

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

June 6, 2023

Senate President Santiago Perez called the Senate meeting to order at 7:06 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 63 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- **Avila**
- **Cable**
- **Fisher**
- **Gurary**
- **Hartnett**
- **Lekebusch**
- **Neidenberg**
- **Pitzl**
- **Rananaware**
- **Stephany**
- **Villarta**
- **William Grame**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Senator Richter:**
 - I would like to talk about the Green Caucus.
 - I have created a GroupMe for those interested.
 - If you are in Gator Party, reach out to me if you would like to join.
 - I had some concerns about the Gators Going Green nominee.
 - The current nominee is Samantha Simon; her application and resume were not included in the file sent by Senate President Santiago Perez and Pro Tempore McGinnis.
 - I was surprised to see that neither her major nor minor were in environmental science and she has no work or research experience in this field.
 - Her role in Gators Going Green does not qualify her for this role.
 - Gators Going Green is somewhat notorious for its lack of communication, outreach, and transparency with students and other organizations.
 - Gators Going Green is one of the least notable and productive programs and has a lack of independent events.

- I believe that with proper qualification and strong leadership, Gators Going Green has the resources to create change on campus.
- I owe it to myself and my constituents to advocate for a better leadership for Gators Going Green.
- Senator Marcelino:
 - We sit here today while DEI initiatives are under attack.
 - Years of work and progress are being undone.
 - We are sitting in a surplus of reserves totaling up to about \$8 million.
 - We are asking for a fraction of the support that we are able to lend out.
 - The privileges we enjoy today are entirely born from the audacity from the seemingly miniscule player fighting against the injustice of a well-established institution.
 - Upon this do I rest my faith, and my courage to fight with perseverance for the progress of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion here and everywhere else.
 - Despite our fancy dressing and clean demeanor today, it reeks of erasure.
 - These should not be partisan issues.
- Senator Ali-McClory
 - This summer, I was chosen to be a replacement senator with the hopes of doing what I can to serve the community.
 - Several members of this chamber have made it impossible for legislation to be heard, for vacant seats to be filled, and for normal business of the senate to be carried forward.
 - An attempt to create a democratic system is in no way corrupt.
 - Every day that certain members of this body set double standards, we slowly tear apart the trust and the mandate with which the legislature serves the student body.
 - I want to highlight how we are continuing to serve the student body despite the disruptions to our democratic process.
 - I'm working on ways to expand voter registration for local, state, and federal elections.
 - Our legacy will be defined by how we tackle the challenges on the table before us.
 - Senators do not deserve to be in these positions of power if all they choose to do is stifle the various responsibilities that they are trusted with.
- Senator Rodriguez:
 - I am a summer replacement senator.
 - There is one thing I am more experienced in than most senators: getting an actual perspective of what the majority of the student body sees and thinks.
 - The vast majority of students do not think this senate is capable of doing anything.
 - The vast majority of students are not voting in the elections.

- When they actually do see what the student government is doing, it is useless initiatives that do not affect their lives.
- I have no doubt that the people behind these events had the intention to help students.
- At best, it seems like student government is out of touch. At worst, it reeks of apathy toward the concerns of students.
- Graduate students are struggling to make living wages, the mental health epidemic is only worsening, and food insecurity is rising every day.
- What are the steps we should actually be taking in the next few weeks?
- Executive nominations have no point in being approved if the candidates are underqualified and unprepared.
- We should be taking money away from student government projects and giving it to students.
- Let's make sure we prioritize students over politics.
- Senator Nye:
 - I'm gonna speak on behalf of Paul Camardo since he can not be here:
 - I am your "unqualified, entitled, whiny, and bratty" nominee for Graduate Professional and Family Affairs Executive Secretary.
 - I recently served on the campus student housing committee.
 - In my time as executive secretary, I hope to continue this work.
 - As I told Change, it was my plan to ask as many constituents as possible what they wanted me to work on.
 - I am actively requesting feedback as we speak.
 - It's extremely disheartening to see Change party use me as a political ploy at the expense of their current and future constituents.
 - Standing at a podium and yelling does not inherently mean you are right.
 - I have been insulted several times this past week by Change senators.
 - Not only do I have relevant experience in helping graduate students, but I have a plan and am already acting on it.
 - Most importantly, I know when to reach out rather than pretend that I am all-knowing.
 - With the rest of my time, I will speak on my experience as a replacement senator.
 - I was excited to serve and be a part of senate, but I walked into a room that I realized was filled with so much hatred.
 - I was taken aback at how anything can get done at this university when almost every decision is made out of competitive interest and not for the better of the students.
- Senator Hockman:
 - I am one of the summer engineering replacement senators.

