

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

July 5th, 2022

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:01pm 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 66 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- **Albury**
- **Ali**
- **Cable**
- **Dort**
- **Green, Mackenzie**
- **Hautamaki**
- **Knupfer**
- **Ruedas**
- **Thompson**
- **Vazrala**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Senator Andreoli:**
 - Presents a UF Institute of Research and Planning data.
 - Explains how to navigate percentages relating to types of degrees, gender, ethnicity, etc.
 - Female students get a majority of the degrees awarded by the University of Florida.
 - This is a good step, but we have a long way to go to correct the discrimination they have experienced.
 - The majority of graduate students who got a degree were male.
 - I wanted to show you the baseline of what we are experiencing in 2022.
 - Now we are living in post- *Dobbs v. Jackson* in 2022.
 - We had made so many strides in representation for women.
 - When I saw the news on that Friday morning, I was horrified.
 - To think of people being forced to give birth, put their plans on hold, and having their lives being dramatically changed horrifies me.
 - Regarding a slide I have shown you before, I made a point about the cost of living for graduate students, which is notably one adult with no children.

- In this post- *Dobbs v. Jackson* world, I am worried and concerned for the women at UF.
- I hope and ask that Student Government can do all that they can to protect a women's right to choose and protect our constituents.
- I am sure every one of you have constituents that will be affected by the decision.
- I fear that women will lose the right to an abortion in the state of Florida.
- I hope we can work together this summer to protect our constituents and their right to choose.
- Alfredo Ortiz:
 - Good evening.
 - Last week, I spoke about legislation that would fund certain healthcare services.
 - No one on Judiciary committee reached out for a preliminary review.
 - It shows that none of them wanted to see the legislation pass enough to help.
 - It was postponed on the basis of legality and constitutionality.
 - The committee's judgment was flawed.
 - This legislation merely states that anyone at any time should be appointed.
 - The legislation also does not violate HIPAA because the appointed officer would not be a healthcare provider, so the law does not apply.
 - You will be able to correct this wrong and grant yourselves the right to deliberate on the issue
 - Senator Santiago will move to rescind the committee's decision, and if approved, the chamber may be able to decide to approve that legislation.
 - I have been an activist here for the last four years, and if the senate will not allow the student representatives to discuss the issue, we will find a way to make our voices heard, one way or another.
 - We are assessing the potential to organize a protest on the matter, so I remind the senate that the student body is watching.
 - They will know who is to blame for taking their voices away.
- Senator Stephens:
 - Presents slideshow.
 - Today, I will be discharging the Legislative Public Awareness Intensification Amendment from Judiciary, helping to make sure that constituents can view our legislation with our social media platforms.
 - While I still haven't received a five criteria review from the chairman, many of the committee members had a plethora of interesting concerns.
 - One mentioned the cluttered feeds, which is a fascinating statement considering we repost senate kickball activities that do not pertain to improving the student experience.

- Strawman and red herring fallacies were used in the discussion of this bill, but the cherry on top was that reposting signed legislation would hinder student engagement.
- I am more appalled every single day that I enter this committee.
- Then again, we look at the lack of legislation.
- When we talk about these different types of bills, it's very interesting to hear some of the rhetoric that that committee produces.
- I can post memes on my personal social media, and I can acquire members from as far as the Florida State University commenting on my posts.
- Moving on, I have sent individuals a draft of the Food Security Reinforcement Act.
- Codifying into law, it is a program that funds one \$15 meal per work shift for all Rec Sports and Reitz Union student workers.
- These students, time and time again, add to the student experience and truly make our campus one that is world-renowned and a home for the betterment of students.
- We must take the steps to ensure that they are food secure, which should not just be the bare minimum, but a right.
- Keeping in mind, this is a working draft that will be submitted prior to July 12th.
- Please reach out to me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.
- I have to say something to this specific side of the aisle, specifically the people who occupy the Budget & Appropriations committee.
- What's more important? Funding weights, or feeding people? A Roddy Ricch concert, or Reitz Union student employees being food secure? Having Howie Mandel speak, or having students secure the right to a meal every day?
- We fight for the betterment of the student experience, and I can assure you that a starving student would rather have a meal than to sit a Roddy Ricch concert that never sold out.
- Minority Party Leader Corbett:
 - Good evening, senators.
 - I wanted to take time to draw attention to Student Senate Bill 2022-1023: Resolution Recognizing and Supporting Sexual and Reproductive Health Resources and Opportunities.
 - I would like to recognize and thank student authors: Grace Shoemaker, Evan Asuncion, M. Spata, and Cassie Urbenz.
 - I would also like to thank Judiciary Vice-Chair Mason Solomon and Judiciary member Mara Vaknin for their kind words and encouragement regarding the resolution.
 - I am happy to know that the committee supports advocacy and awareness for these resources that are important to students, especially during the current political context.

