

**STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**  
**First Meeting: October 5th, 2021**

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:30pm 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 57 senators present.

**Not there for roll call:**

- **Aguiar**
- **Dorworth**
- **Markatia**
- **Martinez**
- **McAuley**
- **Roher**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Goodbye Speeches:
  - Senator Fondeur gave a goodbye speech
  - Deputy Party Leader Bergman gave a goodbye speech
  - Senator Utt gave a goodbye speech
  - Majority Party Leader Scheuer gave a goodbye speech
  - Pro-Tempore Robinson gave a goodbye speech

*\*\*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:**

- Senator Utt moves for Student Senate Bill 2021-1043: Resolution Labeling the Student Senate Podium the Blake Robinson Public Comment Podium to be read aloud, considered discharged, and added to the agenda by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Utt moves to call the previous question on the Student Senate Bill 2021-1043: Resolution Labeling the Student Senate Podium the Blake Robinson Public Comment Podium.

- Seantor Utt moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2021-1043: Resolution Labeling the Student Senate Podium the Blake Robinson Public Comment Podium by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- The Majority Party Leader moves to approve the block of approved absences by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- The Majority Party Leader moves to approve Phoebe Funai as the Rules and Ethics seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Scheur calls a previous question on the open Rules and Ethics seat Phoebe Funai.
  - In a vote of 56 to 1, the previous question is called.
- In a vote of 57 to 0, Phoebe Funai is confirmed for the open Rules and Ethics seat.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **EXECUTIVE BRANCH:**

- Student Body President Cooper Brown:
  - Thanked the senators that are leaving tonight for their service
  - Advised the new senators to not get caught in the knitty gritty politics. If you want to do something, go get it done.
  - State of the Campus Address will be Tuesday, November 2nd in the University Auditorium at 6pm.
  - Working on a resolution to work on restoring the fountain in Liberty Pond alongside the veteran's organization.
  - Increasing funds to field and fork pantry, as well as a van that is more accessible to students.
  - Announced a Student Government Production show in the works with more details to be provided in the future
  - Advocating for student health
    - Telehealth app that will be accessible both campus wide and state wide

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

- Senate President Luis welcomes the senators.
  - John Michael Stratten Award: Senate President Luis opens nominations to the floor.
    - Pro Tempore Robinson
    - In a standing vote of 56-0, Pro Tempore Robinson receives the award.
  - \_\_\_ Outstanding Committee ChairPerson Award: Senate President Luis opens nominations to the floor.
    - Chairwoman Hartzog
    - Chairman Fineberg
    - In a standing vote of 33 to 17, Chairwoman Groux receives the award.

- The supervisor of elections validates the results of the Student Government election.
- The student government election results were posted online, which can be found on [sg.ufl.edu](http://sg.ufl.edu) .
- Chairman Fineberg moves to validate the election results by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senate President Luis presents the paper plate awards.
- Senate President Luis gives a goodbye speech.

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

- There were none.

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- No report tonight.

### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairwoman Hartzog:
  - Do your job and disseminate this info as much as possible!
  - All dates are available on the UF SG budget
  - Base funding: October 6 at 9am, Oct 22nd at 9am closes.
    - All orgs can get \$500
  - Operation Event and Travel Requests: October 11th at 9am
    - First come first serve
  - Yesterday the budget passed through the \_\_\_ committee.
  - 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:
  - Wants to thank all of his committee members throughout his time as chairman.
  - On your VR, please include the resolution that was discharged under “other”.

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Groux:
  - Thanks to all of her committee members who will no longer be serving in the chamber after this evening.
  - Turn in your VR and do your constituency.

## **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairwoman Locascio:
  - Thanks to everyone who is leaving after tonight, and the endless efforts you have put in.
  - There are 4 open committee seats, which are due this Friday at noon.
  - Email at [info@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:info@sg.ufl.edu) with any questions.

## **FIRST READINGS:**

- There were none.

## **SECOND READINGS:**

- There were none

## **BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

- There were none.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Chairman Fineberg: Reminds the new senators that the second meeting begins in 15 minutes.

## **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 9:18 pm.