STUDENT SENATE MINUTES November 8, 2022

Senate President Green 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 77 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Baesler
- Funai
- Kanfer
- McGinnis
- Pierre
- Rassel
- Rubin
- Stevenson

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Senator Kligerman:
 - o Good evening, senators.
 - o I am up here to talk about Student Senate Bill 2020-1057.
 - o I co-authored this bill with Senators Harkin and Rubin.
 - I'm sure you've all been made aware of the acts of hate directed toward the Jewish Community.
 - Having the senate behind me with this resolution would mean a lot.
 - I wanted to point out a couple of the clauses in the amendment that were alarming to me.
 - The phrase "Kanye was right about the Jews" was projected on a screen at the football game in Jacksonville.
 - Something at a public event like this, especially involving UF, hit too close to home for me.
 - The main point of why I am up here asking for your support is because the comments made by public figures are not funny or a joke.
 - Nothing about hate speech is funny in any regard.
 - We are seeing more of this with Kyrie Irving in the NBA and the lack of punishment we have seen in the past couple of weeks.
 - These anti-Semitic statements are no longer anonymous.
 - These are public figures.

- We don't want people who look up to them to follow in their lead.
- o Jewish students make up 19% of the undergraduate population at U.F.
- Jewish people make up 2.2% of the U.S. population.
- For the good of the Jewish student population at UF, I urge you guys to support this amendment.
- I am thankful for the number of sponsors we got on this bill.

Joshua Valan:

- I am talking today about the culture of pseudo-representation at UF.
- President Lemasters' vote was dangerous because she put the value of our degrees at stake, undercut the will of the student body, and failed to utilize her ability to abstain
- She created negative perceptions of UF to potential donors, faculty, and potential students.
- Students lost trust in the student government.
- Will this school be defined by external political powers?
- Impeachment alone will not fix it.
- The Josh Richards fiasco, the mismanagement of funds, continued lack of Blue Security lights on Fraternity Row, the loss of 24/7 libraries, and Lemasters' vote all stem from a lack of student representation at UF.
- o 10 years ago, UF was regarded as a mediocre school, more of a party school.
- Now, we are a top five university.
- Many students do not know anything about our student government.
- Lauren Lemasters' vote was only a symptom of the issue.
- The culture that enabled her to vote this way is the same culture that prevents the UF student body from being able to trust SGA and treat it with the importance that it deserves.
- Senators, however you vote, keep your fellow students at the forefront of your minds.

• Senator Marcelino:

- o Good evening, senators.
- Knowledge is power.
- SSB 2022-1060 does not only emphasize the intrinsic value in having knowledge
 of the past and having a much more profound understanding and empathy for the
 struggles of LGBTQIA+ peoples, but also calls for tangible action, support, and
 reaffirmations in actively working towards upholding diversity, equity, and
 inclusion.
- Understanding how modern discrimination and inequity problems have come up in the past helps us understand how things like the"Don't Say Gay Bill" were passed.

- Being a top 5 university, for now, being able to wield this knowledge, is important to interacting with others in society.
- Knowledge is useless if you fail to act on it.
- With greater awareness of queer struggles, we can turn sentiments to actions to make sure the LGBTQIA community is seen and protected.
- Furthermore, our legislation should not be fully performative.
- I hope this resolution will echo our stance on our care and affirmation of minority communities.
- Thank you all, and go gators.

• Senator Velasquez-Neira:

- o Good evening, senators.
- Florida's history does not begin with Ponce de Leon or Hernando De Soto.
- It begins 12,000 years ago with the indigenous who lived on and took care of this land.
- o Today, there is a burial ground under the law school.
- The following is a land acknowledgement for Smathers Library:
- "The Smathers libraries acknowledges that for thousands of years the area comprising the state of Florida has been, and continues to be, home to many Native Nations. We further recognize that the main campus of the University of Florida is located on the ancestral territory of the Potano and of the Seminole peoples."
- The Potano lived here until the destruction of their towns in the early 1700s.
- The Alachua Seminole established towns here but were forced from the land due to the Seminole Wars.
- It took two years after the committee had completed the work before the libraries adopted this front.
- It was only the libraries.
- Land acknowledgements are often the first and only time people engage with the names and histories of native peoples.
- o I implore all of you to pass this bill and its amendments unanimously.

