

**STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**  
**October 12th, 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 73 senators present.

**Not there for roll call:**

- **Guerrero**
- **Kienegger**
- **Koukos**
- **Netterstrom**
- **Rosen**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- **Senator Gorelick:**
  - Introduced himself as a Master's student pursuing a second degree at UF in Epidemiology.
  - Discussed the unfilled graduate seats and the subsequent consequences.
  - Explained that a portion of the graduate seats continue to remain open and have been open since last Spring.
  - Announced that he is the only current student senator that is a graduate student.
  - Provided a lesson in epidemiology and explained the consequences of empty seats:
    - Passive and active epidemiology,
    - Graduate students are without distinct representation in the Senate.
    - The cycle will inevitably repeat itself.
  - Asked that senators be willing to start conversations and reach out to more graduate students to fill these seats.
  - Requested proper representation for the population of over 13,000 graduate students on this campus.
  - Urged senators to add more representation into the senate.
  - Looks forward to seeing these senate seats filled in the future.
- **Senator Hartzog:**
  - Introduced herself as the past budget chair.
  - Wanted to discuss the 800 code revisions presentation she has prepared for senators.

- The first recommendation is the “dues to national organization revision”, which was requested by her advisor Gary.
    - The second recommendation is the “Carryforward Revision”, which creates a “delay” on when carryforward funds are used in a budget cycle.
  - Several benefits for the student organizations, such as:
    - Will know the entire budget before the budget cycle begins.
    - Aids budget and appropriations committee.
    - Prevents “waiting period”.
- Minority Party Leader Adekunle:
  - Discussed the desire to change and ignite the student body.
  - Believes there was one interviewee, named Jonathan Stephens, that exemplified great compassion and commitment to the student body.
  - One of his goals is to expand on resources to the field pantry, as one in nine students experience food insecurity.
  - Believes that Jonathon was the more qualified candidate, and hopes that the senate is willing to debate and discuss him as a candidate.
  - Hopes Jonathon will be put up for the sophomore senate seat.

***\*\*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 Brinkman moves to approve Casey Mason to the open Judiciary Committee Chair seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to approve Elizabeth Hartzog to the open Budget & Appropriations Committee Chair seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to approve John Hazzard for the open Rules and Ethics Committee seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to approve Shannon Locascio to the open Information and Committee Chair seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes,
- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to add a special rule to hear the open committee seats as a block by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to add a special rule to hear the open permanent Senate seats as a block by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Adekunle moves to reject the committee nomination of Donald Webster and nominate Jonathan Stephens for the open Sophomore Senate by unanimous consent. Objected.

- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to approve the block of Student Honor Code Administration nominations by unanimous consent.
- Senator Hartzog moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2021-1042: 800 Codes Revision - Dues Paid to National Organizations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Hartzog moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2021-104: 800 Code Revision - Carryforward Revision by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**EXECUTIVE BRANCH:**

- There were none.

**SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Senate President Groux:
  - Announced that the Senate newsletter will go out later this week.
  - Apologized for the duplicate emails last night about the new senator meeting.
  - Encouraged senators to stay safe when traveling because the pandemic is still ongoing.
  - Encouraged senators to text or sign up for one on ones.
  - Excited to start new constituency reform following the appointment of a Rules and Ethics Chair.

**REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to call previous question on Casey Mason for the open Judiciary Committee Chair seat. In announcing the voice vote, the chair states: The ayes have it. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve Casey Mason for the open Judiciary Committee Chair seat. In announcing the voice vote, the chair states: The ayes have it. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to call previous question on Sean Harkins for the open Judiciary Committee seat. In announcing the voice vote, the chair states: The ayes have it. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to approve Sean Harkins for the open Judiciary Committee seat. In announcing the voice vote, the chair states: The ayes have it. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to call previous question on Taylor Suoko for the open Judiciary Committee seat. In announcing the voice vote, the chair states: The ayes have it. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve Taylor Suoko for the open Judiciary Committee seat. In announcing the voice vote, the chair states: The ayes have it. That motion passes.

- Majority Party Leader Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to call previous question on Mason Solomon for the open Judiciary Committee seat. In announcing the voice vote, the chair states: The ayes have it. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to approve Mason Solomon for the open Judiciary Committee seat. In announcing the voice vote, the chair states: The ayes have it. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to call previous question on Emily Pecora for the open Budget and Appropriations Committee seat. In announcing the voice vote, the chair states: The ayes have it. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve Emily Pecora for the open Budget and Appropriations Committee seat. In announcing the voice vote, the chair states: The ayes have it. That motion passes. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to call previous question on Kristian Carreno for the open Budget and Appropriations Committee seat. In announcing the voice vote, the chair states: The ayes have it. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to approve Kristian Carreno for the open Budget and Appropriations Committee seat. In announcing the voice vote, the chair states: The ayes have it. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to call previous question on Thomas Dunham for the open budget committee seat. In announcing the voice vote, the chair states: The ayes have it. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve Thomas Dunham for the open budget committee seat. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to call previous question on Ryan Rosenfelt for the open judiciary committee seat. In announcing the voice vote, that motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve Ryan Rosenfelt for the open judiciary committee seat. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to call previous question on Ryan Marcus for the open rules and ethics committee seat. In announcing a voice vote, that motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve Ryan Marcus for the open rules and ethics committee seat. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to call previous question on Olivia Fernandez for the open rules and ethics committee seat. In announcing a voice vote, that motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve Olivia Fernandez for the open rules and ethics committee seat. That motion passes.