- I wish to express some sentiments regarding comments made towards some of the summer replacement senators in the past few senate meetings.
- My vote is not decided by my party affiliation.
- I have gone through the nominees' responses and resumes, and additional responses made through email.
- For the vast majority of the executive nominations, they do not meet my expectations at best.
- I expect at minimum that they have done introductory research into the roles.
- Executive positions are not meant to be learning experiences; they are meant to serve the student body.
- The transfers in the budget are for the benefit of the majority of the student body.
- Students will always prefer programs like RecSports over ACCENT.
- Student Body Vice President Calavia:
 - I am serving as Student Body Vice President.
 - Last week, I sent out an email to all senators to learn more about cabinet.
 - To my surprise, nobody came to my office hours or sent me any emails.
 - I am going to take the time to tell you all about some of the important work we do in cabinet.
 - The UF SG Cabinet is made up of four divisions: diversity, leadership & service, student life, and transition.
 - Within each division there are 24 directors alongside 4-6 assistant directors per cabinet, for a total of over 100 cabinet members.
 - Last year, we breached a gap between campus and the greater Gainesville community by bringing volunteering.
 - Looking into this year, I have dozens of ideas, but I can not do it all by myself.
 - We all want to safeguard diversity initiatives on campus, and your way of doing that is by defunding a bipartisan cabinet with an entire division that deals with diversity programs.
 - Helping student organizations is important so that they can keep sharing their messages across campus.
 - Cabinet has been and will continue to be a bipartisan space for students.
 - By defunding cabinet, you are not safeguarding diversity or the student body in general.
 - I will not be signing the executive contract.
 - The devaluing of cabinet was indicative of a lack of bipartisanship which is something we should all be striving to work towards.
 - I was excited today to announce the pride celebration event on June 13th, but without the help from an LGBTQ+ Affairs director, I will not be able to have this or any other pride events during pride month.
 - I implore you to go to students first and make educated decisions.

- My emails and office door are always open for any collaboration or questions.
- Chairman Cox:
 - I wasn't communicated with about any of these recent budget developments.
 - I served as a Gator Caucus leader last semester, and I would always make an extra effort to reach out across the aisle and promote bipartisanship.
 - A year ago, I co-opted my first piece of legislation with a member of the Change caucus.
 - I put bipartisanship first, and that is a fact.
 - I got an email this past Thursday inviting me to a meeting to discuss executive nominations.
 - This morning I was contacted by Minority Party Leader Allemand.
 - I had to join the meeting when I was driving because they were trying to move over \$1 million out of the budget.
 - Everyone that was here last meeting saw me address the chamber and beg that budget was not politicized and that people reach out to me.
 - Nobody reached out.
 - I believe that had my affiliation been different, I would have been informed about this.
 - The agreement I was sent said that unless this agreement was signed by everyone, the executive nominations would not be passed without contention.
 - Caucus-wide slander is getting old.
 - I am against people that do not communicate with me.
 - I don't care what your affiliation is, just talk to me about the budget.
- Senator Scramoncin:
 - I'm the newly elected District A senator, and this is my first public comment.
 - One of my motives for becoming a senator is to assist in ensuring that bodily autonomy is protected for students of all identities on campus.
 - It was a shock to me that many students are unable to afford basic living and healthcare products, including menstrual products.
 - It is evident that the bare minimum is ensuring that students in need have access to menstruation products that are safe and accessible.
 - \$8,000 of the funds that Change party is allocating to the senate line will pay for a program that will supply free menstrual health programs in Yulee and Springs dormitory complexes.
 - This would allow a wider range of access to menstrual products.
 - I do not see how it's even a question whether we should work to ensure that supplying menstrual products is accounted for in the budget.
 - I cannot justify how political motives should disrupt our job as senators to provide for student needs.

