

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

**January 25th, 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 74 senators present.

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

- **Bean**
- **Fernandez**
- **Gomen**
- **Hartzog**
- **Kienegger**
- **Olenick**
- **Peburn**
- **Talati**
- **Terner**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- **Senator Panish:**
  - Introduces himself.
  - The point of this speech is to show you that ADA does not necessarily equal accessibility.
  - The back of Marston has three sets of stairs, with a ramp that only goes down.
  - It is significantly more complicated to someone who is unable to walk up stairs.
  - Although this is ADA approved to the best of my knowledge, this is not accessible.
  - People who may rely on batteries are required to take long and annoying routes.
  - It seems on the outside that UF is disabilities accessible.
  - There are only four links under the accessibility site, however, and one of these links does not work.
  - Furthermore, the construction link is not updated and vague.
  - Has a brother with minor cerebral palsy who chose FGCU over UF due to the lack of accessibility.
  - Making the campus more accessible makes it more accessible for EVERYONE, not just the disabled.

- If you have any questions, you can visit with me after senate or email me with questions or support.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Corbett:
  - Over the years the senate has proven its sentiment and response to sexual assault prevention.
  - Wants to praise the senate for the accomplishments for this past semester.
  - Hopes that this semester we can focus on preventative tasks and legislation to prevent these acts from ever happening.
  - Decided I will be working on a multitude of projects, and really needs help.
  - Tomorrow, I will be meeting with Pamela Mallick to discuss ways to extend the statute of limitations.
  - We will look towards ways we can accomplish a similar goal if this is not possible.
  - Our caucus has been discussing blue light accessibility outside and on campus, but wants to take this in an even further direction.
  - Wants to engage in multiple projects this semester that embody preventative action.
  - Wants to engage with more projects alongside Nightlife Navigators, moving towards test strips or drug test coasters, or adding more funds for drink scrunchies.
  - I would like to look into cooperating more with midtown and downtown to make sure students have access to these.
  - Blue light apps are free and could be advocated to students.
  - There are many students who do not know that this app exists, to make students more aware.
  - Also hopes to make transportation more accessible, by expanding the SNAP program or eliminating the cost for Lyft.
  - These solutions pose an alternative preventative action rather than reactive actions.
  - Spoke with Russell Froman, the Title 9 coordinator, about “how do we make conversation about sexual assault prevention attractive to students and make them actively seeking these discussions?”
  - Wants to create an exciting and entertaining environment to have active and engaging conversations.
  - Creating something similar to a tabling forum or a benefit concert could be one idea.
  - Hopes to garner support from the room.
  - You are more than welcome to email me or meet with me after senate.

***\*\*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 Camille Consolo for the open rules and ethics committee chair seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to approve Rock Aboujauode for the open graduate seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**EXECUTIVE BRANCH:**

**SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Senate President Groux:
  - Wants to address Deputy Minority Leader Corbett's public comment: this is absolutely a great thing that you can get behind. I encourage you all to reach out to her.
  - I am always available, let me know if you are open for a one on one.
  - Please be careful walking home especially at night, as there has been a man and woman chasing college students behind mid and in the area.

**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 (8)
    - Medicine
    - Veterinary
    - Beaty Towers Seat

- There is now an open seat for the Budget and Appropriations committee seat, which will be due Friday at noon.
- Wants to thank Senator Pannish for bringing the lack of accessibility issue to the senate.
- It is important we, as student leaders, push for accessibility.
- Next week the land use committee will be meeting and I will be sure to address these issues.
- Also wants to commend Deputy Minority Party Leader Corbett for exhibiting a true role of a senator of the student body.
- Reaching out to faculty and creating change you want to see on campus is the true role of a senator.
- You can email just about anyone on campus that is in charge and introduce yourself as a senator, and they will likely be open to talking with you.
- Continue to stay safe.

### **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairwoman Mason:
  - How to Write Legislation
    - Chairwoman Mason presents on how to properly write legislation for the student body senate.

### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Vice Chairwoman Green:
  - We have an open seat if you are interested in finance. Apply if you are interested.
- Feel free to reach out to [budget@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:budget@sg.ufl.edu).

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Consolo:
  - Haven't had access to the rules and ethics email yet so the committee is slightly behind, but I will have access soon.
  - Keep up with your constituency.
  - We will be meeting this Thursday at 10am.

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairwoman Locasio:
  - Audrey Pierce, please pick up your merchandise from me after the meeting if you are here.
  - Feel free to reach out at [info@sg.ufl.edu](mailto: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: I had a great meeting with the UPD Service commission yesterday, and Argent Hollaway will be coming to present in two weeks for the February 8th meeting. Also, I am putting together a task force to show our support to the UPD.
- Minority Party Leader Adekunle: I have written a resolution commemorating black history month, so reach out if you would like to be a sponsor. Our caucus has also created task force divisions:
  - Accessibility: Senator Panish
  - Diversity and Transfer Student Affairs: Senator Weston
  - Graduate Relations: Senator Gorelick
  - Safety and Sexual Assault: Deputy Minority Party Leader Corbett
  - SG Accountability: Senator Sawyer
  - Sustainability: Minority Party Leader Adekunle
  - Student Health and Services: Senator Gorelick
  - Transportation: Minority Party Leader Adekunle
  - Funding: Senator Santiago

### **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 8:06 pm.