

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

January 30, 2024

Senate President Brinkman called the Senate meeting to order at 7:14 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. A land acknowledgment was given.

ROLL CALL:

Roll was called and quorum was established with a total of 72 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Littleton
- Marcus
- Nayak
- Vijayaraghavan

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Lucas Nadeau:
 - I'm here today to show my support for SSB 2024-1087.
 - This bill aims to add crossing pedestrian signs on all the existing crosswalks on Gale Lemerand Drive and intersections of Stadium Road and Museum Road..
 - I believe this will improve pedestrian safety greatly.
 - It is only right that we do our duty to make sure that we keep our pedestrians safe.
 - I and sponsors of the bill believe it integral that we pass this resolution to improve the infrastructure that already exists to provide for our constituents.
- Syd Engstrom:
 - After last week's senate meeting, I have come to understand that my public comments basically serve as resolutions.
 - Every time I'm public commenting, I'm saying the obvious pitfalls of the majority party.
 - For a second, I thought there was moral clarity on that side of the aisle, but I was mistaken.
 - Judging by your body language, I believe that there are some senators just looking at their computer screens.
 - It seems like some of you disagree with the votes you cast.
 - I'd like to think that some of you want to better the student body just like I do.
 - We all know that there are some senators whose goal here is the antithesis of pro-student.
 - If any senators of the majority party have a moral compass, nobody has the backbone to show it.

- I heard some of the senators of the majority party say that debating qualities is futile.
- I do not know how some senators of the majority party are not embarrassed of their conduct.
- I have more respect for Senator Littleton for openly objecting to a resolution that would benefit the whereabouts of 6,000 students minimum than I have for the senators in this room who keep voting in favor for someone who was not here for Q&A and then someone with obviously racist intention.
- I find it funny that there's more scrutiny for majority party senators that would vote against the system than there are for senators who are transphobic and proud of it.
- Have some respect for yourself, some of your peers, and myself.
- Emmy Larrew:
 - I am launching the candy gram campaign because slating starts very soon, and just remember that we are all human.
 - We support friendship, peace, and love.
 - I am giving out candy grams at no cost, you just have to fill out the form in my bio.
 - You can get a little cat sticker, a sweet treat, and you can write a message for someone.
 - I think this is a great way to remember that we are all people.
- Senator Rappaport:
 - A couple of meetings ago, I talked about why UF Hillel is so important to me and I gave info about the upcoming Spread Cream Cheese Not Hate Event.
 - This event is happening tomorrow starting at 10am on Turlington and other locations.
 - The program is non-political and you don't have to be Jewish to sign the pledge.
 - I'm working on writing the 2024 version of last year's past resolution which honors the program and certifies this body's commitment to combat hate.
- Senator Hewitt III:
 - I am the chief of staff for Saketh.
 - Something we've been working on is a committee feedback form where you can leave suggestions for the committee.
 - This is open to everyone, not just current senators.
- Senator Hoffer:
 - I wanted to talk a little about bills.
 - I am not one to come up here and attack anyone specifically, but I am one for accountability.
 - As of January 15th, the breakdown of bills submitted is 132 bills from Change and 25 from Vision.

- I'd really like to believe that a lot of people sitting here have a reason for being here and understand the responsibility of their position.
- We can speak for our constituents and say the things we want to change.
- These are some of the platform points that I hold from vision party senators: revitalizing bike repair stations, installing cameras for cultural spaces on campus, publishing list of official SG priorities, and more.
- I know that some of you understand the implications of this map because Member-at-Large Wentworth made our same argument.
- If you're sitting in your seat and not writing bills, there's 37 people who would be doing so.
- If there's a problem in your fraternity/sorority area or on campus, please write a bill.
- We've stood up here over and over again asking for you to come to us if you have questions about writing bills.
- Max Kappalman:
 - Today, I am coming to you with a piece of legislation.
 - I present to you the Resolution Recognizing the Need for Active Construction Transparency.
 - As you walk around campus you'll find three main spots in which construction is actively impacting students: University Avenue, the Reitz lawn, and the Broward Dining area.
 - The resolution recognizes the need for UF administration to do better and strongly recommends that UF administration sets up infrastructure for programs to provide construction updates through UF alerts.
 - It is absolutely unacceptable that students who live in Broward Hall were not informed that their immediate residential area and closest dining hall would be under construction and blocked off for months.
 - It is unacceptable that traffic has consistently been made worse for drivers and foot travel with no explanation on University Avenue.
 - It is unacceptable that Reitz Lawn has been obstructed and made significantly less accessible with no explanation as to what is going on.
 - The administration must be active in informing the student body.
 - It is time to make a change that you as senators can spark.
- Parliamentarian Ortiz:
 - I want to make a general reminder that campaigning during senate meetings is illegal and can be punished with disqualification from the campaign.
 - There were a few things we could get done at the ad-hoc on government oversight meeting.
 - One of our new members is working on executive branch accountability, and other members are working on things such as online voting.