• Senator Urbenz:

- o Good evening, senators.
- I am going to give you guys a guided tour through SSB 2022-1059.
- The three purposes of this bill are advocacy, awareness, and acknowledgment.
- The first WHEREAS clause is related to terminology.
- It is best to ask communities what they prefer to be acknowledged as.
- We have a list of the 130 tribes whose land was taken through The Morrill Act.
- The Morrill Act allocated federal lands to create colleges to benefit the agricultural and mechanical arts.

- These federal lands included the tribes that are listed in the resolution.
- I would like to thank Senator Stephens for this in their resolution.
- I have two clauses related to the "people not mascots" movement.
- The first two amendments are friendly amendments that add to the list of campus organizations and correct clerical errors.
- The actual amendment that will be heard today acknowledges ICWA.
- The last clause refers to land acknowledgement.
- o Judiciary removed this clause, which gets rid of the main action of this legislation.

• Senator Bonilla:

- o Good evening, senators.
- Happy election day!
- These past days have been enormously frustrating for all those involved in the fight for queer equity at UF as well as in the state.
- Last week, the national Pan-Hellenic Council Garden was vandalized.
- It was an attack that struck against the very heart of the black community here at UF, specifically the Divine Nine.
- Hate continues to find ways to express itself.
- This came after many hate messages against minority institutions.
- Then, I proposed a bill alongside Senators Stephens and Abrucia advocating for greater equity in the State University System of Florida.
- The UF Senate Judiciary committee killed this bill.
- They claimed that UF should only focus on issues that pertain to UF.
- As a top 5 school, we are privileged.
- However, if we do not use this advantage to bridge the gap between primarily white institutions and HBCUs, it will only widen
- As it has been said, injustice anywhere is injustice everywhere.
- UF needs to listen to black students and do something about campus issues.
- This institution needs to get over their clear biases and stop being complicit in this racism.
- Senators, it is time for change.

• Senator Virani:

- o Good evening, senators.
- Transportation is an issue that we must work on.
- Within District D, surveying the commuter base has made us aware of general frustration with the driving and parking situation here at UF.
- Many of these inadequacies are being addressed by Senator Shoemaker.
- Another solution our group has found is bringing hybridization to parking spots.
- This is the tip of the iceberg in terms of overhauling many aspects of the parking system.

- Having a proposed solution will not mandate it to be followed, but it would provide those with decision-making power the opportunity to hear from those who currently take issue with the parking situation.
- It would also be a disservice not to acknowledge Noah Fineberg's work.
- If you are interested in joining the project, please reach out to me and Senator Urbenz.

• Senator Ali:

- Good evening, senators.
- I have come to you to discuss student government accountability.
- I want to voice to the senate body my thoughts and concerns.
- It is important as senators to show accountability through our votes, our words, and our positions.
- Student Body Vice-President Bodell and Treasurer Kantamneni posted their sentiments on Lauren Lemasters' vote, but they did this too late.
- The members of the executive branch did not hold any public forum to discuss their sentiments.
- Although the student senate unanimously passed a resolution condemning Student Body President Lemasters, it was still not enough.
- I hope in the future we can hold our truths evident before and not after.
- o Thank you.

