

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

April 13th, 2021

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:01 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 68 of senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- **Bartlett**
- **Begley**
- **DePersio**
- **Labh**
- **Montero-Mask**
- **Perez, V.**
- **Potthast**
- **Priest**
- **Wright**
- **Yarbrough**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Evan Smith:**
 - Introduces himself.
 - Focuses on student action.
 - Here in support of the resolution for renewable energy that is being voted upon tonight.
 - Calls on UF to power our campus by 100% renewable energy by 2040.
 - Climate change is the biggest issue of our time.
 - We are already feeling the impacts today in multiple ways.
 - The resolution being voted upon represents the contribution of the senate in all ways.
 - FSU was the first state school to make this commitment in Florida. We do not want to be the last state to commit to this goal.
 - It is time for us to step up to the top of sustainability yet again.
 - We are currently working on updating our Climate action plan.
 - This is a top priority for the student body.
 - Byt, this is only the beginning. We need help reaching this goal through investments and updating our buildings.
 - Looks forward to working with SG in the future.

- This will be the first step in prioritizing student action.
- Urges you to vote for the resolution tonight.
- Senator Utt:
 - Wants to discuss what happens at the end of senate.
 - It is the decision of the senate to waste time and call a roll.
 - When he makes a motion to adjourn, it is to end the meeting immediately.
 - Wants to speak to the senate about time, which is the most precious thing in college.
 - Invites every member to reflect on what this means to them.
 - Is thi the best use of your time?
 - Are you going to look back and say, I made the most out of my education?
 - There are a limited number of positions you can be offered.
 - Most valuable piece of your college experience, and the one thing you have control over.
 - When the 6 graduate senators left, it was because they thought this was a joke.
 - Is this truly what you want to get out of college?
 - At the end of the day, this is your decision.
 - We move to do a final roll call, yet we call previous question on every debate.
 - Asks each member if this is what you want out of your college experience.

*****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:

- Chairwoman Groux moves to approve all absences in the special rules block by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Fineberg moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2021-1016: Resolution Commemorating Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2021 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Fineberg moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2021-1017: Resolution Supporting the University of Florida Committing to 100% Renewable Energy by 2040 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Scheuer moves to approve Jessica Selk for the open District D seat. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Scheuer moves to approve Kristian Carreno for the open District D seat. Objected.

- Majority Party Leader Scheuer moves to approve Erik Kienegger for the open Pharmacy seat. Objected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE BRANCH:

- Internal Affairs Chairwoman Hernandez:
 - Please do not hesitate to reach out via email.
- Gators Going Green Agency Head Mulhall:
 - A socially distanced hike was planned and orchestrated.
 - We also partnered with unlitter to help clean up the community.
 - Additionally, we sponsored the Gator film festival.
 - This event is still open until April 22nd.
 - There is a plant drop tomorrow from 12-2 pm in Turlington, as well as Thursday at 1pm.
 - Field and Fork gardens are expanding their compost cart.
 - The green gator graduation challenge is still open until April 21st.
 - Please feel free to reach out at greengators@sg.ufl.edu .
- Agency Head Badenjki:
 - Able to have our first in person show in March.
 - We were one of the first institutions in the SEC to be able to host.
 - We have also held several online talks and concerts.
 - There will be an online COIN show, and you can still sign up now online.
 - We were still able to bring a diverse array of events for students.
 - If you have any further questions, please reach out via sgp@sg.ufl.edu .
- Accent head Wolf:
 - Began the spring semester featuring Cody Ko and David Dobrik.
 - During UF's second recharge day, the second event was held. There was both an in person and virtual viewing.
 - Students were able to sign up in pairs to attend the live stream.
 - For students who may not have been comfortable in person, a link was sent to attend virtually.
 - Lastly, the last show will be this Thursday with Dave Portnoy.
 - You can sign up at bit.ly/PortnoyUF .
- Honor Code Chancellor Carr:
 - Focused efforts on outreach this semester.
 - Ethics and Civility week was held to discuss ethical dilemmas and how to properly proceed.
- Big Event Agency Head Perez:
 - Worked diligently to create covid safe events that fully adhered to all guidelines.

