

## STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

December 7th, 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 61 senators present.

#### **Not there for roll call:**

- Ali
- Dizon
- Fenning
- Funai
- Gomen
- Graham
- Green
- Hazzard
- Jaffry
- Jetter
- Karim
- Kwan
- Lattras
- Olenick
- Rosenfelt
- Shin
- Turner
- Turner
- Vervo
- Welsh

### **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:**

- Senator Santiago moves to reflect that the Student Body President met with the Board of Trustees on Thursday and Friday by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

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

- Majority Leader Brinkman moves to approve the block of open permanent Senate seats by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to approve Hilton Etienne as chairman of the Bridges Multicultural Outreach Program by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Santiago moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2021-1048: Resolution Addressing the Need for Expanded Aerial Transportation Service from Gainesville by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Santiago moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2021-1049: Resolution to Condemn the Recent Sexual Assault Occurrences Within Reitz Union by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Santiago moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2021-1050: Resolution Supporting the Funding of a 24-hour Library at the University of Florida by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Santiago moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2021-1051: Amendment to Rule IX of the Rules and Procedure by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairwoman Mason moves to remove Anna Welch from the block of ASOE nominees by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairwoman Mason moves to remove Kendall Hartland from the block of ASOE nominees by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairwoman Mason moves to remove Anna Bernstein from the block of ASOE nominees by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairwoman Mason moves to approve the block of ASOE nominees by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairwoman Mason moves to fail the nomination of Anna Bernstein for ASOE by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairwoman Mason moves to fail the nomination of Anna Welch for ASOE by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairwoman Mason moves to fail the nomination of Kendall Hartland for ASOE by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairwoman Mason moves to approve the block of Elections Commission nominees by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Consolo moves to approve the block of approved absences by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Consolo moves to fail the absence for Andrew Priest by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

## **EXECUTIVE BRANCH:**

- Student Government Accountability Agency Char Tyler Kendrick:
  - Thanks the senators for the support from the senate body.
  - Wants to discuss the goals for the next semester:
    - Hope to create a knowledge base that is easily accessible by students.
    - Follow @ufsgaa to share that information with student offices, as well as for yourself.
    - Hopes to partner with SAI for a transitions conference for new student officers to ensure they are properly informed and can hit the ground running.
  - We will continue to host informational sessions in the upcoming semesters to aid student officers.
- ACCENT Chairman Jason Scheur:
  - Earlier this semester, we hosted several speakers and we plan to have several more in the upcoming semester.
  - Be sure to follow @accentspeakers to stay up to date with who is coming when.
- Gator Innovators Chair Kierra Marquis:
  - Hosted a kick off event with several guest speakers on how to start your own business.
  - This semester, we are launching “gator tank”-- a spin off of shark tank.
  - Hope to continue to foster innovation on campus.
  - Please email [innovators@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:innovators@sg.ufl.edu) with any questions or ideas!
- Students Taking Action Against Racism Co-Chairs Hannah Thomas:
  - Follow @staaruf to stay up to date.
  - This semester, enacted the first diversity and inclusion retreat through student government and Florida leaders all across the state.
  - Revamped their own podcast that discusses equity gaps across the University of Florida.
  - Just held a gala to celebrate the second year of the reopening of the institute.
  - In the upcoming semester, there will be more episodes of the podcast, tabling, and we will be hosting an event with the Harn Museum.

## **SENATE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

- Senate President Groux:
  - Introduces Dr. D, a professor in the business school who will hold a presentation on emotional intelligence.
    - Dr. D presents on emotional intelligence.
  - Senate President Groux yields her time to Supervisor of Elections Alexandra Stedman.
    - Discusses the Spring 2022 Contingency Plan.

- Mark Merwitzer reached out to the senate for an event this Thursday for Maggie Paxton at 6pm, which will include a memorial walk from University Avenue to the Kappa sorority house.
- Printed legislation: there is a lot of paper used to print all the resolutions, which are emailed each week out through the ListServ. In the future, we might not continue to print these for sustainability reasons.
- Please stay after Senate for a group photo.

**REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Majority Party Leader Brinkman motions to call a previous question on the block of Elections commissions nominees. Seconded.
  - In the eyes of the chair that motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to approve the block of elections commissions nominees. Seconded.
  - In the eyes of the chair that motion passes.

**REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:**

- Pro Tempore Fineberg welcomes the senators.
- Open permanent seats:
  - District D
  - Graduate and Family Housing
  - Arts
  - Dentistry
  - Design, Construction, and Planning
  - Graduate (9)
  - Medicine
  - Veterinary
- The seat applications will be heard January 9th, upon return to campus.
- December 7th: It has been 80 years since Pearl Harbor.
  - At this time last year, we held this meeting fully online. Now we are back in person once again.
  - We would not be here without the heroism and sacrifice from public servants across several fields.
- Email [senatepresidentprotempore@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:senatepresidentprotempore@sg.ufl.edu) for any questions or to set up one on ones.

**JUDICIARY:**

- Chairwoman Mason:
  - No meeting this Sunday, but we will be meeting on January 8th upon return.

**BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairwoman Hartzog:
  - As of 4pm today, all of the bills have been sent out for the appropriate signatories.

- The budget bill will be sent out on the Senate Listserv.

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Senator Consolo:
  - Constituency is due tonight at 11:59pm.
  - We will be meeting at 3:30pm this Friday in the SG Conference room.

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairwoman Locasio:
  - Wish Vice Chair Peters a happy birthday!
  - The I&C Committee will meet the Tuesday after return to campus.

### **FIRST READINGS:**

- There were none.

### **SECOND READINGS:**

- There were none

### **BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

- There were none.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Chairwoman Mason: Please place the three nominees that we voted on tonight in the “Other” section of the 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 8:30 pm.