

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

February 15th, 2022

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 6:33pm 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 55 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- **Aboujauode**
- **Brinkman**
- **Camardo**
- **Depersio**
- **Dorworth**
- **Fineberg**
- **Gaines**
- **Ghozali**
- **Green**
- **Haley**
- **Harkins**
- **Jafry**
- **James**
- **Kwan**
- **Labrit**
- **Markatia**
- **McKeever**
- **Miller**
- **Olenick**
- **Peburn**
- **Peters**
- **Roher**
- **Rosenfelt**
- **Solomon**
- **Terner**

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*****

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- Senator Santiago moves to spell Jonathan Stephens correctly in last week's minutes by unanimous consent. That motion passes

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Chairwoman Hartzog moves to approve SSB 2022:1004 Exclusionary Offices Modernization Act by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE BRANCH:

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Groux:
 - Invites the two new Senate Advisors down to introduce themselves to the senators.
 - Jackie Phillips introduces herself.
 - Jerome Scott introduces himself.
 - Invites Deputy Minority Leader & Reitz Union Liaison Corbett and Chair of Reitz Union Board of Managers Emma Towler to present updates on the Student Union.
 - Presents a Reitz Union Survey to receive senators' input on improvements they would like to see around the Reitz Union.
 - We are looking to develop the Reitz Union more and would like to hear student input.
 - What can we improve? What do you envision within the student union?
 - Feel free to reach out with further comments or questions at emmatowler@ufl.edu .
 - Invites Senator & UPD Police Liaison DiBari to introduce the UPD officers.
 - UPD Police Officer Sergeant Chad Holloway presents updates for the department.
 - Recently, the department has moved to the Reitz Union since COVID-19 in order to increase accessibility.
 - We are physically accessible to you within the Union, as well as all around campus.
 - We are here for you, not against you.
 - We are here to make sure you earn your education and become the best version of yourself.

- We do our jobs better by listening.
- The saying “See something, say something” is more than just a saying. We need you to also hold us accountable, and we need to hear about robberies or potential threats as well.
- Reach out to us through the GatorSAFE app, the blue phone, via email, or on the website.
- We need you to see something and say something immediately, because we can solve issues better in the moment.
- I build trust with you all through transparency, and all of UPD believes in transparency. We have a transparency page on the website that you can visit.
- We have nothing to hide; we’re an open book.
- If you don’t believe in what we are doing, you are unable to trust me.
- Shoulder to shoulder partnership is required to increase trust around campus and within the department.
- I invite you and encourage you to join the partnership that is campus safety because it is a shared responsibility.
- Your suggestions are making changes right here on this campus.
- UPD Lieutenant Pruitt presents updates since the past semester.
 - The Norman Hall area has received increased light fixtures as well as tree cutting in order to make campus safer.
 - Students had an issue with walking outside of the Norman tunnel at night, as it was dark and difficult to see surroundings. When SG brought this to us, we were able to accomplish this in 2 months.
 - We are currently involved with a project that will increase security cameras and surveillance across the Reitz Union. There will be over 100 extra cameras added throughout the Reitz Union in order to catch all the angles of footage.
 - We reached out to students and staff, and we added input where necessary in the Reitz Union.
 - This is why shared responsibility is very important for us.
 - My email is jrpruitt@ufl.edu . Please feel free to reach out with any questions. I am also accessible in the Student Union.
 - Please download the GatorSAFE app if you do not already have it.
 - We need your endorsement. Nobody wants to come to us for help.
 - The only way students will trust the police department is through building trust with students and having transparency.
- Senate President Groux gives report.
- I have the new constituency form available for senators.

- Going forward, you will only have access to this form, so you will no longer have access to the old one.
- Now there is a Google form constituency form.
- Requirements are easily accessible at the top of the form.
- Input your email, as the form will be sent back to you after you submit in order to better keep track.
- Tomorrow morning the new constituency link will be updated on the SG website.
- If you already submitted a constituency for this semester you do not have to submit in the new one. After tonight, the old website submissions will no longer be checked.
- Finally, Gator Giving Day will be this Thursday and SG has a goal for donations, and donations at any amount will be greatly appreciated.
- There will be no senate next week due to elections.
- My office is open, please come in!

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- There were none.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Chairwoman Mason welcomes the senators.
 - Open Permanent Seats:
 - Tolbert Area
 - Graduate and Family Housing
 - District B
 - District C
 - District D
 - Arts
 - Dentistry
 - Design, Construction, & Planning
 - Graduate (8)
 - Medicine
 - Veterinary Medicine
 - Building Construction
 - These applications will close on February 25th.

JUDICIARY:

- Senator Koukos:
 - Nothing to report.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Hartzog:
 - There is an open seat for Budget and Appropriations, and I encourage you all to apply.
 - This seat will close on the 25th.
 - If you have any questions, please find me after the meeting or reach out to me.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Consolo:
 - We will be meeting this Thursday at 11:30am as a committee.
 - Please remind any absent senators tonight about the new constituency form.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Locasio:
 - Nothing to report.

FIRST READINGS:

- There were none.

SECOND READINGS:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There were none.

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 7:20pm.