

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

July 23, 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 75 senators present.

Not present for roll call:

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There were 7 members of the public who delivered a public comment, including Tyler Sklar, Alfredo Ortiz, Raj Mia, Nathaniel Pelton, Joaquin Marcelino, Chalisa Budhai, and Hanna Ali.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1425 through SSB 2024-1510 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1512 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to move SSB 2024-1525 to the first bill heard under first readings by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1513 by unanimous consent. Objected.

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1514 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Chairwoman Kinggard moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1521 to add Senate President Monish Vijayaraghavan and I&C Chairwoman Laurel Wentworth to the author’s line by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1525 to change the author’s line to “Judiciary Committee” by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1525 to state “Judiciary Chairman Aaron Rubaii” in the author’s line by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Monson moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1521 to change “Rules & Ethics Chairman” to “Rules & Ethics Chairperson” by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairwoman Kinggard moves to approve SSB 2024-1521 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairwoman Kinggard moves to approve SSB 2024-1520 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- Majority Party Leader Seifer 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 8:35pm.
- Chairwoman Kinggard moves to suspend the rule for roll call by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senate President Vijayaraghavan gives a shoutout to the sustainability ad-hoc chairs and announces new liaison appointments.
- Victoria Tieze delivers a few STAAR Agency updates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Pro Tempore Cox

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REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Pro Tempore Cox:
 - Permanent Senate Seats:

- Graduate and Family Housing
 - Dentistry
 - Medicine
 - Engineering
 - Veterinary Medicine
- Summer B:
 - Business
 - Sophomore
 - Hume
 - Building & Construction
 - Graduate
 - Off Campus (2)
 - CALS (2)
 - Design Construction Planning
- Pro Tempore Cox announces that R&A as soon as the committee does not have quorum issues again.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Rubaii explains the apportionment map.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Rodriguez gives a shoutout to the budget committee and that they will be meeting this Thursday at an unspecified time.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Kinggard reminds senators who are on probation to complete their probation by July 30th and that constituency for all senators for Summer B is due by August 6th.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairwoman Wentworth announces that the senate retreat will be tomorrow at 6:00pm in Reitz Room 2330 and that the DEI presentation will begin at 6:00pm.
- Chairwoman Wentworth reminds senators to please bring a board game or store-bought snack to the senate retreat and to please not leave the tablecloth unattended at tabling.

FIRST READING:

- Senator Singh moves to hear SSB 2024-1525 by roll call vote by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Singh moves to hear SSB 2024-1525 by roll call vote. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, the motion fails.

- Chairman Rubaii presents on the consideration of SSB 2024-1525.
- There were 5 minutes of non-debatable Q&A.
- Senator Carpenter receives their first warning.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to extend the Q&A period by 5 minutes by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to extend the Q&A period by 4 minutes by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to extend the Q&A period by 3 minutes by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to extend the Q&A period by 2 minutes by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to extend the Q&A period by 5 minutes. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, the motion passes.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Khan receives their first warning.
- Senator Britton presents on Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1525.
- There were 2 minutes of non-debatable Q&A.
- Senator McGuire receives their first warning.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to extend the Q&A period by 2 minutes by unanimous consent. Objected.
- There were 2 rounds of con-pro debate.
- Senator Britton delivered 1 minute of final privilege.
- In a rising vote, Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1525 fails.
- Senator Britton presents on Amendment 2 to SSB 2024-1525.
- There were 2 minutes of Q&A.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Khan receives their second warning.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to extend Q&A period by 1 minute by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- There were 2 rounds of con-pro debate.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to extend con-pro debate by 1 round by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Britton delivered 1 minute of final privilege.
- In a rising vote, Amendment 2 to SSB 2024-1525 fails.
- Pro Tempore Cox moves to suspend the rule under rule 6 stating that questions to bills and amendments must be technical questions but keeping in the fact that the bill's authors and sponsors may not be compelled to answer a question by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Britton presents on Amendment 3 to SSB 2024-1525.
- There were 2 minutes of Q&A.
- Senator Hoffer moves to extend the Q&A period by 30 seconds by unanimous consent. Objected.

- There were 2 rounds of con-pro debate.
- Senator Britton delivered 1 minute of final privilege.
- In a rising vote, Amendment 3 to SSB 2024-1525 fails.
- Senator Hendricks moves to consider Amendment 4 to SSB 2024-1525 by roll call vote by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Hendricks moves to consider Amendment 4 to SSB 2024-1525 by roll call vote. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, the motion fails.
- Senator Britton presents on Amendment 4 to SSB 2024-1525.
- There were 2 minutes of non-debatable Q&A.
- Senator Singh receives their first warning.
- There were 2 rounds of con-pro debate.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Khan receives their third warning and is deemed constructively absent.
- Senator Britton delivered 1 minute of final privilege.
- In a rising vote, Amendment 4 to SSB 2024-1525 fails.
- Senator Islam moves to refer SSB 2024-1525 back to the Judiciary committee by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Islam moves to refer SSB 2024-1525 back to the Judiciary committee. Seconded.¹
- There were 2 rounds of con-pro debate.
- Senator Hendricks moves to order the Judiciary committee to issue a written report on apportionment by July 30th at noon. Seconded.²
- In a rising vote, the motion fails.²
- In a rising vote, the motion fails.¹
- There were 3 rounds of con-pro debate.
- Senator Monson moves to extend con-pro debate by 1 round by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Monson moves to extend con-pro debate by 1 round. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, the motion fails.
- Chairman Rubaii delivered 2 minutes of final privilege.
- Senator Singh moves for a quorum call.

QUORUM CALL:

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- In a rising vote, SSB 2024-1525 passes.

SECOND READING:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chairman Rodriguez announces that they are trying to begin a LATIN/X caucus.

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 10:54 pm.