- Senator Gangano:
 - I want to talk to you about some graduate student problems.
 - Graduate students make up $\frac{1}{3}$ of the entire student population.
 - My constituency is over 16,000.
 - We really do not care about your organizations and programs that much.
 - Is any of that more important than food security?
 - Are any of your organizations, programs, or entertainment conglomerates more important than housing?
 - There were five graduate student housing facilities on campus, and this summer two of them are getting torn down.
 - The wait time to get approved for grad student housing is three years.
 - The most important graduate organization on this campus is the GAU: Graduate Assistants United.
 - They negotiate my wages, healthcare, benefits, and time off.
 - That labor union will be dissolved this summer because Governor Desantis signed SB256 on May 9th, dissolving all public unions that have less than a 60% membership rate.
- Student Body President Green:
 - I come here tonight at a loss of words because this is officially the seventh week that the executive nominations have been gridlocked, abusing the role of checks & balances.
 - Congratulations senate, there will officially be no more Great Gator Welcome nor a Summer B Accent show.
 - After the executive nominees received no response from Caucus leader Simone or Chairman Stephens, I can unfortunately say that the caucus is doing it for political gain.
 - Majority Party Leader Liang came to Minority Party Leader Allemand and I to discuss executive nominations. We were given a contract explaining that to have my executive nominations approved, we would have to sign off on reallocating over \$1.6 million in SG funding.
 - I ask you Change caucus, how is this bipartisanship?
 - If we signed this contract, we would be agreeing to political bribery and allowing Change Caucus to violate the 100 codes surrounding ethics.
 - I want to talk about the legality and feasibility of this bill.
 - RecSport student workers have expressed they do not want to work 24/7.
 - No SEC school has a gym past 1:00AM; when Southwest went past 1:00AM in 2019, on average there were only 17.2 students at those hours.
 - Does that seem smart to you?
 - The legality of the \$1 million reserve transfer to CIME has not even been assessed; this would be illogical to do without full assurance it is legal.

- There are over 900 students who utilize the on campus food pantry; most of these students are not student workers.
- You pushed to take out ½ of class councils' budget, giving only \$5,000 for each class.
- The role of the legislative branch is to focus on legislation.
- By stripping money away from the executive branch, you are abusing your role and the entire purpose of checks & balances.
- I am a minority woman with a ticket for two other minority women.
- Saying you will only approve nominations if we sign away \$1.65 million is the definition of bribery and violates codes 101.43 and 101.44.
- I will be filing a case against you three that reflects that.
- Senator Giordano:
 - I was the Budget & Appropriations Chairwoman for the Spring & Summer 2022 term as well as serving on this committee for two whole years.
 - Out of everyone in this room, I actually have the most authority and experience to talk about this topic.
 - This morning, I was notified that a new budget had been proposed.
 - Many codes were broken by Change party when proposing this new budget bill.
 - The A&S fee budget has a very strict outline of how it procedurally is heard.
 - In an email from Chairperson Stephens, 821.3 was cited to state sending the amendment over the listserv 6 days in advance prior to first reading is within the codes.
 - Chairperson Stephens conveniently forgot to mention 821.24, 821.1, and 821.5, 821.6, and part of 821.3.
 - This process has skipped 821.23, which writes out the quote “Big 5 Preparation Law” for how the hearings are supposed to go, and that is the process that was followed with the amended budget for FY 22/23 last year.
 - The proposed budget gives roughly \$7.3 million to RecSports.
 - The plan is to get RecSports opened until 1am, and I am not sure how Change thinks they are going to accomplish this.
 - Do not get me started on what the purpose of these reserves are.
 - I know what bipartisanship looks like, and I know for sure that nobody in Gator was contacted about this prior to twelve hours before this meeting.
 - I will not sit in silence when Change extorts my party or anybody who has worked on budget.
 - Olivia Green won the election for Student Body President.
 - The students chose her, and I trust her to choose the executive nominations- not Faith Corbett.
 - You have broken and misinterpreted codes, and broken every rule in the book.
- Senator Faisal:

