

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

July 26th, 2022

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:05pm 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 70 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- **Allen**
- **Brinkley**
- **Clark**
- **Hautamaki**
- **Hernandez**
- **O'Keefe**
- **Marcus**
- **Molyneaux**
- **Talati**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Senator Partridge:**
 - On July 22nd, we received the nominations for the university committees.
 - I was not surprised but a little disappointed at the outcomes.
 - I don't think it makes sense that I am voting to approve these nominations when I do not know how and why these people were selected.
 - Every week, R&A has meetings open to the public.
 - Why am I voting on something that I am not being provided information for?
 - Why is a process of an election made so convoluted?
 - I find it incredibly weird that members who were nominated are able to vote for themselves.
 - I admire this body's perseverance for lack of transparency.
 - It is barriers like these that create an incredibly daunting and intimidating perception of SG.
 - No amount of tabling or student events can compensate for the redundancy present in our student government.
 - I didn't really come up here to complain.
 - I am happy with the seats who got appointed.
 - I did want to communicate that I am starting an initiative to maintain the only green roof on campus.

- If this all goes well, I will have a better presentation to emphasize the science and finances behind green roofs.
- I want to start an initiative to have green roofs on other buildings, especially since UF has a great sustainability program but only one green roof.
- Congrats to everyone who got their seat.
- Senator Stephens:
 - I am excited to be back in this chamber once again because I have been busy with exams and helping students learn about food insecurity.
 - There's been a lot that has gone on while I've been gone.
 - First of all, there were a lot of different provisions and bills that were put up.
 - I just wanted to speak to the frustration that my constituents and I have had.
 - Many of you may not utilize those services, but for many students who came up here, they shared a lot of authentic raw stories that represent many constituents.
 - Instead of working with the minority party, we killed bills once and for all.
 - Starting off with the open permanent seats that were put up, I saw many great positives.
 - There was a Pro-Tempore who gained a plethora of seats on these committees.
 - Boisterousness is not a core value of our university.
 - I hope they take that position and actually use it, rather than using it for a political stunt.
 - I hope that we are able to look at these provisions and work together to make some progress.
 - It's frustrating to see time and time again many different distractions to create a whole bunch of good articles for the *Alligator*.
 - There is no sort of action or comprehensive bill being put in place.
 - The Judiciary committee failed the Incorporation Act with faulty reasoning.
 - Again, if we did the research, we would actually see some sort of action that is comprehensive and represents the betterment of the student body.
 - But again, with many lovely ladies like the senator representing journalism just laughing and talking to her colleagues instead of listening, we see that that will never happen with individuals on that side of the aisle.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Senator Faisal moves to strike Student Senate Bill 2022-1028: Censuring Senator Jonathan C. Stephens by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Pecora moves to approve the bloc of Replacement & Agenda committee recommendations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

- Majority Party Leader Pecora moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2022-1029: Leadership Update Notice Guarantee Act (LUNGA) by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairwoman Giordano moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2022-1026: Funding for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Activity and Service Fee Budget by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE BRANCH:

Student Body President Lemasters:

- Good evening, senators.
- I hope y'all are having a great end of your summer!
- I want to thank everybody involved who made this meeting at Southwest Rec possible.
- A couple of announcements and updates as we wrap up the summer: we have some exciting events going on.
- ACCENT is having a show tomorrow, and I am excited for the upcoming shows they will be putting on.
- Next weekend, we are hosting the Florida Student Association, and it will be a great way to connect and share ideas with others.
- This fall, we are starting off strong.
- Our cabinet and agencies are going to have a lot of partnerships with the Great Gator Welcome week, so stay tuned to see some really exciting announcements.
- Thank you all for the work that you have put into this summer to serve our students.
- I'm looking forward to a great year!

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Hartzog:
 - Good evening, senators.
 - I am excited to see everyone here at Southwest Rec!
 - Yields time to Director for Department of Recreational Sports Laura Hall:
 - Good evening.
 - Before I start, I want to give a shout out to Caroline who put in a lot of work to allow this to happen.
 - I recognize some faces from the Budget & Appropriations committee.
 - I will tell you that nights like tonight are among my very favorite.
 - We truly see our work with Student Government as a partnership.
 - Rec Sports could not do what we do without your support.

