

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

June 8th, 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 59 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Chaparro
- Chasteen
- Hazzard
- McAdams
- McIver
- Montero-Mask
- Nanosky
- Sawyer
- Schweidel
- Selk
- Shoemaker, Samuel
- Wright

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Chairmen Fineberg:
 - Discussed HB-233: an act related to post-secondary education which requires student governments across the state to adopt internal procedures
 - Presented the Accountability Booster Compliance Act which provides the internal procedures and processes required by state law
 - Expressed his discontent in having to author SSB 2021-1024 because the state officials did not consider the concerns of students when creating the new law

*****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 Scheuer moves to approve amendment to Student Senate Bill 2021-1023: Accountability Booster Compliance Act - 300 Code Revision by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority party leader Scheuer moves to approve the block of open summer seats by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority party leader Scheuer moves to approve the block of open committee seats by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Fineberg moves to approve amendment to Student Senate Bill 2021-1024: The Administrative Boards and Subsidiaries, Commissions, Organizations Clean Up Act - 500 Code Revision by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Fineberg moves to approve amendment to the Student Senate Bill 2021-1019: Student Government Accountability Act - 200 Code Revision. That motion passes.
- Chairman Fineberg moves to approve amendment to Student Senate Bill 2021-1022: Vacancy Replacement Reform Act - 300 Code Revision by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE BRANCH:

- There were none.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Luis:
 - Delivering cards to the children at Shands Hospital during the Gator Service Day next Monday with Chairwoman Locascio
 - Introduced special guest speaker Julie Wehmeyer from the Office of Offcampus Housing
- Julie Wehmeyer:
 - Explained the primary function of the Office of Offcampus Housing is to help students find alternatives to on-campus housing
 - Approximated 80% of students live off-campus
 - Asked the senators for help in marketing the office and its resources
 - Wanted to meet with students to discuss options for the lease gap in August
 - Advertised the housing locator website that provides price, location, number of bedrooms of apartments and houses in Gainesville
 - Encouraged senators to follow social media accounts
 - Discussed series on the Office's social media called Discover Gainesville
 - Contact information can be found in the Gator Guide
- Senate President Luis:
 - Congratulated new senators and committee seats that were confirmed tonight

- Provided a motivational quote: “Perfection is not attainable. But if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence.” -Vince Lombardi
- Continuing 1-on-1s with senators to improve interpersonal relationships
- Gave a belated birthday shoutout to Student Body Treasurer Giovanna Mompremier
- Thanked Jacobi Bedenfield and James Tyger

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- There were none.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Pro-Tempore Robinson welcomed the senators
 - Open Permanent Seats:
 - Broward
 - Building and Construction
 - CLAS
 - Dentistry
 - District D
 - Graduate (9)
 - Graduate and Family Housing
 - Keys
 - Vet Med
 - Yulee
 - Open Summer Seats:
 - District D
 - Graham
 - Infinity
 - Jennings
 - Law
 - Nursing
 - Public Health and Health Professions
 - Springs
 - Open permanent and committee seat applications due Friday at noon.
 - Replacement & Agenda Committee meetings held on Sunday or Monday
 - Clarified the expectations of the affiliation form and encouraged new senators to complete the form
 - Meet Your Senators from Tuesday - Thursday which satisfies SG event requirement for constituency

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Hartzog:
 - Email Chairwoman Hartzog at budget@sg.ufl.edu if there are any questions

JUDICIARY:

- Senator Fineberg:
 - Judiciary Committee will not meet this week
 - Thanked Senate Advisors Jacobi Bedenfield and James Tyger for help on the Accountability Booster Act
 - Email Chairmen Fineberg at judiciary@sg.ufl.edu if there are any questions

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Groux:
 - Congratulated new committee members
 - Hosting an in-person meeting this week which will be a longer meeting due to the committee's previous inability to meet due to lack of senators to meet quorum
 - Constituency requirements are due next Tuesday at midnight
 - Meet Your Senator Event Tuesday - Thursday and tabling opportunities
 - Encouraged senators to check their email and complete constituency requirements
 - Reviewed Absences - two unexcused absences or combination of three excused/unexcused absences result in resignation by non-attendance
 - Encourage senators to email her to help with correct name pronunciation
 - Email Chairwoman Groux at rules@sg.ufl.edu if there are any questions

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Locascio:
 - Thanked all the newly appointed senators for attending senator orientation
 - Hosting an additional senator orientation for those that could not attend
 - Collected over 54 cards and candy care packages for the Gator Service Day
 - Encouraged senators to check their email for information about Meet Your Senator Days and tabling
 - Reiterated that senators can fulfill the event constituency requirement by participating in Gator Service Days
 - Meet You Senator Days on the Reitz Union North Lawn from 1-3pm on June 8th-June 10th
 - Instructed senators to wear professional or business casual for Meet Your Senators if they have not received their SG polo
 - SG Polo order is in the process of being finalized and will be complete by the end of Summer A
 - Asked senators for ideas and encouraged senators to reach out to her via email or phone number

- Information and Communication committee meeting at a later time to be announced

FIRST READINGS:

- Student Senate Bill 2021-1025: Amended Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Activity & Service Fee Budget
- Chairwoman Hartzog:
 - Utilized the amendment process because the previous budget operated under the assumption of the Big Three entity: Recreational Sports, the Reitz Union, and Student Government
 - The Big Three entities underwent a major restructuring, changing the usage of activity and service fees
 - The Big Three split into the Big Five: The Office of Sorority and Fraternity Affairs, The Office of Student Activities and Involvement, Recreational Sports, the Reitz Union, and Student Government
 - Revisited the Budget Bill to ensure each of these entities have their own standing budget
 - Spoke about each of the five entities and the related decisions under each budget
 - Motioned to extend bill presentation time by one minute by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Five Minutes of Non-Debatable Technical Questions:
 - Senator Fondeur, Senator Olivia Green, Senator Giordano, Senator Peters, Senator Consolo, Senator Pancione, Senator Robison
 - Minimum Wage is \$10 in the fall
- Senators speaking in pro:
 - Senator Fondeur, Senator Olivia Green, Senator Giordano, Senator Consolo, Senator Peters, Senator Pancione, Senator Robison, Senator Fohrman, Senator Fondeur, Senator Pancione, Senator Kwan, Senator Kameron Green, Senator Kapke
- Senators speaking in con:
 - There were none.
- Majority party leader Scheuer moves to call previous question on Student Senate Bill 2021-1025: Amended Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Activity & Service Fee Budget by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority party leader Scheuer moves to approve amendment to Student Senate Bill 2021-1025: Amended Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Activity & Service Fee Budget by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
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SECOND READINGS:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chairman Fineberg:
 - Reminded senators to vote on Amendment 1 to Student Senate Bill 2021-1024
- Pro Tempore Robinson
 - Gave a shout out to Chairwoman Hartzog and the Budget and Appropriations Committee
 - Provided an involvement opportunity with the University of Florida's university committees
- Chairwoman Hartzog
 - Thanked senators for passing Student Senate Bill 2021-1025: Amended Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Activity & Service Fee Budget

ROLL CALL:

- Chairwoman Groux motions to use the voter record as final roll call by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.