Senator Perez:

- o Good evening, senators.
- o I am a newly-elected senator for District C.
- o I am here to talk about SSB 2022-1061.
- As a first-gen student, I appreciate and welcome the continued support from this community.
- Going over this resolution had me reminiscing on my time as a student here and the struggles I faced.
- o For a while, I didn't feel like I belonged.
- These feelings are echoed by other first-generation students who are not getting the proper exposure to resources that would put them on an equal playing field with other students that already know about the university experience.
- Ultimately, this is why I decided to take part in the First Generation Affairs Cabinet.
- The idea behind the First-Gen LLC was to create a physical space where first generation students can feel welcome as well as help students carry that feeling with them as they continue to push boundaries further than anyone before them could.
- As we worked on the LLC, we never once had a conversation about SG politics.
- This resolution omitted the team that helped to co-found the LLC.

- It is unfair we put in the work ideas, and efforts to help him and did not receive recognition.
- I want to leave you with this: no one, regardless of their position or power, should take credit for the work of an entire team.
- I also want to caution you about the constant lack of communication between the two caucuses.
- By facilitating a more inclusive dialogue, I hope that we can stop trying to push political agendas, and instead focus more on the needs of the student body.

• Minority Party Leader Corbett:

- o Good evening, senators.
- o I wanna start off and say Happy First-Gen week!
- o I am a first-generation student, and I am so honored to go to this school.
- o I would like to echo some of the sentiments made by my caucus members.
- I feel like our status quo for senate and SG in total is a day late and a dollar short.
- We fail to approach things in a way that allows them to occur again.
- We try to put out resolutions that have action statements in the end that end up being cut by the judiciary or not upheld.
- I think that to see if we tried to put legislation that commits ourselves to actionable resolutions and providing advocacy and resources, we could show our commitment to the student body.
- o In all honesty, this is something that we see in a lot of places.
- Sentiments mean nothing to a student body that does not see action from their student representation.
- I would hope that in the future we are more proactive in solutions.
- It just shows a toothless sentiment for reparation of things we could've prevented in the first place.

• Senator Stephens:

- o Good evening, senators.
- o Judiciary happened this week.
- What I am about to show you disturbed me and many of the people I represent.
- Presents video
- There were a lot of disappointing things said in this meeting.
- There was a lot of reductive commentary towards PACE students, online students, and people who call CALS their home.
- I am disappointed in senators like Senator Cable and Senator Rubin.
- In these moments, it wasn't about helping students, it was a "gotcha" moment to gain notoriety and fame.
- I want to celebrate Senator Marcelino for having the stones to be able to talk about LGBTQ+ history.

- I commend Senator Ali for being able to speak about so many of the different actions that the executive and legislative leadership should have taken.
- I commend Senator Evan Asuncion for trying to get PACE and online students that visibility to be able to see what their student body leadership is doing.
- Every week. I see the Judiciary committee reduce legislation down in order to get a "gotcha" moment.
- It is because of individuals on this side of the aisle to allow students to be seen and have the visibility they deserve, and to get the resources and the transparency that they require.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

• Senator Marcelino moves to amend the minutes to say "Health Educated Asian Leaders" instead of "Young Asian Leaders" by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Cox moves to approve the Replacement & Agenda Committee recommendation by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Cox moves to approve the bloc of approved and failed absences by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Cox moves to make a friendly amendment to Student Senate Bill 2022-1057: Resolution Condemning the Rise in Antisemitism to correct the spelling of "Samuel Rosenkranz" and "Aubrey Mys" by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Cox moves to make a friendly amendment to Student Senate Bill 2022-1057: Resolution Condemning the Rise in Antisemitism to add Senator Garrett Josephson and Senator Kaitlyn Berger to the sponsors line by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Cox moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2022-1057: Resolution Condemning the Rise in Antisemitism by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Cox moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2022-1058: Gender Neutral Wording Act Vol. 2 - 300 Codes Revision by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Cox moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2022-1056: The Campus Recycling Overhaul Act (CROA) 800 Codes Revision by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Stephens moves to approve Amendment 1 for Student Senate Bill 2022-1061: Resolution Recognizing the First Generation Week and the Creation of the First Generation Living Learning Community by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Stephens moves to approve Amendment 1 for Student Senate Bill 2022-1062: Resolution Supporting the Food Insecurity Task Force Collaboration with the Alan & Cathy Hitchcock Field & Fork Pantry by unanimous consent. Objected.