- Have we ever had Change party in charge?
- Constitutionally, the senate has complete power over the budget.
- It does not matter if Faith or Olivia won, it matters who won in this senate.
- 57 senators were elected from Change party.
- I remember a time in which you did not get sworn in for 5 weeks because you did not show up.
- From quorum bust, to filibuster, we will sit here now and pull out the ethical card.
- At the end of the day, I will probably submit my letter of resignation from senate in the next few weeks.
- I came here to do my chemistry homework.
- You guys want to say that what we do is extortion, but how did Ponce, Liu, Cox, Ghozali, and Clark get their positions?
- Senator Kinggard:
 - I am a District D senator and member of the Budget & Appropriations committee.
 - I would be remiss to not talk about the negotiations proposed today by Change party asking for over \$1 million to alter in the budget in exchange for approval to the executive nominations.
 - Student Body President Green was voted by the students to do her job, to pick the best candidates for these positions that are vital to student government.
 - Regardless of party affiliation, these two women are the most qualified to find the most qualified people for these positions.
 - You are ignoring the hard work and qualifications of these nominees for your own political gain.
 - Change party has shown over and over again that they do not care about the work that is happening in these bipartisan committees.
 - The students deserve better than this, so stop trying to further your own political agenda.
- Senator Mia:
 - I will go over briefly what this bill will be doing for us.
 - I don't know where you are getting this idea about \$1 million getting moved out of SG funding and into some sort of offshore account.
 - We are putting nearly a quarter million dollars back into the hands of students directly.
 - We're putting \$130,000 to extend the RecSports hours to 1:00AM.
 - We are protecting student jobs and extending in the hours: it is a win-win situation.
 - On top of this, we are creating an Ad-Hoc committee for graduate students so that their voices can be heard.
 - Last summer, there were seven open graduate seats; they stayed open for over 90% of that term and Fall.

- There was only one graduate senator the entire time.
- I don't know why anyone in this bill is opposed to enhancing the student body experience.
- I'd like to talk about bipartisanship.
- I know that the environment in senate is very contentious, but I don't think what we're doing is really that controversial.
- You're talking about bipartisanship when we are belittled by every term; when we propose ideas, it is either taken from us or thrown down the streams.
- Why would we consult people who have belittled us time and time again?
- I had to wait 2 months to be sworn in, and the environment I joined the senate in is unfathomable.
- This bill is a culmination of forty years of the independent movement.
- I want to remind everyone that politics is working for your constituents; this bill would work for all our constituents.
- I urge all the executive members to sign this bill because it is worthwhile.
- Chairman Ghozali:
 - I am going to give a brief explanation of a bill I proposed regarding new senator orientation.
 - It is a rule change that allows the I&C chair or designee to schedule a senator orientation without acquiring a committee vote.
 - The reason we were delayed in having new senator orientation is because I & C did not have quorum.
 - Most committees, including I&C, almost always lose quorum.
 - The change is logistically beneficial because it eliminates the need to hold a committee meeting and vote to schedule orientation each time there is a new replacement senator.
- Minority Party Leader Allemand:
 - I have tried to be nice and work with you guys.
 - On May 22nd, I reached out to Party Leader Liang about drawing a bipartisan resolution on Pride month; it has been two weeks, and I still have not gotten the name of anyone in Change caucus who is willing to work with me on this.
 - In the past week, I have been disrespected along with my caucus, our executive branch, and the procedures.
 - Week after week, I have seen the majority party walk over anyone who may disagree with them.
 - Our Judiciary committee has not reached quorum once since the summer began.
 - I said that we could nominate Laurie Wang, but she was recommitted back to R&A.
 - I believe it is extremely out of line for Chairman Stephens to attempt to sway my vote in this method.

