

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

March 16th, 2021

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:04 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:

- **Abraham**
- **Aldazabal**
- **Begley**
- **Chastine**
- **Dawson-Scully**
- **Greep**
- **Hartzog**
- **Hodges**
- **Pecora**
- **Perez, V.**
- **Robinson**
- **Suggs**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Senator McAdams:**
 - Introduces himself.
 - Wants to voice concerns on Florida Senate Bill SB 86 which deals with revisions to the Florida Bright Futures.
 - Changes bright futures eligibility to only specific majors, yet is unclear on which majors will still receive fundings.
 - Limits funding within bright futures with a set amount.
 - Unlikely the bright futures will cover the full cost of tuition.
 - Takes away money from students entering college with AP and IB credits.
 - Students could be losing funding as early as July 1st this year, which does not give students time to figure out a way to pay.
 - Applies to not only incoming students, but also students that are currently receiving it.
 - Recently, the hearing of this bill has been postponed due to outcry.
 - Hopes to write a resolution condemning this bill. Please reach out if you are interested in sponsoring this resolution.

*****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 Scheur moves to approve the committee seats by unanimous consent. Objection.
- Majority party leader Scheur moves to approve committee chairs by unanimous consent. Objection.
- Majority party leader Scheur moves to approve the Jennings seat by unanimous consent. Objection.
- Majority party leader Scheur moves to fail the open District C seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Utt moves to quash the special rule under open committee seats. That motion is not seconded and fails.
- Senator Utt moves to quash the special rule under committee chairs. That motion is not seconded and fails.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE BRANCH:

- Student Body President Elect Brown welcomes the senators.
- Introduces the Chief of Staff for this upcoming term, Lauren Lemasters.
 - Introduces herself.
 - Announces that applications for cabinet positions are open until March 29 at 9am.
 - If you hold a senate seat for this next year, you cannot apply.
 - Encourage your friends to apply!
 - Feel free to reach out via email.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Luis welcomes the senators.
 - Next week's meeting will have a guest speaker from the counseling and wellness office.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Recommendations for the open Jennings seat:

- Majority party leader Scheur motions to call previous question by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority party leader Scheur motions to call previous question by raising hands vote. That motion is seconded.
- In a raising hands vote of 62 to 6, the previous question has been called.
- In a vote of 3 to 61, the Jennings seat has been approved.
- Recommendations for the open block seats:
 - Majority party leader Scheur motions to call previous question by unanimous consent. Objected.
 - Majority party leader Scheur motions to call previous question by raising hands vote. That motion is seconded.
 - Senator Utt motions to appeal the open committee seats block.
 - In a raising hand vote of 1 to 63, that motion fails and the block is not appealed.
 - In a raising hand vote of 58 to 2, the previous question has been called.
 - Senate Majority Party Leader moves to approve the block by a roll call vote.
 - In a raising hand vote of 65 to 2, the motion to approve the open committee seats has been passed.
- Recommendation for open committee seats:
 - Majority Party Leader Scheur moves to call previous question on the open committee chair seats by unanimous consent. Objected
 - Majority Party Leader Scheur moves to call previous question on the open committee chair seat by raise of hands
 - Senator Utt motions to appeal the special ruling for decision of the chair.
 - In a raising hand of 1 to 63 that motions fails.
 - Majority Party Leader Scheur moves to call previous question on the committee chair seat by raise of hands. Seconded.
 - In a vote of 59 to 1, the motion is passed and the previous question is called.
 - Majority Party Leader Scheur moves to open the open committee block seats by unanimous consent. Objected.
 - Majority Party Leader Scheur moves to open the open committee block seats by raise of hands. Seconded.
 - In a raise of hands vote of 63 to 1, the open chair seats have been approved.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Senator Giordano welcomes the senators.
 - Open Seats:
 - Graduate and Family Housing
 - District A

- District B
 - Graduate (3)
 - Keys
- The Big Event takes place this Saturday from 8am-12pm. Sign up with the Senate group!

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Senator Green welcomes the senators.
 - Elizabeth is very excited for this new position.
 - Docutraq is open for registration.
 - March 22nd- first come, first serve funding.
 - The budget committee will hold hearings beginning April 2nd.

JUDICIARY:

- Senator Mason welcomes the senators.
 - Make sure all legislation is submitted by this Friday at noon.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Groux welcomes the senators.
 - Congrats to the new committee members!
 - If anyone has any questions about attendance or constituency, be sure to email and reach out.
 - Don't wait until the last minute for constituency.
 - Don't forget to submit your voter record.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Locascio welcomes the senators.
 - Looks forward to being the new I&C Committee chair.

FIRST READINGS:

- There were none.

SECOND READINGS:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Clavijo-Gomez: Senator Arriaga and I are planning on setting up a Hispanic/Latinx caucus. Please feel free to reach out via email!
- Senator Fleischer: Reminder for freshmen that Gators of tomorrow is currently accepting applications, which will be due this Friday.

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 7:59pm.