- The committee ultimately agreed with me that we should truly spread these resources and opportunities to the greater gator nation.
- Although, I would like to draw attention to the proviso, as well as an amendment I will be proposing today.
- When looking at the new proviso, student authors, GAU co-presidents, and Women's Affairs cabinet directors were struck.
- In my amendment that I have submitted, I hope to make many additions to the proviso.
- Although long, the proviso will serve its purpose, which is to spread awareness regarding these resources and opportunities.
- Even though these resources exist, that alone does not promise they are accessible and utilized.
- In 2017 and 2019 surveys, it was found that student health centers provided contraceptives.
- Yet, a study demonstrated that even when campuses provide family planning services, students have limited knowledge on what services are available.
- Students need to know the opportunities and resources that are provided by GatorWell and the Student Health Care Center.
- The final thing that I would like to touch on: I wish that an explanation was given to me for these edits in the proviso.
- I had previously received confirmation that the proviso would be approved.
- When I reached out concerning the changes made, I received no response.
- This is not an isolated scenario.
- I have had to bring emails from constituents to the awareness of our senate leadership.
- At this rate, it is unprofessional, it's a barrier, and it is beyond disappointing.
- For the future, I only ask that you are receptive to communication, as well as being responsive.
- For tonight, I ask that I have your support not only for the resolution, but also for the amended proviso.
- Thank you, and go gators.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Pecora moves to approve bloc of Replacement & Agenda committee recommendations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

- Senator Stephens moves to discharge Student Senate Bill 2022-XXXX: Legislative Public Awareness Intensification Act (LPAIA) to the Judiciary Committee. That motion was ruled dilatory.
- Senator Santiago moves to rescind the decision of the Judiciary committee postponing indefinitely Student Senate Bill 2022-XXXX: Authorization Ordering the Student Body President to Facilitate Access to Pregnancy-Related Healthcare Services to Students. Seconded.

Senate President Hartzog calls a two-minute recess. Objected. In a standing vote of 53-8, that motion passes.

Senate President Hartzog concludes recess at 7:33pm.

Senator Stephens moves for a quorum call.

ROLL CALL:

Roll was called and quorum was established with a total of 67 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- **Albury**
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 - **Thompson**
 - **Vazrala**
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- Majority Party Leader Pecora moves to call the previous question on the motion to rescind. Seconded. In a standing vote, that motion passes.
 - Senator Faisal moves to appeal the decision of the chair. In a standing vote, that motion does not pass.
 - Senate President Hartzog issues a warning to Senator Faisal.
 - Senator Mia calls for a division of the house. That motion was ruled dilatory.
 - Senate President Hartzog issues a warning to Senator Mia.
 - Senator Santiago moves for a roll call vote on the motion to discharge. In a standing vote, that motion does not pass.
 - Senate President Hartzog conducts vote on the motion rescind the decision of the Judiciary committee postponing indefinitely Student Senate Bill 2022-XXXX:

Authorization Ordering the Student Body President to Facilitate Access to Pregnancy-Related Healthcare Services to Students. In a standing vote, that motion does not pass.

- Senator Stephens moves to rescind the decision of the Judiciary committee postponing indefinitely Student Senate Bill 2022-XXXX: Legislative Public Awareness Intensification Act (LPAIA). Seconded.
- Majority Party Leader Pecora moves to call the previous question on the motion to rescind. Seconded. In a standing vote, that motion passes.
- Senator Santiago moves to lay on the table the motion to call the previous question. Seconded. In a standing vote, that motion does not pass.
- Senator Santiago moves for a roll call vote on the motion to rescind. In a voice vote, that motion does not pass.
- Senator Stephens moves to rescind the decision of the Judiciary committee postponing indefinitely Student Senate Bill 2022-XXXX: Legislative Public Awareness Intensification Act (LPAIA). Seconded. In a standing vote, that motion does not pass.
- In a standing vote, nays have it not agreed to
- Majority Party Leader Pecora moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2022-1024: Student Secretary Clerical Intensification Amendment by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Corbett moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2022-1023: Resolution Recognizing and Supporting Sexual and Reproductive Health Resources and Opportunities by unanimous consent. Minority Party Leader Corbett rescinds her motion.
- Senator Santiago moves to approve the amendment to Student Senate Bill 2022-1025: Indigenous Land Acknowledgment by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Santiago moves to approve the amendment to Student Senate Bill 2022-1023: Resolution Recognizing and Supporting Sexual and Reproductive Health Resources and Opportunities by unanimous consent. Objected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE BRANCH:

