

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

January 10th, 2023

Senate President Green called the Senate meeting to order at 7:32 pm 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 75 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- **Aldazabal**
- **Bader**
- **Johnson**
- **Knupfer**
- **Roberts**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Ronin Lupien:
 - Presents QR code that leads to a survey.
 - Please share this with your constituents.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Cox moves to approve the bloc of Replacement & Agenda committee recommendations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Cox moves to approve the bloc of approved and failed absences by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Cox moves to approve the expunged absences by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Rafanan moves to amend the bloc of approved absences by changing “Evan Rafanan” to “Luke Asuncion” by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Rafanan moves to approve the bloc of approved and failed absences by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH:

- Transition Cabinet Chair Sazzad Mabud:
 - Good evening, senators.
 - The transition division is one of the four divisions in the Executive Cabinet.

- Through our seven cabinets, we work to ease the transition for non-traditional students in the University of Florida community.
- Over the summer, we worked with the Division of Student Life to host the largest student organization fair of the semester, “Gator Mania.”
- To kick off the year, we put on the event “Resource Me.”
- This Spring, the division plans to continue the tradition of the “Crushing on Cabinet” event.
- The out-of-state affairs cabinet hosted picnicking in the plaza.
- The cabinet also had a Thanksgiving feast for the out-of-state students who were unable to return to their homes for the holidays.
- In the spring, we plan to host an out-of-state trivia event.
- In the spring, the PACE cabinet plans to partner with UF online administration to distribute class shirts to students who were not on campus this year.
- In the spring, they plan to have in-person events for transfer students.
- The First Generation Affairs cabinet kicked off the year with the First Generation open house.
- They launched a monthly newsletter to make students aware of upcoming on-campus events.
- The first-generation week traditions continue to be strong this year with multiple events this year to celebrate the accomplishments of first generation Gators.
- At Brunch with Badell and Friends, students were able to meet with Student Body Vice President and fellow first generation student Daniel Badell.
- Students can also be sure to watch out for some inaugural signature events this semester.
- The Innovation Academy cabinet plans to put on an “IA” day.
- Students will be given the opportunity to connect with organizations and clubs that best fit in with their professional, academic, and social aspirations, as well as cultural backgrounds.
- In March, we will host the first ever “First Year Leadership Conference.”
- Late into last semester, we launched Prep Steps.
- We are currently tabling at Turlington, and we plan to create more opportunities and initiatives for our fellow gators.
- We hope you all come out to our events.
- Thank you for having me.

SENATE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- Senate President Green:
 - Good evening, senators.
 - I hope you all had a good first day of school.

- I have new office hours: Monday from 1:30 to 2:30 and Wednesdays from 11:00 to 12:00.
- Thank you guys so much for attending the IRHA event and doing the tabling.
- Tomorrow, the Funding Review Ad Hoc committee will be meeting at 6:00pm in Reitz 2330.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Senate Pro-Tempore Giordano welcomes the senators.
 - Good evening, senators.
 - Just a reminder, you need to be a full-time student to be in senate.

Open Permanent Senate Seats

- Medicine
- Pharmacy
- Dentistry
- Nursing
- Law
- Veterinary
- Design, Construction, and Planning
- District C
- CALS
- District D
- Murphree
- Graduate (6)

Open Committee Seats

- Rules & Ethics

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Harkins:
 - Good evening, senators.
 - We will be meeting this week at a time and place to be announced.
 - Clarifies voter record.
 - If you have any questions, please email me at judiciary@sg.ufl.edu.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Pecora:
 - Good evening, senators.

- The finalized budget was sent out.
- I'm still working on responding to emails.
- If you have any questions, please email me at budget@sg.ufl.edu.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Clark:
 - Good evening, everyone.
 - Everyone that ended up on probation in Fall was emailed.
 - All those submissions are due by February 1st.
 - The codes state that the absences are not reset until the new Spring senators are sworn in.
 - We are meeting at 4:30 pm on Thursday in the SG Conference Room.
 - If you have any questions, please email me at rules@sg.ufl.edu.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairwoman Funai:
 - Good evening, senators.
 - SG merch is here.
 - Tabling starts next Tuesday.
 - Get your constituency done.
 - 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:

- There were none.

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 7:53 pm.