

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
February 9th, 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 78 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- **Barna**
- **Begley**
- **Chaparro**
- **Geis**
- **McGurl**
- **Suggs**
- **Williams**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Minority Party Leader Seaberg:**
 - Serving on R&A has been a hilarious experience.
 - Yesterday members of the committee selected under qualified candidates.
 - “Ideas don’t matter, it’s experience”. This is somewhat fair, however they had little experience.
 - The ideas were to make the Construction school better, which cannot be done through the senate.
 - Another candidate came in with well-prepared answers and ideas, yet they were not selected.
- **Senator Fineberg:**
 - Here to talk about the update on pedestrian safety act.
 - Recently passed a resolution to start acting and necessary steps so we can avoid tragedy in the future.
 - Dr. Lane and Dr. Mull provided updates via email.
 - Enhanced high visibility traffic program has been implemented.
 - The Gator Step program has been implemented and enforcement has been heightened.
 - The State has been asked to reduce the speed limit.

*****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:

- Chairman Luis moves to approve Student Senate Resolution 2021-1006: Author's Revision Act by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Luis moves to approve Student Senate Resolution 2021-1007: Resolution Condemning the Demolition of Maguire Village and University Village South (UVS) Graduate and Family Housing by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairwoman Groux moves to approve the block of absences by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Stay safe and continue to be smart and make good choices.
- Get your COVID tests biweekly, even if you are not required

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Motion to open the floor on the open District D seat.
 - There was a motion to have a roll call vote. In a raising hand vote of 7 to 64, that motion fails.
 - In a raising hand vote of 11 to 57, that motion fails.
- Majority Leader Robinson moves to call the previous question on Aaron Chou.
 - There was a motion to have a roll call vote. In a raising hand vote of 8 to 62, that motion fails.
 - In a raising hand vote of 57 to 11, the previous question has been called.
- In a vote of 57 to 11, that motion passes, and Aaron Chou has been approved for the District D seats.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Zlatanoff welcomes the senators.
- Open Seats:
 - Graduate and Family Housing
 - Keys
 - Building Construction
 - Dentistry
 - Graduate (4)
 - Health and Human Performance
 - Medicine

- Liberal Arts and Sciences (2)
- Agricultural and Life Sciences
- Happy early Valentine's Day.
- You can send a Valentine's Day card to a patient at St. Jude's to brighten up someone's weekend.

MINORITY REPORT:

- Minority Party Leader Seaberg welcomes the senators.
 - Wants to express that she was disappointed over the weekend.
 - Unfair to applicants that show up on time to interviews.
 - We could not meet quorum.
 - My sincere apologies to those that had to wait for the meeting.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman White welcomes the Senators.
 - All of the rollover funds have been approved.
 - Heard 800 Codes Revisions today.

ALLOCATIONS:

- There were none.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Luis welcomes the senators.
 - The Judiciary committee will be meeting this weekend.
 - Please have all legislation in by 12pm on Friday.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Groux welcomes the senators.
 - The R&E committee will meet tomorrow at 2pm.
 - Will email everyone this week whether or not you are off probation.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairman Kays:
 - We are going to do a meet your senator day, title Sweet Treat.
 - This is part of the recharge day on February 25th.
 - Senators need to sign up for time slots.
 - More information will be provided next week.
 - Will try and set up Office Hours in the Reitz to pick up name tags.
 - Feel free to reach out via email.

FIRST READINGS:

- There were none.

SECOND READINGS:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Minority Party Leader Seaberg: Congratulations to Tampa Buccaneers for winning the Superbowl!
- Pro-Tempore Zlatanoff: sent the link in the chat for St. Jude Valentine's Day cards.

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 7:28 pm.