

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

January 23, 2024

Senate President Brinkman called the Senate meeting to order at 7:42 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 70 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Drucker
- Fentress
- Jaramillo
- Naidu
- Nayak
- Prieto
- Rafanan
- Sarkar

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mackenzie Farkas:
 - I'm the president of Florida Not One More, and I am speaking on the resolution commemorating Maggie Paxton and Sophia Lambert.
 - I was a close friend of Sophia's, and I went to high school with her.
 - The more people we educate, the safer our students will be.
 - This is the type of pain that I hope none of you ever have to experience.
 - I ask for your support in this resolution so that nobody has to go through the same pain.
 - Please help us make a change on campus and to make sure that their legacies make a change for the better.
- Senator Barrios:
 - I am here because I am co-chairing the Women's Caucus with Simone Liang.
 - It is an honor to be trusted with getting this caucus up and running.
 - This is my third term in senate, I am from Miami, I am an immigrant, and I am passionate about women's issues.
 - I want the Women's Caucus to be something that both parties can get involved in so hopefully we can encourage bipartisanship.
 - We want to collaborate with the Reproductive Rights and DEI ad-hoc committees.
 - We will have our first meeting this Sunday from 2-4 in portal room 2103.
 - We will be adopting our constitution and our charter as well as electing members.

- Bronson Allemand:
 - I am currently nominating for the Student Government Institute Agency Head.
 - I want to express my gratitude for the agency head position.
 - This past year, SGI was the most successful conference and I believe that I share some of the responsibility for this success.
 - At face value, I can see how it would be easy to think that I do not have the proper experience for the role, but I went above and beyond in my position.
 - I led multiple outreach initiatives, firstly texting and calling institution student body presidents to encourage their attendance which easily cost me over 15 hours.
 - I made sure that all attendees were fed and that their dietary requirements were met.
 - I hope to improve on the goals that previous agency heads had envisioned.
 - I hope to enhance the outreach efforts by letting people know exactly what can be expected of the conference.
 - I plan to focus on the internal aspect of SGI as well by facilitating workshops for the internal members.
 - I encourage all of you to apply if you're interested.
 - I will introduce more diverse breakout sessions that we will provide for attendees during the conference.
 - My goal as SGI agency head is to build off of last year's success by creating a more inclusive environment for all attendees.
 - Feel free to text or email me with any questions you may have.
- Senator Rappoport:
 - I am a Sophomore senator.
 - Back home, I had about 4 Jewish friends and they were all from my Sunday school.
 - Once I learned that UF holds the most Jewish students out of all undergraduate college universities, I could not wait to be around more students that share my religion.
 - Hillel is where I met Majority Party Leader Seifer.
 - Despite the acts of antisemitism last year, I was okay because I was able to find strength within Hillel, surrounded by people who understood how I was feeling.
 - Following the terrorist attack on Israel on October 7th of 2023, the rise in antisemitism incidents on college campuses is shocking.
 - UF Hillel's Spread Cream Cheese Not Hate initiative is so important to proactively combat antisemitism and any form of hate.
 - You can apply to be a volunteer on Hillel.org.
- Maheera Hossain:
 - I'm the current treasurer for the Bangladeshi Students Association.