- Majority Party Leader Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to call previous question on Alyssa Ali for the open rules and ethics committee seat. In announcing a voice vote, that motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve Alyssa Ali for the open rules and ethics committee seat. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to call previous question on Emily Pecora for the open rules and ethics committee seat. In announcing a voice vote, that motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve Emily Pecora for the open rules and ethics committee seat. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to call previous question on Daren Nguyen for the open rules and ethics committee seat. In announcing a voice vote, that motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve Daren Nguyen for the open rules and ethics committee seat. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to call previous question on Frederic Gains for the open rules and ethics committee seat. In announcing a voice vote, that motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve Frederic Gains for the open rules and ethics committee seat. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to call previous question on Johnny Liu for the open information and communications committee seat. In announcing a voice vote, that motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve Johnny Liu for the open information and communications committee seat. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to call previous question on Gabriella Peburn for the open information and communications committee seat. In announcing a voice vote, that motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve Gabriella Peburn for the open information and communications committee seat. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to call previous question on Mara Vaknin for the open information and communications committee seat. In announcing a voice vote, that motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve Mara Vaknin for the open information and communications committee seat. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to call previous question on Stephanie Miller for the open information and communications committee seat. In announcing a voice vote, that motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve Stephanie Miller for the open information and communications committee seat. That motion passes.

- Majority Party Leader Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to call previous question on Glen Dizon for the open permanent business senate seat. In announcing a voice vote, that motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve Glen Dizon for the open permanent business senate seat. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to call previous question on Shelby Schultz for the open permanent freshmen senate seat. In announcing a voice vote, that motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve Shelby Schultz for the open permanent freshmen senate seat. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to call previous question on Brendan Lamoglia for the open permanent public health and health professions. senate seat. In announcing a voice vote, that motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve Brendan Lamoglia for the open permanent public health and health professions senate seat. That motion passes.
- There was a 3-minute presentation and debate on the open permanent sophomore senate seat.
  - Donald Webster has a 3-minute presentation for the sophomore senate seat.
  - There was a 3-minute period for question and answer between senators and Donald Webster.
  - There was a 3-minute pro-con debate.
    - Pro (Majority Party Leader Brinkman): Taken aback by the interview he had during the R&A committee, believes his experience in speech and debate and parliamentary procedure is a great quality in the senate. Believes that Donald is the prime candidate for this seat.
    - Pro (Member at Large Kwan): Believes his experience in senate and student body president in high school is great.
    - Con (Minority Party Leader Adekunle): As a true freshman, he may not have the experience that is expected as a sophomore. Did not see any certain plans of actions that are unique to this candidate, no firm plan of action.
    - Con (Senator Corbett): In respect to Donald Webster, it is very encouraging to put someone in that position that has seeked an active role in high school, but many of us are involved in high school and this is not necessarily unique. I think it is important that we put a sophomore senator that has a stronger firm plan of action, not just an idea.
- Majority Party Leader moves to call previous question on Donald Webster.
- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to approve Donald Webster as the sophomore senator. In the eyes of the chair, the majority has it and Donald Webster is approved.

- Majority Party Leader moves to call previous question for Sadie Carey for the open permanent freshmen senate seat. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve Sadie Carey for the open permanent freshmen senate seat. That motion passes.

### **REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:**

- Senator Fineberg greets the senators
- Open Permanent Senate Seats:
  - District E
  - Graduate and Family Housing
  - Arts
  - Dentistry
  - Graduate (9)
  - Medicine
  - Veterinary
- Encouraged senators to reach out to schedule 1-on-1s.
- Email [senatepresidentprotempore@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:senatepresidentprotempore@sg.ufl.edu) for any questions

### **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairwoman Mason:
  - No report from the Judiciary Committee

### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairwoman Hartzog:
  - Thanks to the senators and I am excited for the next term.
  - Funding requests for the operational, event, and travel requests opened this morning. There was a small glitch, but UF IT were able to fix it quickly.
  - Funding is still open, let your treasurers know!
  - Base funding will open until October 22nd at 4pm. THIS IS A HARD DEADLINE.
  - Email [budget@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:budget@sg.ufl.edu) if you have any questions related to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairman Hazzard:
  - Encouraged senators to turn in the voter record following the ending of the meeting.

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairwoman Locascio:

- Thank you to all the new senators that attended the new senator orientation.
- As a reminder, this was a required event. If you have not already emailed an excuse, email her as soon as possible to schedule a makeup.
- Please check your email to get updated on forms for merchandise, the tabling signup sheet, and other important information.
- As a reminder, 1-2 hours of tabling in Turlington is required per semester.

**FIRST READINGS:**

- There were none.

**SECOND READINGS:**

- There were none

**BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

- There were none.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- There were none.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.