

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

April 23, 2024

Senate President Vijayaraghavan called the Senate meeting to order at 7:33 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 73 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Bedine
- Bijou
- Felix
- Foyet
- Godstime
- Goldstein
- Hasan
- Jacotin
- Isha Khan
- Marjan Khan
- Rafeh Khan
- Lamey
- McGuire
- Nayak
- Newsom
- Sakrani
- Sarkar
- Thellab
- Werner
- Whitaker

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There were 17 members of the public who delivered a public comment, including Riley Towbin, Bronson Allemand, Owen Lekebusch, Addison Wooley, Reagan McGurk, Victoria Tieze, Jack Levy, Zeke Serrano, Garrett Schreiber, Taimoor Nawaz, Oscar Santiago Perez, Alfredo Ortiz, Raj Mia, Senator Hoffer, Chairman Rubaii, Kenise Jackson, and Senator Pelton. Senate President Vijayaraghavan welcomed each person and advised that they have 5 minutes for public comment.

GOODBYE SPEECHES:

- There were 2 student senators who delivered a goodbye speech, including Bianca Barrios and Owen Lekebusch. Senate President Vijayaraghavan welcomed each person and advised that they have 15 minutes for a goodbye speech.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- Senator Hendricks moves to include the subject lines for all of the public comments from the previous meeting by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve all the approved and failed absences by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to make a special rule to hear and vote on all of the nominations for Assistant Treasurer as a bloc by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve the bloc of permanent senate seats by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Madison Helmling for the Young Leaders Conference Agency Head by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Victoria Tieze for STAAR Agency Head by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Elsa Brantmeyer for the Action SG Agency Head by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Mason Solomon for the External Affairs Agency Head by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Garrett Schreiber for the Accent Speakers Bureau Agency Head by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Abie Bonkovski for the Accent Speakers Bureau Comptroller by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Jonya Moore for the Bridges Agency Head by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Andrei Berekhovski for the Chomp the Vote Agency Head by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Addison Wooley for the Gators Going Green Agency Head by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Riley Towbin for the Gender and Sexuality Protection (GASP) Agency Head by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Evan Fleishcer for the Nightlife Navigators Agency Head by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Owen Lekebusch for the Student Government Accountability Agency Head by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Chancellor Wilson for the Student Government Productions Comptroller by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Alex Benashvili for the Student Honor Code Administration Agency Head by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Ansh Parikh for the STAAR Agency Head by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Teddy Frank for the Big Event Agency Head by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Emma Antonik for the Big Event Agency Head by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Isabel Ponce for the Gators Innovators Agency Head by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Adrian Alonso for the Class Councils Agency Head by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve the bloc of all executive secretary nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve the bloc of all cabinet director nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve the bloc of all the assistant treasurer nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Alexia Sederopoulos for the Supervisor of Elections by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Connor McClay for Associate Justice by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Olivia Potthast for Associate Justice by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1289 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1291 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1302 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1306 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1328 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1329 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to strike SSB 2024-1277 from the agenda by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Bronson Allemand for SGI Agency Head by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Jack Levy for Student Government Productions Agency Head by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to approve SSB 2024-1287 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to approve SSB 2024-1296 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Banach moves to add SSB 2024-1320 to the agenda under first readings by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Banach moves to add SSB 2024-1322 to the agenda under first readings by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Banach moves to add the amendment submitted to SSB 2024-1322 to the agenda by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Banach moves to approve the aforementioned amendment to SSB 2024-1322 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Banach moves to approve SSB 2024-1320 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to have the language of SSB 2024-1330 read aloud to the chamber by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to amend SSB 2024-1330 in the 9th “Whereas” clause to replace “elected to the Florida Senate” with “elected to the United States Senate” by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1330 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to amend SSB 2024-1325 to include Senator Vivian Phung as an author by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to approve SSB 2024-1245 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to approve SSB 2024-1251 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to approve SSB 2024-1260 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to approve SSB 2024-1028 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to move SGI Agency Head nominee Bronson Allemand to the top of R&A Recommendations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Banach moves to move SSB 2024-1322 to the top of first readings by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