- I am here to talk in favor of a resolution.
- We try to foster a welcoming environment for all Bangladeshi-American students.
- In 1971, Bangladesh claimed independence from Pakistan and from that, International Mother Language Day was born.
- Finding the Bangladesh Student Association here at UF was very important to me.
- When we heard of our budget situation with a total of \$500, this raised some concerns to me.
- I am here to talk about how important the funding for our events is for our organization as well as for the Muslim population.
- Bangladesh has a majority Muslim population.
- With everything happening in the world, I am pleading with you today to think again about funding our organization.
- With our funding, we will have very little opportunity to do much this semester.
- I'm sure a lot of you come from immigrants, so you know how nice it is to have that sense of community.
- We feel very disheartened about this situation.
- Senator Richter:
 - I want to talk about Gators Going Green.
 - I had a Zoom meeting with Samantha Simon yesterday.
 - I really appreciate that she was willing to meet with me.
 - A big concern I had the first time was that she mentioned that the Shands Sustainability Committee had offered her an invitation to sit in that she had not taken; this interview, she said that she had taken it and visited the committee twice over the summer.
 - The biggest con for me was that she did not go to any climate related student organization meetings or GBMs or city councils.
 - That is a huge concern for an agency head.
 - It speaks to another concern of her passion for sustainability and environmentalism.
 - The final concern I had is that she is Panhellenic President, which is a big time commitment.
 - I really hope to see the application opened for another candidate.
 - I was given the opportunity to present and answer questions for the role of Rules and Ethics Chair.
 - I was encouraged by the bipartisanship I saw last week, and I hope to be nominated again.
- Member-at-Large Wentworth:
 - When I ran for member-at-large, one of my ideas was to have a more open line of communication between both parties.
 - I have created a google form that I think will be really good for our collaboration.

- You fill out the google form with topics you're passionate about as well as general hobbies and interests.
- We are all humans and students, and that is what this sheet should be used for.
- I would like this form to have responses for all senators.
- If you ever have any questions or concerns, please text me or call me; we can even go out for coffee.
- I can explain my reasoning on past votes I have made.
- Senator Wood-Barron:
 - Shoutout to Laurel for the amazing idea of the google form.
 - I will list off some names that you should be inspired by or scared of.
 - These are some of the most iconic women and non-binary people of the INDIE movement.
 - If you have a voice in this chamber, it's because these people broke their backs for you.
 - Just because you don't agree with someone on the other side, it does not mean you can be a misogynist.
 - I see this behavior on both sides, and it is disturbing to see and makes me hate this place.
- Senator Mathews:
 - I want to give a shoutout to Minority Party Leader Pelton.
 - I want to talk about a resolution of the utmost importance.
 - Our university has a rich history, but it is crucial that we confront uncomfortable truths that have shaped our institution.
 - In 2020, the student senate passed a resolution, SSB 2020-1028, requesting UF to assemble a working group that delves into our connections to the indigenous peoples.
 - We find ourselves here today and little action has been taken to address this pressing issue.
 - In the wake of George Floyd's tragic murder, President Kent Fuchs established a presidential task force on African American Native Americans; this task force shed light on the US relationship with African Americans and Native Americans throughout history.
 - The report falls short in exploring the intricate details of our university's direct involvement with the institution of slavery.
 - We have the opportunity to delve deeper into our history and uncover the ugly truths.
 - The history of slavery is woven into the fabric of our nation and university; it shapes the institutions and communities that we inhabit today.
 - Acknowledging and studying this history is about understanding the ongoing impacts on marginalized communities.

- Founded in 2016, the USS Consortium was a global network of over 100 institutions committed to research and understanding the history and legacy of slavery.
- By joining this consortium, we align ourselves with institutions like the University of Virginia, University of Georgia, and Louisiana State University.
- It allows us to engage in constructive conversations around addressing historical injustices and promoting more inclusive environments.
- By passing this resolution, we take a step towards fostering a more inclusive community and investing in a better future.
- I urge each one of you to stand on the right side of history and vote in support of this resolution.
- Senator Liang:
 - For all the reasons previously listed, you should join the Women's Caucus.
 - Bianca also helped us create this really cool logo.
 - Here's our mission statement: We're a bipartisan group of student senators dedicated to working towards policy solutions, women's issues, and empowering women in leadership positions across campus.
 - We don't have a space where we can really come together and sponsor or co-author each other's work.
 - I want to have genuine conversations because oftentimes, our party affiliations hold us back from that.
 - We also want to encourage women to run for political positions.
 - We are looking for a policy chair, outreach chair, and an advocacy chair.
 - Please follow our Instagram and join our Slack, where we will be posting more information about our meeting times.
 - This is a welcoming space for people of any gender, sexuality, etc.
 - If you're interested in running, you can message either me or Bianca on Slack.
- Senator Islam:
 - I came here to express my strong support for SSB 2024-1108.
 - International Mother Language Day is celebrated on February 21st each year.
 - Celebrating this holiday is celebrating diversity, namely linguistic diversity.
 - As members of SG, I believe that this historical event is a source of inspiration and that we have the power to create change.
 - Unfortunately, the International Mother Language Day event did not receive any funding this year.
 - I will be making a friendly amendment on the floor to add sponsors, so please let me know if you would like to be added to the sponsors list.
- Syd Engstrom:
 - I want to further motivate the resolution supporting gender-neutral restrooms.
 - I am beyond excited that this resolution is being heard tonight.