- We were able to place 800 students across the community to help out around the community and volunteer.
- We are currently working on the end of year report.
- Young Leaders Conference Agency Head Fleig:
 - A conference was held virtually in February, where over 100 high school students attended.
 - Now, there is a training document being completed.
 - Looking forward to an in person conference next year.
- Students Taking Action Against Racism Co-Chair Cleophat:
 - Wrapped up fall semester with anti racism week and held workshops.
 - Workshops for black history month and women's history month were held.
 - Worked alongside the diplomats to better educate.
 - Continue to share educational posts via Instagram.
- Gator Innovator Agency Head Gottlieb:
 - 3rd annual gator tank was held just last week.
 - Continue to maintain safety by students and staff.
 - Also able to introduce a live stream so attendees could come virtually.
 - Consider this a great success.
 - Also held a speaker's panel before this event.
 - Turn our attention to the upcoming gator tank.
- Chomp the Vote Agency Head Haydar:
 - Able to register a record number of Gators during election season.
 - Working to create further improvements for the incoming agency.
- Agency Head for Hight Life Navigators Thames:
 - Has worked with the USF department of transportation in order to help their peer to peer traffic safety presentation.
 - This week is the start of traffic safety week.
 - Hopes to leave ways to improve the organization for future staff.
 - Feel free to reach out via email.
- Senior Class President Esther Kim:
 - We are going to be one of the last agencies to do an in-person event.
 - This will commemorate seniors.
 - There will be a senior breakfast and Tervis Tumblers for the first 100, which is held at 4th Ave Food Park.
 - Wednesday there will be a monsters university movie night. Sweatshirts are working on being handed out.
 - Thursday, there will be a senior sendoff.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Luis welcomes the senators.

- Reminder to please complete constituency requirements, which are due next week.
- Please sign up for one on ones.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Majority Party Leader Scheuer moves to call previous question on Jessica Selk for the open District D seat by raise of hands. By a vote of 53 to 3, the previous question has been called.
 - In a vote of 53 to 1, Jessica Selk is approved for the District D seat.
- Majority Party Leader Scheuer moves to call previous question on Kristian Carreno for the open District D seat by raise of hands. By a vote of 56 to 1, the previous question has been called.
 - In a vote of 59 to 0, Kristian Carreno is approved for the District D seat.
- Majority Party Leader Scheuer moves to call previous question on Erik Kienegger for the open Pharmacy seat by raise of hands. By a vote of 55 to 1, the previous question has been called.
 - In a vote of 56 to 0, Erik Kienegger is approved for the Pharmacy seat.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Pro-Tempore welcomes the senators.
 - Open Permanent Seats:
 - Graduate and Family Housing
 - Keys
 - Dentistry
 - Graduate (6)
 - District C
 - District B
 - Reach out for one on ones.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Hartzog welcomes the senators.
 - The budget allocation funds will be sent out via Listserv once it is complete.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Fineberg welcomes the senators.
 - The Judiciary Committee will be meeting this Sunday.
 - All legislation is due by this Friday at noon.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Groux welcomes the senators.
 - To address the final roll call, the 300 codes were written pre-pandemic.

- We do final roll call because voter records can be submitted up to 7 days after.
- If you are not present for the final roll call, it counts as a half absence.
- VR also counts as a half absence.
- Constituency requirements should have been sent out via email today.
- Keep adding things to the constituency calendar and checking on it.
- Email me with any questions.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Seacrest welcomes the senators.
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FIRST READINGS:

- There were none.

SECOND READINGS:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Pro-Tempore Robinson: The SG logo will be located in the top corner of the polo/ quarter zip.

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 8:03 pm.