working hard during hearings.
- Presents operating budget bill for the 21-22 fiscal year and explains how it works.

### **ALLOCATIONS:**

- Chairman Reineke greets senators.
- Recently finished draft of bills and have been approved for docutraq.

### **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairman Louis greets senators.
- Judiciary committee will be meeting Friday, 7/24/2020.
- Legislation due Wednesday, tomorrow, at 12:00 PM.

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Hoffman greets senators.
- Goes over how to submit voter record. If you are confused about the process email her.
- Would like for voter records to be submitted by 11:59 on Thursday.

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairman Kays greets senators.
- Talks about Senate Retreat this upcoming Thursday. Encourages everyone to join.
- Weekly RecSports post still being posted.
- Big 3 post rolling out soon, please share.
- If you have any questions, email him.

### **FIRST READINGS:**

- There were none.

### **SECOND READINGS:**

- There were none.

### **BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

- There were none.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Senator Nelson: congratulates new judiciary members. He is writing a resolution celebrating UF's recent decision on AI partnership. Reach out if you would like to help.
- Senator Clavijo: HSA is having a GBM this Thursday over zoom. Encourages senate to join.
- Senator Chou: Talks about his digital absentee ballot legislation and asks for feedback and help before he submits it. Email him for any questions and help.
- Senator Seaberg reminds anyone interested in helping her with her legislation to email her.
- Senator Glasserman: reminds people about the primaries coming up in August and the deadlines associated.
- Senator Kaighin: Updates everyone on the project about the printing lab in Norman Hall. Still looking for sponsors.
- Chairwoman Hoffman: if you know anyone who is doing voting online at other student governments, please email her so she can get a feel on how other schools are handling it.
- Senate Pro-Tempore Brown guides everyone on their voting record format.
- Senate President Garner will be attending a virtual SEC exchange conference on Friday and he will be excited to share an update next week.

### **ROLL CALL:**

- Chairwoman Hoffman motions to use voter records as final roll call by unanimous consent. Motion passes.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

- Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.