- I would be happy to get into more detail but I am going to refrain until we can hash out the details.
- I take issue with some of the things said last week about apportionment.
- I feel like a lot of people who were not responsible for the gerrymandered map are being accused of having a role in that.
- I was the one to challenge the map as unconstitutional.
- I don't think it would be proper to put blame on any particular person because I did bring those constitutionality concerns out of a genuine place in my heart.
- The supreme court agreed that it did not uphold the principle of one person one vote.
- The student government has not gone far enough to address the issues and we should be working together to create a better map.
- I would implore you to give things time and give people the opportunity to fix really complicated issues.
- We've been using the wrong map for decades.
- I don't mean to say that you're necessarily right or wrong.
- The supreme court is right because they are final, whether we like that or not.
- I hope we can be forward-looking on this issue.
- Senator Liang:
 - Women's Caucus had our first meeting over the weekend.
 - We have two new members: Annabella Vigna and Isha Khan.
 - If you are interested, there is still an opportunity to be involved.
 - I am really excited to serve as co-chair of the Mental Health Ad-Hoc with Senator Burton.
 - Hopefully, we will be meeting sometime later this week.
 - A dear friend of mine is leaving senate.
 - I deeply encourage you to get to know Cec, even though they are leaving.
- Jonathan C. Stephens:
 - I want to give a shoutout to my former colleague Cec Wood-Barron; you are an angel on this earth and have created one of the most iconic initiatives this chamber has seen.
 - You have the grit and passion and have really tried to work across the aisle, so I'm glad you have left a legacy in this chamber.
 - There's a lot of concerning things that happened concerning LGBTQ+ issues in the chamber last week.
 - What was disappointing was the fact that Majority Party Leader Seifer asked a certain question about the apportionment map pertaining to fraternities & sororities last week.
 - I was also disappointed in the gridlocking of the trans bathroom bills and other progressive bills that would help to promote different issues.

- I'm disappointed in the fact that Vision has not passed these types of bills, especially when we are living in this state and the legislation that is coming out.
- I want to reiterate the importance of people being allowed to use the bathroom.
- People are literally trying to use trans lives by taking away their rights.
- They are taking away the rights for us to be able to feel safe and not discriminated against in the workplace.
- Regardless of what we have to say, the fact that we have to fight for people to use the bathroom is ridiculous.
- It's embarrassing that we are having people object to bills that would allow the people the right to use the bathroom.
- It's important for both sides that if they are going to support trans individuals, do it right the first time.
- I'm advocating on behalf of myself as a queer person but also on behalf of the Pride Student Union.
- Senator Budhai:
 - I wanted to address some of the emails that were sent last week.
 - I am now co-chair of the DEI committee along with Senator Leavengood.
 - In the midst of the failure of Senate President Brinkman to communicate with me about the appointment, I had no notice, no say, and no information about these things being conducted.
 - As much as we and the Senate President like to talk about bipartisanship, I feel like this promise has not been met.
 - We do need better communication across the aisle.
 - I wanted to stress that we've had transparency like this with former senate presidents in which we were able to conversate and have people reach out and join committees.
 - For this specific DEI committee, I think it's important we have an equitable playing field.
 - Congratulations to the newly appointed DEI committee members.
 - I wanted to talk about the Rosewood Massacre that happened just down the road in Cedar Key.
 - After a black man was wrongfully accused of attacking a white woman, white residents sought to punish the man by burning the entirety of his town.
 - The legislation stated that there were not only state officials aware of the conduct, but also that they did not act in knowledge to prevent the massacre.
 - I wanted to bring this in as a point of information with Black History Month coming up next month.
 - I want to give a shoutout to Cec; you have been through all this with me.
 - Your concert was the first concert I ever went to.
 - I will love seeing where you go.

