

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

**November 15, 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 70 senators present.

#### **Not there for roll call:**

- **Barnett**
- **Barrios**
- **Bush**
- **Ghozali**
- **Holmes**
- **Howard**
- **Johnson**
- **Josephson**
- **Koppelman**
- **Koukos**
- **McGinnis**
- **Nair**
- **Perez**
- **Pierre**
- **Ruedas**
- **Velasquez-Neira**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- **Minority Party Leader Corbett:**
  - Good evening, senators.
  - All of the Gator Party senators ran with Lauren Lemasters, affiliated with Lauren Lemasters, and are now defending Lauren Lemasters.
  - No matter what party you claim to affiliate with, or rebrand to in the future, you will always be tied to the underlying messages of racism, homophobia, and bigotry that lay beneath Lemasters' vote to nominate and confirm Ben Sasse as our next university president.
  - Tonight, we plan to introduce the impeachment on the floor.
  - Unless you vote to impeach, you are no better than Lemasters.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:**

- Senator Santiago Perez moves to correct the spelling of his name under first readings by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Senator Santiago Perez moves to make a friendly amendment to correct the spelling of his name in Student Senate Bill 2022-1063 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Santiago Perez moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2022-1058: Gender Neutral Wording Act Vol. 2 - 300 Codes Revision by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Santiago Perez moves to approve the bloc of approved and failed absences by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Stephens moves to make a friendly amendment to Student Senate Bill 2022-1063 to add Senator Gabriel Velasquez-Neira to the sponsors line by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Stephens moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2022-1063: Resolution Advocating for Expanded Hybrid Parking Decals to Address Growing Concerns for Student Parking on the University of Florida Campus by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Marcelino moves to rescind the decision of the Judiciary Chair. Seconded.

Senate President Green calls the meeting into a five-minute recess.

Senate President Green calls the meeting back to order at 7:53pm.

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There were two rounds of con-pro debate.

- Senator Faisal moves to extend debate by one round. Seconded. In a standing vote, that motion does not pass.
- Senate President Green moves the body into a vote to rescind the decision of the Judiciary committee. In a standing vote, that motion does not pass.
- Senator Stephens moves to recommit the impeachment against Lauren D. Lemasters to the impeachment body.
- Minority Party Leader Corbett moves to appeal the decision of the chair. In a standing vote, that motion does not pass.
- Senator Faisal was issued a warning.

### **EXECUTIVE BRANCH:**

- SGI Chair Elizabeth Hartzog
  - Good evening, senators.
  - Congratulations to everybody who got tickets to the Taylor Swift tour!
  - Applications for the Student Government Institute are now live.
  - SGI is our yearly conference.
  - There are positions open for marketing, registration, planning, outreach, and staffing the conference.
  - For a lot of those positions, you would be required to be in Gainesville during Summer A.
  - All of those will be available through the SG portal.
  - Many of you have applied through the same portal.
  - Applications are closing on November 28th at 11:59pm.
  - My email is [sgconference@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:sgconference@sg.ufl.edu).
  - Please reach out to me if you have any questions.
- Bridges Multicultural Outreach Program Agency Head Hilton Etienne:
  - Hello, everyone.
  - I'm currently the Bridges Multicultural Outreach Program agency head.
  - Bridges will be on campus on January 21st, February 18th, April 1st, and April 22nd.
  - These will consist of student panels, general tours, specific colleges, and guest speakers.
  - Applications to become a Bridges fellow are open for high school sophomores and juniors.
  - Please encourage anyone you know who may be interested to apply.

- If you have any questions, please email us at [bridges@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:bridges@sg.ufl.edu).
- YLC Representative Addison Lasserree :
  - I just wanted to share a brief update of the YLC conference.
  - YLC is a 3-day conference here on campus for high school students.
  - This year, we are excited to be back to provide an overnight conference to provide an even more interactive experience for students.
  - This summer, our workshop task force worked to rewrite all of our leadership workshops in order to be more informative, appropriate, and engaging as possible.
  - Furthermore, we have completely filled all of our spots, and we are in the process of opening up more spots.
  - Right now we are opening more spots, so if you know anyone interested in the conference please let them know to join the waitlist.
  - We achieved our goal of having a record number of sponsorships students attend this year.
  - We are so excited to host our conference in February.
  - Please direct any questions to [YLC@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:YLC@sg.ufl.edu).

#### **SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Senate President Green:
  - We are not having a senate meeting on November 22nd.
  - The housing fair is November 17th, and the event will be from 10am-1pm.
  - This will count as a tabling opportunity for your constituency.
  - It's senate secretary appreciation day.
  - Happy Birthday to our secretaries.
  - If you have any questions, please come to me before bringing things up for the first time on the floor.
  - If you have any questions, please reach out to me at [senatepresident@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:senatepresident@sg.ufl.edu).