- That is the reason why the Judiciary committee has not been able to reach quorum and will not be reaching quorum this week despite what your party leader may tell you.
- This morning, I was ready for a meeting to discuss the qualifications of the executive nominations.
- I'm willing to bet that all of the nominations will be failed again tonight.
- Unlike the other party, I'm not willing to risk 1.6 million dollars for political gain.
- This means that the LGBTQ+ cabinet director will not be able to plan any Pride month activities.
- To Change party, I ask you what it will take for you to choose the student body.
- Chairman Stephens:
 - I could sit here and attack Gator Party.
 - I'm going to apologize to Chairman Cox.
 - Of all the public commenters today, you are the one who stood out to me.
 - You have always shown that you are willing to be open with us, and I am sorry for that.
 - I think that when we may have our differences, I commend you for being respectful.
 - Instead of individuals reflecting on themselves, they use this stand to get an Alligator article or cute tweet.
 - I'm here trying to make sure that student workers have the assurance that student government is backing them & making sure that they have a meal every single time.
 - We did this today because we want to make it clear what our priorities are: the student body.
 - Everything we put in this bill is focused on comprehensively providing services and resources that advance our own initiatives.
 - I've agreed with so many things that Gator caucus has shared about diversity, equity, and inclusion on the campaign trail.
 - That's why I give you grace.
 - Tonight, I got a little emotional.
 - I want to hear more from you.
 - Understand our good intentions and give us grace.
 - A lot of you do not like me.
 - Chairman Ghozali's work with UFPD and being able to show us the facility was great work.
- Member at Large Ponce:
 - I am here to talk about the current state of student senate.
 - I got involved with student senate to make UF a better place.

- I have such a love for this university; one of the biggest accomplishments of my life has been being able to attend UF and to tell people how much I love it here.
- I got involved with Budget & Appropriations committee as an opportunity to do good on campus and directly help students.
- During summer, fall, and spring, there was never a partisan issue.
- However, the budget is now being made a partisan issue.
- Many of the services that are made possible through budget funding are what draw students to UF.
- Attempting to change the budget truly saddens and scares me.
- When I heard this proposition today, I truly thought I had woken up in a soap opera.
- We are about 2 ½ months away from the fall semester.
- This behavior is not bipartisan and should not be labeled as so.
- Majority Party Leader Liang:
 - Happy founders day to my caucus.
 - I did not expect to be hit with a case of political bribery by advocating for menstrual health products, but I guess there's new experiences every time.
 - We are going to allocate \$110,000 to RecSports.
 - Many student workers are at risk of being laid off.
 - Student organizations are being given back \$225,000.
 - We are going to have arts pantries, contraceptive vending machines, and a pilot program for menstrual product distribution.
 - President Green, they voted to elect you as president and that is amazing, but they also elected us to be in charge of the legislative branch because they are tired of the status quo.
 - Yes, we are taking \$10,000 from cabinet.
 - On that call today with President Green and others, they mentioned how they think it's really funny how for the first time in senate history, the minority party becomes the majority party and SG changes drastically.
 - It shows we have the chance to do something for students.
 - I'm not going to act as if these are all on the same level because they're not.
 - It's hard to watch Gator Party call us corrupt.
 - Is it corrupt to fund RecSports and prevent people from being laid off?
 - What are you really scared of? Are you scared of providing critical resources and funding for students?

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Chairman Stephens moves to approve Jillian Sparkman for the open I&C seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Stephens moves to approve the bloc of approved and failed absences by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Liang moves to approve Essynce Lynece Mackey for Graduate Student Affairs by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Liang moves to approve Kayle Sibble and Joshua Thomas for Diversity Chairs by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Liang moves to hear the Cabinet nominations as a bloc by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Chairman Stephens moves to approve Amendment 2 to Student Senate Bill 2023-1052 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Chairman Stephens moves to approve Amendment 1 to Student Senate Bill 2023-1054 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Chairman Stephens moves to approve Amendment 1 to Student Senate Bill 2023-1055 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Chairman Stephens moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2023-1056 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Stephens moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2023-1057 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Stephens moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2023-1058 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Stephens moves to refer Student Senate Bill 2023-1059 to the Judiciary committee by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Stephens moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2023-1060 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Stephens moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2023-1061 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Stephens moves to approve Amendment 1 to Student Senate Bill 2023-1062 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Stephens moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2023-1062 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Stephens moves to approve Amendment 1 to Student Senate Bill 2023-1064 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Stephens moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2023-1064 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Liang moves to strike Aaron Sindhu for Diversity Affairs from the agenda by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Liang moves to strike Samantha Simon for Gators Going Green from the agenda by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

