

## STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

December 8th, 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 72 senators present.

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

- Allen
- Barna
- Bernstein
- Fineberg
- Gallagher
- Garcia
- Geis
- Hartzog
- Hutchison
- Labh
- Lazar
- Martinez, G.
- Miller
- Seacrest
- Utt

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Supervisor of elections Haley Price:
  - Wants to discuss the contingency plan for the Spring 2021 elections.
  - Everything will be posted on the SG elections.
  - The students will be able to vote at any of the polls, not just one specific location.
  - Please reach out with any questions.
- Minority Leader Seaberg:
  - Yields her time.

***\*\*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:**

- Chairman Luis moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2020-1066 Religious Holiday 300 Codes Revision by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Luis moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2020-1067 700 Codes Amendments. Seconded.
  - In a vote of 56 to 12, that motion passes and the Bill has been approved.
- Chairwoman Groux moves to approve the block absences by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Leader Robinson moves to approve the Honor Code Chancellor Director Zalil Zahidi by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Leader Robinson moves to approve Honor code Chancellor Assistant Director Caroline Lunny by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

### **STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT REPORT**

- Bridges Agency Chair Mary Faas and Zion Brown:
  - We started the semester with the education and engagement panel, open to all students.
  - Opportunity to engage with student leaders.
  - Two SAT and ACT preps were auctioned off.
  - During the summer, reached out to counties and selected 40 students for the mentor program. Were given aid with FAFSA and College Admissions.
  - Currently working on launching merchandise for the students by the end of the semester.
  - Hopes to include this as part of the UF application.
  - Feel free to email [bridges@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:bridges@sg.ufl.edu) with questions.
- Erin Carr, Honor Cord Chancellor:
  - Proctoring is offered typically pre-COVID.
  - Focusing on outreach this semester due to COVID restrictions.
  - Looks forward to continuing to serve faculty and students next semester.
  - Applications will open at the beginning of the next semester.

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

- Gives Senator Saini 5 minutes for a goodbye speech:
  - Senator Saini gives his goodbye speech.
- Decided to remain virtual throughout the rest of his term, which ends in early March.
- We believe this is the best decision to abide by university guidelines and keep friends and family safe.
- Thanks everyone for coming to Gator retreat this past Sunday.
- Encourages everyone to stay focused during finals week.

- Confident 2021 will be a much better year.

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

- There were none.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Zlatanoff welcomes the senators.
- Wishes everyone good luck with exams.
  - Open Permanent Senate Seats:
    - District A
    - District D (2)
    - Graduate and Family Housing
    - Keys
    - Building Construction
    - Dentistry
    - Graduate (4)
    - Housing and Human Performance
    - Medicine
  - Don't forget your voter record and your constituency.
  - Travel safe!

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

- Chairwoman White welcomes the Senators.
  - There is no report.

#### **ALLOCATIONS:**

- There were none.

#### **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairman Luis welcomes the senators.
  - Wishing everyone a happy holiday.

#### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Groux welcomes the senators.
  - .Don't forget to turn your constituency in on time.
  - Stay safe, stay healthy.
  - Reach out with any questions.

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairman Kays welcomes the senators.
  - Mentor-mentee still has low numbers.
  - Will likely be virtual.
  - Email if interested in getting a senate nametag, which is paid for individually by each senator.
  - Thanks everyone for attending the Senator Retreat.

### **FIRST READINGS:**

- There were none.

### **SECOND READINGS:**

- There were none.

### **VETOED LEGISLATION:**

- There were none.

### **BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

- There were none.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Senator Trejos: Shoutout to Senator Baez, wishes him a Happy Birthday.

### **ROLL CALL:**

- There was a motion to use to complete a final roll call vote by unanimous consent.  
Approved.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.