- Senator Stephens moves to approve Amendment 1 for Student Senate Bill 2022-1059: Resolution Commemorating November as American Native Heritage Month by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Marcelino moves to make a friendly amendment to Student Senate Bill 2022-1060: Resolution Recognizing October as LGBTQIA+ History Month to remove the extraneous semicolon from the proviso by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Marcelino moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2022-1060: Resolution Recognizing October as LGBTQIA+ History Month by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Urbenz moves to make a friendly amendment to Student Senate Bill 2022-1059: Resolution Commemorating November as American Native Heritage Month to include SACNAS in the twelfth WHEREAS clause and update the officer names in the proviso by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH:

- Chomp the Vote Agency Head Darren Peters:
 - o Howdy!
 - It's great to be back in this room.
 - I am the agency head for Chomp the Vote.
 - So far, we have focused our efforts on voter registration.
 - Happy election day, again!
 - As election day drew closer, we shifted the focus towards directing the students where to go vote.
 - We have also created a few surveys in order to gather information on what kinds of policies students are interested in.
 - Additionally, this data will be used to plan events centered around educating students on those policies.
 - We are continuing our tradition to host Public Policy Week.
 - We will have voter registration drives in the future.
 - o If anyone has any questions, please email me at chomp@sg.ufl.edu.
- Student Body President Lemasters:
 - o Good evening, senators.
 - I am here tonight to address the claims that I have committed malfeasance.
 - When I was elected Student Body President, I was chosen to represent all of our students.
 - I have never wavered in my steadfast commitment to representing students' interests
 - While I understand that my vote may have fallen short for some students, it is far from malfeasance.

- In my role, as a student representative, I was charged with the task of making the best decision for our students using the information and experiences that I had.
- My job on the presidential search committee was to listen with student's ears and to ask questions on behalf of the student body.
- To be a student on the governing body means being part student and part trustee.
- I represent the student body as the leader of the Executive Branch of Government.
- My role is to not agree to the senate, but to bring my perspective to the overall student body.
- Our government believes in checks and balances.
- I would not have voted the way that I did if I believed that Ben Sasse would pose a risk to our students.
- o I never, nor do I now, believe that he will make UF worse for LGBTQ students.
- I know a large portion of you disagree with his views, and I also do not all align with all of the things he has done as a US Senator.
- I had to choose the one candidate that brought the most to the table.
- I knew this decision would make me unpopular, but I made it because I believe it was the best choice.
- Malfeasance is defined as the wrongful and unjust doing of some act, which the doer has no right to perform.
- You can believe that I should've done my job differently, but that doesn't mean I didn't have the right to make that vote.
- o Since making my decision, I have heard from students angry at my decision.
- I have also heard from a number of students who are excited or indifferent about this vote.
- Every single student at UF is entitled to feel however they want about my selection, but they do not have the right to impeach me because they disagree with it.
- If I had voted no, Ben Sasse would have still been the next President of the University of Florida.
- o If I voted "no", I would've been going against my task of selecting an individual that I believe would be the best for us.
- I would like to remind you that this legislative body is entitled to let students know how it feels as a collective.
- However, you are not entitled to buy my vote as an exhibitional member of the Board of Trustees.
- I represent a range of student opinions, and there was no vote that would have satisfied every student.
- o I did my job.
- I would also encourage you all to consider the high standard that applies to student government.

