

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
February 16th, 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 72 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- **Baez**
- **Driscoll**
- **Kim**
- **Pancione**
- **Perez**
- **Roumi**
- **Williams**
- **Wright**
- **Yarborough**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Senator Trejos:
 - Senator Trejos holds a presentation on the Carry Forward Fairness Act 800 Codes Revision.
 - Presentation hyperlink: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1-Ppn-1A4rvIP4IqU2qZF_kRCQwEVo9thK6BALMjxjEo/edit?usp=sharing
- Senator Utt:
 - Senator Utt holds a presentation on the Resolution to impeach Ryan Wiele, Chair of the Elections Commission, for abusing his office to suppress the voting rights of the Student Body.
 - Presentation hyperlink: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1l6BA4OhenkxisbgOFP_DeQORwv6fsaDhiOmMh-ZIcUc/edit?usp=sharing
- Minority Party Leader Seaberg:
 - Appreciated Senator Trejos' Powerpoint.
 - However, this undermines the democratic process of debating in person.
 - The whole point is to debate and ask questions.
 - Next week is SG elections.
 - These elections will determine half the senate body.
 - Yet, there is no early voting.
 - This is exposing countless poll workers as well as students.

- Students are only able to vote via mail or in person.
- We should not aid the spread of COVID-19.
- Senator Lea:
 - Introduces herself.
 - Senator related to the Inspire party and is not slating this semester.
 - Wants to speak on Senator Utt's resolution.
 - Early voting has been terminated and on campus locations are cut in half.
 - This poses an incredible public health concern.
 - Cannot guarantee social distancing.
 - Low voter turnout is a result of voter suppression.
 - In the fall when online voting was protested, we were denied.
 - The reasoning provided was that SG elections wanted to apply to federal voting rules as much as possible.
 - Where have the standards from the fall gone?
 - Explicitly stated that not including online voting would be detrimental to addressing COVID safety concerns.
 - The national press has addressed UF lack of safety by its administration.
 - We have not taken COVID seriously as students.
 - I wonder if anyone cares. We have all made sacrifices to play our part in stopping the spread of the pandemic.
 - Why isn't the chair of elections doing the same?

*****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 Utt moves that the presentations given during public comment in the minutes by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Chairman Luis moves to approve 2021-1008: Carry Forward Fairness Act- 800 Codes Revision 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:

- Yields to External Affairs Chairman Will Sandifer:
 - This Monday, February 22nd, there will be three panel events composed of student interns and those that work on Capitol Hill. This is a new program.

- The second event is a virtual career fair next Wednesday that features opportunities to learn more about future jobs.
- There is more information available on Instagram.
- This Thursday is Gator Nation Giving Day, donations are appreciated. Reach out to friends and family!
- Don't hesitate to reach out to the CCC or via email: judiciary@sg.ufl.edu .

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- There were none.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Zlatanoff welcomes the senators.
- Open Seats:
 - Graduate and Family Housing
 - Keys
 - Dentistry
 - Graduate (4)
 - Health and Human Performance
 - Medicine
 - Liberal Arts and Sciences (2)
 - Agricultural and Life Sciences
 - District C
 - Business
 - Design, Construction, and Planning

MINORITY REPORT:

- Senator Utt welcomes the senators.
 - There are senate seat openings that are being neglected.
 - Applicants are not taken seriously.
 - The way this senate operates needs to change.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- There were none.

ALLOCATIONS:

- There were none.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Luis welcomes the senators.
 - The Judiciary Committee will be meeting this weekend.

- Please submit legislation by Friday at 12pm.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Groux welcomes the senators.
 - Don't forget to submit your voter records and constituency.
 - Meeting tomorrow at 2pm if interested.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairman Kays:
 - New member orientation was before the senate today.
 - There were not a lot of options to handout name tags, so come out to Turlington between 10am-12pm this Friday.

FIRST READINGS:

- There were none.

SECOND READINGS:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Utt: The impeachment bill will go through this week to the Judiciary Committee this weekend.
- Minority Leader Seaberg: SGP is having a virtual concert tomorrow at 7pm.
- Senator Hartzog: Leading Women of Tomorrow is meeting at 6pm tomorrow.

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 7:37pm.