

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

July 30, 2024

Senate President Vijayaraghavan called the Senate meeting to order at 7:14 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:

- Atchinson
- Birch
- Boulosa
- Bravo
- Bryan
- Chaudhary
- Garza
- Haller
- Hart
- Huber
- Levitt
- Magu
- McGuire
- Orbegoso
- Patel
- Provan
- Sela
- Stokes
- Urbenz
- Van Wert
- Wierichs

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There were 3 members of the public who delivered a public comment, including Tyler Sklar, Hana Ali, and Alfredo Ortiz.

GOODBYE SPEECHES:

- Senator Dantoulis delivers a goodbye speech.
- Senator Monson delivers a goodbye speech.
- Senator Singh delivers a goodbye speech.

- Senator Larsen delivers a goodbye speech.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Pro Tempore Cox moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1530 to add Senator Antonio Hendricks as an author by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to strike the executive nomination for cabinet director for graduate student affairs by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve the bloc of all of the R&A committee recommendations by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve the bloc of all approved and failed absences by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to strike the following legislation from first reading: SSB 2024-1476, SSB 2024-1497, and SSB 2024-1500 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve the following pieces of legislation under first reading: SSB 2024-1483 through SSB 2024-1534 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1483 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1489 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1494 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1515 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1516 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1517 through SSB 2024-1532 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1533 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1534 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1543 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1544 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1525 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1512 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1521 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairman Rodriguez moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1512 to include Senator Antonio Hendricks by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairman Rodriguez moves to approve SSB 2024-1512 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairwoman Kinggard moves to make a special rule to extend the constituency period to August 6th at 11:59 pm by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to amend SSB 2024-1541 that adds a Whereas clause by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to amend SSB 2024-1541 to strike “Senior Vice President Dave Kratzer” by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to amend SSB 2024-1533 to add Senator Anjali Natarajan and Senator Fahim Islam to the sponsor’s line by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to amend Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1479 in the first Therefore clause to change the word “murder” to “death” and to add a list of sponsors that will be delivered to the senate secretaries by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to approve SSB 2024-1541 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to approve Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1479 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to approve SSB 2024-1479 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to approve SSB 2024-1533 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- Senate President Vijayaraghavan thanks all summer senators for their work this semester.
- Senate President Vijayaraghavan presents a video report from SOE Lexi Sederopoulos.
- Vitoria Tieze presents an announcement for STAAR.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- There were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Pro Tempore Cox presents their R&A committee report.
 - Permanent Senate Seats:
 - Graduate and Family Housing
 - Dentistry
 - Medicine
 - Veterinary Medicine
- Pro Tempore Cox informs senators that the R&A committee will probably not be meeting until late August.
- Pro Tempore Cox thanks all the senators for their work over the summer term.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Rubaii thanks all the members of the Judiciary committee for their hard work and gives a shoutout to the Fresh Start Fresh Habits resolution.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Rodriguez gives thanks to their budget committee members and everyone who submitted legislation for the 800 codes.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Kinggard announces that this summer went much better than last year and that they are proud of the R&E committee's work this summer.
- Chairwoman Kinggard announces that probation constituency is due tonight and the regular constituency is due by August 6th by 11:59 pm.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairwoman Wentworth announces that they will be releasing a committee highlights post tonight and talks about a new payment method for the senate merch and nametags.

FIRST READING:

- Majority Party Leader Seifer presents on SSB 2024-1494.
- There were 5 minutes of non-debatable Q&A.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu presents on Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1494.
- There were 2 rounds of con-pro debate.

- Senator Monson moves to a 2-minute recess by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senate President Vijayaraghavan calls the meeting back to order at 8:53pm.
- Senator Hendricks moves to suspend the rule for roll call by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairman Rodriguez moves to amend Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1494 to remove all the verbiage from “the” to “position” and replace it with “any officers listed in GatorConnect” by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Carpenter moves for a recess until called back by the chair by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senate President Vijayaraghavan calls the meeting back to order at 9:03pm.
- Chairwoman Kinggard moves to suspend the rule for roll call by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairman Rodriguez moves to amend Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1494 to remove all the verbiage from “the” to “position” and replace it with “an officer listed in GatorConnect” by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- In a rising vote, Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1494 passes.
- There were 3 rounds of con-pro debate.
- In a rising vote, SSB 2024-1494 is approved.
- Chairman Rubaii presents on SSB 2024-1525.
- There were 5 minutes of non-debatable Q&A.
- There were 3 rounds of con-pro debate.
- Senator Hendricks moves to suspend the rules to allow for SSB 2024-1530 to be in effect early by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Hendricks moves to suspend the rules to allow for SSB 2024-1530 to be in effect early. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, the motion fails.
- There were 2 minutes of final privilege.
- In a rising vote, SSB 2024-1525 passes.

SECOND READING:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Pro Tempore Cox announces the open committee seats and those applications will be due by August 22nd at noon:
 - Budget (3)
 - Judiciary (3)
 - I&C (3)
 - R&E (2)

- Minority Party Leader Naidu celebrates the end of the summer semester and claims that this was the best summer term that the chamber has had in years.
- Senator Monson encourages senators to apply to the mental health ad-hoc.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to extend the term of Senator Thellab until the Fall elections.
- In a rising vote, the motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to extend the term of Senator Bissainte until the Fall elections.
- In a rising vote, the motion passes.
- Senator Hendricks announces the approval of overhead cameras for the senate meetings.
- Senator Dantoulis clears up a misconception about moving funding from some of the liberal arts aspects of the university.
- Chairwoman Wentworth clears up confusion about the use of cameras to record the senate meetings.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer thanks everyone for an amazing summer semester on both sides of the aisle.
- Senator Leavengood encourages senators to talk to students about elections and raise awareness about voting.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Senator Filoramo 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 10:04 pm.