- In the times that I've been on campus, there have been moderate efforts to address real systemic inequalities, disenfranchisement, inequity, and wrongdoings in part of our state.
- There were no more bills following the Red Zone bill that expanded upon addressing sexual violence explicitly.
- I acknowledge the genuine efforts of agencies and cabinet members, but if I wanted them to do something, I would not be speaking to you through public comment in the senate chamber.
- I've made it abundantly clear that I am hesitant about the motivations and authenticity of the majority party.
- I find it concerning that the Chair is not among the 20 majority party co-sponsors of this bill; do you support queer students?
- I call on every single senator in this room to deliver your support for queer students, whether it be through resolutions, bills, funding of organizations, or solidarity of protest.
- Joaquin Marcelino:
 - It's great to be back in the chamber after a well-deserved break.
 - I have to come to speak in support of SSB 2024-1063.
 - I helped Senator Jaramillo write this bill.
 - There's been a national campaign in attacking trans people, especially in Florida.
 - There has not been much active support for this issue, so I call on all of you to actually do something by supporting this resolution.
 - I am now currently a member of the Human Rights Board of Gainesville.
 - If you need help, reach out as I am very willing to help in that regard as a non-binary person.
 - Before I left these chambers, I left you all with a message to not waste your time.
 - I think people have ignored my message or it has fallen on deaf ears, so please do better.
- Hana Ali:
 - I am here to speak about my experience applying for a permanent senate seat this past weekend in R&A.
 - In no means am I invalidating the decisions of this committee; I understand that each member had a justification to table the off-campus seat.
 - I come here to voice my qualifications to the student body to hopefully return to the position I previously held.
 - From May 2022 to December 2023, I served as a District D senator and wrote various bills.
 - In my interview, I believe I was not able to truly expand on my ideas, so I'd like to take some time to explain them now.

- Throughout my life, DEI is an issue that I have taken on in a professional and personal sphere.
- If elected, I would like to work with the DEI Liaison and committee to meet with various org leaders that hold DEI policies.
- As a Muslim, I want to establish a prayer room in Marston by working with the provost, Islam on Campus, and other Marston administration to create an inclusive environment for the Muslim community and other communities that may benefit from this.
- If you would like to still receive further clarification or information about my qualifications, please reach out to me after the senate meeting and I'd love to talk about how I can further improve his campus.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer:
 - Let me walk you through my priorities of a senate meeting:
 - Number one, get through all agenda items.
 - Number two, everything else.
 - I want to make it clear that I love pro-con debate, and I am a big proponent of it to make sure that all sides are heard, especially for the minority party; it is also a great tool for argumentation so we don't have to make public comments expressing our support for anyone.
 - Public comment is great because it protects free speech on all sides, and I don't want to be in a chamber that does not allow any form of discussion.
 - I genuinely enjoy hearing public comments about new legislation or things going on in Florida.
 - I want to be able to have productive debate in this chamber, and I am genuinely interested in what you have to say.
 - My personal goal this semester is to get through the agenda every single senate meeting.
 - I do not enjoy hearing nominees as a bloc, and I do not enjoy calling previous question, but from my experience in senate, I believe there are times when it is necessary in order to assure that we are doing our jobs of serving the students and effectively handling the agenda.
 - If we don't come to those decisions, it is not just other SG officials that suffer, it is also the student body.
 - I am hopeful that this can offer a bit of justification so that I can do what I do without any assumptions being made.
 - It's very important for each senator to hold onto the reason of why you wanted to run for senate in the first place; a lot of that reason can get lost when we get so caught up in competition.