- You cannot constitute something wholly wrongful because it does not align with the action you would have taken.
- First amendment rights are alive and well in our campus.
- There's a difference between making your voices heard and taking away voices that are different from your own.
- Everything Dr. Sasse has committed to makes me believe he will make this a better campus for all students, including those in the LGBTQ community.
- Time and the team he builds around him will tell whether he is able to make this impact for our gators.
- I am taking him at his word that he wants to support every student.
- o I encourage you to take him at his word.
- o Do your jobs, and help him do his.
- o That's where you'll find me, doing my job.
- o I wish you all well on the journey ahead.

• Housing Affairs Paul Camardo:

- o Good evening, senators.
- Happy First-Gen week!
- We have a housing fair coming up on November 17th.
- A housing fair is where a bunch of apartments come and give out free stuff.
- Thankfully, Liv has been helping us out a little bit. so we will have a table for you to meet your constituents.
- Please sign up to meet your constituents and pass out food.
- o Thank you, and have a good one.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Green:
 - o Hello!
 - o I hope that all of you are doing well this Tuesday evening.
 - We will not have a Senate on November 22.
 - Happy First-Gen Week!
 - o I want to highlight some of the things said in the public comment.
 - Student Body Vice President Bodell came to me multiple times with things he wanted for his cabinet.
 - Instead of going back and talking about political jargon, I think we should focus on highlighting the accomplishments of the first-gen students.
 - The Food Insecurity Task Force has been working for a while now, and I would like to make senate aware of what they are doing.
 - I want to talk about the impeachment process and how it's going to go.

- Section 3 of 306.3 states that the student senate will elect an impeachment body for the impeachment resolution.
- Since the impeachment resolution is a non budgetary piece of legislation, this will go through the judicial committee.
- o If you have any questions, please reach out to me at senatepresident@sg.ufl.edu.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Majority Party Leader Cox moves to call the previous question on the Replacement & Agenda Committee recommendation on Matt Reich. Seconded. In a standing vote, that motion passes.
- Senate President Green moves the body into a vote to approve the Replacement & Agenda Committee recommendation on Matt Reich.
 - Senator Santiago Perez moves for the division of the assembly. In a standing vote, that motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Pro-Tempore Giordano welcomes the senators.
 - o Good evening, senators.
 - o My office hours today got canceled.
 - o If school isn't closed on Thursday, I will hold office hours from 10-12.
 - R&A will be meeting at a time and place to be determined.
 - Applications close Friday at 12pm.

Open Permanent Senate Seats

- Building Construction
- Dentistry
- Graduate (6)
- Law
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Veterinary
- Design, Construction, and Planning
- If you have any questions, please reach out to me at senatepresidentprotempore@sg.ufl.edu.

Minority Report:

- Minority Party Leader Corbett:
 - I feel like it would be a disservice to the entire chamber to not give an explanation on the article of impeachment.
 - I am happy to hear President Lemasters in the chamber tonight, but she left a lot of things unaddressed.
 - She claims that she has never wavered from her commitments.
 - I think that the definition of wavering is being misconstrued, because the definition is to become unsteady and unreliable.
 - Her commitment was not steady and reliable in the first place.
 - I feel like we failed to see a quantification of student voices.
 - Secondly, Change caucus is calling for impeachment on the basis of malfeasance.
 - In the impeachment of Lauren Lemasters, section 3.06 states malfeasance as an impeachable offense.
 - Black's Law dictionary defines malfeasance as "the wrongful or unjust of some act of which the doer has no right to perform".
 - Also in 307.44 states that the Student Body President must not result in a loss of confidence by elected colleagues within Student Government.
 - Secondly, the Student Body President must not create a reasonable fear that the action will be repeated.
 - We believe both of these have become true.
 - We see that elected colleagues, such as the Student Body Vice President, Student Body Treasurer, and Senate President, have condemned the actions of President Lemasters.
 - Seeing that those actions and sentiments were shared, the authors see that there is a lack of confidence in Lauren Lemasters.
 - This vote was conducted twice, and I feel like it is not an anomaly.
 - With this repetition and loss of trust, there is reason to at last look into articles of impeachment.
 - I would like to agree with Student Body President Lemasters that she does have the ability to use her First Amendment rights.
 - Something you have to recognize when you are a public servant is that the priority
 is no longer your personal perspective or your personal opinions, but instead the
 priority is the public and the public's opinion.
 - There has been an outrageous amount of student body dissent, including calls for impeachment from constituents represented by the Change caucus.
 - We are choosing to put student body concerns first.
 - o Thank you.