- Vice President Badell:
 - Hello everyone!
 - I have realized that senate is a lot more complex than cabinet is.
 - First of all, thank you to all the senators at the Gator Mania event.
 - Cabinet events are a great way to connect with students and other student leaders.
 - As the fall semester is quickly approaching, the cabinet will be putting on Gator Welcome events.
 - I encourage you all to sign up for an event.
 - I want to reflect on pride month.

- For fellow LGBTQ+ leaders, our main priority is to ensure that our spaces remain safe and accessible, and it is important that our resources are being placed in the right areas.
- I will soon be meeting with a donor who will help provide funding for resources dedicated to our LGBTQ+ students.
- If there are any of you who would like to share your kind words with this donor, please feel free to send me a message to relay to him.
- Furthermore, LGBTQ+ cabinet director and I are beginning to work on a program plan to bring LGBTQ+ students to a more central part of campus by having more events and networking opportunities.
- We will also be partnering with organizations to help other people of diverse backgrounds.
- I have more specific updates on plans, initiatives, and projects in the upcoming weeks, so look out for those.
- Happy Tuesday, and go gators.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Hartzog:
 - Good evening, senators.
 - Senate President Hartzog yields time to UFPD Liaison Senator Ghozali:
 - Good evening, senators.
 - It is my honor to welcome Lieutenant Jake Pruitt.
 - Yields time to Lieutenant Pruitt:
 - Dr. Sixby is in training, but she will be running our co-responder program, which is a program that includes counselors in the law enforcement presence.
 - In the meantime, 988 is coming out, which is a way to connect you or someone else in a crisis situation to a counselor.
 - We have a transparency page where we list all of our policies.
 - We are trying our best to go out and recruit the best.
 - Come by and see me in our office.
 - We have lost positions because of budget cuts, but we are trying to hire the best.
 - We now have six electric bikes for officers to use that have lowered response time.
 - We have Coffee with a Cop to build relationships between the police officers and the student body.
 - We ask the students to directly contact the police whenever they witness or are in a situation.
 - We're here for everybody.

- If you have any questions, please stop by or contact us.
- Thank you for your time.
- Hopefully, we should have some more information about our joint event with IRHA later this week.
- Also, I think you all know how much I value this position.
- I've been here three years, and if it wasn't my passion and love for senate, I don't think I could come back week after week and do it again.
- I say this all to mean that I genuinely come from every decision I make with a clear mind, and I follow the rules.
- I want to add that parliamentary procedure is a tool and not a weapon, considering what has happened in this chamber tonight.
- It is a joy for me to work with every single one of you, but I would be remiss if I did not make those remarks.
- If you have any questions or anything to say, please email me at senatepresident@sg.ufl.edu .

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- There were none.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Pro-Tempore Green welcomes the senators.
 - I would like to say congratulations to those who were confirmed.
 - With that, the committee seats are now filled.

Open Summer Replacements

- Summer B:
 - District C
- Summer C:
 - Lakeside
 - Sophomore
 - Graham
 - Building Construction
 - Education
 - Law
 - Nursing
 - Pharmacy
- Open Permanent Senate Seats:
 - Freshman
 - Medicine
 - Graduate and Family Housing
 - Graduate (2)

- Tolbert
- Dentistry
- CALS
- The application closes Friday, and we will have a meeting on Sunday at a time and place to be disclosed.
- If you have any questions, please email me at senatepresidentprotempore@sg.ufl.edu .

