

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

March 1st, 2022

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:34pm 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 62 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Aboujauode
- Aldazabal
- Bailey
- Carey
- DePersio
- Dizon
- Dorworth
- Fenning
- Jafry
- Karim
- Kienneger
- Lamboglia
- Markatia
- McKeever
- Miller
- Priest
- Thompson
- Turner
- Verville
- Welsh

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Ronin Lupien:
 - Wants to speak about concerns he has with SG as the new session begins.
 - Comes here as a concerned student who hopes to see change.
 - First critique: availability of senators outside this chamber.
 - The first time he met his senator was during election season, and he wants to get senators thinking about how available they are to their constituents.
 - Second critique: availability of polling places.

- While the 8 polling places had good turnout, I am concerned there are some students who may not have voted because of the inaccessibility of a polling place in their vicinity.
 - This is especially for students in the southwest section of campus or off-campus.
- Third critique: accessibility to all students in having their voice heard.
 - I hope there is a chance for bipartisanship.
- I hope there can be a commitment by all members of this chamber to represent all students, including members of the minority caucus.
- I hope they are considered by their merit and not their party.

GOODBYE SPEECHES:

- Chairwoman Mason gives a goodbye speech.
- Senator Rosenfelt gives a goodbye speech.
- Senator Fohrman gives a goodbye speech.
- Senator Peters gives a goodbye speech.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader moves to approve the special rule that all replacement and agenda committee recommendations will be heard as a block. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to approve SSB 2022:1004 Exclusionary Offices Modernization Act by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairwoman Consolo moves to approve the block of approved absences by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairwoman Consolo moves to approve the failed absence by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE BRANCH:

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Groux:

- Senate President yields time to Pro-Tempore Fineberg to give his goodbye speech.
- John Michael Stratten Award: Senate President Groux opens nominations to the floor.
 - Majority Party Leader Brinkman nominates Senator Peters. Senator Peters accepts the nomination.
 - Senator Gorelick nominates Senator Corbett. Senator Corbett accepts the nomination.
 - Chairwoman Hartzog nominates Senate Pro-Tempore Fineberg. Pro-Tempore Fineberg declines.
 - Senator Fohrman nominates Senator Graham. Senator Graham declines.
 - In a standing vote of 48 to 5, Senator Peters receives the award.
- Paul Clark Memorial Award for Outstanding Committee Chairperson: Senate President Luis opens nominations to the floor.
 - Senator Marcus nominates Pro-Tempore Fineberg. Pro-Tempore Fineberg accepts the nomination.
 - Chairwoman Consolo nominates Chairwoman Hartzog. Chairwoman Hartzog accepts the nomination.
 - In a standing vote of 19 to 34, Chairwoman Hartzog received the award.
- Supervisor Assistant of Elections Alexandra Stedman verifies and presents the election results.
- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to validate the Spring 2022 Election. In the eyes of the chair, that motion passes.
- Senate President Groux gave a goodbye speech.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Majority Party Leader Brinkman moves to call previous question on the block of replacement and agenda committee recommendations. Senator Santiago objects to the consideration of the question.
 - In the opinion of the chair, the objection is not sustained.
 - The motion has been moved and seconded.
 - In a rising vote, the previous question is called in the opinion of the chair and the motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve the block of the replacement and agenda committee recommendations.
 - In the eyes of the chair, that motion passes.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Senate Pro-Tempore Fineberg welcomes the senators.
 - Open Permanent Seats:

- Tolbert Area
- Graduate and Family Housing
- District D

JUDICIARY:

- Chairwoman Mason:
 - Nothing to report.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Hartzog:
 - Wants to thank those that impacted her in this role this past year.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Consolo:
 - No report for tonight.
 - Wants to thank everyone in the chamber.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Locasio:
 - No report for tonight.
 - Thankful for her time in the senate and thanks her committee and senators.

MINORITY PARTY REPORT:

- Minority Party Leader Adekunle:
 - Thanks Senate President Groux and is sad to see her leave.
 - Wishes to explain why the Minority Party voted no on the block for the R&A committee nominations.
 - Wants to start by recognizing Ahmad who applied for the District B seat.
 - Looks forward to seeing this individual working in SG in the future, and urges senators to work with him.
 - Wants to acknowledge Senator Panish for coming prepared with a presentation focused on increasing ease of access to the budget.
 - He wrote a program to make the budget easily digestible through charts and graphs.
 - He also came in with a prepared 800 codes revision to clarify training for student organizations.

- Found these efforts immensely admirable and hopes to see these ideals and initiatives come into fruition.
- As student leaders elected by the student body to represent them, we need to hold ourselves to a higher standard.
- While an applicant was discussing battery assault in an interview during the R&A committee meeting, there was laughing. This is unacceptable.
- Going forward, please hold yourself to a higher standard and go above and beyond to make peers feel welcome.

FIRST READINGS:

- There were none.

SECOND READINGS:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senate President Groux: Distributes paper plate awards to senators.

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 9:02pm.