JUDICIARY:

• Chairman Harkins:

- o Good evening, senators.
- Judiciary will be meeting this week.
- Legislation is due on Friday by 12pm.
- If you have any questions or want to understand the decisions that were made, please come up to me before calling out members of my committee.
- o If you have any questions, please email me at judiciary@sg.ufl.edu.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Pecora:
 - Hello everyone.
 - o I want to thank you all for your patience.
 - The allocation is taking a bit longer than usual.
 - o Thank you to my committee.
 - I sent out the schedule for tomorrow's hearings.
 - As my committee and I were sifting through the requests, we noticed that some requests had incorrect dates.
 - While we as a committee can assume what they meant, we are not able to fix these mistakes.
 - I am happy to say that I was able to email the head of those organizations to correct the date on their requests.
 - A lot of the organizations were able to answer by the time allotted in order to have their requests heard.
 - o If you have any questions, please email me at <u>budget@sg.ufl.edu</u>.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Clark:
 - Hi, everyone.
 - I encourage you all to continue to submit your constituency.
 - I have also sent out emails to all senators that have accumulated two absences so far
 - Please make sure to check the absence tracker.
 - o If you have any questions, please email me at <u>rules@sg.ufl.edu</u>.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Vice-Chairwoman Vaknin:
 - Hello, everyone.
 - Chairwoman Funai sent out the "Why Senate Wednesday?" form.
 - Please fill that out so that we can feature all of our senators on our Instagram.
 - Secondly, there are only six days remaining to complete tabling before Thanksgiving break.

- Hope you all have a great rest of your night!
- o If you have any questions, please email me at info@sg.ufl.edu.

FIRST READINGS:

• Senator Urbenz yields her presentation time on Student Senate Bill 2022-1059: Resolution Commemorating November as American Native Heritage Month.

There was a five-minute technical question and answer period.

- Senator Santiago Perez moves to end the question and answer period by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Cox moves to call the previous question on the consideration of Student Senate Bill 2022-1059: Resolution Commemorating November as American Native Heritage Month by unanimous consent. Objected.

There were three rounds of con-pro debate.

- Senator Faisal moves to call the previous question on the debate. Seconded. In a standing vote, that motion passes.
- Senator Urbenz presents on Amendment 1 for Student Senate Bill 2022-1059: Resolution Commemorating November as American Native Heritage Month:
 - o I am uncomfortable.
 - I am disappointed in the lack of communication from the majority party.
 - I should not need to tokenize myself in order to prove to this chamber that land acknowledgments are important and necessary.
 - These almost always short statements are often the only time that people interact with the indigenous people whose land was taken from them.
 - The School of Theatre and Dance has committed itself to the bare minimum by including land acknowledgments in playbills and before the show.
 - Why are we as senators not able to gently request this from the university?
 - I would also like to reiterate the inclusion of the apolitical statement on ICWA.
 - Failing the proposed amendment would be detrimental to the integrity of this resolution.
 - I would highly encourage this body to consider the statement we are making my turning my bill into a performative one.
 - I would strongly prefer it if it is a productive one.

There was a two-minute technical question and answer period.

There were two rounds of con-pro debate.