- Senator Zárrate:
 - I want to express my gratitude for everyone being so willing to pass SSB 2024-1132 to enhance gender-neutral bathrooms on campus.
 - This is the first step in this senate to support that community.
 - I'm here to discuss the new caucus: the Liberation Caucus.
 - If you're interested at all, message me and we can discuss the future of this organization.
- Parliamentarian Ortiz:
 - I need to give credit to Member-at-Large Wentworth for implementing the google form, and I hope it is successful.
 - I want to mention that I had the honor of meeting the nominee for the Judiciary Committee over the past week.
 - I need to reassure the senate that during our meeting, the candidate took extensive notes on what it means to effectively run that committee.
 - I was excited to see that Tyler Kendrick was nominated to the Supreme Court.
 - He was a member of the Constitution Revision Commission.
 - Unfortunately, I've heard that members of my oversight committee are sick, so our ability to meet quorum this week has been compromised.
 - We are hoping to meet this Saturday, when most of my committee has declared their availability.
- Senator Serrett:
 - Ronin Lupien's birthday was recently, so I wanted to give him a shoutout since he's my favorite and is an independent journalist.
 - As a journalist and independent senator, one of the things I see and am told a lot is to not write or talk about things that people don't think are newsworthy enough.
 - Some of these things have been food insecurity, addiction, and homelessness.
 - I want to submit some legislation regarding these things because it is disheartening to me that people say these things are not important enough.
 - I grew up homeless and food insecure, and I used to be an addict; I was inspired by a friend to come up here and talk about these things.
 - These are all very difficult things that I went through, and I have now been sober for 5 or 6 years.
 - One of the things I hope to implement are resources for Narcan on campus.
 - I think a lot of people do drugs on campus, and overdosing is a very prominent danger.
 - I want to plan an event where we all have a cookout and give people food.
 - 2 weeks from now, I will have my birthday on a Tuesday here in senate.
 - Let me know if I should bring a cake or doughnuts.
 - I want to touch on member-at-large Wentworth's google form, and I love the idea.

- I want to give a shoutout to Senator Wood-Barron and Cassandra Urbenz for calling out misogyny.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton:
 - I want to talk about something I'm really concerned about in this chamber.
 - When many 700 codes were submitted, they were first referred to Judiciary committee and then tabled.
 - When I came back from a bathroom break, I learned that these bills were tabled.
 - I sent a letter to everybody talking about how Marston was once a time where people could vote.
 - Voter access was something that used to be very important here at UF.
 - We talk so much about how we care about voter turnout and voter access, yet somehow we keep managing to fail to expand that access.
 - In Fall 2020, we went down to 6 polling locations and we are now only at 8.
 - It's about time we open some polling locations, and it's about time we bring back Marston as a polling location.
 - I will do whatever it takes to get the election commission to open Marston back up as a voting location.
 - I encourage you that if you care about voter access, shoot me an email and let's make it happen.
 - The statistics are embarrassing that we would go and ignore these bills and knowing that multiple opportunities could have been had for these bills could have been heard, but they weren't.
 - We've seen emails not filled out correctly, motions not being made correctly, and multiple recesses because the people in power do not know how the rules & procedures work.
 - I'm concerned for the future of this student government if those in positions of power have come to this space and continue to allow the gerrymandering to happen.
 - Let's hope to see a little more efficiency in this chamber.
- Senator Mia
 - I wanted to showcase very briefly one of my bills.
 - All student organizations were supposed to have \$1,000 base funding but because of bureaucratic deficiencies, that was not able to happen.
 - Last week, I spoke about how the executive positions do not have office hours on their website but that has now changed.
 - I noticed on the agenda for the executive agency positions we have Samantha Simon and Bronson Allemand.
 - We have to debate on both as a bloc.
 - My contempt for both of these people's qualifications knows no bounds.

