

**STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**  
**September 24, 2024**

Senate President Vijayaraghavan called the Senate meeting to order at 7:41 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 80 senators present.

**Not present for roll call:**

- Adcock
- Bernal
- Burton
- Harrison
- Krutchik
- Natarajan
- Nayak
- Permane
- Rodriguez
- Rodriguez
- Rubaii
- Sakrani
- Stokes

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- There were none.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:**

- There were none.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Caroline Schapansky for the open Nursing seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1709 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1710 by unanimous consent. Objected
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1706 by unanimous consent. Objected.

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1683 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1685 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 reminds senators to take care of their mental health during this exam season.
- Senate President Vijayaraghavan gives a shoutout to the Graduate Assistant, Callaway, and reminds senators to be mindful and respectful during campaign season.

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

- Caroline Schapansky presents on their recommendation for the open Nursing seat.
- There were 3 minutes of Q&A.
- There were 2 rounds of con-pro debate.
- Caroline Schapansky delivers 1 minute of final privilege.
- In a rising vote, Caroline Schapansky is approved for the open Nursing seat.
- Pro Tempore Cox presents on the recommendation of Prithika Chowdhury for the replacement Graham seat.
- There were 3 minutes of Q&A.
- There were 2 rounds of con-pro debate.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to previous question. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, the motion passes.
- In a rising vote, Prithika Chowdhury is approved for the replacement Graham seat.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:**

- Pro Tempore Cox informs senators that if they were just approved for senate seats, then they need to fill out an affiliation form.
- **Open Permanent Senate Seats:**
  - Graduate & Family Housing
  - Dentistry
  - Medicine
  - Veterinary Medicine
  - Graduate
- **Open Committee Seats:**
  - Judiciary

- Minority Party Leader Naidu brings up the lack of rubric and criteria when debating candidates in the R&A committee and informs senators that other applicants were comparable in their experiences yet did not get deliberated as much.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu shares their frustration and that they would like to see a reform of the R&A committee in order for them to do better.

### **JUDICIARY:**

- There was none.

### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Member-at-Large Quattrocchi announces that the Budget committee will be hosting a Funding Fiesta from Monday, October 14 to Thursday, October 17 that informs student organizations of what the budget committee does.

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Kinggard announces that probation was due last week and that emails will be sent out later this week to let senators know of their status.
- Chairwoman Kinggard announces that the next R&E committee meeting is next Tuesday.

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Chairwoman Wentworth shares that senator nametags are in and that stickers and keychains will not be getting ordered since there was not enough interest.
- Chairwoman Wentworth announces that the committee will be hosting a mentor/mentee program.

### **FIRST READING:**

- Senator Sarkar presents on SSB 2024-1709.
- Pro Tempore Cox moves to create a special rule to allow a delegate of the author of the bill to speak on behalf of the bill by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- There were 5 minutes of non-debatable Q&A.
- Senator Urbenz moves to a friendly amendment to change the verbiage on 808.11-1 to “base funding will not be impacted” by unanimous consent.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to a 3 minute recess by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senate President Vijayaraghavan calls the meeting back to order at 8:40pm.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to suspend the rule for roll call by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Urbenz moves to a friendly amendment to change the verbiage on 808.11-1 to “Base funding will not be considered or impacted in the fund usage calculation or ineligibility of funds” by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to refer SSB 2024-1709 back to the Budget committee by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to refer SSB 2024-1709 back to the Budget committee. Seconded.
- There were 2 rounds of con-pro debate.
- Pro Tempore Cox moves to add a friendly amendment that includes “2. Unforeseen circumstances may be appealed through the Student Body Treasurer’s office” by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Pelton moves to extend the con-pro debate by 1 round by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- There was 1 round of con-pro debate.
- In a rising vote, the motion to refer SSB 2024-1709 back to the Budget committee fails.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to table SSB 2024-1709 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Pelton receives their first warning.
- Senator Urbenz moves to table SSB 2024-1709. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, SSB 2024-1709 is tabled.
- Senator Sarkar presents on SSB 2024-1710.
- There were 5 minutes of non-debatable Q&A.
- There were 3 rounds of con-pro debate.
- Senator Sarkar delivers 1 minute of final privilege.
- In a rising vote, SSB 2024-1710 is approved.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate on SSB 2024-1706.
- Senator Carpenter moves to previous question by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Carpenter moves to previous question. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, the motion passes.
- In a rising vote, SSB 2024-1706 is approved.

### **SECOND READING:**

- There were none.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Chairwoman Wentworth announces that there’s a WSA GBM tomorrow at 7PM in Anderson Hall.
- Senator Hoffer announces that a lot of advancement has been made on the transfer studies and that starting the Spring semester, there will be a transfer student course that teaches students how to cope with the transfer shock.
- Senator Golesorkhi announces that Food for Fines is happening from October 21st-25th and it is a great way to pay off your parking tickets.

- Senator McGuire announces that the Grace Advocacy Program is hosting an event in the healthcare center and anyone interested in helping out should reach out to them for more information.
- Senator Idiculla announces that alcohol in the Reitz Union is officially approved, so Cabo will have alcohol on every game day.
- Senator Idiculla announces that there will be LED lights on the front of the Reitz building for the Light the Reitz event where there will be food and a speech.
- Senator Falasiri announces that they spoke with the Sustainability Ad-Hoc chairs about many initiatives that they have.
- Senator Bravo shares that Preview Staffer applications will close soon and encourages senators to apply.
- Senate President Vijayaraghavan announces that Dream Team will have a social this Thursday at Little Hall and that the Pro Tempore and them will meet after the hurricane with the faculty senate for any initiatives on campus.
- Senator Hendricks announces that the UF IT committee had their first meeting recently where they discussed reapportionment data and that a change has been implemented for the system to prompt a fix when students input invalid addresses.
- Senator Khan asks for the chamber to take a moment of silence for the execution of Marcellus Williams who was executed in the state of Missouri today.
- Senate President Vijayaraghavan gives a shoutout to Pro Tempore Cox for his kindness and character and encourages anyone to talk to him and asks the chamber to sing happy birthday for Pro Tempore Cox's birthday tomorrow.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

- Senate Secretary Jenna Baker clarifies the voter record.
- Chairwoman Kinggard moves to use voter record as final roll call by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.