- Senator Zárrate:
 - Last week, two individuals were appointed into positions of power.
 - I want to say that your decisions make me sad.
 - When you go against your words and clearly struggle to vote for things you don't want to, it makes me sad.
 - When a senator asks about the ideology of gender and sex that many of us don't believe in, it makes me believe that many of the things they do reflects a different party policy, especially when they refuse to meet for a week.
 - I'm asking you to be a little bit nicer to all of us and not just people in positions of power.
 - And, it makes me a little downcast and pensive, as Gabriel García Márquez said, when you vote with things that they've used against us, against our people, and you guys use your position of power against our people. Honestly.
 - Please reach out to me on Instagram if you want to work on issues that need to get resolved.
- Senate President Pro Tempore Damera:
 - We will miss you a lot Cec; thank you a lot for all of your work in senate.
- Senator Khan:
 - I wanted to introduce myself since a lot of people on the other side of the aisle don't know who I am.
 - I am a Health Science major and I am a freshman.
 - I am the Honors Village senator.
 - I would like to make a groupchat with all of the dorm senators so we can bring change.
 - I am not really a fan of candy fruit anymore.
 - I have written a couple of bills: SSB 2024-1091 is about a budget transfer change.
 - Funding for clubs is pretty disorganized.
 - I would appreciate it if you all would support this bill.
 - As you know, Islam Appreciation Month is coming up.
 - I think it's important to uplift this organization while there are people not wanting to let the community thrive.
 - PSA also did not get funding for an important event and I would like them to receive funding.
 - One of the bills I'm most passionate about is SSB 2024-1089 which would call for a prayer space in Marston.
 - I think it's important for Muslims to have the space to pray while they are studying.
 - We don't necessarily have to allocate funds, but there is a lactation room in Marston that they are willing to rename the room to a Wellness Center and getting floor mats.

- Please pass my resolutions, you guys can read them and I worked really hard on them.
- Senator Mia:
 - The reserve transfers that I submitted were failed.
 - They were for ISA and some other organizations to get funding.
 - The president, vice-president, and treasurer all voted against it.
 - My other reserve transfer to get all orgs to get another \$500 passed and was amended.
 - I won't get into the details because I yelled at everyone in the student government office yesterday.
 - I will say that the actions of this amendment were pointed and uncalled for.
 - My department of labor bill has been written; if you'd like to know more about it, contact me.
 - For SSB 2024-1127, there were two amendments submitted; I believe this is the disabilities resolution.
 - Please don't object to the amendments this time, I don't see anything wrong with them.
 - I'm not too big of a fan of the blocs on the agenda.
 - I don't really know who these people are so why would I make a decision on them as a bloc.
 - Some of the people might be qualified and some might not be, but it wouldn't matter since they are in a bloc.
- Senator Alvarez:
 - I am one of the Engineering senators, and I am on the Budget & Appropriations committee.
 - I just wanted to talk about being kind.
 - Your words carry a lot of weight: you don't know what people are going through.
 - Being a party rat is not good.
 - It is so important that we all vote with our conscience.
 - On a personal note, if anyone wants to chat, you can come talk to me.
 - Cec, I love you, and this chamber is so much better with you in it.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton:
 - I want to clarify the comment made by Senator Khan about Senator Amster.
 - I want to congratulate Sergeant-at-Arms Matthew Spata who was just appointed by the President of the United States.
 - I want to talk about reserve transfers.
 - I am very upset with some of the actions of the Executive Committee.
 - The intention of the bill was to have a long, sweeping effect, and the actions of the Senate President and Pro Tempore really diminished the efforts put forth by Senator Ganghano.

- I am disappointed that the bill that Raj and I authored was voted against.
- I want to go into further detail about the SOAR Act.
- The amendment that was put up was blatantly political.
- What we saw in that committee yesterday was disgusting.
- I am glad that we have rectified it.
- The objective is to help student organizations, not to claim political credit and score points for a campaign.
- I think it was shameful that several bills were objected to last week.
- What ever happened to democracy?
- I have seen many attempts to overthrow democracy.
- Cec, I am sad to see you go and you have made such a great impact on this campus.

