

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

August 30th, 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 71 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- **Allen**
- **Bailey**
- **Brinkley**
- **Cruz**
- **Cuello**
- **Denault**
- **Gorelick**
- **Hanna**
- **Karim**
- **Lopez-Lugo**
- **Perez**
- **Ramos**
- **Solomon**
- **Soukup**
- **Smith**
- **Tak**
- **Weingart**
- **Weston**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Senator Dibari:**
 - Gives presentation on “Advocating for Student Mental Health.”
 - I want to dive into the actual legislative portion of the bill.
 - For background The Nation Suicide Crisis line switched from a tech digit phone number to a three-digit phone number known as 988 which helps increase the memorability of the number and double the number of people calling the number.
 - Currently only 8.66% of enrolled UF students were served by the CWC in 2021 and that is down from 10.49% in 2019. For reference nationwide 44% of all college aged students reported having signs or symptoms of anxiety or depression.

Hence, I believe the 988 hotlines will be a great help. The people of UF have already started to latch on. Organizations such as the UPD and the CWC.

- If you update your GatorSafe App, you will have a new tab that allows you to call the mental health lifeline.
- I am proposing a caucus related to mental health and disability just to partner with mental health and disability organizations around campus to advocate, discuss, and promote resources for mental health.
- If you are interested in getting involved, please scan the QR code.
- Jonathan Stephens:
 - Good evening, senators.
 - It is nice to be back as a constituent.
 - I wanted to begin my message by talking a little bit about the reapportionment bill that Senator Brinkman put out.
 - I have concerns with the CALS representations. There are these things called RECs, Research and Education Centers, and if you don't know what those are they are placed all around the state of Florida. They serve as a means of extension and education through the IFAS.
 - Specifically, when we look at the District E constituency being warped into District A, there are a lot of concerns over that representation. We can talk about the dilution of the actual voting power but specifically when we look at the CALS constituency.
 - Looking at the CALS aspect, UF was founded as a land-grant institution for many of you guys you probably do not know what that word means but a land-grant institution represents an institution that is focused primarily on agriculture
 - When we look at the history behind a lot of this stuff, it is not only historically scary for us to see that it is diluted, but when we look at the numbers it is not congruent. I would hope that with the amendments proposed by many senators on this side of the aisle everyone considers those. They really take into consideration the importance of sticking close to history and staying true to the values that this university was founded on.
 - Thank you for your time and go gators.
- Senator Urbenz:
 - Good evening, senators
 - I hope everyone had a great summer
 - Shout out to Catherine Gomez who was my replacement for the summer.
 - Just wanted to let you know that I am intent on working on initiatives for this fall.
 - According to Rule 7, 1C, the Replacement & Agenda may recommend the applicant the committee deems best suited for the seat in a fair objective unbiased manner.

- This week, all Information & Communications seats were tabled. Once again multiple applicants came out to interview one of them being myself another being Senator Ryan Athay.
- The Replacement & Agenda committee has made it explicitly clear that there are no intentions of giving any committee seats to the minority party.
- After four interviews and extensive related professional experience and creating a graphic that has been used weekly by this entity, I fail to see what is left to be desired.
- What worsens this blow is that not only did I not get this seat, but it was tabled. Majority Party Leader Pecora said that she appreciated the work that I do for this committee. But how can that statement stand true when you would rather leave the seat fully vacant than recognize me for my work.
- The Replacement & Agenda committee would rather leave this seat completely empty than leave it to a member of the minority party and leaving Chairwoman Funai with fewer members to help her with her work.
- Once again, I look forward to our work inside and outside the chamber, but I felt it necessary to voice my disappointment.
- Senator Andreoli:
 - Presents slideshow on concerns for the Fall 2023 reapportionment.
 - I wanted to talk about how apportionment happens, that is a printout of the student population through zip codes.
 - What's different about this apportionment is the addition of District E residents into District A.
 - It says that District A will exclude zip codes where students cannot physically reside.
 - The problem with this composition of District A is that 32614 is not a valid zip code.
 - Students cannot physically reside within this zip code.
 - I need you all to strike 32614 from the reapportionment.
 - I think District A has to be increasing because of the increasing enrollment coupled with the increasing places of residence in District A.
 - From the reapportionment, District A has not increased in size.
 - One of the best things about being a senator this summer and into the fall is that I can read the documents of the UF Master Plan.
 - The context area analysis found that the transfer of population towards north and east of campus.
 - For District A to lose a senator, there would have to be a great decrease in that area of campus.
 - I am looking forward to Chairman Brinkman's presentation.

- I wished we were able to see maps and see spreadsheets of the data during the Judiciary Committee's meeting.
- We can't be presented on this information and expect to vote on it in 45 minutes.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- 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 2022-1032: Resolution Recognizing the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline as a Critical Campus Mental Health Resource by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Pecora moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2022-1033: Legislative Branch Exclusionary Offices Amendment - 100 Codes Revision by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Pecora moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2022-1034: Resolution Welcoming Dr. Heather White as the New Vice President for Student Life by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairwoman Giordano moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2022-1031: Student Organization Fundraising Accounts - 800 Codes Revision by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

STUDENT BODY OFFICER REPORT(S):

- There were none.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Hartzog:
 - Good evening, senators.
 - I'm seeing so many new faces, which is very exciting.
 - I hope you all enjoyed your break!
 - I am very happy to see some people from the summer, as well.
 - Yields time to UFPD Liaison Senator Ghozali:
 - Good evening, senators.
 - Tomorrow, UFPD will be hosting a Tailgating for Safety event.
 - There will be games and resources for students to stay safe during and after tailgating events.
 - It's a good opportunity to connect with your constituents.
 - It will count for a constituency requirement, as well.
 - If you have any questions, please contact me.