- Majority Party Leader Liang moves to strike Sophia Johns for Transfer Affairs from the agenda by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Liang moves to move officer reports to after bills pending signature. Seconded.
- There were 2 rounds of con-pro debate.
- The motion was withdrawn.
- Chairman Stephens moves to suspend the rules to have each student body officer report be capped at 10 minutes by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Stephens moves to have all of the committee reports be heard after the Senate President's Report by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Chairman Stephens moves to have all of the committee reports be heard after the Senate President's Report. Seconded.
- There were 2 rounds of con-pro debate.
- In a voice vote, that motion passes.
- Chairman Stephens moves to have the bills under 1st reading to be heard after the committee reports. Seconded.
- In a voice vote, that motion passes.
- Chairman Stephens moves to adopt the agenda. Seconded.
- In a voice vote, that motion passes.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH:

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- I want to address a few things pertaining to the budget bill from the public comments.
- RecSports student workers are not being laid off.
- As far as the hours being extended to 1:00AM, she said that there needed to be an assessment prior to doing so because previously, it was not beneficial.
- We are all three minority-winning; more than anyone, I want to help DEI initiatives.
- The executive branch has the money to help DEI initiatives, but how can we do that when you continue to holding these nominations as leverage for getting your budget approved?
- A final definition for bribery and extortion: bribery refers to “the offering, giving, soliciting, or receiving of any item of value as a means of influencing the actions of an individual holding a public or legal duty.”
- Extortion refers to “the practice of obtaining something, especially money, through force or threats.”
- By threatening and saying that you will continue to fail these nominations until we approve the \$1.65 million that you want, that is the definition of bribery and extortion; that violates 101.43 and 101.44.
- I am a woman; I appreciate having menstrual products. But the way this bill has been written is incorrect.

- The way for this to get done is through the budget bill that was signed a year ago.
- The last time the reserves were transferred (and the importance of having reserves) is because of natural phenomena like a global pandemic.
- I hold my integrity close to my heart, and I am telling you that if you're going to continue to leverage these nominations for budget, I will file a case for extortion.
- If you have any questions about the qualifications about these nominations, please respond to the agency heads.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Santiago Perez:
 - I will be yielding some of my time to our Senate Advisor, Jackie Phillips.
 - Jackie Phillips:
 - I serve as the advisor for the legislative branch.
 - I would like to talk about public records and the responsibilities that come with being a senator.
 - The Florida Statutes have “Sunshine Laws” that provide access to governmental proceedings of public boards and commissions at the state and local levels.
 - This applies to any gathering of two or more members of the same board to discuss a matter that will foreseeably come before the board for action.
 - Public records are all materials, regardless of physical form or means of transmission, made or received by an agency in connection with official business which are used to communicate or formalize knowledge.
 - The location of the record does not matter and neither does the format.
 - Personal notes designed for personal use, conversations unrelated to senate, and personal records are not public record.
 - Responsive documents are public record.
 - Custodians are required to provide access to copies of records, but not to provide information from records or create new records for a request.
 - Please do not ignore public records requests.
 - You must respond to requests promptly and in good faith.
 - Feel free to reach out to me with any questions.
 - When the Change caucus won a majority, I believed bipartisan support was still possible.
 - We see compromises made in real government all the time.

