

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

April 20th, 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 70 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Chasteen
- Clavijo-Gomez
- Fliescher
- Geis
- Greep
- Hutchison
- McIver
- Potthast
- Valerezo

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Senator Utt:
 - Concerned about one of the nominees for Chomp the Vote.
 - One of the members was caught bribing a Greek member to vote.
 - Make the most out of your time.
 - Will be supporting this candidate tonight because everyone makes mistakes.
 - Wants to take this as an opportunity to make sure we don't make questionable decisions.
 - Important that we have this recognition.
 - Hopes this candidate will explain his plans.
 - This person has character.
 - In the past he has worked with me, even though it must have been difficult.

*****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:

- Senator Fineberg moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2021- 1018: Resolution Recognizing Anti-Asian Hate by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairwoman Groux moves to approve all absences in the special rules block by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Scheuer moves to strike Sazzad Mabud from the summer block by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Scheuer moves to strike Jason Andreacchio from the summer block by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE BRANCH:

- President- Elect Brown:
 - Introduces the executive cabinet positions.
 - Officially takes office tomorrow.
 - As of tomorrow, my email will be president@sg.ufl.edu. Feel free to reach out.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Luis welcomes the senators.
 - Chairman Fineberg presents on how to properly write legislation.
 - Nothing to report.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- There were 5 minutes of question and answer for the executive agency head block nomination.
- There were three rounds of con and pro, each for one minute.
 - Con: There were none.
 - Pro:
 - Member at large Giordano: Looked through all of the resumes thoroughly, and each member seems fully prepared.
 - Senator Peters: Also reviewed all of the resumes, wants to speak specifically on three members that he spoke personally with. All were more than qualified.
 - Majority Party Leader Scheuer moves to call previous question on the agency heads by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
 - In a raise of hand vote of 55 to 0, the executive agency heads were ruled as a special block were approved.
- There were 5 minutes of question and answer for the Cabinet Chair block nomination.
- There were three rounds of con and pro.
 - Con: There were none.

- Pro:
 - Senator Bradley: Had the privilege to work with one of the nominees personally and professionally, and he was informative and helpful when I worked to form a club.
 - Senator Green: Anatova and Hannah Thomas are hard workers and care about diversity and inclusion on campus. Thinks they will do a great job based not only on their resume, but their character.
 - Senator Harkins: Wants to speak on Shea, dedicated to UF and would make a great cabinet chair.
- Majority Party Leader Scheuer moves to call previous question on the cabinet chair by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- In a raise of hand vote of 57 to 0, the cabinet chair block nomination as a block were approved.
- There were 5 minutes of question and answer for the Executive Secretary position.
- There were three rounds of con and pro.
 - Con: There were none.
 - Pro:
 - Majority Party Leader Scheuer: Incredible group of people that are well qualified.
 - Senator Fohrman: Wanted to personally shout out Ryan Linthorst, has done excellent work.
 - Senator Priest: Excellent communicators, cannot think of anyone greater than the job.
 - Senator Locascio: Has had the pleasure to work with several of these candidates, and have carried out hard work within the community.
 - Senator Martinez: Shoutout to Jack Mkinney, who has been a great advocate for campus safety and will do great things.
 - Majority Party Leader Scheuer moves to call previous question on the executive secretary block by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
 - In a raise of hand vote of 54 to 0, the executive secretary block nomination as a block were approved.
- There were 5 minutes of question and answer for the Judicial Branch nominees,
- There were three rounds of con and pro.
 - Con:
 - Senator Utt: Concerned about Chairman and his roll in protecting voting rights, which were cut during the pandemic.
 - Pro:
 - Senator Brinkman: Wants to speak on the supervisor on elections, who will be sure to take her job seriously.

- Senator Seacrest: Wants to echo what Student body president brown said about Alex Stedman.
 - Senator Koukos: Wants to give a pro for Jon Nickas, who has been taking initiative within the judicial branch for awhile now.
 - Senator Lazar: Austin Cline is extremely well versed in election law.
 - Majority Party Leader Scheuer moves to call previous question on the judicial branch nominees block by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
 - In a raise of hand vote of 54 to 2, the executive secretary block nomination as a block were approved.
- There were 5 minutes of presentation for the summer replacement block.
- Majority Party Leader Scheuer moves to call previous question on the block of summer replacement seats by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- In a raise of hands vote of 55 to 0, the summer replacement block nomination has been approved.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Member at Large Giordano welcomes the senators.
 - There is a meeting on Friday to hand out flyers at the vaccination site this Friday. It would be great if you could help to hand out vouchers.
 - Open Permanent Seats:
 - Graduate and Family Housing
 - Keys
 - Dentistry
 - Graduate (6)
 - District C
 - District A
 - Open Summer Seats:
 - Freshman (3)
 - CLAS (5)
 - District A
 - District B
 - District C
 - District D
 - Graduate
 - Graham
 - Infinity
 - Jennings
 - Agricultural and Life Sciences
 - Public Health and Human Performance
 - Nursing

- Law
- Springs
- Reach out for one on ones.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Senator Green welcomes the senators.
 - The Budget has been sent out on the Listserv and can be found on the website.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Fineberg welcomes the senators.
 - No report.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Groux welcomes the senators.
 - Constituency is due tonight.
 - There will be a meeting this Thursday to determine constituency probation.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Locascio welcomes the senators.
 - Thank you to everyone who participated in the SG polo and quarter zip order.
 - Please Venmo so we can place the order!

FIRST READINGS:

- There were none.

SECOND READINGS:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There were none.

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.