

**STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**  
**September 14th, 2021**

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:39pm 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 52 senators present.

**Not there for roll call:**

- Aguiar
- Barlett
- Bernstein
- Bober
- Bradford
- Bradley
- Choi
- Craig
- Dawson-Scully
- DePersio
- Fondeur
- Giordano
- Gray
- Greep
- Locascio
- Martinez
- Miller
- Pancione
- Peburn
- Valarezo

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- There were none.

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:**

- There were none.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Majority Party Leader Scheur moves to approve John Brinkman for the open Judiciary Committee seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Scheur moves to approve Raisa Jafry for the open Information and Communication Committee Seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Scheur moves to approve Rachel Jetter for the open Rules and Ethics Committee seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Chairman Fineberg moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2021-1041: Senate Reapportionment Act of 2022 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Chairwoman Groux moves to approve the block of absences by unanimous consent. Objected.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **EXECUTIVE BRANCH:**

- There were none.

### **SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Senate President Luis:
  - Announced the Fresh Food Farmers Market event was extremely successful.
  - Provided a statistic that for every \$5 of profits, one pound of produce was donated to the Field and Fork Food Pantry to fight food insecurity on campus.
  - Expressed support for the Florida Gators Football Team as they play the Alabama Crimson Tide this weekend.
  - Recognized the recent news of the University of Florida moving to the number 5 public school in the country as of Monday.
  - Requested senators to stay after the meeting to take a group photo for the Senate Instagram.

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

- Majority Party Leader Scheur moves to call previous question for Senator Brinkman for the open Judiciary Committee by a standing vote. Seconded. In a vote of 51 to 1, that motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Scheur moves to approve Senator Brinkman for the open Judiciary Committee seat by a standing vote. Seconded. In a vote of 52 to 0, that motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Scheur moves to call previous question for Senator Jafry for the open Information and Communications seat by a standing vote. Seconded. In a vote of 51 to 1, that motion passes.

- Majority Party Leader Scheur moves to approve Senator Jaffrey for the open Information and Communications seat by a standing vote. Seconded. In a vote of 52 to 0, that motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Scheur moves to call previous question for the open Rules and Ethics committee seat by a standing vote. Seconded. In a vote of 51 to 1, that motion passes.
- Senator Utt motions for roll call. That motion fails.
- Majority Party Leader Scheur moves to approve Senator Jetter for the open Rules and Ethics committee seat by a standing vote. Seconded. In a vote of 51 to 1, that motion passes.
- Chairman Fineberg motions to call previous question on Student Senate Bill 2021-1041: Senate Reapportionment Act of 2022. Seconded. In a vote of 51 to 1, that motion passes.
- Chairman Fineberg motions to approve Student Senate Bill 2021-1041: Senate Reapportionment Act of 2022. Seconded. In a vote of 51 to 1, that motion passes.
- Senator Utt requests that the minutes reflect that the Judiciary Committee Chairman voted to end debate to call previous question on a reapportionment bill. That motion fails.
- Senator Utt requests that the minutes reflect that the Judiciary Committee Chairman did not allow questions on the Senate Reapportionment bill. That motion fails.
- Chairwoman Groux moves to approve the approved block of absences by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Utt motions to appeal the ruling of the Rules and Ethics Chairwoman by standing vote. In a vote of 1-51, that motion fails.
- Chairwoman Groux moves to approve the failed block of absences by standing vote. In a vote of 51-1, that motion passes.
- Senator Utt requests that the minutes reflect that the Rules and Ethics Committee Chairwoman would not answer questions regarding the reasoning for failing the absence of Senator Priest. That motion fails.

**REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:**

- Expressed support for the Florida Gator Football Team as they play the Alabama Crimson Tide this weekend.
- 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
- Email [senatepresidentprotempore@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:senatepresidentprotempore@sg.ufl.edu) for any questions related to open seats.

### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairwoman Hartzog:
  - Email [budget@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:budget@sg.ufl.edu) if you have any questions related to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

### **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairman Fineberg:
  - No report tonight.

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Groux:
  - Announced constituency probation requirements due Tuesday, September 21st.
  - The Rules and Ethics committee will meet this week at a time to be determined.
  - Reminded senators to be mindful of absences and constituency requirements.
  - Informed senators that warnings will be sent out this week.
  - Requested senators to change the third heading underneath the Replacement and Agenda Committee Recommendations from Information and Communications Committee to Rules and Ethics Committee.

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Senator Peters:
  - No report tonight.
  - Announced that senators can pick up name tags and quarter-zip polos following the conclusion of the senate meeting.

### **FIRST READINGS:**

- There were none.

### **SECOND READINGS:**

- There were none

### **BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

- There were none.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Chairman Fineberg:
  - Instructed senators to add the two motions related to the failed and approved absences to the bottom of the voter record sheet.
- Senator Utt:
  - Announced to the Senate body that he is creating a resolution to thank Liz Delaney for her service to student government over the past 4 years after leaving her position last week.
- Chairwoman Hartzog:
  - Announced that the Student Government Accountability Agency along with the Budget and Appropriations Committee will host an informational session on Wednesday, September 15th about Student Government funding.
  - Encouraged senators to spread the word, register via social media, and attend the event tomorrow.
  - Informed senators about the event zoom link available for participants and reminded senators that attendance earns constituency credit.
- Senate President Luis:
  - Requested senators stay after the end of the meeting to take a photo recognizing the University of Florida top 5 status.

### **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 8:08 pm.