- We have failed Simon on multiple occasions, and nothing has really changed in her recent interview.
- As for Allemand, he was majority party leader this past summer.
- Bronson Allemand was the architect of the reapportionment bill.
- When I brought my contempt for the bill up to him, he told me to email him later.
- For those who don't know, telling someone to email them later means they do not have an answer for you.
- We should not give positions to people who act like a white supremacist would.
- His actions are concerning and I don't know why we would put him in charge of an agency head.
- Senator Monson:
 - Unfortunately, I had a whole powerpoint that was very informative.
 - This public comment is not meant to demean anyone in R&A but to evaluate the dysfunction in the committee.
 - This past weekend, I sat in for 5 of 7 hours of the R&A committee through a lot of deliberations.
 - I did have a meeting with Pro Tempore Damera.
 - I wanted to get onto the Budget committee and I think I have been very qualified by being in charge of two major organizations simultaneously.
 - I did the math on how long the consideration for me was, and Minority Party Leader Pelton spoke for 99% of the time.
 - I don't mean to demean any of the candidates, and I applaud all of you for applying.
 - I had 100% new budget ideas introduced, and none of them have ever been brought up before.
 - I was told to come back with more specific ideas, so I did exactly that.
 - I feel like it is your prerogative to know how much the budget is if you are applying: \$23 million.
 - I don't think that the number of times I met with Pro Tempore Damera would have changed the results of my application.
 - I will come back and bring in more ideas.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves for a 5 minute recess by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senate President Brinkman calls the meeting back to order at 9:24pm.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to suspend the rule for roll call by unanimous consent.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to amend the minutes to fix the spelling of Senator Rappoport's last name by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to amend the minutes to fix the spelling of Senator Ruffin's first name by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve all executive agency heads by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve all committee chair nominations by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve all permanent senate seat nominations by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve all university committee nominations by unanimous consent. Objected
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve all judicial nominations by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to hear the permanent senate seat recommendations before executive agency head nominations by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to strike Angelina Del Toro from the bloc of judiciary nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to strike Angelina Del Toro from the agenda by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to amend all bill titles to reflect their accurate numbering by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to strike SSB 2024-1026 from the agenda by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to refer the following bill back to the judiciary committee: SSB 2024-1024, SSB 2024-1109, SSB 2024-1127, and SSB 2024-1129 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to fail the following bills: SSB 2024-1027, SSB 2024-1035, SSB 2024-1124, SSB 2024-1041, and SSB 2024-1042 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to make a bloc of all the remaining pieces of legislation except for the following: SSB 2024-1014, SSB 2024-1076, SSB 2024-1112, SSB 2024-1132, SSB 2024-1087, SSB 2024-1133, SSB 2024-1106, and SSB 2024-1110 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer withdraws their previous motion.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to move bills under first reading to before executive agency head nominations by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to amend SSB 2024-1110 to add the word "Senator" before "Coe Leavengood" on the author's line, add the words "Majority Party Leader" before the name "Julia Seifer" in the sponsor's line, change the capitalization of the first

