

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

**August 31st, 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 of 54 senators present.

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

- **Bernstein**
- **Bober**
- **Carino**
- **Chou**
- **Dawson-Scully**
- **Greep**
- **Hazzard**
- **Jafry**
- **James**
- **Jee**
- **Latras**
- **Markatia**
- **Martinez**
- **Miller**
- **Patel**
- **Perez**
- **Potthast**
- **Robison**
- **Rothenberg**
- **Selk**
- **Turner**
- **Valarezo**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- **Senator Utt:**
  - Welcomes senators to the new semester.
  - I am the one that votes 99-1.
  - I should reflect the views of the empty chairs.
  - The COVID response from the University of Florida is pitiful.

- The majority party could not be bothered to pass a bill against COVID, but will spend money on a concert.
- Has brought 3 amendments to the senate floors today regarding the resolution passing this evening.
- Wants to replace diction, as the senate states that they are taking COVID seriously yet will not make a resolution to take COVID seriously at UF.
- Added specific amendments to further aid South Asia and proof of vaccinations on campus.
- You will support these amendments if you are willing to use all your power to end this deadly virus.
- If this bill is solely for performance, then perhaps not.
- We are headed in the wrong direction.
- We cannot go another week with masks “expected”, not required.
- I stand behind this bill to express solidarity, but we need to present actions.
- If we are going to be a real government, we need to take steps to do that.
- Urges senators to take action.

***\*\*If you wish to hear any speeches given during public debate please request the recordings from [senatesecretary@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:senatesecretary@sg.ufl.edu)\*\****

**AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:**

- There were none.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Majority Party Leader Scheuer moves to approve the block of Assistant Supervisor of Elections by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority party leader moves to approve the block of Elections Commission nominees by unanimous consent. Objected.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**EXECUTIVE BRANCH:**

- There were none.

**SENATE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

- Senate President Luis:
  - Welcomed senators back into the chambers.
  - Tonight, I want to highlight the farmers market that will occur on October 8th, from 11am to 2pm.
  - Meet Your Senator day at the event that will count for constituency.

### **REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Chairman Fineberg motions to call a previous question on the block of Assistant Supervisor of Elections by standing votes. Chairman Fineberg seconded the motion.
  - In a standing vote of 53 to 1, the previous question is approved.
- Majority Party Leader Scheuer moves to approve the block of Assistant Supervisor of Elections by standing votes.
  - In a standing vote of 53 to 1, that motion is approved.
- Majority Party Leader Scheuer moves to call a previous question on the block of Elections Commission nominees by standing vote. Chairman Finberg seconded the motion.
  - In a standing vote of 53 to 1, the previous question is approved.
- Majority Party Leader Scheuer moves to approve the block of Elections Commission nominees by standing vote. Chairwoman Hartzog seconded the motion.
  - In a standing vote of 53 to 1, that motion is approved.

### **REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:**

- Welcomes the senators back to campus.
- Open Permanent Seats:
  - Broward-Rawlings
  - District B
  - District C
  - District D
  - Grad and Family Housing
  - Keys
  - Lakeside
  - Tolbert
  - Fine Arts
  - Dentistry
  - Graduate (8)
  - Medicine
  - Vet Med
- Open Committee Seats:
  - Judiciary
  - Information and Communications (2)
  - Rules and Ethics (2)
- Seats are due on Thursday at noon, and the R&A meeting will be held on Friday due to the Labor Day weekend.

### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairwoman Hartzog:

- Everyone should have received the finalized fall and summer b carry forward student bill.
- This includes all allocated funding from Spring semester.
- All of the funding will be listed and itemized in that bill. This can also be found on Docutraq.

### **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairman Fineberg:
  - The judiciary committee will not be meeting this Sunday.
  - I want to remind everyone that election season begins tonight.
  - You cannot campaign in the SG office. Please do not wear any partisan clothing within the SG office.

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Groux:
  - Constituency emails were sent out over the summer.
  - If you have any questions, please check the 300 codes before emailing.
  - The committee will start up with the constituency calendar soon. For now, check the SG website.
  - Maximum of three unexcused or 4 unexcused/excused absences.

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairwoman Locascio:
  - For those of you that recently purchased items, you can pick them up in the SG office or after this meeting.
  - Information and Communications Committee meeting next week at a time to be announced.
  - Currently preparing the mentor/mentee program for this semester.
  - Headshots need to be submitted ASAP.
  - First of the month fresh food farmers market is coming up and is also an opportunity for constituency.
  - There are two open spots on the committee, please apply!

### **FIRST READINGS:**

- Senator Utt motions for the Judiciary Committee to meet this week. That motion fails.
- Senate President states we will now hear the 2021-1040: Resolution Recognizing the COVID-19 Crisis.
  - Senator Goyal makes a presentation on behalf of this resolution.

- Majority Party Leader Scheur moves to hear the amendments to student senate bill 2021-1040: Resolution Recognizing the COVID-19 Crisis by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Scheur moves to fail the first amendment to Student Senate Bill 2021-1040: Resolution Recognizing the COVID-19 Crisis by standing vote. Chairman Fineberg seconded the motion.
  - Senator Utt motions to amend the motion on the floor by roll call vote. Objected.
  - Senator Utt moves to table the motion to fail the amendment by standing vote. Seconded.
    - In a standing vote of 2 to 52, that motion fails.
  - In a standing vote of 52 to 2, that motion passes and the first amendment fails.
- Majority Party Leader Scheur moves to fail the second amendment to Student Senate Bill 2021-1040: Resolution Recognizing the COVID-19 Crisis by standing vote. Chairman Fineberg seconded the motion.
  - Senator Utt motions to amend the motion on the floor by roll call vote. Objected.
  - Senator Utt moves to table the motion to fail the amendment by a standing vote. Objected.
  - In a standing vote of 52 to 2, that motion passes and the second amendment fails.
- Majority Party Leader Scheur moves to fail the third amendment to student senate bill 2021-1040: Resolution Recognizing the COVID-19 Crisis by standing vote. Chairman Fineberg seconded the motion.
  - Senator Utt objects to the motion of the floor. Objected.
  - Senator Utt motions to table the motion on the floor. Objected.
  - In a standing vote of 52 to 1, that motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Scheur moves to approve student senate bill 2021-1040: Resolution Recognizing the COVID-19 Crisis by standing vote. Chairman Fineberg seconded the motion.
  - Senator Utt moves to call a quorum. Quorum was called with 54 senators present.
  - In a standing vote of 54 to 0, that motion passes and the resolution is approved.
- Majority Party Leader Scheur moves to approve student senate bill 2021:1041: Senate Reapportionment Act by standing vote.
  - Chairman Fineberg presents the resolution for 5 minutes.
  - There were now 5 minutes of questions. Seeing no questions, there are now three rounds of alternating pro-con debate.
  - Majority Party Leader moves to call previous question on student senate bill 2021:1041: Senate Reapportionment Act of 2022 by standing vote. Chairwoman Groux seconded the motion.
    - Senator Utt motions for the bill to pass by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

- That motion passes by unanimous consent and the resolution is approved.

**SECOND READINGS:**

- There were none.

**BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

- There were none.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Chairman Fineberg: Goes over how to record the voter record for the night. All senators are required to vote on all motions unless there is a conflict of interest, which you must state beforehand.
- Senator Utt: Working on a reserved transfer to set up COVID transfer housing. Trying to set up a fund that would negotiate with hotels that need to be quarantined. Student government is able to help, and he would like to spend funding on COVID housing.
- Chairman Fineberg: Clarifies that the motion was to fail the amendment.

**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 7:53 pm.