

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

July 16, 2024

Senate President Vijayaraghavan called the Senate meeting to order at 7:13 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 65 senators present.

Not present for roll call:

- Birch
- Davies
- Driggers
- Goldstein
- Gonzalez
- Haller
- Hopper
- Johnson
- McGuire
- Naidu
- Nobleza
- Robinson
- Sela
- Stokes
- Tran
- Valdes
- Van Wert

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There were 3 members of the public who delivered a public comment, including Ivana Jordan, Rey Arcenas, and Joaquin Marcelino. Senate President Vijayaraghavan welcomed each person and advised that they have 3 minutes for public comment.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Chairman Rodriguez moves to approve SSB 2024- 1425 by unanimous consent. Objected.

- Chairman Rodriguez moves to approve SSB 2024-1408 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairman Rodriguez moves to approve Amendment 1 for SSB 2024-1410 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairman Rodriguez moves to approve SSB 2024-1410 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve River Koile for the open Hume seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve the bloc of the remaining permanent seat recommendations by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Akhil Challa for the open Sophomore summer seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Ariana Martinez for the open Off-Campus summer seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Bennett Stout for the open Off-Campus summer seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to remove the following people from the bloc: Annika Singh and Benjamin Stone by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Benjamin Stone for the open Off-Campus summer seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Ravi Panchigar for the open Off-Campus seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Annika Singh for the open CLAS summer seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Maya Idiculla for the open Budget committee seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Tyler Schoeberlein for the open Budget committee seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Kayla Goldstein for the open I&C committee seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve the bloc of Sienna Silvest and Cooper Dunn for the open summer senate seats by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve the bloc of all the approved and failed absences by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve the following bills under second reading: SSB 2024-1387 through SSB 2024-1490 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1501 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
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- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1446 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1461 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1462 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1466 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1470 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1480 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1496 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1498 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1499 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairwoman Wentworth moves to add a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1503 to add themselves as a sponsor by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairwoman Wentworth moves to add a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1503 that strikes the word “committee” and replaces it with “chairperson” by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairwoman Wentworth to approve SSB 2024-1503 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to strike SSB 2024-1510 from the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Monson moves to make a friendly amendment SSB 2024-1473 to add the following: “Clarification: If there are technical difficulties on the Student Government Website with certain legislation, but Student Government Advising and Operations, Chair of the Senate, or Senate President Pro-Tempore has any receipt or proof of the legislation being uploaded, any bills affected shall still be heard at that Senate meeting” by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Monson moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1473 to strike the words “provided to all senators or” by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Monson moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1473 to add Senate President Pro Tempore Blake Cox as an author by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Monson moves to approve SSB 2024-1473 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

- Senator Monson moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Vijayaraghavan introduces Victoria Tieze to present the STAAR report.
- Senate President Vijayaraghavan provides an update on the voter clickers and announces the re-introduction of ad-hoc committees.
- Senate President Vijayaraghavan introduces the new Senate Secretary to the chamber, Kiera Moore.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Pro Tempore Cox presents on the recommendation of Tyler Schoeberlein, Jordan Levitt, and Kevin Orbegoso.
- There were 3 minutes of Q&A.
- There were 3 rounds of con-pro debate.
- In a rising vote, the bloc of Tyler Schoeberlein, Jordan Levitt, and Kevin Orbegoso passes.
- Pro Tempore Cox presents on the recommendation of the bloc of Sienna Silvest and Cooper Dunn.
- There were 3 minutes of Q&A.
- There were 3 rounds of con-pro debate.
- Pro Tempore Cox delivers 2 minutes of final privilege.
- In a rising vote, the bloc of Sienna Silvest and Cooper Dunn passes.
- Senator Schoerbelin presents on their recommendation for the open Budget committee seat.
- There were 3 minutes of Q&A.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Khan moves to extend the Q&A period by 1 minute by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- There were 3 rounds of con-pro debate.
- Senator Schoeberlein delivers 2 minutes of final privilege.
- In a rising vote, Senator Schoerblein is approved into the Budget committee.
- Chairman Rodriguez receives their first warning.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Pro Tempore Cox presents their R&A committee report.
 - Permanent Senate Seats:
 - Graduate and Family Housing