- Presents slideshow on the successes of RecSports because of Student Government's investment in this department.
 - I wanted to do an overview of Rec Sports tonight.
 - Hands out stickers to senators who answer trivia related to RecSports.
 - There are various aspects of RecSports, including aquatics, Rec Centers, Lake Wauburg, Fitness & Wellness, Sport Programs, Outdoor Recreation, and Student Employment.
 - Shares successes made possible through Student Government, such as increase in facility access, a spring back in intramural sports, Changes Program, UF sustainability, and making an outreach coordinator for RecSports.
 - How do we maintain the tradition of excellence?
 - We know we can do better in serving our students.
 - On average, collegiate recreation departments serve 81% of the population.
 - We feel like we can get closer to 90%.
 - We are in the process of identifying who we are not serving.
 - With the intentional diversification of our facilities will serve a group of students that we feel we are not currently serving.
 - Well-being comes in a lot of forms, so we feel super strongly that we can be a part of the solution to help.
 - Some need more physical, some need more restorative.
 - Other students need some assistance in finding their sense of belonging.
 - Others need time in the outdoors.
 - I'm not going to say that RecSports is the ultimate entity in providing well-being for students, but we feel an immense responsibility to serve the students as best as we can.
 - By continuing our current offerings and building new, diversified opportunities, we strive to serve as many students as we possibly can.
 - The return on that investment multiplies and multiplies, and the per capita on that investment spreads out, which is what our ultimate responsibility is and where we intend to go moving forward.
- Next week is our last senate meeting for the summer.
 - If you are a summer replacement senator that wishes to make a goodbye speech, please email me and the secretary.
 - Please reach out to me if you want to set up a one-on-one conversation.
 - Also, my senate mentor is here tonight, and I hope you can see the importance of the mentor/mentee relationship.
 - 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.
 - Good evening, senators.
 - Congratulations to the nominations and confirmations!
 - For the Summer B/C replacements, expect an email from me.

Open Summer Replacements

- Summer C:
 - Lakeside
 - District D
 - Graham
 - Building Construction
 - Graduate (5)
 - Education
 - Law
 - Nursing
 - Pharmacy
 - Veterinary Medicine
- Open Permanent Senate Seats:
 - Graduate and Family Housing
 - Graduate (2)
 - Dentistry
 - Tolbert
- The application closes Friday at noon, and we will have a meeting on Sunday at a time and place to be determined.
- 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 29th.
 - We will be meeting at a time and place to be determined this weekend.
 - If you have any questions, please email me at judiciary@sg.ufl.edu .

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Giordano:
 - Good evening, senators.

- Thank you for passing Student Senate Bill 2022-1026!
- I'd like to thank everybody who was involved in this bill.
- The Budget & Appropriations committee will be meeting at 1pm on Friday in the SG Conference Room.
- If you have any questions, please email me at budget@sg.ufl.edu .

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Thompson:
 - Good evening, everyone.
 - You should have received an email about your constituency.
 - If you think that there is a mistake, please reach out to me.
 - We'll send another email tomorrow with updated information.
 - Next week is the last week to submit constituency, and it is due Tuesday, August 2nd at 6:59pm.
 - The Rules & Ethics committee will be meeting August 3rd.
 - Have a great evening!
 - If you have any questions, please email me at rules@sg.ufl.edu .

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Funai:
 - Good evening, senators.
 - I am happy to announce that the senate retreat is tomorrow.
 - I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!
 - If you have any questions, please email me at info@sg.ufl.edu .

FIRST READINGS:

- There were none.

SECOND READINGS:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senate President Hartzog: I know next week is our last meeting, but please still show up to support your constituents. You all signed on for the job, and while it might seem unnecessary to go to the last meeting of the summer, I wanted to remind you all that we all made a commitment to our constituents to serve through the length of our terms.

- Senator Santiago: Tomorrow at 5:30pm there will be an RTS advisory board meeting. If you want to go, please don't hesitate.
- Senator Kanfer: The emails went out today, and I noticed that there were some errors. Please let me know if there are any more errors after we resend the email.

ROLL CALL:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.