

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
September 29th, 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 a total of 74 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Kaitlyn Cullen
- Mike Greenwald
- Tyler Kendrick
- Casey Mason
- Karen McGee
- Yanissa Rodriguez
- Kyle Scott
- Alexander Shoaf
- Wynton White
- Lillian Wiggins
- Ryan Wilder
- Kimberly Williams
- Joicy Chi Yan Xu

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Senator Fleischer
 - Wants to explain why we should celebrate RBG.
 - Devising a resolution commemorating the life of RBG.
 - Has become one of the most iconic justices.
 - Wrote the landmark decision on U.S. vs. Virginia on how the military cannot discriminate against sex.
 - Explains that gender discrimination hinders women and men.
 - Played an instrumental role in supporting marriage equality in all 50 states.
 - Defended Roe v Wade throughout her lifetime and time as justice.
 - Promoted Women's rights.
 - Legacy will continue to inspire all to fight for what is right.
 - Very excited about this resolution because the amendments help add to this bill.
 - Grateful to have collaboration from different sides on this resolution.
 - Happy to hear a resolution that has shaped careers and aspirations.

- Senator Sanchez
 - Senator Sanchez shares a presentation on Affordable Access for Student Success FLC.
 - Comprised of library staff looking to promote more accessible tools to access material.
 - Should not have to pay 100s of dollars for textbooks and online access.
 - Fantastic alternative that can make courses more accessible.
 - Teachers try to find more affordable solutions when possible.
 - Librarians are working hard on these initiatives.
 - Copyright law is more confusing than normal given the circumstances.
 - Student component is missing within the student-teacher relationship.
 - Talk to your constituents and friends.
 - Apply by October 9th to join.

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- Senator Patel moves for the 2nd bullet of the judiciary report to be amended to read “will be recommending to the senate that the numbers do not change for the fall semester based on statistical data” by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Zimmer moved to amend the minutes by unanimous consent.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Pro-Tempore Brown moves to approve amendment one on Senate Resolution 2020-1060 Commemorating the Life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. That motion passes.
- Chairman Luis moves to approve Senate Resolution 2020-1056 Spring 2021 Reapportionment to the agenda by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Luis moves to approve Senate Resolution 2020-1060 Commemorating the Life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Luis moves to approve Senate Resolution 2020-1056 Spring 2021 Reapportionment by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairwoman Groux moves to approve the absence excuse for Catherine Fabiano by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairwoman Groux moves to approve the absence excuse for Hannah Elmatouggi by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairwoman Groux moves to approve the absence excuse for Noemi Galleano by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party leader Zlatanoff moves to approve Wolfgang Fry-Eastin for the Agricultural and Life Sciences seat by unanimous consent. That motion fails.

- Majority Party leader Zlatanoff moves to approve Gabriella Martinez for the Fine Arts seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party leader Zlatanoff moves to approve Thomas Driscoll for the Graduate seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party leader Zlatanoff moves to approve student honor code vice chancellor nomination slot by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT:

- There were none.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Only has two weeks left of his term, wants to get to know people and encourages all to have one on ones.
- If you want to reach out, email him at president@sg.ufl.edu .

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Majority Party Leader Zlatanoff moves to call previous question on Wolfgang Fry-Eastin. Seconded.
- The motion was put to a raising hand vote of 62 to 3. That motion is approved.
- In a vote of 66 to 3, Wolfgang Fry-Eastin is approved for the Agricultural and Life Sciences seat.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Brown welcomes the senators.
- Open Permanent Senate Seats:
 - Dentistry
 - Graduate
 - Graduate and Family Housing
 - District D
 - Graham
 - Lakeside
 - Murphree
- Those are all due Friday at noon before the next senate meeting.
- Baseball playoffs start today.
- Wants to have more one on ones.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Girschick welcomes the Senators.
 - Wants to share dates for the Spring 2021 funding process.
 - Base funding opens october 9th at 9:00am closes october 25th at 5pm.
 - Just need to submit it during that time, not first come first serve.
 - October 19th at 9 am, the google forms requests will open- FIRST COME FIRST SERVE!
 - If student organizations have any questions, please contact for assistance.

ALLOCATIONS:

- Chairman Reineke welcomes the senators.
 - No report tonight.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Luis welcomes the senators.
 - No report tonight.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Groux welcomes the senators.
 - Keep filling out your constituency.
 - When submitting photographs or any other “proof” please make the file a PDF.
 - Has been incredibly lenient due to circumstances, but not everyone has submitted proof.
 - From now on, you need proof that you were there.
 - Remember to submit voter record.
 - Constituency is due the last meeting of the Fall term.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairman Kays welcomes the Senators.
 - No report tonight.

FIRST READINGS:

- There were none.

SECOND READINGS:

- There were none.

VETOED LEGISLATION:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Solomon:
 - Shouts out senators that aren't up for reelection.
 - Advises senator Kays to reach out to housing to spread information.
 - Tonight is the first national debate.
- Senator Seaberg: Last night was a great night because the Lightning won the Stanley cup.
- Senator Nelson:
 - Florida's voter registration deadline is October 5th.
- Minority Party Leader Zimmer:
 - Register to vote.
 - Extremely important election encourages people to use democratic rights.
 - Working on a resolution requesting for more outlets in Carleton auditorium.
- Senator Patel: First national debate is tonight.
- Senator Hartzog:
 - The Women of tomorrow meeting is this Thursday at 6pm.
- Senator Driscoll:
 - Thanks the senators for welcoming him.
 - Hopes to draft bills in the future.
- Senator Oni:
 - Wants to thank those that came out to the protest this past weekend.
 - Special shoutout to Senator Solomon for having an impactful speech.
- Senator Kantamneni: Governor has lifted COVID-19 restrictions
 - Encourages testing
- Senator Muralidhara:
 - Starting the amnesty international chapter this Spring at UF.
 - Please email if interested.

ROLL CALL:

- There was a motion to use voting records as final roll call by unanimous consent.
Approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.