word in each “Whereas” clause to lowercase, and to add the following link at the end of the proviso: <http://taps.ufl.edu/service-parking-map/> by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to amend SSB 2024-1106 to insert the word “senator” before “Gabe Vargas” on the author’s line and to include the following names on the sponsor’s line: UF RecSports Board of Directors Chair Janelle Rolle, UF RecSports Senior Director Laura Hall, UF RecSports Director for Facilities & Operations Marty Dempsey, Assistant Vice President of Facilities Services Mark Helms, and Vice President of Student Life Heather White by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Zárrate moves to amend SSB 2024-1132 to add Senate President John Brinkman’s name to the sponsor’s line by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Zárrate moves to amend SSB 2024-1132 to add Senate President Pro Tempore Damera’s name to the sponsors line by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Zárrate moves to amend SSB 2024-1132 to add Senator Prieto’s name to the sponsors line by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Zárrate moves to amend SSB 2024-1132 to add Member-at-Large Wentworth’s name to the sponsors line by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Zárrate moves to amend SSB 2024-1132 to add the following names to the sponsor’s line: Member-at-Large Maya Idiculla, Senator Aaron Amster, Senator Aaron Rubaii, Senator Angelina Fentress, Senator Bianca Barrios, Senator Conor Ruffin, Senator Damian Rodriguez, Senator Evan Rafanan, Senator Gabriel Filomino Vargas, Senator Gabriela Prieto, Senator Jason Drucker, Senator Joah Levine, Senator Jonathan Bedine, Senator Laura Jane Bryan, Senator Marian Enriquez, Senator Nicole Gigliotti, Senator Roman Quattrochi, Senator Wesley Littleton, and Senator Vivienne Serret by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Zárrate moves to amend SSB 2024-1132 to add all the same names except Senator Littleton’s name to the sponsors line by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1014 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1112 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve amendment 2 to SSB 2024-1127 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1133 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to create a special rule to hear SSB 2024-1133 and all amendments to the bill to immediately after this section by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

- Senator Wood-Barron moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1132, SSB 2024-1028, and SSB 2024-1063 to add their name to each of the sponsor's lines by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Khan moves to amend SSB 2024-1091 to add Senator Budhai to the sponsor's line by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Mia moves to approve SSB 2024-1014 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Mia moves to make a friendly amendment to strike the title of SSB 2024-1127 and alter it to: "Resolution advocating for disability awareness initiative" by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Mia moves to approve amendment 2 to SSB 2024-1127 by unanimous consent. Dilatory.
- Senator Zárrate moves to add Chairman Vijayaraghavan to the SSB 2024-1132 sponsor's line by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Zárrate moves to approve amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1132 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Mathews moves to approve SSB 2024-1058 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Islam moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1108 to add the name of the President of the Bangladeshi Students Association to the sponsor's line by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Islam moves to approve SSB 2024-1108 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Leavengood moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1112 to add Senator Leavengood, Senator Burton, Member-at-Large Wentworth, and Senator Nayak to the sponsor's line by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to a recess until called back by the chair by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senate President Brinkman calls the meeting back to order at 9:55pm.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to suspend the rule for roll call by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Mia moves to move SSB 2024-1127 to the top of first readings by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Mia moves to approve SSB 2024-1025 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Mia moves to approve SSB 2024-1063 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Mia moves to approve SSB 2024-1001 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. Objected.

- Senator Mia moves to strike the executive agency head nominations Bronson Allemand and Samantha Simon from the agenda by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Quattrochi moves to strike Senator Quattrochi's name from the SSB 2024-1132 sponsors line by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Khan moves to approve SSB 2024-1091, SSB 2024-1092, and SSB 2024-1093 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Mia moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

- Senator Rubaii presents 5 minutes for SSB 2024-1133:
 - This bill is for reapportionment for the Spring.
 - The document amends 4 lines for certain schools:
 - The School of Agricultural Life Sciences gains 1 additional seat.
 - The School of Liberal Arts & Sciences gains 1 additional seat.
 - The Undergraduate Freshman class loses 1 seat.
 - The Undergraduate Sophomore class loses 1 seat.
 - My intent with this bill is not to amend Fall reapportionment whatsoever.
 - The entire aim of this bill is to get an appropriate election map based on the data for Spring 2024 only.
 - I have the data compiled: there's roughly 58,000 students.
 - I compiled the data that I received and used functions to establish how many students were in each college for all different levels.
 - These are entirely mathematical formulas and only affect Spring reapportionment.
 - Thank you and I hope to see this pass.
- There were 5 minutes of non-debatable Q&A.
- There were 3 rounds of con-pro debate.
- Senator Zarrate presents 2 minutes on amendment 1 of SSB 2024-1133:
 - This amendment guarantees that the constitutionality is upheld.
 - Fraternity and Sorority Row deserve their own spots in this chamber, and this ensures that their voices are heard and valued.
 - This means we do not have to fight for hours throughout the semester and the year.
 - Passing this would be important for proportional representation.
- There were 2 minutes of non-debatable Q&A.
- There were 3 rounds of con-pro debate.
- There was 1 minute of final privilege on the amendment.
- In a rising vote, the amendment fails.
- There were 3 minutes of final privilege on SSB 2024-1133.
- Senator Rubaii moves to amend the proviso of SSB 2024-1133 to clearly state the following: "The intent of this bill is to solely affect reapportionment for the Spring 2024