#### **REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- There were none.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:**

- Pro-Tempore Giordano welcomes the senators.
  - Good evening, senators.
  - R&A will not be meeting this weekend, since we are not having a senate meeting on Tuesday.
  - We will be meeting some time on the 27th or the 28th.

- Happy Thanksgiving! Please make sure to spend time with your friends, family, and loved ones.

#### 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](mailto:senatepresidentprotempore@sg.ufl.edu)

#### **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairman Harkins:
  - Good evening, senators.
  - Judiciary will not be meeting this week.
  - Legislation will be due on November 25th at noon.
  - I want to give a quick shoutout to my parents and my sister.
  - If you have any questions, please email me at [judiciary@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:judiciary@sg.ufl.edu).

#### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairwoman Pecora:
  - Hello everyone.
  - The Budget & Appropriations committee has just exhausted funding.
  - I would like to thank my committee for all of their hard work.
  - A special thanks to Senator Kanfer, my Vice-Chair.
  - We're probably going to be meeting a couple of times over the next couple of weeks.
  - I'll keep you guys updated.
  - If you have any questions, please email me at [budget@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:budget@sg.ufl.edu).

#### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Clark:
  - I want to urge you all to continue to submit your constituency.

- The fall constituency period ends on the day of the final fall semester senate meeting.
- If you're having a hard time finding certain events, please reach out to me.
- If you have any questions, please email me at [rules@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:rules@sg.ufl.edu).

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

- Chairwoman Fuani:
  - Hello, everyone.
  - Last week, I sent out the "Why Senate Wednesday?" form, so please fill that out.
  - Tomorrow I am going to send out the fall mentor-mentee form.
  - I'll release the tabling dates before we get back from break.
  - If you have any questions, please email me at [info@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:info@sg.ufl.edu).

### **FIRST READINGS:**

- There were none.

### **SECOND READINGS:**

- There were none.

### **BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:**

- There were none.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Senator Santiago Perez: On Sunday, November 20th, there will be a transgender day of remembrance. There will be a vigil at City Hall from 7-9.
- Senator Faisal: This Friday at 3-5pm, there will be a campus cleanup. Point of orders are used when parliamentary procedures are not being followed. When saying you won't allow someone's point of order, it is authoritarian. We're asking genuine questions. For example, if we know that procedures are not being followed correctly, we are going to make these point of orders and informations in order to fix the issues. As the minority caucus, we are holding you accountable. When we make these points of orders and informations, it's not about you, it's to see that things are done correctly.
- Senate President Green: I hope there were no hard feelings with your warning. I issued you a warning because you were being disrespectful to me and disrespectful to the people that are trying to listen and go through Senate. Your specific point of order had nothing to do with anything currently on the agenda. That is why I issued you a warning.
- Chairman Harkins: Clarifies voter record.
- Minority Party Leader Corbett: Someone brought to my attention that they feel uncomfortable with undemocratic practices within the chamber. I would also like to say that we did introduce the impeachment on the floor, but we are not obligated to announce

that or tell anyone prior. There is a lack of communication. A lot of us feel like there shouldn't be politics in student government. I think it is crucial to address the fact that punishment is being held over senators' heads. This is an announcement that I was asked to say.

- Senator Marcelino: SURGE is having a fundraiser for the Trevor Project. Since y'all really care about the LGBTQ+ community, I urge you all to come in support. I understand the sentiments that a lot of leaders see Ben Sasse as someone who will not harm the LGBTQ+ community. However, I would think that the LGBTQ+ community should have the sole prerogative to say what their experiences are.
- Senator Kilgerman: Thank you guys for supporting the legislation passed condemning antisemitism. At the last football game, there was a message from the university showing support for the Jewish community.
- Member-at-Large Vaknin: It is upsetting for me to see disrespectful and condescending language used toward Senate President Green. I think it is quite presumptuous to assume which senators are listening and paying attention and which are not. I was upset by those comments.
- Senator Levine: Gator Nights is having a Friendsgiving this Friday at 7pm.
- Senator Urbenz: Thank you guys so much for passing my bill. Thank you to the senators that supported me on this. I am really excited about this solution. If anyone is interested in moving this resolution further, please reach out to me.
- Senator Stephens: I think the biggest thing is that I understand that some of y'all want to go home, but it is a privilege to want to go home while you have some people in leadership who do not care that you deserve a right to life and happiness. I would please implore you to start listening to people and asking questions. Myself and Senator Bonilla wrote an authorization to order student government funds towards restoration proceedings and security resources. There are going to be some funds diverted through that to make sure that will never happen again. At the end of the day, we can all agree that black greek UF monuments are so important.

#### **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 8:37pm.