

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

April 12th, 2022

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:31pm 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 63 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- **Adekunle**
- **Allen**
- **Ali**
- **Berger**
- **Cruz**
- **Flores**
- **Gay**
- **Josephson**
- **Johnson**
- **Johnson, Quinlyn**
- **Karim**
- **Kemeny**
- **Kligerman**
- **Koukos**
- **Labrit**
- **Lopez-Lugo**
- **Mbua**
- **Mikhaylov**
- **Perez**
- **Rocker**
- **Shoemaker**
- **Soukup**
- **Smith**
- **Terner**
- **Verville**
- **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*****

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Pecora moves to approve the block of absences by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Pecora moves to approve the block of appointed seats by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Brinkman moves to strike SSB 2022-1007: Resign to Run Act by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE BRANCH:

- Student Body President Brown:
 - Reads off an email that will go out to all students on his last day in office.
 - I promised I would build an administration centered around love.
 - Like many of you, I look back at the last few years and realize that I have lost many core components of the college experience.
 - Creating moments, building on tradition, and making day-to-day lives easier for students were my three overall goals for the year.
 - Our first project was a reserve transfer to directly enhance the students.
 - We reallocated and provided additional funds to several student-based agencies, such as ACCENT and SGP.
 - Student Government plays a crucial role in creating core memories.
 - I understand that being a student at UF is not easy.
 - Treasurer Mompremier relaunched the Stay Fresh laundry grant.
 - We provided students with free engineering paper, graph paper, and calculators.
 - We also increased lighting around the Norman tunnel and Norman hall, where many students walk through throughout the night.
 - The drink-cover scrunchies are now all available at your favorite Midtown bars.
 - These past few years have also revolutionized how we think about mental health.
 - The number one priority for my administration was increased access to mental health resources.
 - I will ask the board to add a mental health module for all students, which will provide easier access to mental health resources to all UF students.

- This is the first step in what I hope is a continuous journey towards making noteworthy progress in increasing the access of mental health resources on our campus.
- Be nice to one another. Don't judge someone based on how many bills they write.
- Productivity comes in so many ways.
- People will remember how they make you feel.
- To the Alligator: don't use the senators, who are students, as a way to add fuel to the fire for what you consider to be a "juicy article."
- To the Minority Party: Gator Party is not the enemy. Most of you will probably only be in Senate for a year, so don't waste your time playing political games to put Gator Party down.
- To Gator Party: work hard, stretch across the aisle, and work with each other.
- Thank you, Go Gators.
- Class Councils Agency Head Van Da Car:
 - Our Freshmen Leadership Experience students got their mentors, and they have a freshmen class project.
 - We staffed Giving Day outside on the North Lawn, and we raised a lot of money for a variety of foundations.
 - We were able to raise a lot of money through class council.
 - The inaugural Gator Gala took place this semester, and I'm excited to see where it goes in the future.
 - Follow UF Class Councils on Instagram.
 - Senior Week starts April 24th and consists of a variety of different things, and caps off with Senior Sendoff.
 - I would like to thank my advisor, Drew Baker.
 - I would also like to thank Student Body President Cooper, as well as Student Body President Elect Lauren.
 - Thank you, Blake Robinson, and I am excited to see what you can do.
 - Thank you James for all of your help.
- Tyler Kendrick, Student Government Accountability Agency:
 - We've had two information sessions and have given videos on how to complete an SAR.
 - We also have done an FAQ on all of the different SG finance questions.
 - We want to empower student leaders and support them if they have any questions on the SG finance process.
 - It's been great to be your first and last SGAA chair.
- Jason Scheuer, ACCENT:
 - We did two great shows this semester, with Howie Mendell and Lindsay Vaughn.
 - I'd like to say that we were able to learn some valuable lessons in the post-Covid world.

- We plan to continue strong into Summer and Fall 2022.
- I can't wait to see what ACCENT does in the future.
- Hilton Etienne, BRIDGES:
 - I was able to create relationships with Motivational Group Inc., Kids Count, and many more.
 - We have done several workshops revolving around the college application process.
 - I spent the last few weeks making connections with the admissions and faculty to see how they can fit in this upcoming year.
- Hannah Thomas, STAAR:
 - We have been able to codify our workshops.
 - We were able to have a movie night that educated viewers on the intersectionality of women and blackness.
 - We were able to release new podcast episodes as well.
 - We will continue to push D&I in the future.
 - I am excited for the executive board and what they will accomplish in the future.

PRESIDENT ELECT OFFICE:

- Lauren Lemasters:
 - I am looking forward to meeting all of you.
 - I appreciate you for making these choices happen in the future.
 - If there is anything you ever want to talk about, please don't hesitate to reach out through email or office hours.

VICE PRESIDENT ELECT OFFICE:

- Daniel Badell:
 - I want to congratulate everyone that got approved today for Agency Heads.
 - I want to thank you all for approving our administration.
 - We have just approved one of the strongest organizations that UF has seen in many years.
 - I want to formally introduce my Chief of Staff Adetola Alonge.
 - We'd love to collaborate with you all, please don't hesitate to reach out.
 - Thank you guys so much, and I am looking forward to an amazing year.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Hartzog:
 - SG Event "Fuel Up for Finals" opportunity on April 18th - Monday, sending out sign ups over listserv.
 - Senate next week at 4pm due, last meeting before summer - important business unless you have class please come.

- If you want to get started on any projects please come to me.
- Good luck on finals, keep taking care of yourself.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- There were none.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Pro-Tempore Green welcomes the senators.
 - All replacements will be on the agenda next week.
 - We will meet the following week in R&A to fill any empty replacement seats.
 - Open Permanent Seats:
 - Tolbert Area
 - Graduate and Family Housing
 - District B
 - District D (5)
 - Graduate (3)
 - Open Committee Seats:
 - Judiciary (1)
 - Rules and Ethics (1)
 - Information and Communications (2)
 - We will have a Replacement and Agenda committee this Friday at 2pm instead of Sunday due to Easter.
 - You will have until May 6 to apply for these seats.
 - Thank you guys, good luck on finals!

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Brinkman:
 - The Judiciary committee will meet this Friday at 11am.
 - All legislation must be submitted by noon tomorrow.
 - Rule 3 1C4 states that all bills must be published on the SG website and made available to the public.
 - Due to a technical difficulty, this did not occur.
 - Strike SSB 2022-1007 from the agenda.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Giordano:
 - As of April 6th at 5pm, all of the funds have been exhausted and allocated to student organizations.
 - We're finalizing all the documents.
 - We will get the bill out to everybody in a few weeks.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Thompson:
 - The R&E committee will meet tomorrow at 4pm in the SG Conference room.
 - We have an SG event on Monday.
 - All constituency is due next Monday at 11:59pm

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Funai:
 - The last day to table is Monday. Everyone is required to do it.
 - Please fill out the Why Senate Wednesday form to be featured on the Instagram.

FIRST READINGS:

- There were none.

SECOND READINGS:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senate President Hartzog: Please fill out Senator Corbett's survey on the Reitz Union.
- Senator Cox: We won another dodgeball game this past Wednesday. We finished our season 2 - 4.

ROLL CALL:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.