- There is one side of the aisle that strategically engaged in election denial efforts.
- It was a strategic effort to deny the peaceful transfer of power.
- This hostility has caused many members of the other side to feel disillusioned and angry.
- The state of the senate is at an all time high level of polarization.
- Both sides need to take accountability for this.
- This is student government; it should not be this polarizing.
- I think both sides should reevaluate the steps that they have taken and come together to create a solution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Senate Pro-Tempore McGinnis welcomes the senators.

Open Permanent Committee Seats

- Judiciary (4)
- Rules & Ethics (3)
- Information & Communications (2)

Open Permanent Senate Seats

- Beaty
- District A (2)
- District C
- District D
- Graduate
- Liberal Arts & Sciences
- Veterinary Medicine

Open Summer A Seats:

- Jennings
- Public Health & Health Professions
- Sophomore

Open Summer C Seats:

- Accounting
- Building Construction
- District E

- Graduate (3)
- Graduate & Family Housing
- Lakeside
- Law
- Medicine
- Pharmacy
- Sophomore

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Stephens:
 - Clarifies voter record.
 - I want to address the chamber.
 - I have been very disheartened by the level of identity politics that has occurred in this chamber.
 - It has been difficult for me to feel motivated to make projects when people go to news publication projects and make accusations against me.
 - I love this chamber because I see so many different people from different identities, backgrounds, etc. because it challenges my beliefs.
 - Our identities are our power, they are not our weapon.
 - I suggest you all take a step back and think about your impact; we are not perfect, we are human and we make mistakes and say the wrong things.
 - The impact that you make on so many of us goes beyond this chamber.
 - As much as I may have issues with people on both sides of the aisle, I still appreciate that a lot of you guys still show up.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Cox:
 - Shout out to SGI and Chairwoman Hartzog.
 - Thank you to everyone who worked on the event.
 - I have a few responses to some public comments.
 - There was a reference to the menstrual bill that was failed.
 - It was failed not for a political reason, but because the bill was improperly proposed and infeasible.
 - As for the accusation that I am in this position because of actions at the beginning of this term, I fully believe that I am, was, and continue to be the most qualified candidate for this job.
 - Someone said they felt disrespected or belittled; if so, I sincerely apologize and am willing to talk about it afterwards.
 - This was never my intent as party leader.
 - Let's move on, let's stop dwelling on the past.

- Senator Stephens, I think that I did eat.
- There was a comment about money being taken from student organizations but I actually have the minutes from the budget bill.
- If you look at the minutes, there was no change to the money for student organizations.
- In the meetings with the director of RecSports, Laura Hall, I would have liked to be included in that.
- Budget met today, and we approved around 10 bills.
- There are more than 800 codes revisions on the way.
- If you have any thoughts or opinions, my email is budget@sg.ufl.edu.
- As far as legislation goes, the budget committee will not have a recurring set deadline like judiciary.
- The organizational budget was passed.
- There was a report in the Alligator about the approved request for Ben Shapiro.
- The committee follows the 800 codes strictly.
- We can't show any discretion at all.
- Frankly, we are not allowed to veto or reject this line item.
- The INDIE bill that was proposed should either be an amendment or a new fiscal year budget proposal.
- If this was a new fiscal year budget that was proposed, the budget committee would have to redo hearings and go through an entire process.
- If this was an amendment, as per code 821.3, they must be submitted in writing to the senate secretaries and Budget & Appropriations chairperson no later than 6 calendar days after the affected legislation has been submitted; after this date, amendments to the bill/legislation may not be adopted
- This activity and service fees was made, created, and passed last summer.
- I am not discrediting any of the ideas in the amendment, I just see it as infeasible.
- I am open to hearing and having conversations about these things.
- I don't believe anyone in my caucus was trying to discredit any of the ideas or that we didn't want them for the student body.
- The procedure comes a million times easier when you reach out.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Clark:
 - Summer A constituency will be due June 20th, which is two weeks from now.
 - That is tentatively the last meeting of the Summer A semester.
 - R&E will be meeting tomorrow at 3pm in the SG conference room.
 - The Summer B and Fall organizational budget document that Chairman Cox talked about will be used to determine SG funding starting in Summer B.

