

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

**October 27th, 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 80 senators present.

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

- Bober
- Collin
- Hutchison
- Klingenberg
- Lazar
- Locascio
- Loftis
- Magana
- Pecora
- Williams, K.
- Xu
- Yarborough

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Young leaders conference chairwoman Noel Fleig:
  - Introduces herself.
  - High schoolers are given an opportunity to develop their leadership.
  - Will take place virtually from February 5-7th.
  - The application has already been released and small group leaders have been chosen.
  - Early registration has opened October 15th and closes November 23rd.
  - High school students will be shipped merchandise.
  - If you have any questions, direct them to the email [ylc@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:ylc@sg.ufl.edu).
  - Facebook group page: UF YLC.
- Senator Utt:
  - Newly elected independent senator in the Murphree area.
  - Since serving as a summer senator
  - Passed bills into law and created relationships with many senators.
  - Was and still is deeply saddened his close friends in the chambers are no longer there.

- Grateful for the time spent with senators over summer.
- Elected in one of the most competitive races.
- Chooses to affiliate with the Inspire party as of today.
- Showed the Student Body that you can run independent and win.
- Hope to amplify this message throughout the senate and the university.
- Believes in senator Seaberg and the Inspire commitment.
- Passion and commitment shine through the minority party.
- Faced with betrayal from another party.
- Student government attracts corrupt people.
- As a student the Student government affects our lives whether we like it or not.
- It does not have to be this way.
- Goal is to provide an alternative to Greek life.
- Fraternity rule is not unchallenged.
- The system can be challenged with passion and determination
- Committed as ever to enhancing the student experience for all students.
- Senator Sanchez:
  - CLAS council has created a survey for CLAS students.
  - Hope to show results in the November meeting.
  - Students need to make decisions on how the spring term will be run.
  - Community petition has been circulated recently.
  - Professors in fear of students weighing in on in person classes, but students have not gotten to use their own voices.
  - We have all received the survey about how the current term is going however, no survey on how the spring term will proceed.
  - Grievances have not been addressed yet.
  - Students should have some say in this.
  - Teachers and instructors are stuck in this position, because no matter what they are told to come in person.
  - Students are concerned quality of instruction will not be the same now that they are half in person, half online.
  - Out-of-state students pressured to come back.
  - Students are not being listened to.
  - UF is following CDC guidelines, even though the goal is to exceed minimum expectations.
  - We should exceed expectations when it comes to helping our community.
  - Purpose of the survey is to collect informed data.
- Senator Fondeur:
  - Currently serving as a district A senator
  - Wants to highlight experience that qualifies him for the finance committee.
  - Has drafted and submitted budget requests and hearings.

- Understands the difficulties from the club's perspective.
- Has experience with time management and similar programs.
- Struggles he has encountered have not been in vain.
- Able to bring the perspective of a student organization leader to the committee.
- Minority Party Leader Seaberg:
  - Introduces herself.
  - Our numbers are smaller than they were before however we will continue fighting for the same platform.
  - We will continue to fight for marginalized groups on campus.
  - Will continue to advocate for more funding for counseling.
  - Continue to advocate for accessible women hygiene products.
  - We will hold our colleagues to the highest ethical standards.
  - Tonight will be voting for multiple vacant seats
  - Cheating is not becoming student leaders.
  - Will fight for inclusivity and transparency in this chamber

***\*\*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:**

- There were none.

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

- Majority Party Leader Blake Robinson moves to approve Annika Katare for the open college of liberal arts and sciences seat. Objected.
- Senator Utt moves to suspend the special rule to vote on committee seats as a block.
  - There was a motion to move to roll call vote. In a vote of 8 to 59, that motion fails.
  - There was a motion to remove the special rule to vote on committee seats as a block. In a vote of 10 to 63, that motion fails.
- Senator Utt moves to strike Jeff Fondeur from the open Budget and Appropriations seat. Seconded.
  - In a raising hand vote of 13 to 62, that motion fails.
- Senator Utt moves to strike Jeff Fondeur from the agenda. Seconded.
  - In a raising hand vote of 13 to 62, that motion fails.

#### **OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT:**

- Action SG Chairwoman Morris:
  - The state of the campus was just released at 6pm tonight.

- Diversity week has upcoming cabinet events.
- Make sure to follow the Instagram page and like the Facebook page.
- Applications open for action they will close in a few weeks
- Feel free to reach out to [action.sg@ufl.edu](mailto:action.sg@ufl.edu) .

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

- Senate President Brown welcomes the senators.
  - Moving forward, the Replacement and Agenda committee voted to move senate meetings to every Tuesday night.
  - With the general election coming up we will not have a senate next Tuesday.
  - We will be meeting every Tuesday night moving forward.
  - Announced senate liaisons.
  - Look out for class cohorts. I hope to set it up in the near future.
  - Working with the information communications committee to help with class cohorts.
  - Feel free to reach out for one on ones.

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

- Permanent College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Seat:
  - Majority Party Leader Robinson moves to call the previous question for Annika Katare for the open College of Liberal Arts and Sciences seat.
  - Senator Utt moves to lay the question on the table In a raising hand vote of 6 to 69, that motion fails.
  - In a raising hand vote of 65 to 9, the motion to call the previous question passes.
  - In a vote of 66 to 10, that motion passes, and Annika Katare is appointed to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences seat.
- Majority Party Leader Robinson moves to call a previous question on the open committee seat block. Seconded.
  - In a raising hand vote of 65 to 11, that motion passes.
  - In a vote of 65 to 12, the committee seat block has been approved.
- The Majority Party Leader moves to call a previous question on the committee chair block by unanimous consent.
  - Moves to approve the committee chairs block by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Zlatanoff welcomes the senators.

- Open Permanent Senate Seats:
  - Graduate Family Housing
  - Dentistry & Medicine
  - Graduate
- Two committee seats on Judiciary are also open and will be due by the next meeting.
- Is a part of YLC and wants senators to look into the page.

### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairwoman White welcomes the Senators.
  - Yesterday we finished the first round of base funding. We still have open operational and travel requests.

### **ALLOCATIONS:**

- There were none.

### **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairman Luis welcomes the senators.
  - The judiciary committee will be meeting this weekend to review all legislation, which is due this Friday at noon.

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Groux welcomes the senators.
  - Please reach out if names were pronounced incorrectly.
  - Reminder to fill out voter records for final roll call.
  - Will be checking for voter records on each Friday morning.
  - Plans to start a constituency calendar up again.
  - Be sure to submit proof in pictures to ensure the constituency is complete. Must be in PDF format.

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairman Kays welcomes the senators.
  - Thanks, senators, for the reelection.
  - New senator orientation as well as senate retreat are on the works.
  - The Senate mentorship program will start up soon.
  - Reach out via email with questions.

### **MINORITY LEADER REPORT:**

- Each applicant is asked technical questions.
- Shocking when a member for the budget committee blatantly cheated on this assessment.

- Searched for an answer during the interview yet was the first nominee.
- Should be upsetting to anyone else that applied and the entire senate.
- It is truly shameful to this committee.
- Every unqualified candidate granted a position is thus betraying the trust of the student body.
- Every 4 to 1 vote places an unqualified candidate in a position.
- One day the student body will reject this level of corruption.

#### **FIRST READINGS:**

- There were none.

#### **SECOND READINGS:**

- There were none.

#### **VETOED LEGISLATION:**

- There were none.

#### **BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

- There were none.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Senator Saini: Writing a resolution in regard to transcripts at UF, wants to change to electronic transcripts. Please reach out via email for more information.
- Senator Kantamneni: Collaboration concerning cultural appropriation for (IFA).

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.