

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

**March 30th, 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 73 senators present.

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

- **Bartlett**
- **Bradford**
- **Clavijo-Gomez**
- **Davis**
- **Dawson-Scully**
- **Fleischer**
- **Markatia**
- **Pecora**
- **Yarborough**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- **Senator Utt:**
  - The Senate President published an open letter to the governor.
  - His first act was to complain that conservative student organizations are being mistreated.
  - We are introducing the University to political affiliations we have no business being involved in.
  - At what point does this body become a joke?
  - Three student organizations did not have an event permit and one of the executives of the events had COVID and still attended the event.
  - There is actual oppression on our campus, yet we chose to focus on this.
  - These organizations will have access to these funds once they are no longer suspended, yet we have real needs for this money.
  - Working on a resolution to reallocate the fund for students to get transportation to vaccine sites.
  - These events were against COVID protocol.
  - We've seen pamphlets written by the organization about their coercive operations, specifically at UF.
  - Mr. Chair, when you published this letter you put yourself in this position.

- Any member that thinks this is okay, you should feel indignation and angry about this. How can it be that the level of corruption has reached this point?

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#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:**

- There were none.

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

- Majority Party Scheur moves to approve Jorge Valarezo for the open District A seat by unanimous consent. Objection.
- Majority Party Scheur moves to approve Lakshay Gooyal for the open District B seat by unanimous consent. Objection.
- Majority Party Scheur moves to approve Madison Koukos for the open Judiciary Committee seat by unanimous consent. Objection.
- Majority Party Scheur moves to approve Valentina Perez for the open Information and Communications seat by unanimous consent. Objection.
- Chairman Fineberg moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2021-1011: Resolution Recognizing David Bowles for Outstanding Service to the University of Florida by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Fineberg moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2021-1012: Resolution Supporting the Institution of Universal Student Voter Registration by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Fineberg moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2021-1013: Student Government Award Deletion Act - 600 Code Revision by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Fineberg moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2021-1014: The Brian Burgoon Recognition Act - 600 Code Revision by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Fineberg moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2021-1015: The David Bowles Recognition Act - 600 Code Revision by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **EXECUTIVE BRANCH:**

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

- Senate President Luis welcomes the senators.
  - This past week I wrote a letter to the Dean of Students.

- I have had numerous students approach me with disappointment over unfairness of treatment of the organizations in question.
- Hopes for these clubs to be reinstated from their suspension in the coming weeks.
- We are silencing conservative voices on campus.
- We will be writing cards for the VA to express our gratitude.

**REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Majority Party Scheur moves to call previous question by raise of hand vote for the open District A seat. In a vote of 59 to 3, the previous question has been called.
  - In a vote of 60 to 2, Jorge Valarezo is the new District A senator.
- Majority Party Scheur moves to call previous question by raise of hand vote for the open District B seat. In a vote of 61 to 2, the previous question has been called.
  - In a vote of 62 to 1, Lakshay Gooyal is the new District B senator.
- Majority Party Scheur moves to call previous question by raise of hand vote for the open Judiciary Committee seat. In a vote of 60 to 4, the previous question has been called.
  - In a vote of 60 to 0, Madison Koukos is the new judiciary committee seat.
- Majority Party Scheur moves to call previous question on Valentina Perez by raise of hand vote for the open Information and Communication Committee seat. In a vote of 61 to 1, the previous question has been called.
  - In a vote of 60 to 0, Valentina Perez is the new Information and Communications Committee seat.

**REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:**

- Pro-Tempore Robinson welcomes the senators.
  - Thank you to everyone that came out to the recharge day.
  - Open Permanent Seats:
    - Graduate and Family Housing
    - Graduate (3)
    - Keys
    - District C
  - Summer replacements are due next week, April 6th at 11:59pm.
  - If you aren't going to be here this summer, you have to find a replacement under the same qualifications of the seat you hold.
  - Constituency is due at the end of this semester.
  - If you want to have a one-on-one, please reach out via email.

**BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairwoman Hartzog welcomes the senators.
  - The Budget committee has completely exhausted funds in hearings this week.
  - We were able to give out \$155,000 in base fundings.

- We were able to hear about 140 clubs.
- Wants to shout out her committee members.
- Please feel free to reach out via email with questions.

### **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairman Fineberg welcomes the senators.
  - The Judiciary committee will not be meeting this week to observe Passover and Easter.

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Groux welcomes the senators.
  - Constituency is sneaking up.
  - The last senate meeting is on April 20th.
  - The requirements for replacement senators can be found in the 300 codes on the website.
  - There will be double absences in next week's meeting.
  - Take advantage of UF getting vaccines beginning on April 5th!

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Senator Seacrest welcomes the senators.
  - An email with a polo order form will be sent out via email after next week's meeting.
  - Tabling sign ups are located on the third floor of the Reitz Union.
  - Tabling is in person this semester, and it is required.

### **FIRST READINGS:**

- There were none.

### **SECOND READINGS:**

- There were none.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Pro-Tempore Robinson: If the replacement is taking over, they must be taking summer classes for credits.

### **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 7:39pm.