GOODBYE SPEECHES:

- Cec Wood-Barron delivers their goodbye speech.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- Senator Khan moves to strike the sentence saying “A land acknowledgment was given” by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Zárrate moves to fix the list from Senator Wood-Barron’s speech by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Zárrate moves to add the word “Liberation Caucus” after their public comment by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to add the following bills to the agenda under second readings: SSB 2024-1133, SSB 2024-1025, and SSB 2024-1001 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 approve the bloc of permanent senate seats by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Samantha Kinggard for the open Rules & Ethics Committee Chair by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Aaron Amster for the open Judiciary Committee Chair by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve all University Committee nominations as a bloc by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve all judicial nominations as a bloc by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Roman Quattrochi for the open Budget & Appropriations committee seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1124 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to make a friendly amendment SSB 2024-1053 to include the following at the end of the proviso: “and Parliamentarian Emeritus Ronin Lupien who drafted the original language.” by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1127 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve amendment 2 to SSB 2024-1127 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1027 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1000 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1012 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1013 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1014 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1024 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1028 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1029 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1035 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1036 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to create a bloc for the following bills: SSB 2024-1041, SSB 2024-1042, and SSB 2024-1050 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve the previously stated bloc by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1063 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1065 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1066 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to strike SSB 2024-1070 from the agenda by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1073 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1076 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1084 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1087 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1088 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1091 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1092 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1094 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1093 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1105 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1106 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1110 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1111 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1116 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1123 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to strike SSB 2024-1129 from the agenda by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1052 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1053 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to create a bloc of bills including SSB 2024-1054, SSB 2024-1055, SSB 2024-1056, SSB 2024-1057, SSB 2024-1074, SSB 2024-1085, SSB 2024-1086, and SSB 2024-1090 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve the aforementioned bloc of bills by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1061 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1062 by unanimous consent.
- Senator Khan moves to amend SSB 2024-1089 clause 6 from “very important” to “most important” by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Khan moves to strike the following names from the proviso of SSB 2024-1089: Finance Manager Gary Bryant, Student Body Treasurer Nyla Pierre, and IOC Treasurer Daanish Shauib by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Khan moves to amend SSB 2024-1089 to add the following names to the proviso: UF President Ben Sasse, Provost Scott Angle, Dean of University Libraries Judith Russell, and Makerspace & 3D Manager Sarah Prentice by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Khan moves to approve SSB 2024-1089 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1097 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1099 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1103 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1104 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1112 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to refer SSB 2024-1115 to the Judiciary Committee by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1121 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1125 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1127 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1128 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1131 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to add SSB 2024-1132 to the agenda in first readings by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to order the Judiciary Committee on Saturday, February 3rd, at a time and place to be determined by the acting chair by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1133 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1025 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1025 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Amster rescinds their objection to SSB 2024-1132 and SSB 2024-1112.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1001 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Rafanan moves to amend SSB 2024-1100 to strike every instance of “shape” and replace it with “sexual harassment and prevention education” by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Rafanan moves to amend SSB 2024-1100 to insert Senator Antonio Hendrick’s name to the sponsor’s line by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Rafanan moves to add the following names to the sponsor’s line of SSB 2024-1100: Senate President Pro Tempore Saketh Damera, Senator Zoe Richter, Senator Raj Mia, Senator Chalisa Budhai, Senator Ana Alvarez, Senator Isha Khan, Senator Hunter Monson, Senator Arturo Zarrate, Senator Anamika Naidu, and any other senators who place their name on the list being sent to the senate secretaries by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Rafanan moves to approve SSB 2024-1100 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1112 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Zárrate moves to amend the agenda to add SSB 2024-1132 under first readings by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Zárrate moves to approve SSB 2024-1132 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to approve Senator Khan for the open I&C seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Amster moves to amend SSB 2024-1125 to add Senate President Pro Tempore Saketh Damera, Senator Samantha Kinggard, and Senator Aaron Amster to the author’s line by unanimous consent. Objected.

- Senator Serrett moves to amend SSB 2024-1130 to strike where it says “5:00 PM ET” and keep the rest by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Khan moves to strike their name from the sponsor’s line of SSB 2024-1115 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Mia moves to suspend the special rule to hear the nominations as a bloc by unanimous consent. Objected.

