

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

November 30th, 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 66 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- **Adekunle**
- **Aldazabal**
- **Bean**
- **Carey**
- **Cox**
- **Gomen**
- **James**
- **Nguyen**
- **Olenick**
- **Priest**
- **Sawyer**
- **Soukup**
- **Talati**
- **Terner**
- **Thompson**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Senator Santiago:**
 - The proposed gas plant that UF wants to build will be the topic of discussion tonight.
 - The Student Body president is meeting with the board of trustees on Thursday to discuss whether or not to move forward with this plan.
 - The proposed gas plant will mainly use methane, which is significantly stronger in greenhouse gases as carbon dioxide.
 - Students should be committed to sustainability, and we should speak out against corporations that do not want to commit to this.

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves that the minutes reflect that Senator Koukos is the Vice Chair for the R&A committee by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to amend the minutes to reflect that he is the Majority Party Leader by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- There were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE BRANCH:

- Chomp the Vote:
 - The agency heads introduce themselves.
 - The relationship with the Bob Graham center was reestablished in order to make a greater impact.
 - Chomp the vote was able to register over 250 students to vote.
 - Also established Chomp the Vote Ambassador program, which helps to close the gap between chomp the vote and the student body.
 - Representatives of organizations delegate to their clubs.
 - Additionally, we were able to get together with initiatives for black student leaders.
 - Several of the candidates of the special vote in Gainesville had a session with about 30 students.
 - In January, there will be the first annual city of Gainesville day.
 - There are several other partnerships and announcements coming next semester.
- Gators Going Green:
 - Introduces herself.
 - There will be several composting projects that will feed into the Spring.
 - We are hoping to have more research focus in the Spring in order to make it more clear to organizations how they can implement different sustainable practices.
 - There is also a green cord program for students heavily involved in the sustainability programs.
 - There have also been 2 plant drops throughout the semester, and they hope to continue this next Spring.
 - There are also clean ups planned for the Spring as well.
- Chancellor for the Student Honor Code Administration:
 - Introduces himself.
 - Reached out to the dean of students to provide proctoring.

- Individuals that have been facing student honor code violations have proctoring options and one on one meetings are held.
- Hosted meeting with professors in order to encourage the honor code.
- In the future, there will be tabling events in the Spring in order to better promote ethics.
- The Big Event:
 - Introduce themselves as Jack Weber and Ben Allinder.
 - This semester, we have focused on getting the team together and the executive board has been set up.
 - All of the AD positions have been held.
 - There has already been one GBM with directors, and there will be another tomorrow with all 70 members.
 - The date has been confirmed as March 19th at Hume field, with the goal of reaching 2000 volunteers.
 - There is a Yogurtology spirit night this Sunday, come out to support!
- Class Councils:
 - There is a new organization starting with FLC, which has 25 freshmen that will help lead several events.
 - We had the OAR week and held the President's toast.
 - Next semester, there will be Senior Sunset, Sophomore Springs, and Senior Sendoff.
- YLC:
 - Introduces herself as Jadie Fleischer.
 - 150-250 Florida high school students are brought here in the spring and are taken through a series of workshops over the course of three days.
 - Teaches students how to be a great leader and apply these skills.
 - This year, Friday will be fully online and Saturday students will have the option to come in person. Sunday there will be campus tours if students would like to come.
 - This semester, the bulk of the background work has been completed.
 - The conference will be February 4-6th.
 - ylc@sg.ufl.edu .

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Groux:
 - Hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving break.
 - There will only be one more meeting this Semester, keep that in mind for the constituency.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- There are none.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Pro Tempore Fineberg welcomes the senators.
- Open permanent seats:
 - District D (3)
 - District E
 - Graduate and Family Housing
 - Arts
 - Dentistry
 - Graduate (9)
 - Medicine
 - Veterinary
- There will be an R&A committee meeting this Sunday from 2pm-3pm.
- Attended the FSA conference two weeks ago and discussed the concerns surrounding student government.
 - One key issue was the growing fiscal challenges facing the FL universities in regard to the increase in minimum wage.
 - UF has committed to retaining the same amount of student jobs.
- If you are interested in attending this event, please reach out.
- Email senatepresidentprotempore@sg.ufl.edu for any questions or to set up one on ones.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairwoman Mason:
 - The Judiciary committee will be meeting this Sunday at noon.
 - Make sure that all legislation is sent by Friday to judiciary@sg.ufl.edu.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Hartzog:
 - The budget bill is currently being worked on by hand.
 - Hopes for the budget bill to be sent out by this Friday.
 - Email budget@sg.ufl.edu if you have any questions related to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairman Hazzard:
 - Next Tuesday is the last meeting of the semester, so all constituency is due by next Tuesday by 11:59pm.
 - There is an SG event tomorrow at the institute for black culture for constituency.
 - Feel free to email any questions to rules@sg.ufl.edu

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Locasio:
 - Keep on signing up for tabling if you have not fulfilled this requirement.
 - Merchandise will be handed out this evening.

FIRST READINGS:

- There were none.

SECOND READINGS:

- There were none

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator DiBari: Working on a piece of legislation right now, reach out if you are interested.
- Chairman Hazzard: Turn in your voter record!

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 8:00pm.