- Senator Stephens moves to appeal the decision of the chair on Minority Party Leader Corbett's point of order. In a standing vote, that motion does not pass.
- Senator Faisal moves to approve Amendment 1 for Student Senate Bill 2022-1059: Resolution Commemorating November as American Native Heritage Month. Seconded.
 - Senator Faisal moves for the division of an assembly. In a standing vote, that motion does not pass.
- Senator Sanitago Perez moves to make a friendly amendment to add a WHEREAS clause
 after the tenth WHEREAS clause, stating "WHEREAS, in 1978, the Indian Child Welfare
 Act (ICWA) was passed in order to respond to a crisis of Indigenous children being
 separated from their families and communities, even when fit relatives were willing and
 able, addressing longstanding and egregious removal practices [5]; and," by unanimous
 consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Santiago Perez moves to strike the semicolon and comma from the final THEREFORE clause by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Harkins moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2022-1059: Resolution Commemorating November as American Native Heritage Month. Seconded. In a standing vote, that motion passes.
- Senate President Green yields her presentation time on Student Senate Bill 2022-1061: Resolution Recognizing the First Generation Week and the Creation of the First Generation Living Learning Community.

There was a five-minute technical question and answer period.

• Senate President Green yields her time.

There were three rounds of con-pro debate.

- Senator Faisal moves to call the previous question on the debate. Seconded. In a standing vote, that motion passes.
- Senate President Green yields her time for final privilege.
- Senator Stephens presents on Amendment 1 for Student Senate Bill 2022-1061: Resolution Recognizing the First Generation Week and the Creation of the First Generation Living Learning Community:
 - To be quite frank, I want to talk about a sentiment made by President Green.
 - It puts two first-generation students in a position where they did not get credit for the work they did.
 - It would be a disservice to the entire chamber for us to fail this, when all it does is just give credit.
 - I hope you all vote in affirmation because that is all it accomplishes.

There was a two-minute technical question and answer period.

There were two rounds of con-pro debate.

- Senator Stephens moves to add another round of con-pro debate. Seconded. In a standing vote, that motion does not pass.
- Senator Stephens presents his one minute of final privilege:
 - I am really disappointed.
 - The fact that you don't even have their names to provide us is disappointing.
 - The fact that you're centering this around one figure head is disappointing.
 - It's about all first-generation students.
 - It would be a disservice for us to not give that credit.
- Majority Party Leader Cox moves to amend Amendment 1 for Student Senate Bill 2022-1061: Resolution Recognizing the First Generation Week and the Creation of the First Generation Living Learning Community to strike any amendments to the THEREFORE LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED clause by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Urbenz moves to make a friendly amendment to have the final clause to say "Daniel Badell and the First Generation Cabinet" by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Faisal moves to approve Amendment 1 for Student Senate Bill 2022-1061: Resolution Recognizing the First Generation Week and the Creation of the First Generation Living Learning Community. Seconded. In a standing vote, that motion does not pass.
- Senator Faisal moves to make a friendly amendment to Student Senate Bill 2022-1061: Resolution Recognizing the First Generation Week and the Creation of the First Generation Living Learning Community to have the fourth WHEREAS clause read "WHEREAS, in 2020, the First Generation Affairs Cabinet, directed by current Student Body Vice President Daniel Badell alongside Jorge Perez and Lenna Menocal, and the University of Florida Housing Department launched the First Generation Living Learning Community in Thomas Hall [2]; and," by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Faisal moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2022-1061: Resolution Recognizing the First Generation Week and the Creation of the First Generation Living Learning Community by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senate President Green yields her presentation time on Student Senate Bill 2022-1062: Resolution Supporting the Food Insecurity Task Force Collaboration with the Alan & Cathy Hitchcock Field & Fork Pantry.

There was a five-minute technical question and answer period.

• Senate President Green yields her time.

There were two rounds of con-pro debate.

- Senator Stephens presents on Amendment 1 for Student Senate Bill 2022-1062:
 Resolution Supporting the Food Insecurity Task Force Collaboration with the Alan & Cathy Hitchcock Field & Fork Pantry:
 - This amendment just adds statistics.
 - o I have been food insecure within my life.
 - It explains how urgent this issue is.
 - It provides some more clarity about the increasing costs of college.
 - It adds a THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED clause that asks for the reaffirming that we need to combat food insecurity.
 - It adds the Field & Fork program coordinator to the proviso.