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Brinkman:
 - Good evening, senators.
 - Please submit all legislation by noon on Friday, July 8th.
 - The next judiciary meeting is going to be at a time and place to be announced.
 - I will now take some time to explain the rationale the Judiciary Committee took for indefinitely postponing the “Authorization Ordering the Student Body President to Facilitate Access to Pregnancy-Related Healthcare Services to Students.”
 - I have received numerous emails from students and alumni about their dissatisfaction with the overturning of Roe versus Wade and the uncertain state of abortion rights in the State of Florida, and I recognize the importance and time-sensitive nature of this issue.
 - Despite my respect for Senator Santiago and the people who worked on and support this piece of legislation, this authorization is unconstitutional and likely illegal in every manner, way, shape, and form possible.
 - The procedural flaws outlined in this proposal render it unable for the merits and topic of the bill to be even considered.
 - This authorization violates the Separation of Powers doctrine that has been reaffirmed multiple times by the University of Florida Supreme Court.
 - The Court held that the legislative branch of this government cannot force the executive branch to make appointments.
 - The authorizations clause found in the Constitution says that they are defined as a directive that advises, orders, or prescribes the method for an officer to fulfill a duty provided for in the constitution.
 - The method for fulfilling the constitutional duty of appointing aides and officers is already provided for and cannot be altered utilizing an authorization.
 - I want to touch on the therefore let it be resolved clause that states “that the University of Florida Student Senate deems it necessary that the Student Body President appoints an officer...”.
 - The appointments clause of the constitution gives the student body president and the student body president alone the sole authority to determine the necessity of

said appointments. The legislature does not have the right to brow-beat them into submission of what their will is.

- From a legal perspective, various points of external control exist when it comes to how student government both appropriates funds and makes expenditures with those funds. I have a difficult time seeing a scenario where this makes it pass those legal barriers.
- When dealing with students' medical procedures and decisions, these records could be public records requested. Students would therefore be required to sign a statement allowing their name and other information to be disclosed in order to receive funding and/or reimbursement.
- This would place them in an unfair situation where an important, sensitive, and private decision to receive a medical procedure would become publicized for their parents, classmates, teachers, or anyone to view.
- All of this to say, I once again want to recognize the importance of this issue and I thank all of those who worked on this and commend them for their efforts.
- However, my personal feelings have no place here. It is without a shadow of a doubt that in more than one way, this proposal
- violates those laws and would not be able to be enacted.
- Thank you all very much.
- Feel free to email me or come up to me after the meeting if you have any questions judiciary@sg.ufl.edu .

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Giordano:
 - Good evening, senators.
 - The committee has been hard at work preparing for the Big 5 hearings this Thursday and Friday.
 - Email me if you have any questions at budget@sg.ufl.edu .

RULES & ETHICS:

- Senator Marcus:
 - Good evening, everyone.
 - Please keep doing your constituency.
 - If you have any questions, please email me at rules@sg.ufl.edu .

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Funai:
 - Good evening, senators.
 - The senate t-shirt link closes tonight at midnight.

- Summer B tabling will start this Monday, and I will send out the sign-up sheet tomorrow.
- If you have any questions, please email me at info@sg.ufl.edu .

FIRST READINGS:

- Senator Faisal moves into the consideration of Amendment 1 for Student Senate Bill 2022-1023: Resolution Recognizing and Supporting Sexual and Reproductive Health Resources and Opportunities. Seconded.

Senate President Hartzog calls a five-minute recess.

Senate President Hartzog concludes recess at 8:57pm.

- Senator Faisal rescinds his motion.
- Minority Party Leader Corbett gave a five-minute presentation:
 - Just to let everyone know, I'll be presenting on the bill as well as the amendment.
 - This is a response to Friday, June 24th
 - As mentioned in the resolution itself, the future is uncertain for the rights to sexual health and reproductive resources in Florida.
 - Presents locations and services for sexual health and reproductive resources.
 - What I plan on doing personally is going beyond this by sharing this legislation not only with organizations I am involved in but organizations my friends and others are involved in, as to ultimately spread awareness to all.
 - This amended proviso was sent to Chairman Brinkman, who provided no reply.
 - I offered a compromise to Majority Party Leader Pecora, but she said it was too confusing of a process.
 - How often do students who are not senators enter this room?
 - How often do we truly see the impacts of our legislation reach the audience necessary?
 - Know the impact that you have when you stand to vote in this room and how that will translate to the impact on those you stand for outside of this room.

There was a five-minute question and answer period.

