

**STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**  
**Second Meeting: October 5th, 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 69 senators present.

**Not there for roll call:**

- **Bean**
  - **Dorworth**
  - **Fenning**
  - **Gorman**
  - **Gray**
  - **Guerrero**
  - **Hellman**
  - **Netterstrom**
  - **Roher**
  - **Rosen**
  - **Zepeda**
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- Chief Justice Nickas swears in all new senators.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- There were none.

*\*\*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:**

- There were none.

**SENATE ELECTIONS:**

- The floor opens for nominations for Senate President by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
  - Senator Groux is nominated.

- The floor closes for nominations for Senate President by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Groux presents 5 minutes for Senate President Candidacy.
  - Past Senate experience includes the judicial committee, as well as the rules and ethics committee.
  - Has served for three consecutive terms now as senator.
  - Hopes to initiate a constituency reform by making it more impactful and create a submission form that will be reliable.
    - Wants to create an easier system that would allow senators to know if a constituency is approved or failed.
  - The second initiative is to increase partnership with the Executive branch.
    - Nightlife navigators, multicultural affairs
  - The third initiative is to appoint and utilize senate liaisons.
  - The fourth initiative is a senate newsletter that would make sure nothing gets lost in translation at meetings.
- There were five minutes of question and answer.
- A vote was conducted by roll call. In a roll call vote of 65-0, Senator Groux is elected new Senate President.
- Senate President Groux is sworn in.
  
- The floor opens for nominations for Senate President Pro-Tempore by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
  - Senator Fineberg is nominated.
- The floor closes for nominations for Senate President Pro-Tempore by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Fineberg presents for 5 minutes for Senate Pro-Tempore Candidacy.
  - Just elected to his second term of District A, and wants to better represent the student body.
  - Spent time as chairman and passed legislation this past semester.
  - Makes government work better.
  - Excited for the opportunity to create a meaningful and memorable experience for senators.
  - Wants to encourage as many UF students to apply to senate if they are interested, as he will be the head of the R&A committee.
  - Committed to holding one on ones and reaching out to new senators.
  - Wants this first in person senate term since COVID to be as successful as possible.
- There were five minutes of question and answer.
- A vote was conducted by roll call. In a roll call vote of 67-0, Senator Fineberg is elected new Senate President Pro-Tempore.

- Senator Fineberg is sworn in.
- The floor opens for nominations for first Member at Large by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
  - Senator Koukos is nominated.
  - Senator Kwan is nominated.
- The floor closes for nominations for first Member at Large by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Koukos has five minutes to present.
  - Serves as a senator for Ag and Life sciences.
  - Drawn to student government due to the intersection it creates.
  - Every student at UF is affected by the actions the student senate sets forth.
  - Heavily involved around campus.
- There was a 5 minute question and answer period.
- Senator Kwan withdraws his nomination.
- In a standing vote of 68 to 0, Senator Koukos is elected as First Member at Large.
- The floor opens for nominations for second Member at Large by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
  - Senator Kwan is nominated.
- The floor closes for nominations for second Member at Large by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Kwan has five minutes to present.
  - Felt without representation and overlooked until he joined student government.
  - Wants to continue to dedicate his time here at student government.
  - Constantly looks for opportunities to give back to his community.
  - These opportunities shaped me into the leader I am today.
- There was a 5 minute question and answer period.
- In a standing vote of 68 to 0, Senator Kwan is elected as Second Member at Large.

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

- There were none.

#### **STUDENT BODY OFFICER REPORTS:**

- James Tyger:
  - Introduces and welcomes new senators to the chamber.
  - Introduces Jacobi on his behalf.

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

- Senate President Groux welcomes the senators

- Introduces parents to the chamber.

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

- There were none.

### **REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:**

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Fineberg welcomes the senators.
- Open Permanent Senate Seats
  - Graduate & Family Housing
  - Arts
  - Dentistry
  - Graduate (9)
  - Medicine
  - Veterinary Medicine
- Open Committee Chairperson Seats
  - Judiciary
  - Budget & Appropriations
  - Rules & Ethics
  - Information & Communications
- Open Committee Seats
  - Judiciary (3)
  - Budget & Appropriations (3)
  - Rules & Ethics (6)
  - Information & Communications (4)
- These seats will close at noon on Friday.
- Email [senatepresidentprotempore@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:senatepresidentprotempore@sg.ufl.edu) for any questions related to open seats.

### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

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

### **JUDICIARY:**

- Senator Mason:
  - No report for the Judiciary Committee

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Senator Hazzard:
  - Reminded senators to turn in their voter record following the conclusion of the senate meeting

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Senator Peters:
  - Congratulated newly elected senators
  - Announced new senator orientation will be Tuesday, October 12th at 6pm in the Reitz Union Ballroom
  - Reach out to the Information and Communications Committee Chair at [info@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:info@sg.ufl.edu) if you cannot attend

### **FIRST READINGS:**

- There were none.

### **SECOND READINGS:**

- There were none

### **BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

- There were none.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Senate Pro-Tempore Fineberg:
  - Announced specific time for office hours will be provided soon
  - Reach out to [senatepresidentprotempore@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:senatepresidentprotempore@sg.ufl.edu) if you have any questions

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 pm.