There was a two-minute technical question and answer period.

There were two rounds of con-pro debate.

 Majority Party Leader Cox moves to call the previous question on Amendment 1 for Student Senate Bill 2022-1062: Resolution Supporting the Food Insecurity Task Force Collaboration with the Alan & Cathy Hitchcock Field & Fork Pantry. Seconded. In a standing vote, that motion does not pass.

The two rounds of con-pro debate continued.

- Senator Stephens presents his one minute of final privilege:
 - This does nothing but help but support the sentiments of the student body.
 - Many students, unbeknownst to you, live in a food insecure world.
 - o If that is a difficult decision, god bless the University of Florida.
- Senator Faisal moves to approve Amendment 1 for Student Senate Bill 2022-1062: Resolution Supporting the Food Insecurity Task Force Collaboration with the Alan & Cathy Hitchcock Field & Fork Pantry. Seconded. In a standing vote, that motion does not pass.
- Senator Faisal moves to make a friendly amendment to add Senator Jonathan C. Stephens, Senator Jorge Perez, and Senator Mohammed Faisal to the sponsors line by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Montes moves to make a friendly amendment to add Senator Mireya Abrucia and Deputy Minority Party Leader Gabriela Montes to the sponsors line by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

• Senator Faisal moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2022-1062: Resolution Supporting the Food Insecurity Task Force Collaboration with the Alan & Cathy Hitchcock Field & Fork Pantry by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

SECOND READINGS:

• There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

• There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Stephens: I would like to announce that Senator Koukos disagrees with the sentiment that we need urgent action to combat food insecurity. Senator Damera believes that people should not receive full credit when it is due to first-generation leaders. It is disappointing time and time again to see this side of the aisle to follow the plurality of individuals who do not care about their constituents. Instead, to follow. It's really rich to watch students. We need to give credit. Time and time again, this side of the aisle chooses not to do so. I hope that we consider our decisions moving forward in this chamber.
- Senator Urbenz: While I am heartbroken to see the heart of my legislation was removed, I hope to see this as a lesson to communicate. Gator AISES will be doing a cultural dance presentation tomorrow.
- Chairman Harkins: Clarifies voter record.
- Senator Damera: Everyone have a great night, and stay safe.
- Minority Party Leader Corbett: I talk about WSA a lot every week, but I haven't seen any senators come. Next week we are talking about how students can get involved in reproductive justice, and I would love to see some of you come.
- Senator Levine: Gator Nights is having a Friendsgiving.
- Senator Bowman: Unless President Lemasters votes to veto the STHEVIA act, it will be put into effect on the 1st.
- Senator Evan Asuncion: The College of the Arts is holding a fall food drive.
- Senator Faisal: Hopefully President Lemasters listens to this: In the spring election, 9,119 ballots were casted. In only the fall election 9,858 ballots were casted. Voter turnout is going up. More people voted in the fall election. Lauren Lemasters was voted in by 9.6% of the student body. That being said, 6,423 voted for their respective slates in the fall election. 5,000 voted for Student Body President Lemasters. Lemasters has said that she voted for the best of the bunch. She said if I voted "no", he still would have passed. That is a terrible rhetoric to tell people that their vote doesn't matter.
- Senator Marcelino: If anybody took any simple political theory, the legislature should have the most political power. We have more responsibility for our student body. I feel her comments are just a bit inaccurate.

• Chairwoman Clark: I would like to remind you all that the town hall bill has not yet been enacted, but I will email you when it is.

ROLL CALL:

• Chairwoman Clark moves to use voter records as the final roll call by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT:

• The meeting was adjourned at 10:12pm.