- Majority Party Leader Pecora moves to call the previous question on Student Senate Bill 2022-1023: Resolution Recognizing and Supporting Sexual and Reproductive Health Resources and Opportunities. Seconded. In a standing vote, that motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Corbett gave a two-minute presentation:

- I am more than willing to propose a compromise, but in my opinion and in the intent of writing this, I would like to add other organizations who have reached out to me.
- Promoting these resources is crucial.
- If you are a part of any of the organizations listed, I encourage you to use your vote to help not only yourself but others.
- In the end, I will send out this legislation to anyone I wish, and I will do it no matter what.
- Having this amendment shows that our senate is in agreement in terms of advocacy and that I do not have to face barriers to educating other people.

There was a two-minute question and answer period.

- Majority Party Leader Pecora moves to call the previous question on Amendment 1 for Student Senate Bill 2022-1023: Resolution Recognizing and Supporting Sexual and Reproductive Health Resources and Opportunities. Seconded. In a standing vote, that motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Pecora moves to fail Amendment 1 for Student Senate Bill 2022-1023: Resolution Recognizing and Supporting Sexual and Reproductive Health Resources and Opportunities. Seconded. In a voice vote, that motion passes.
- Senator Santiago moves to add to the proviso the University of Florida Graduate Assistants United Co-Presidents Bryn Taylor and Rachael Hartnett, IRHA President, Her Campus President Jasmine Cubillán, Hispanic Student Association President, Jewish Student Union President, Black Student Union President, Latino-American Student Presidents by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Pecora moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2022-1023: Resolution Recognizing and Supporting Sexual and Reproductive Health Resources and Opportunities. Seconded. In a voice vote, that motion passes.
- Senator Stephens gives a five-minute presentation on Student Senate Bill 2022-1025: Indigenous Land Acknowledgment:
 - I would like to talk about the chamber's relationship to the bill.
 - We have tried to put up bills and work with y'all, but there is no engagement on your end.
 - It's very interesting to see the complacency.
 - I think when moving forward, I would love for us to have transparency.

There was a five-minute question and answer period.

- Majority Party Leader Pecora moves to call the previous question on Student Senate Bill 2022-1025: Indigenous Land Acknowledgment. Seconded. In a standing vote, that motion passes.
- Senator Stephens gave a two-minute presentation on Amendment 1 for Student Senate Bill 2022-1025: Indigenous Land Acknowledgment:
 - I would like to touch on Chairman Brinkman mentioned in the Judiciary committee, specifically the aspect that we don't have individuals to go to in these regards.
 - This proviso only adds three people to the proviso and adds a sponsorship.
 - If that is so hard to accomplish in this chamber, then God bless the University of Florida.

There was a two-minute question and answer period.

- Majority Party Leader Pecora moves to call the previous question on Amendment 1 for Student Senate Bill 2022-1025: Indigenous Land Acknowledgment. Seconded. In a standing vote, that motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Pecora moves to fail Amendment 1 for Student Senate Bill 2022-1025: Indigenous Land Acknowledgment. Seconded. In a voice vote, that motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Pecora moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2022-1025: Indigenous Land Acknowledgment. Seconded. In a voice vote, that motion passes.

SECOND READINGS:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senate President Hartzog: Lieutenant Pruitt left business cards. Clarifies motions on agenda.
- Senator Ghozali: I'll leave the cards in the front.
- Minority Party Leader Corbett: I ask of you all to send the legislation to your organizations. If you are unable to do so, please let me know of an organization, and I will extend this legislation to them.
- Senator Stephens: I would like to make a public apology about my vote for Student Senate Bill 2022-1023: Resolution Recognizing and Supporting Sexual and Reproductive Health Resources and Opportunities. Also, hammers are a really amazing tool that can be

used to help build projects, but they can be used as a weapon. I am very scared of the nails coming down your way.

- Senator Dort: What is an efficient way to get email responses?
- Senator Faisal: I agree that parliamentary procedure is a tool, but moving to previous question is using it as a weapon because you are forgoing debate every single time. We are using parli-pro as how it should be used.
- Senator Stephens: I am really excited to see a legal counsel is here, especially on your end, Madame President. I am really excited to see such boisterous leaders in the back who are able to help to defend parliamentary law. I wanted to make sure that announcement was clear for you and your husband.
- Senator Andreoli: On Sunday, July 17th, please attend a restoration event.

ROLL CALL:

- Chairman Brinkman moves to use voter record as final roll call by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:33pm.