- Continue to reference the Spring & Summer A organizational budget document that I have linked on the linktree.
- The new document will be due starting in Summer B.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- Chairman Ghozali:
 - Good evening, senators.
 - I want to congratulate and welcome senator Sparkman to the I&C committee.
 - Thank you for passing through the bill that I wrote; it was small, but it meant a lot to me.
 - We will have nametags very soon.
 - I will be accepting cash and venmo for the nametags today; I will have a form where you can fill out your name and title.
 - Each nametag will cost \$15.
 - For polos and quarter zips, we are looking for other providers for those who are more eco-friendly.
 - We have our tabling merchandise coming soon; we just submitted our request for funding.
 - We will have pens, sunglasses, stickers, and water bottles.
 - I will be sending out my venmo over email, and please reach out with any questions.

AD-HOC ON MENTAL HEALTH:

- Senator Bowman:
 - We had a very productive meeting today.
 - Senator Vijayaraghavan is spearheading the initiative working with UFPD so that calls regarding a mental health crisis can be accompanied by a mental health practitioner.
 - Chairman Cox will be working with the University Student Health Care Center admin regarding a more central location for mental health services on campus.
 - I will be leading meetings with the CWC regarding easier in-person access to counseling and testing.
 - Senator Lasch is focusing on our outreach efforts, including surveys and graduate involvement.
 - Senator Garcia will be mitigating our meeting with the Disability Resource Center to ensure accommodations are clear, standardized, and appropriate for all students who may need assistance.
 - All members of the committee will be reaching out to various departments to gauge their interest.
 - Please reach out if you would like more information or have any questions.

AD-HOC ON FALL 2023 REAPPORTIONMENT ALIGNMENT:

- Chairman Stephens:
 - We are redoing the apportionment as it was deemed unconstitutional.
 - We have three specific sub-teams: the legislative aids (focused on the legal aspects of the bill), the data analytics team (looking at the apportionment data and making sure that it is structurally correct), and party liaisons (serving to represent both parties and to make sure that both parties can come together to support the bill given the short timeline).

FIRST READINGS:

- Chairman Stephens moves to have the author's line on Student Senate Bill 2023-1052 be changed to the Judiciary committee by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Stephens presents on Student Senate Bill 2023-1052:
 - The purpose of this bill is to enforce that committee recommendation bill be allowed five minutes of presentation along with three minutes of question and answer during amendments to the agenda.
- There were 5 minutes of Q&A
- Chairman Stephens moves to call previous question by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Mia presents on Amendment 2 to Student Senate Bill 2023-1052:
 - This amendment allows for the senate to close nominations by a majority vote.
- There were 2 minutes of Q&A.
- There were 2 rounds of pro-con debate.
- In a voice vote, that motion does not pass.
- Chairman Stephens calls for a division of the house.
- In a standing vote of 32-31, that motion does not pass.
- Chairman Stephens moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2023-1052 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senate President Santiago Perez presents on Student Senate Bill 2023-1054.¹
 - This is a resign to run constitutional amendment.
 - It aligns the wording with what the Supreme Court has stated.
- Chairman Stephens moves to close the Q&A period by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Stephens moves to call previous question on debate by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Mia presents on Amendment 1 to Student Senate Bill 2023-1054.
 - I think the original bill should have not been passed, and that is why I wrote this amendment.
- There were 2 minutes of Q&A.

- There were 2 rounds of pro-con debate.
- Senator Mia gives 1 minute of final privilege:
 - The argument that this bill should align with Florida law and stay in effect is not applicable because of recent events.
 - I think the Resign to Run act would be a detriment to those who want to better represent their constituents.
- In a voice vote, that motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Allemand calls for a division of the house.
- In a standing vote of 32-27, that motion passes.
- Senate President Santiago Perez gives 3 minutes of final privilege:
 - The bill passed with the amendment, which is essentially repealing the Resign to Run Act.
 - You all know how I feel about that.
- A voice vote was conducted. There was no clear majority.
- In a standing vote of 34-26, that motion passes. 1

SECOND READINGS:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There were none.

ROLL CALL:

- Senator Bowman moves to use voter records as the final roll call by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 pm.