

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

January 19th, 2021

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 77 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Arriaga
- Hagan
- Ianonne
- Kays
- Lorduy
- Wolfgang

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Sparsha Muralidhara:
 - Here to promote club events coming up.
 - Has an opportunity to take leadership on a global scale.
 - This week a meeting will be held over Zoom for many wrongly incarcerated activists around the world.
 - This is included but not limited to women's activists and LGBTQ+ rights activists in countries where these are not yet decriminalized.
 - Encourages everyone to take advantage of this opportunity
 - The meeting will take place this Thursday at 7pm, check out the Instagram @amnestyatuf.
 - This is a chance to make a difference.
 - If anyone would like to get pronunciation guides, please reach out to Sparsha for more information.

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Robinson moves to approve Jadelyn Fleischer for the open District A seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

- Chairman Luis moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2021-1000: Resolution Advocating for the Future Addition of the United States Space Force Commemorative Pillar to the UF Veterans Memorial by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT REPORT

- There were none.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Invites the President of the IHRA and former senator, Colin Solomon, to speak on this past weekend's events.
 - This past Saturday, UF lost Jennings resident Sophia Lambert, a freshman here at UF.
 - Sophia will be deeply missed.
 - Please do not hesitate to reach out to counseling or the UF health and wellness center if you were affected by this incident.
- There were 5 minutes of deliberation on the special rules that were approved this past week.
 - There were five minutes of questions and deliberation between senators.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- There were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Zlatanoff welcomes the senators.
- Wants to echo what Colin said, remain safe, look out for your friends, and follow crosswalk guidelines.
- Open Seats:
 - District D (2)
 - Graduate and Family Housing
 - Keys Building
 - Construction
 - Dentistry
 - Graduate (4)
 - Health and Human Performance
 - Medicine
 - District C
 - College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
 - College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

- Don't forget your voter record.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman White welcomes the Senators.
 - Allocated about \$650,000 extra allocation funds out to different student organizations.

ALLOCATIONS:

- There were none.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Luis welcomes the senators.
 - The Judiciary committee will be meeting this Sunday.
 - Please submit all legislation by Friday at noon.
 - The Gator community has suffered two losses in the past month on University Ave. Will be working on the School Zone Safety Act that will urge for increased traffic safety on University Avenue.
 - Also asks the University to add flashing lights in order to slow down cars and make University safer.
 - Hopes for bipartisan support on this legislation.
 - Please reach out if interested.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Groux welcomes the senators.
 - The rules and ethics committee will meet tomorrow, feel free to join the meeting if interested.
 - When you submit your constituency and make sure that there is a hyperlink there in order to double check.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Vice Chairman Trejos:
 - Has been a bit of a communication issue with the Senate name tags.
 - Chairman Kays will post the order himself as a backup plan, and the name tags will still be ordered.

FIRST READINGS:

- There were none.

SECOND READINGS:

- There were none.

VETOED LEGISLATION:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Fineberg: The cabinet wants to thank everyone that participated in the mental health awareness week, which was very successful.
- Minority Leader Seaberg: Sean Zimmer says there is an organization fair happening from 5-7pm tomorrow. Glad that Tampa is advancing.
- Senator Fleischer: Looks forward to seeing what the Senate can do in the future with traffic laws. However, for now there are petitions that can be sent NOW to legislators to enact change quickly. The women's association is presenting their first GBM tomorrow from 7-8pm via zoom (@ufwsa).
- Senator Kantamneni: Be safe in light of the tragedy that happened this past weekend. Wants to shout out the budget committee for allocating \$650,000 in funds to various clubs this past week. Welcome back senator Fleischer.
- Senator Allen: Chairman Luis is spearheading a School Safety Zone Act. Additionally, there are two more resolutions that she hopes to pass in the coming weeks. If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to reach out.
- Senator Trejos: Welcome back Senator Fleischer. HSA has its first GBM of the semester via Zoom this week.

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 7:36 pm.