- Dentistry
 - Medicine
 - Engineering
 - Veterinary Medicine
- Summer B:
 - Business
 - Sophomore
 - Hume
 - Building & Construction
 - Graduate
 - Design Construction Planning
- Pro Tempore Cox asks senators to fill out affiliation forms if they have not done so yet.
- Pro Tempore Cox announces that interviews may have to be rescheduled.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Rubaii asks that senators submit their legislation by Friday at noon.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Kinggard announces that probation is due by July 30th and that constituency is due for everyone else by August 6th.
- Chairwoman Kinggard gives a shoutout to Jordan Stokes and Jaxon Ransen for completing double the amount of constituency than required.
- Chairwoman Kinggard announces the paper plate awards for perfect attendance.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Rodriguez clarifies a budget line for RecSports personnel.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairwoman Wentworth presents a new QR Code and announces that the Senate retreat will be on July 24th in Room 2330.
- Chairwoman Wentworth announces that if anyone has any suggestions for the committee then please reach out but do not go behind the committee's back.

FIRST READING:

- Senator Hendricks moves that all amendments and bills under first reading be heard by roll call vote by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Hendricks moves that all amendments and bills under first reading be heard by roll call vote. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, the motion fails.

- Senator Hendricks moves that all bills under first reading be heard by roll call vote by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Hendricks moves to hear SSB 2024-1425 by roll call vote by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Hendricks moves to hear SSB 2024-1425 by roll call vote. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, the motion fails.
- Chairman Rodriguez presents on SSB 2024-1425, the Funding for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Activity and Service Fee Budget.
- There were 5 minutes of non-debatable Q&A.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Khan presents on Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1425.
- There were 2 minutes of non-debatable Q&A.
- There were two rounds of con-pro debate.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Khan delivers 1 minute of final privilege.
- In a rising vote, Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1425 fails.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Khan presents Amendment 2 to SSB 2024-1425.
- There were 2 minutes of non-debatable Q&A.
- Senator Monson receives their first warning.
- There were 2 rounds of con-pro debate.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Khan delivers 1 minute of final privilege.
- In a rising vote, Amendment 2 to SSB 2024-1425 fails.
- There were 2 minutes of non-debatable Q&A for SSB 2024-1425.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate for SSB 2024-1425.
- Chairwoman Kinggard moves to a recess until called back by the chair by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senate President Vijayaraghavan calls the meeting back to order at 9:33pm.
- Pro Tempore Cox moves to suspend the rule for roll call by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- In a standing vote, SSB 2024-1425 is approved.
- Pro Tempore Cox presents on SSB 2024-1430.
- There were 5 minutes of non-debatable Q&A.
- Senator Hendricks presents Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1430.
- There were 2 minutes of non-debatable Q&A.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- There was 1 minute of final privilege.
- In a rising vote, Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1430 fails.
- There were two rounds of con-pro debate.
- Pro Tempore Cox delivers 1 minute of final privilege.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to make a friendly amendment to add “calendar” before “week” in subsection i by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- In a rising vote, SSB 2024-1430 passes.

SECOND READING:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Monson announces that they and Senator Halle Burton will be sending out a form soon about their ad-hoc committee.
- Senator Hoffer announces that if there are any senators who are transfer students and are interested in working on transfer initiatives, then please reach out.
- Senator Urbenz asks senators to please send any graduate assistants to them for potential statewide positions that are available.
- Senator Weinberg welcomes all newly appointed senators and announces that Health Caucus will be meeting tomorrow.
- Senator Silvest shares some ideas that they have for their Infinity Hall seat.
- Senator Badalamenti announces that Women's Caucus has some interesting legislation that they would like to write.
- Senator Natarajan announces that it is Senator Huber's birthday today and asks the chamber to sing happy birthday.
- Senate President Vijayaraghavan announces that their office hours will be canceled this week and that it was great to see the chamber get through an entire agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Chairwoman Kinggard moves to use voter records as final roll call by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii clarifies the voter record.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 pm.