election. It is by no means attempting to alter the apportionment for the Fall 2024 election” by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

- Senator Rubaii moves to amend SSB 2024-1133 to strike the amendment made during Judiciary Committee meeting about codifying Fall 2023 apportionment and stipulating the sunset clause; therefore, the bill will not mention Fall 2023 apportionment or any sunset clause by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- In a rising vote, that motion passes and SSB 2024-1133 is approved.

STUDENT BODY OFFICER REPORTS:

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- Senate President Brinkman:
 - I’m going to send out the liaisons and ad-hoc committees soon.
 - My office hours are on Tuesdays from 8-10am.
 - We will work on a tablet for presentations so that we will not have to bring our laptops to present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Pro-Tempore Damera:
 - Congratulations to Thomas Watson Hewitt III for being my chief of staff.
 - As for the executive nominations, Samantha Simon has done a tremendous job of making sure she shows up.
 - Half her term would already be over if elected.
 - If there’s a lack of passion for Gators Going Green, why does she keep coming back?
 - Bronson Allemand took his role in SGI and went above & beyond; he’s the only person qualified for this position.
 - As for committee chair nominations, Senator Kinggard has provided tremendous efforts and is the obvious choice for R&E chair.
 - Senator Amster has produced meaningful legislation that has had a meaningful impact on the student body.
 - I think it is curious as for Samantha Simon not putting in effort to show up to environmental sustainability meetings, but I believe her name has been on the nomination for the Environment & Sustainability Committee for a very long time now, so I’d like to see her approved.
 - Permanent Senate Seats:
 - Graduate and Family Housing
 - Off Campus

- Building Construction
 - Dentistry
 - Design, Construction, and Planning
 - Education
 - Freshman
 - Graduate (9)
 - Medicine
 - Pharmacy
 - Veterinary Medicine
- Open Committee Seats:
 - Budget (1)
 - Information & Communications (1)
- Minority Party Leader Pelton:
 - The R&A committee is inherently flawed, and a clear piece of evidence is that so many people came to interview and yet somehow a senator that has been around for 1 year and 8 months is not qualified enough.
 - The only bit of reason stated as to why we should approve Samantha Simon is because she keeps coming back.
 - Bronson Allemand is the one who defended the gerrymandering case in the supreme court.
 - As far as Senator Amster, I saw the bill put up and I think it is very meaningful.
 - Although I do appreciate the bill, I have not seen a code revision.
 - I don't think there has been good justification for Senator Amster to be the Judiciary chair.

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- There were 5 minutes of Q&A on the bloc of Executive Agency Head nominations.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to previous question. Seconded.
- In a standing vote of 44-24, that motion fails.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to extend the Q&A period by 3 minutes by unanimous consent. Objected.
- There were 3 rounds of con-pro debate.
- There was a rising vote. Division of the house.
- In a standing vote of 39-25, that motion passes and the bloc of Executive Agency Head nominations Bronson Allemand and Samantha Simon are approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Majority Party Leader Seifer:
 - R&E will be meeting sometime this week, and I will contact all of you.
- Senator Rubaii:
 - Judiciary will be meeting this Thursday.
- Parliamentarian Ortiz:
 - Congratulations to the new oversight ad-hoc members, I look forward to working with you.
 - Let's see if we can meet quorum this weekend.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Senator Wood-Barron moves to use voter records as final roll call by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 pm.