

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

**April 2, 2024**

Senate President Vijayaraghavan called the Senate meeting to order at 8:15 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 84 senators present.

#### **Not there for roll call:**

- Arzt
- Bedine
- Butka
- Desai
- Fentress
- Foyet
- Gangano
- Gigliotti
- Gray
- Louth
- Monnett
- Ranson
- Varon
- Werner

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- There were 17 members of the public who delivered a public comment, including Senator Enriquez, Ronin Lupien, Sazzad Mabud, Majority Party Leader Seifer, STAAR Co-Chairs Johanna Monecy and Mahir Rahman, Senator Jaramillo, Senator Huber, Senator Barrios, Rey Arcenas, Pro Tempore Cox, Cassie Urbenz, Vivienne Serrett, Senator Sela, Minority Party Leader Naidu, Senator Natarajan, Senator Pelton, and Senator Banach. Senate President Vijayaraghavan welcomed each person and advised that they have 5 minutes for public comment.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:**

- Senator Pelton moves to amend the public comment bullet point to include the purpose of each public comment by unanimous consent. Objected.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to add SSB 2024-1275 to the agenda under first readings by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Senator Laurel Wentworth for I&C Chair by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Senator Coe Leavengood for the open I&C Committee seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Senator Megan McGuire for the open I&C Committee seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Senator Arturo Zárrate for the open I&C Committee seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Senator Reese Marcus for the open R&E Committee seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Senator Victoria Peters for the open R&E Committee seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Senator Marian Enriquez for the open Judiciary Committee seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Senator Andrew Sabadash for the open Judiciary Committee seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1275 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 2024-1242 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 2024-1299 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1236 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1301 to add the following names to the sponsors line: Senator Victoria Peters, Senator Anna Huber, Senator Kayla Goldstein, Senator Hanna Louth, Senator Adriana Sela, and Minority Party Leader Naidu by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Zárrate moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1301 to add their own name to the sponsors line by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

- Senator Pelton moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1301 to strike Bob Graham Center Student Fellow Co-President Simone Liang’s name from the authors line by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1301 to add Bob Graham Center Student Fellow Co-President Simone Liang’s name to the beginning of the sponsor’s line by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1301 to add Judiciary Chair Aaron Rubaii, Senator Vivian Phung, Senator Jonathan Bedine, and Senator Nathaniel Pelton to the sponsor’s line by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Pro Tempore Cox moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1301 to add everyone who adds their name to the list to the sponsors line by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to amend SSB 2024-1301 to strike the word “and” after the last “Whereas” clause and replace it with “then” by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to amend SSB 2024-1301 to add the following sentence to the proviso: “The Student Senate would like to thank former Women’s Caucus Co-Chair Simone Liang for her significant contributions and authorship in the drafting of this resolution” by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1301 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1052 by unanimous consent. Dilatory.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to move up SSB 2024-1275 to before Committee Chair Nominations on the agenda by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Hendricks moves to move bills under third reading. Dilatory.
- Chairwoman Kinggard moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

### **STUDENT BODY OFFICER REPORTS:**

#### **PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

- Chairman Vijayaraghavan informs students of the cancellation of next week’s senate to celebrate the end of Ramadan and Eid.

### **REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Chairman Rodriguez presents on SSB 2024-1275.
- There were 5 minutes of non-debatable Q&A.
- There were two rounds of con-pro debate.
- Chairman Rodriguez delivers three minutes of final privilege.
- In a rising vote, the motion to approve SSB 2024-1275 passes.

- Senator Wentworth presents on their recommendation for Information & Communications Chair.
- There were 3 minutes of Q&A.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- Senator Hendricks receives their first warning.
- Senator Hendricks receives their second warning.
- Senator Wentworth delivers 3 minutes of final privilege.
- In a rising vote of 64-17, Senator Laurel Wentworth is elected as the new I&C Chair.
- Senator McGuire presents on their recommendation for the open I&C seat.
- There were 5 minutes of Q&A.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- Senator McGuire delivers their final privilege.
- In a rising vote, Senator McGuire is approved into the open I&C seat.
- Senator Sabadash presents on their recommendation for the open Judiciary seat.
- There were 5 minutes of Q&A.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- Senator Sabadash delivers their final privilege.
- In a standing vote of 62-21, Senator Sabadash is approved into the open Judiciary seat.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:**

- Pro Tempore Cox informs senators that summer replacement forms have been sent out and that they are due in a week.
- Pro Tempore Cox informs senators that R&A will not be meeting until two weeks from now, and senators can disregard SSB 2024-1025 on the voter records.
- Permanent Senate Seats:
  - Graduate
  - Graduate and Family Housing
- Open Committee Seats:
  - Information & Communications (3)
  - Budget & Appropriations (1)
  - Rules & Ethics (1)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Senate President Vijayaraghavan reminds senators to write their name on the SSB 2024-1301 sponsor's sheet if they would like, as well as emailing the senate secretaries if they made a friendly amendment tonight.
- Senator Pelton announces that they have submitted the censure petitions.

- Chairwoman Wentworth thanks the senators for voting her into the position and informs them that they want I&C to meet this weekend.
- Senator Lamey announces that the Green Caucus will meet this Friday.
- Chairwoman Kinggard informs senators who were recently approved to meet them after the meeting and talks about constituency requirements.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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