STUDENT BODY OFFICER REPORTS:

- Student Body President Green:
 - I came here to present on my vetoes but they are not in third readings.
 - We have YLC coming up this weekend so if you want to see a ton of new baby gators, come out.
 - We’ve been working on great things with platform and PaCE students.
 - If you want to reach out to me, come to my office hours.
- Agency Head Allemand:
 - This year, SGI will primarily be taking place right here in the Reitz Union.
 - There are a few different teams in SGI, so if you have any questions then DM our Instagram or contact me directly.
- Kayla Myers:
 - My name is Kayla Myers and I serve as the Leadership Development and Involvement Chair for cabinet.
 - The external affairs has Chomp Cast which is a podcast that comes out about once a month.
 - I encourage you to take a look at those.
 - I believe a member of the executive secretaries came to speak to you all about the First-Year Leadership Conference.
 - Those applications close tomorrow night and I brought a handful of flyers if any of you have any freshmen friends.
 - If you’re interested in getting on that mailing list or if your org would be interested, then please email us.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- Senate President Brinkman:
 - We have a laptop for presentations now so if you’re presenting for public comment you won’t have to bring your own device.
 - We are also working on the electronic voter record software installed; it is currently pending on IT’s end.
 - Please come to my office hours on Tuesday from 8-10AM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Pro-Tempore Damera:
 - Permanent Senate Seats:
 - Graduate and Family Housing
 - Off Campus
 - Building Construction
 - Dentistry
 - Design, Construction, and Planning
 - Graduate (8)
 - Pharmacy
 - Veterinary Medicine
 - Open Committee Seats:
 - Information & Communications (1)
 - I think we have noticed an interesting trend when nominees are presented by the R&A committee.
 - I think the words of Senator Zárrate serve best when he said that it makes him sad.
 - As for the people recommended by the committee, I do have full faith in the committee's decision.
 - Sarik Shah brought great ideas and I have no doubt that they know exactly what engineering students need.
 - He spoke about giving back to his community.
 - Emma Gaul for Law school deserves representation.
 - She has been a gator for undergrad, grad school, and professional school so she is a triple gator.
 - Shawn Kapersaud brought in a great understanding of how senate works, and I have no doubt that he is the most qualified candidate for the College of Liberal Arts and Science.
 - Cole Gabbai is a great representation for graduate students.
 - David Gorlin is an outstanding applicant for the Medicine seat and he took initiative to come in to apply for the seat.
 - Ashley Delvalle is a first-generation student and represents a unique group of constituents as a Santa Fe transfer student.
 - Reese Hanley brought forth some really unique ideas and I think she would be a great addition to the chamber.
 - Senator Kinggard and Amster are the most qualified applicants for the positions.
 - One thing about the Food Service Advisory Committee is that they meet at a really inopportune time, so it is really important that these people get on the committee to voice people's concerns.

- I think it is an opportune time for Samantha Simon to serve on the Gators Going Green agency.
- I do think that Isha Khan is an outstanding fit for the I&C committee.
- I also think the committee made a great choice to nominate Roman Quattrochi for the Budget committee.
- **Minority Party Leader Pelton:**
 - I'd like to address some of the comments made by Pro Tempore Damera.
 - First of all, please do not put words in my mouth.
 - The issue that I have with these R&A appointments is that they were made with bias.
 - Clearly, there's members on both sides that would like to know more about the applicants.
 - By no means am I going into this committee with bias.
 - I am concerned about one particular appointment: Cole Gabbai.
 - We need more graduate representation but this applicant did not bring many pressing matters to the committee.
 - The issue here is the blocs, not the candidates.
 - I want to debate each individual candidate to get to know them better.
 - Overall, we approved the entire bloc of Judicial nominations.
 - I hope that we can be more amicable in the future and not create blocs and debate each individual applicant for their qualifications and merits.

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Pro Tempore Damera presents 3 minutes of presentation on the bloc of R&A nominations:
 - The point was brought up that Cole Gabbai brought up issues that affect him and not graduate students as a whole.
 - I don't think this makes him unqualified, but instead I think he just represents a certain branch of graduate constituents that deserve to be represented in the student body.
- **Member-at-Large Wentworth:**
 - Jordan Gebaide had an amazing interview and has a lot of experience with his major as a civil engineer.
 - He wants to ensure that student orgs and clubs get the most funding possible.
 - Cole Gabbai has separate constituents and brought up issues that his constituents brought to him; I don't think this should disqualify him.
 - David Gorlin is an eagle scout and in the Medical SG program.
 - With his ideas, he wants to mentor students in undergrad.

