

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

January 18th, 2022

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 72 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- **Bean**
- **DePersio**
- **Dorworth**
- **Ghozali**
- **Giordano**
- **Gomen**
- **Hazzard**
- **Jetter**
- **Latras**
- **Miller**
- **Ngo**
- **Turner**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Allan Frasher:**
 - Introduced as a first year student at UF, wants to discuss the resolution proposed by senator Santiago that was postponed indefinitely by the Judiciary committee.
 - I hope you are all aware of the issue going on at UF of censorship of professors and being denied from testifying in a court case.
 - As you are aware, professors were denied the right to testify in a trial by the University.
 - This violated due process and freedom of speech.
 - Senator Santiago proposed a bill that supports the faculty, yet it was postponed indefinitely.
 - University of Florida President Fuchs reversing the decision does not mean this isn't a violation, and it still happened.
 - This issue is the underlying external influence that causes these issues to occur. This issue has not been resolved.

- Since this new break, more news has come out last month that was prevented from teaching classes on critical race theory from political influence in Tallahassee.
- This issue has not been resolved.
- The idea that the senate should refrain from acting before it is over is incorrect.
- This issue not only affects faculty, but also students.
- This impacts the certifications of graduation from this university, as well as the class offerings we are given.
- This is a betrayal of the University values.
- Knowledge should be used for the public good, not hidden.
- This is all because of external political power from Tallahassee.
- Aron Ali-McClory:
 - Introduces himself.
 - The senate at UF is supposed to represent the interests and the integrity of the student body.
 - The senate betrays the student body.
 - Students come to UF to learn a wide variety of classes and education, yet we are not fully offered this right now.
 - I believe it is in the best student interest, which is represented by this Senate, to move forward on passing this resolution which will condemn this university for its attacks on academics.
 - We risk Tallahassee forcing UF to bend to their whim at the cost of our education.
 - We have to stand up for our education, our fellow peers, and our classes.

*****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:

- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to approve SSB 2021-1001: Constitutional Powers Act - 200 code revision by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to approve SSB 2021-1002: Resolution Recognizing and Upholding the Zero Waste Mission Commitment by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE BRANCH:

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Groux:
 - There is an open rules and ethics chair seat if you are interested in applying, please come talk to me if you have any questions.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- There were none.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Pro Tempore Fineberg welcomes the senators.
 - Open Permanent Seats:
 - Graduate and Family Housing
 - Arts
 - Dentistry
 - Design, Construction, and Planning
 - Graduate (9)
 - Medicine
 - Veterinary
 - Beaty Towers Seat
 - Open Committee Seat:
 - Rules and Ethics
- The Jewish peoples destiny is not at our own choosing.
- We did not seek nor did we provoke an assault on our freedom and our way of life.
- 4 people were taken hostage at a synagogue in Texas on Saturday while they were praying.
- They were taken for 11 hours, and luckily they were able to escape unharmed.
- Today is the 3rd annual spread cream cheese not hate event hosted by UF Hillel.
- I urge you to come scan this QR code and sign the pledge that stands up against antisemitism and hatred.
- As of the start of this meeting, 1000 students, faculty, and peers have signed this petition.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairwoman Mason:
 - The Judiciary Committee will meet this Sunday at noon, so please submit all legislation by Friday at noon.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Hartzog:

- If you have any specific questions, please email budget@sg.ufl.edu.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Senator Consolo:
 - If you were on constituency probation, that is due 15 days after the first meeting of the semester.
 - Get started early on your constituency!

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Locasio:
 - Feel free to reach out at info@sg.ufl.edu with any questions or concerns.

FIRST READINGS:

- There were none.

SECOND READINGS:

- There were none

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator DiBari: Attended the board meeting for the Gainesville airport, and is happy to announce that there are two more airlines interested in flying into Gainesville. Furthermore, I would like to write a resolution backing the UF PD, as I am the senate liaison.
- Senate President Pro-Tempore Fineberg: We will be doing a joint meeting with the Gainesville City commission to speak on traffic safety.

ROLL CALL:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.