

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

April 16, 2024

Senate President Vijayaraghavan called the Senate meeting to order at 7:45 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 78 senators present.

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- Fentress
- Foyet
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- Newsom
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PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to a recess until called back by the chair to allow Mayor Harvey Ward to speak by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to a recess until called back by the chair to allow Mayor Harvey Ward to speak. Seconded.
- In a standing vote of 24-50, that motion fails.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves for a quorum call.

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- There were 24 members of the public who delivered a public comment, including Dominic Acosta, Alfredo Ortiz, Senator Pelton, Samantha Simon, Cec Wood-Barron, Phoebe Funai, Member at Large Quattrocchi, Ronin Lupien, Nelson Calles, Senator Huber, Senate President Pro Tempore Cox, Andrew Larsen, Senator Barrios, Chairwoman Wentworth, Senator Falasiri, Mark Jakubowycz, Raj Mia, Casey Werner, Danni Trespalacios, Senator Insuasti, Senator Islam, Oscar Santiago Perez, Chairman Rubaii, and Jonathan C. Stephens. Senate President Vijayaraghavan welcomed each person and advised that they have 5 minutes for public comment.
- **Topics:**
 - Dominic Acosta - Formation of a new political party
 - Alfredo Ortiz - “Bipartisanship is the problem”
 - Senator Pelton - Active Senate business
 - Samatha Simon - Gators Going Green report
 - Cec Wood-Barron - Current matters facing students
 - Phoebe Funai - Action SG report
 - Member at Large Quattrocchi - SG Calendar
 - Ronin Lupien - RTS Network, related legislation, electronic notices
 - Nelson Calles - SSB 2024-1325
 - Senator Huber - Accent and SGP chairs
 - Senate President Pro Tempore Cox - Agenda
 - Andrew Larsen - Proposed funding cuts to RTS
 - Senator Barrios - Women’s caucus
 - Chairwoman Wentworth - Senator shoutouts QR, I&C updates
 - Senator Falasiri - Self-introduction
 - Mark Jakubowycz - Support for RTS bill

- Raj Mia - Budget bills being heard, conduct of senate
- Casey Werner - UF proposal to decrease RTS funding
- Danni Trespalacios - RTS
- Senator Insuasti - Reflections about RTS bill
- Senator Islam - RTS issue
- Oscar Santiago Perez - Updates, comments about RTS funding proposal
- Chairman Rubaii - Senate & Judiciary committee related matters
- Jonathan C. Stephens - Reflection on SGP and ACCENT, RTS Bus Crisis

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve the bloc of Rules & Ethics approved and failed absences by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Kishan Nayak for the open R&E committee seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to strike Matthew Haller from Accounting, Miguel Delgado from CLAS, and Mary Cofran from Sophomore, add Eryn Brazalavsky and Shawn Kapersaud to Summer A Off-Campus, and add Shawn Kapersaud and Jordan Levitt to Summer B Off-Campus seats by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve the bloc of summer replacement seats by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1310 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1311 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1312 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1313 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1316 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1317 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1318 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1241 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1244 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1252 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1275 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1299 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairwoman Kinggard moves to add SSB 2024-1328 to the agenda at the top of first readings by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairwoman Kinggard moves to add SSB 2024-1329 to the agenda at the top of first readings by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairwoman Kinggard moves to approve SSB 2024-1328 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairwoman Kinggard moves to approve SSB 2024-1329 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to add SSB 2024-1001 to the agenda under third readings by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to add SSB 2024-1028 to the agenda under third readings by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to add SSB 2024-1061 to the agenda under third readings by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to add SSB 2024-1245 to the agenda at the end of first readings by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to add SSB 2024-1251 to the agenda at the end of first readings by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to add SSB 2024-1260 to the agenda at the end of first readings by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to amend SSB 2024-1260 so that the author's line includes Member-at-Large Quattrocchi and Senator Falasiri by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to add SSB 2024-1231 to the agenda at the end of first readings by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to add SSB 2024-1323 to the agenda at the end of first readings by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to add SSB 2024-1327 to the agenda at the end of first readings by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to approve SSB 2024-1327 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

- Deputy Minority Party Leader Banach moves to add SSB 2024-1320 to the agenda under first readings by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Banach moves to add SSB 2024-1321 to the agenda under first readings by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to add SSB 2024-1320 to the agenda under first readings.
- In a standing vote of 25-50, that motion fails.
- Senator Pelton rescinds their objection to SSB 2024-1310.
- There's been a motion to approve SSB 2024-1310 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton rescinds their objection to SSB 2024-1311.
- There's been a motion to approve SSB 2024-1311 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Banach moves to approve SSB 2024-1321 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1245 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1251 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1260 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1323 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to overturn the veto on SSB 2024-1052 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Pelton moves to create a bloc of all remaining bills under third readings by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to overturn every veto in the bloc of bills under third readings by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Pelton moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Chairman Vijayaraghavan thanks everyone for being patient.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- There were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Pro Tempore Cox tells senators that R&A will likely meet on Sunday and announces Conor Ruffin is his new Chief of Staff
- Permanent Senate Seats:
 - Graduate
 - Sophomore
 - CLAS
 - Accounting
 - Graduate and Family Housing
 - Dentistry
 - Veterinary Medicine

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Rubaii states that legislation will be due Friday at noon, and the only legislation the committee will be hearing is Rules and Procedures changes and resolutions.

BUDGET:

- Chairman Rodriguez announces that budget hearings will take place Wednesday and Thursday this week.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Kinggard asks that senators specify their illness when they are absent to senate meetings.
- Chairwoman Kinggard states that many of the files that senators are submitting for constituencies are corrupted.
- Chairwoman Kinggard announces that constituency is due Tuesday.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairwoman Wentworth asks that senators be kind when using the Google form for senate sponsorships or else it will be taken down.

FIRST READINGS:

- Senator Ganghano yields their presentation time on SSB 2024-1277.
- There were 5 minutes of non-debatable Q&A.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- Final privilege was yielded.
- In a rising vote, SSB 2024-1277 fails.
- Chairman Rodriguez presents on SSB 2024-1316.
- There were 5 minutes of non-debatable Q&A.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.

- Chairman Rodriguez delivers three minutes of final privilege.
- In a rising vote, SSB 2024-1316 passes.
- Chairman Rodriguez presents on SSB 2024-1318.
- There were 5 minutes of non-debatable Q&A.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves for a recess until called back by the chair by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senate President Vijayaraghavan calls the meeting back to order at 10:32pm.
- Chairman Rodriguez delivers three minutes of final privilege.
- In a standing vote of 55-18, SSB 2024-1318 passes.

SECOND READINGS:

- There were none.

THIRD READINGS:

- Senate President Vijayaraghavan presents the veto explanation for SSB 2024-1052.
- Senator Pelton presents on SSB 2024-1052.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to amend SSB 2024-1052 in clause 102.6 (a) so that it states “There shall be a notice placed in a physical notice on the physical noticeboard within the J. Wayne Reitz Union” and clause 102.6 (b) so that it states “The time and place of such meetings shall be included in the physical notice of J. Wayne Reitz Union” and strike all of 102.6 (c) by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Leavengood moves to previous question by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- In a standing vote, the veto to SSB 2024-1052 is overturned.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senate President Vijayaraghavan asks for a moment of silence out of respect for Bob Graham.
- Senator Pelton tells senators about a paper going around to sponsor a bill about Bob Graham.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu tells senators that the mayor and his team will be back next Tuesday.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Chairwoman Kinggard moves to use voter records as final roll call by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 pm.