- Introduces new senate secretary.
- Please come visit me in my office.
- The office hours on my website are going to be changed according to my new class schedule.
- 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Senate Pro-Tempore Green welcomes the senators.
 - Good evening, senators.
 - First off, the Replacement & Agenda committee has not and will not ever use bias.
 - I have office hours and email, so please contact me if you have any questions regarding interviews.
 - My office hours are also being updated because of new classes.
 - There will be a meeting on Friday at a time and place to be determined.
 - The seats will close next week to ensure ample time is given.

Open Permanent Senate Seats

- District B
- Graduate and Family Housing
- Graduate (2)
- Dentistry
- Tolbert
- District A

Open Committee Seats

- Judiciary (1)
- Rules & Ethics (2)
- Information & Communications (3)

- If you have any questions, please email me at senatepresidentprotempore@sg.ufl.edu .

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Brinkman:

- Good evening, senators.
- The Judiciary committee is going to be meeting Friday at a time and place to be determined.
- Deadline for legislation is tomorrow.
- Presents reapportionment data.
- There are some seats that are too small and don't reach one full person.
- I get numbers from the registrar office.
- I went through and took every single individual column to get the numbers presented.
- The data is reliable because it is from the registrar office.
- The numbers we see for colleges are consistent with the trends that you expect.
- The amendment that changes the categories is not lining up with the data we have.
- After I did all this, I rounded and found the extra seat, and the seat went to business.
- It only makes sense to go to business because its number is higher.
- There are some inherent limitations with this data.
- The data that you put into One.UF is what we have to go off of.
- Distract A, B, C, and D did change a little bit.
- I went into the spreadsheet and reapportioned these off-campus seats just with each other.
- The reason why for folding District E into District A gives those students more representation.
- It ensures that the data is being kept consistent year after year.
- This is done because the UF Constitution says it is the job of the student senate to apportion seats as equals.
- The data here is consistent and makes sense for the deal.
- Now for Senator Andreoli's questions, we are using the Fall 2021 data because it seemed the most reliable.
- You asked if all non-degree seeking students are counted as undergrad, and they are counted on by their college.
- Non-degree seeking students are counted as part of their individual college.
- PACE students are treated as normal students.
- Professional levels are counted within their college.
- In regard to Jonathan Stephens' comment, I'm not sure what the people at their office were telling you, I know that from the data from the registrar's office that CALS had 3576 people while business had 3637 people.
- The extra seat should go to business out of fairness.
- I believe that it is perfectly congruent because that's what the data says.
- Journalism does have less people, so they are getting less.
- It's better to have more senators representing students than less.

- The more representatives the better, in my opinion.
- Concerning zip code 32614, the data does say that there are 14 people living there.
- It's been consistent like this for a long time, so I think we should keep it the same.
- Your maps looked interesting, but they didn't have any exact numbers or anything to add to this.
- You're showing me colors but not numbers, which is the most important thing for creating an objective model.
- I encourage you all to pass this reapportionment act.
- If you have any questions, please email me at judiciary@sg.ufl.edu .

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Giordano:
 - Good evening, senators.
 - Thank you for passing the Student Senate Bill 2022-1031!
 - It's a clarification in the codes.
 - Not a lot in my committee right now.
 - If you have any questions, please email me at budget@sg.ufl.edu .

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Thompson:
 - Good evening, everyone.
 - There is an event tomorrow that counts as an SG event.
 - The next SG event will be the First-Generation Fair.
 - There is a new constituency link for this term.
 - If you were on probation, you have fifteen days to complete it.
 - There are a bunch of welcome assemblies, but they do not count toward constituency.
 - The next R&E meeting is September 6th at 6:30pm.
 - If you have any questions, please email me at rules@sg.ufl.edu .

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Funai:
 - Good evening, senators.
 - I hope you had a great summer break!
 - The I&C committee was trying to put in the merch order, but we have to go to UFIT to fix the link.
 - I will be here before and after senate next week to get the merch in.
 - For those of you on probation and that need to table, there are three different tabling dates that we have reserved.

- Make sure that if you are on probation, you go and table.
- Senate Retreat is going to be on October 16th.
- If you have any questions, please email me at info@sg.ufl.edu .

FIRST READINGS:

- Majority Party Leader Pecora moves to call the previous question on Student Senate Bill 2022-1035: Senate Reapportionment Act of 2023. Seconded. In a standing vote, that motion passes.
- Senator Montes moves to rescind Amendment 1 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Pecora moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2022-1035: Senate Reapportionment Act of 2023. Seconded. In a voice vote, that motion passes.

SECOND READINGS:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Damera: Over the past couple of weeks, the UF community lost Ria Shah. There was a beautiful service held for her last Sunday. Her parents are requesting if you know her, or anyone that does know her to reach out and share those stories. I have her mom's number and can relay the message.
- Senator Santiago: Pride Student Union is hosting their welcome assembly tomorrow from 7 to 9. Come and show your support.
- Senator Ghozali: If you are not convinced to come out by the constituency opportunity, UFPD will be bringing out their multi-million-dollar drunk driving simulator.
- Senator Urbenz: I do want to thank Pro-Tempore Green for reaching out in regard to office hours. I do not believe that it should be a requirement for the seat, and I do want to express the sentiment that zero committee seats besides the Minority Party Leader are given to the minority party.
- Minority Party Leader Corbett: This is my formal resignation of the Reitz Student Liaison position. I was granted the opportunity to serve on the Reitz Union Board of Managers, so I felt that it was an unfair opportunity to hold both positions. If you are interested in being appointed as the Reitz Union Liaison, I am eager to introduce you to the board and provide you with the same opportunity that I had.
- Senate President Hartzog: Clarifies voter record and reminds everyone to add "to rescind amendment 1."

ROLL CALL:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.