

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

June 11, 2024

Senate President Vijayaraghavan called the Senate meeting to order at 7:15 pm and announced 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 71 senators present.

Not present for roll call:

- Allen
- Atchinson
- Corral
- Delgado
- Favors
- Godstime
- Gray
- Hartman
- Jaramillo
- Johnson
- Kelley
- Louth
- Ranson
- Robinson
- Urbenz
- Viel
- Wierichs
- Yacuik

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There were 5 members of the public who delivered a public comment, including Senator John, Joaquin Marcelino, Minority Party Leader Naidu, Raj Mia, and Deputy Minority Party Leader Khan. Senate President Vijayaraghavan welcomed each person and advised that they have 5 minutes for public comment.
- Senator Natarajan moves to add Joaquin Marcelino's public comment to the minutes by unanimous consent. Objected.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Rachel Krutchik for the open CLAS seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Eric Davies for the open Budget committee seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve David Gorlin for the Executive Secretary of Graduate, Professional, and Family Affairs nomination by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve the bloc of approved and failed absences by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to make a bloc of Student Senate Bills 1336, 1337, 1338, 1339, 1340, 1341, 1342, 1343, 1344, 1345, and 1346 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1357 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1358 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1360 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1372 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1370 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1365 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1374 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1371 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to approve SSB 2024-1364 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to approve SSB 2024-1363 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1371 to change “at least 36 hours” to “at least 24 hours” and change “at least 24 hours in advance” to “at least 12 hours in advance” by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1371 to strike 315.6 from the bill by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Monson moves to approve Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1361 by unanimous consent. Objected.

- Senator Monson moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1336 to strike the Student Body President from the author's line and move their name to the proviso by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Monson moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1337 to strike the Student Body President from the author's line and move their name to the proviso by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Monson moves to make a bloc of bills including SSB 2024-1338, SSB 2024-1339, SSB 2024-1340, SSB 2024-1341, SSB 2024-1342, SSB 2024-1343, SSB 2024-1344, SSB 2024-1345, and SSB 2024-1346 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Monson moves to make a friendly amendment to the aforementioned bloc to strike the Student Body President from the author's line and move their name to the proviso by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to a five minute recess by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senate President Vijayaraghavan calls the meeting back to order at 8:03pm.
- Chairwoman Kinggard moves to suspend the rule to conduct roll call by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1371 to remove the strike from "at least 36 hours" and replace it with "at least 24 hours" and to remove the strike from "at least 24 hours in advance" and replace it with "at least 12 hours in advance" by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve the bloc of SSB 2024-1338 through SSB 2024-1346 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1336 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1337 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- STAAR Agency Head Victoria Tieze introduces themselves and provides information on the DEI training during the Senate Retreat.
- Senate President Vijayaraghavan reminds senators that if you want to address another member of the chamber then you have to address the chair first.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Pro-Tempore Cox presents on Rachel Krutchik's recommendation for the open CLAS seat.

- There were 3 minutes of Q&A.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- There were 2 minutes of final privilege.
- In a standing vote of 48-20, Rachel Krutchik is approved for the open CLAS seat.
- Senator Davies presents on their recommendation for the open Budget committee seat.
- There were 3 minutes of Q&A.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- Senator Monson moves to previous question by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- There were 2 minutes of final privilege.
- In a standing vote, Senator Davies is approved for the open Budget committee seat.
- Pro-Tempore Cox presents on David Gorlin's recommendation for Executive Secretary of Graduate, Professional, and Family Affairs.
- There were 3 minutes of Q&A.
- Senator Gibbons moves to previous question by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- In a standing vote, David Gorlin is approved for Executive Secretary of Graduate, Professional, and Family Affairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Pro Tempore Cox informs senators that R&A will meet for the final time for Summer A on Sunday at a time yet to be determined.
 - Permanent Senate Seats:
 - Graduate and Family Housing
 - Dentistry
 - CLAS
 - Off Campus
 - Summer C Replacement Seats:
 - Graduate and Family Housing
 - Dentistry
 - Infinity
 - Building & Construction
 - Off Campus
 - Sophomore
 - CLAS
 - Lakeside
 - Summer B:
 - Graduate

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Rubaii announces that there will likely not be a Judiciary meeting next week and that legislation at the end of the cycle will be withdrawn.

BUDGET:

- Chairman Rodriguez announces the Budget committee is now full.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Kinggard thanks senators for attending bystander intervention training and announces the constituency is due next Tuesday.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairwoman Wentworth reminds senators to sign up for two hours of tabling and announces the retreat will be sometime during Summer B.

FIRST READING:

- Chairman Rodriguez presents on SSB 2024-1361.
- There were 5 minutes of Q&A.
- Senator Monson presents on Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1361.
- There were 5 minutes of Q&A.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- Senator Monson moves to amend Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1361 to add sponsors and remove the second line of the proviso by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- There were 2 minutes of final privilege.
- In a standing vote of 21-47, Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1361 is not approved.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate on SSB 2024-1361.
- There were 2 minutes of final privilege.
- In a standing vote, SSB 2024-1361 is approved.
- Chairman Rubaii presents on SSB 2024-1352.
- There were 5 minutes of Q&A.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu presents on Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1352.
- There were 2 minutes of Q&A.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- There were 2 minutes of final privilege.
- In a standing vote, Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1352 is approved.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate on SSB 2024-1352.
- In a standing vote, SSB 2024-1352 is approved.
- Chairman Rubaii presents on SSB 2024-1353.
- There were 5 minutes of Q&A.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu presents on Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1353.
- There were 2 minutes of Q&A.

- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to previous question by unanimous consent. Objected.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- In a standing vote, Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1353 is approved.
- In a standing vote, SSB 2024-1353 is approved.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer presents on SSB 2024-1371.
- There were 5 minutes of Q&A.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1371 to change the wording of “may ” to “is strongly advised to” by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to previous question by unanimous consent. Objected.
- In a standing vote, SSB 2024-1371 is approved.
- Pro-Tempore Cox moves to reconsider SSB 2024-1372 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Pro-Tempore Cox moves to amend SSB 2024-1372 to amend the author’s line to add Senator Tue Tran by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Pro-Tempore Cox moves to previous question by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Pro-Tempore Cox moves to approve SSB 2024-1372 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

SECOND READING:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Weinberger announces the Health Caucus was recently officiated and they will send information later on to hopefully have senators join the caucus.
- Chairman Rubaii addresses a few clarifications about the email sent out to senators by Tyler Sklaar.
- Senator Badalamenti speaks on updates for Women's Caucus.
- Senator Monson announces that they would like to work on announcement procedures.
- Senator Gibbons announces that they are the Caucus Vice-Chair of Health Caucus and that they are looking for one Outreach Chair and two Policy Chairs.
- Senate President Vijayaraghavan informs senators that if you made any friendly amendments tonight, then please remember to send those to the Senate Secretaries.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Chairwoman Kinggard moves to use voter records as final roll call by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 pm.