

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
October 26th, 2021

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:31pm 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 74 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- **Aldazabal**
- **DiBari**
- **Dunham**
- **Funai**
- **Giordano**
- **Guerrero**
- **Hayle**
- **Harkins**
- **Netterstrom**
- **Sawyer**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Senator Priest:**
 - Introduced himself.
 - Wants to discuss 2021:1045: Resolution demanding the University restore the fountain at Liberty Pond.
 - There are over 2000 students at UF that are dependent on a veteran, or active duty military.
 - This is over 4% of the student body.
 - Years ago, there was an installment of the Veteran's memorial in the Reitz pond.
 - This would replace these pillars, in addition to the space force.
 - This fountain was removed years ago, but when it was put in place in 2009 the fountain acted as the centerpiece of the memorial.
 - This also allowed for greater circulation in the Reitz Pond, which would bring back recognition and make the pond prettier.
- **Senator Santiago:**
 - I Want to talk about a recent alligator article that discusses the lack of support for opening a library 24/7.
 - SG has the money to cover this money, but the funds will not support academic units.

- UF SG would extend the library west with continuous operating hours.
- Intrigued as to why the student body president made the assertion that we could not fund academic units.
- SG funds Newell 24/7, which could be considered an academic space.
- However, there is no easy accessibility to computers at Newell.
- Believes that a library should be open 24/7 on campus, at least for 4-5 days a week.
- Offers a resolution that would support the funding of a 24 hour library.
- Minority Party Leader Adekunle:
 - Briefly wants to explain her objection to 2021:1044: Honor code Administration Independence Act.
 - Believes the original chapter helped to keep the balance of powers in check between the legislative and judicial branch.
 - Will be voting no to this resolution.

*****If you wish to hear any speeches given during public debate please request the recordings from senatesecretary@sg.ufl.edu*****

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Chairman Hazzard moves to approve the block of approved absences by unanimous consent.
- Chairwoman Hartzog moves to approve 2021:1042 800 Codes Revision - Dues Paid to National Organizations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairwoman Hartzog moves to approve 2021:1043 800 Codes Revision: Carryforward Revision by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairwoman Mason moves to approve 2021:1044 Honor Code Administration Independence Act by unanimous consent. That motion is objected.
- Chairwoman Mason moves to approve 2021:1045 Resolution Demanding the University Restore the Fountain at Liberty Pond by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE BRANCH:

- Chairman Goodwin:
 - Currently serving as the agency head for nightlife navigators.
 - Organization through SG that deals with nighttime safety.
 - Pedestrian safety, car safety, alcohol safety, etc. is included under this agency.

- I Want to thank everyone for their service for the University of Florida.
- Started off the year with biker safety, traffic safety, and pedestrian safety announcements through social media and events that were held every week.
- Legal services were also involved in these events to further educate the public.
- Went out to sorority recruitment and informed students on traffic speed limits.
- Went to midtown and stood on the corner of University to properly wait for the pedestrian “go” signal.
- Looking forward to doing more events in the future.
- Interested in investing ini charging stations in midtown and downtown in aid with Lyft Safe rides.
- Partnering with UFPD to create reflective tape poles, which allow cars to visibly see pedestrians.
- Reach out to navigators@sg.ufl.edu with any ideas or questions.
- Chairman Garner:
 - Serves as the external affairs agency head.
 - Wants to update the senate on the Washington, DC trip that several executives took last week.
 - Took the opportunity to speak with several congress members to discuss several issues related to health education, the Pell grant, and mental health.
 - Spoke with members of Congress to ensure that the Pell Grant remains a priority, as college becomes harder to afford.
 - Telehealth: providing mental health opportunities virtually.
 - Through these conversations, we gained connections and received great feedback from these individuals mentioned.
 - Email externalaffairs@sg.ufl.edu with any further questions or comments.

SENATE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- Senate President Groux:
 - Hopes everyone enjoyed their time off last week with no senate.
 - The Campus Address with President Brown is next week at the University Auditorium, and all senators are expected to come.
 - This also counts as an SG event, which will count as a constituency.
 - Hope everyone received her newsletter, please fill out the name pronunciation form.
 - If you have any suggestions in regard to the newsletter, feel free to reach out after the meeting.
 - Shoutout to Senator Dunham because one of his ideas was to make the Voter Record spaced out.
 - Reach out for one on ones via text/ email.

- Jacobi is leaving student government on November 10th, get the time to know him before he leaves!
- Senate retreat is tonight: bowling after the meeting.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- There are none.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Senator Fineberg greets the senators
- Open Permanent Senate Seats:
 - District E
 - Graduate and Family Housing
 - Arts
 - Dentistry
 - Graduate (9)
 - Medicine
 - Veterinary
- Encourages senators to reach out to schedule 1-on-1s.
- R&A will be held this Sunday, time to be announced.
- Please let your friends/ colleagues know that they can only apply to senate seats if they are eligible.
- Thanks JAocbi for his service to the Senate.
- This past week, I had the chance to travel to Washington, DC with colleagues and advocate on behalf of the UF Student Body.
- I look forward to continuing to work with our partners.
- The responsibility of funding an academic facility.
- SG is in charge of funding student activities.
- Encourage senators to reach out to the faculty and administration and advocate for a 24/7 library.
- This administration should not force the SG to fund an academic building when it is their responsibility.
- The State of Campus address is at 6pm next Tuesday, which the senate immediately after.
- Wants to address the SSB 2021:1044 and the misunderstandings that were brought up in Public Comment tonight.
- The only thing this bill does is align the honor code administration with every other agency under President Brown.
- Please feel free to reach out for one on ones.
- Email senatepresidentprotempore@sg.ufl.edu for any questions

JUDICIARY:

- Chairwoman Mason:
 - The Judiciary committee will be meeting this Sunday. Please submit all legislation by Friday at noon.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Hartzog:
 - Student organization hearings begin this Friday and will carry through all of next week.
 - Very happy to announce that with the passing of the 800 codes revision, we are looking forward to providing \$1.3 million+ in allocation funds to student government organizations.
 - This bill allows us to allocate all the money in one clear cut.
 - Please come stop by the hearings!
 - Email budget@sg.ufl.edu if you have any questions related to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairman Hazzard:
 - If you're on a committee and you submit an excuse, make sure you communicate that to your personal chair.
 - Committee is finishing up the constituency calendar, which will be sent out within the next two weeks.
 - The Senate Retreat is an SG event that you can use for your constituency.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Locascio:
 - Mentor- mentee reveal will be held outside the bowling alley before the senate
 - Use the QR code to solidify the mentor-mentee reveal.
 - If you purchased an SG polo or quarter zip, they will be handed out at the senate retreat.
 - Reminder to complete Venmo requests for any merchandise orders that are currently being facilitated.
 - Reach out via email with any questions.

FIRST READINGS:

- Chairwoman Mason moves to call previous question on 2021:1044 Honor code Administration Independence Act by a standing vote. Seconded.
 - In a vote of 67 to 5, that motion has passed.
- Chairwoman Hartzog moves to approve 2021:1044 Honor code Administration Independence Act by a standing vote.

- In a vote of 67 to 5, that motion passes.

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 8:14 pm.