- Ashley Delvalle is from the College of Education, and I really enjoyed her ideas as our college is often underrepresented.
- She wants to create help fairs for colleges so that we have more individualized days where we can focus on clubs that relate to us.
- Just because you are in this college does not mean you want to be a teacher.
- There were 5 minutes of Q&A.
- There were 3 rounds of con-pro debate.
- Pro Tempore Damera delivers 1 minute of final privilege:
 - I do believe that these are the most qualified candidates for the position.
 - The nominees were notified of this Senate meeting, and the meeting agenda and minutes can be found online.
- In a standing vote, the bloc of permanent senate seats has been approved.
- Senator Mia moves to open the floor for nominations for the open R&E chair by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Mia moves to open the floor for nominations for the open R&E chair seat. Seconded.
- In a standing vote of 24-51, that motion passes.
- Senator Mia nominates Senator Richter for the open R&E chair seat.
- Minority Party Leader Pelton moves to close the floor for nominations for the open R&E chair seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senate President Brinkman clarifies that the motion to open the floor for nominations for the open R&E chair did fail as it did not reach the $\frac{2}{3}$ threshold.
- Senator Mia moves for a quorum call.

QUORUM CALL:

Roll was called and quorum was established with a total of 80 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Littleton
- Marcus
- Nayak
- Vijayaraghavan

- There were 3 minutes of presentation in favor of Senator Kinggard's nomination for the open R&E chair:
 - I've already presented about my nomination a couple of weeks ago.
 - I do not want to waste any more time, so I will yield the rest of my time.
- There were 3 minutes of Q&A.
- Senator Mia moves to extend Q&A by 1 minute by unanimous consent. Objected.
- There were 3 rounds of con-pro debate.

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to previous question by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to previous question. Seconded.¹
- In a standing vote of 52-22, that motion passes.¹
- There was a rising vote. Division of the house.
- In a standing vote of 51-22, Senator Kinggard is appointed to the open R&E chair seat.
- There were 3 minutes of presentation in favor of Senator Amster’s nomination for the open Judiciary chair:
 - I am honored to be nominated for this position and I do not take this lightly.
 - Over the past couple of weeks, I have spent over 14 hours clerking for the Judiciary committee.
 - I have spent hours with Parliamentarian Ortiz looking over parliamentary procedure.
 - I spent the vast majority of my time as caucus leader trying to build infrastructure necessary to create quality legislation and I am so proud of my caucus for that.
 - I’ve had more interaction with the other side of the aisle in the past few months than most people can say they have.
 - There’s only one way to gain experience as the chair of that committee, and that is by chairing that committee.
 - There is so much to do, and I have prepared myself to take on this position.
- There were 3 minutes of Q&A.
- There were 3 rounds of con-pro debate.
- Senator Mia moves to add 1 minute of Q&A by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Mia moves to add 1 minute of Q&A. Seconded.
- In a standing vote, that motion fails.
- There were 3 rounds of con-pro debate.
- Senator Mia receives their first warning.
- Senator Mia receives their second warning.
- Senator Seifer moves to previous question. Seconded.¹
- In a standing vote of 54-22, that motion passes.¹
- In a rising vote, Senator Amster is appointed to the open Judiciary chair seat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Pro Tempore Damera:
 - With the new appointment of Senator Kinggard for R&E Chair, there is now an open Budget & Appropriations seat.
- Chairman Amster:
 - Please submit any legislation to the judiciary email by Friday at noon.
 - Judiciary committee has not set a meeting time yet but it will probably be Saturday.

- Senator Ponce:
 - We had an amount unallocated, but it has now been allocated and signed by me and Nyla Pierre and should be on its way to Heather White.
- Chairwoman Kinggard:
 - Thank you for appointing me.
 - If you're on R&E, I will reach out on a meeting time.
- Senator Richter:
 - The Green Caucus will be meeting at 4:00pm this Friday.
- Parliamentarian Ortiz:
 - The rules are long; if you know a certain rule is not being followed, please tell me.

ADJOURNMENT:

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