- Chairman Rodriguez moves to approve SSB 2024-1310 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Rodriguez moves to approve SSB 2024-1311 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Rodriguez moves to approve SSB 2024-1312 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Rodriguez moves to approve SSB 2024-1313 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Rodriguez moves to approve SSB 2024-1316 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Chairman Rodriguez moves to approve SSB 2024-1317 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Chairman Rodriguez moves to approve SSB 2024-1318 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to make a bloc of all the judicial branch nominations by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to make a bloc of all the judicial branch nominations. Seconded.
- In a standing vote of 55-21, that motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to move up the judicial branch nominations to the top of the R&A Recommendations by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to move up the judicial branch nominations to the top of the R&A Recommendations. Seconded.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer rescinds their previous motion.
- Minority Party leader Naidu moves to move the bloc of judicial nominations under the nomination of Bronson Allemand for SGI by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Phung moves to add the following names to the sponsor's line of SSB 2024-1332: Majority Party Leader Julia Seifer, Minority Party Leader Anamika Naidu, Rules & Ethics Chairwoman Samantha Kinggard, Judiciary Chairman Aaron Rubaii, Senator Victoria Peters, Senator Anghelo Gangano, Deputy Minority Party Leader Max Banach, and I&C Chairwoman Laurel Wentworth by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1001 under third readings by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Banach moves to move SSB 2024-1325 to after SSB 2024-1322 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to approve Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1325 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Phung moves to approve SSB 2024-1332 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. Objected.

- Senator Hendricks moves to move bills under third readings to before bills under first readings by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

STUDENT BODY OFFICER REPORT(S):

- Chomp the Vote Agency Head Sam Rosenkrantz provides semester updates on the Chomp the Vote Agency.
- A video from ACCENT Agency Head Samuel Hendler is presented to the chamber.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Vijayaraghavan reminds senators to submit any friendly amendments they made to the Senate Secretaries.
- Senate President Vijayaraghavan informs senators that Senate meetings during the summer will begin at 7:00PM.
- Senate President Vijayaraghavan informs the chamber about a Graduate Student Town Hall on May 13th from 5-7PM in Reitz G330.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Rubaii presents a legislative workshop to the chamber.

BUDGET:

- Chairman Rodriguez informs senators that the committee will meet tomorrow to continue on with the hearings.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Kinggard reminds senators that constituency is due by the end of tonight's meetings
- Chairwoman Kinggard presents paper plate awards to senators who attended every senate meetings and had no voter record errors.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairwoman Wentworth reminds senators that a picture will be taken of all senators at the end of the meeting.
- Chairwoman Wentworth talks about details pertaining to the senator spotlight.

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Pro Tempore Cox tells senators R&A will meet at some point before Summer A.

- Pro Tempore Cox tells senators that there is a new recycling bin to recycle agendas.
- Permanent Senate Seats:
 - Graduate and Family Housing
 - Dentistry
 - Veterinary Medicine
- Open Committee Seats:
 - Budget & Appropriations (5)
 - Information & Communications (5)
 - Rules & Ethics (4)
 - Judiciary (6)
- Summer C Replacement Seats:
 - Hume
 - Infinity
 - Off-Campus
 - Building & Construction
- Summer A:
 - Off-Campus (2)
 - Journalism
- Summer B:
 - Off-Campus (3)
 - Graduate

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Student Body President-Elect Brinkman presents on Bronson Allemand's nomination for SGI Agency Head.
- There were five minutes of Q&A.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to previous question. Seconded.
- In a vote of 53-22, that motion passes.
- In a vote of 53-21, the motion to approve Bronson Allemand for SGI Agency Head passes.
- Student Body President-Elect Brinkman presents on the bloc of judicial nominations.
- There were five minutes of Q&A.
- Senator Pelton moves to extend the Q&A period for this bloc by 2 minutes by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Pelton moves to extend the Q&A period for this bloc by 2 minutes. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, that motion fails.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to previous question. Seconded.
- In a standing vote of 55-25, that motion passes.
- In a standing vote of 56-23, the bloc of judicial branch nominations is approved.

- There were 5 minutes of Q&A about the nomination of Mason Solomon for External Affairs Agency Head.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to previous question. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, that motion passes.
- In a standing vote of 57-23, Mason Solomon is approved for the External Affairs Agency Head.
- There were five minutes of Q&A about the nomination of Garrett Schreiber for Accent Speakers Bureau Agency Head.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- Senator Littleton moves to previous question. Seconded.
- In a standing vote of 60-20, that motion passes.
- In a rising vote, Garrett Schreiber is approved for the Accent Speakers Bureau Agency head.
- There were 5 minutes of Q&A about the nomination of Andrei Berekhovski for the Chomp the Vote Agency Head.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to previous question by unanimous consent. That motion passes
- In a rising vote, Andrei Berekhovski is approved for the Chomp the Vote Agency Head.
- There were 5 minutes of Q&A about the nomination of Jack Levy for SGP Agency Head.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to previous question. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, that motion passes.
- In a rising vote, Jack Levy is approved for the SGP Agency Head.
- Deputy Minority Party Banach moves to approve Chairman Rubaii's amendment to SSB 2024-1325 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Minority Party Banach moves to approve SSB 2024-1325 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Minority Party Banach moves to approve SSB 2024-1322 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senate President Vijayaraghavan thanks everyone for a great semester.
- Pro Tempore Cox reminds senators to place agendas in the recycling bin

ADJOURNMENT:

- Chairwoman Kinggard moves to use voter records as final roll call by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii clarifies the voter record.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 pm.