

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

September 3, 2024

Senate President Vijayaraghavan called the Senate meeting to order at 7:40 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 77 senators present.

Not present for roll call:

- Bedine
- Bryan
- Cornell
- Enriquez
- Harrison
- Insuasti
- McGuire
- Newsom
- Permane
- Vigna
- Whitaker

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There was 1 member of the public who delivered a public comment, including Jonathan Stephens.
- Senator Pelton receives their first warning.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Chairman Rubaii moves to add the consideration of the Assistant Supervisor of Elections applicants Swain, Barrett, Demuth, Kelley, Minor, and Sharma to the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to approve applicant Swain by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to approve applicant Barrett by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to approve applicant Damuth by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

- Chairman Rubaii moves to approve applicant Kelley by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to approve applicant Minor by unanimous consent. Objected
- Chairman Rubaii moves to approve applicant Sharma by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to add Danielle Loftis as an open permanent replacement nominee under R&A Recommendations by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1691 to change the title to “A Resolution Thanking the Provost for Restoring 24/5 Marston” by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairman Rodriguez moves to approve SSB 2024-1558 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairman Rodriguez moves to approve SSB 2024-1555 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Pelton moves to amend SSB 2024-1555 to add Senator Antonio Hendricks to the author’s line by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1555 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1559 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1562 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1564 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1567 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1571 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to approve SSB 2024-1573 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1690 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1691 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- Senate President Vijayaraghavan wishes everyone a happy Hispanic Heritage Month and introduces Cecil the Gator to the chamber

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Pro Tempore Cox yields the presentation time of applicant Swain.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- In a rising vote, applicant Swain is approved for the Assistant Supervisor of Elections position.
- Pro Tempore Cox yields the presentation time of applicant Minor.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- In a rising vote, applicant Minor is approved for the Assistant Supervisor of Elections position.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Pro Tempore Cox apologizes for missing last week's senate meeting as well as for not adding the ASOE nominations.
- **Committee Seats:**
 - I&C (1)
 - Judiciary (1)
- **Permanent Seats:**
 - Graduate and Family Housing
 - Dentistry
 - Medicine
 - Veterinary Medicine
 - Health & Human Performance
 - Graduate
 - Nursing
 - Off Campus
- Pro Tempore Cox asks senators to contact them through their personal or professional email or to visit their office hours from 1-3pm on Tuesdays.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Rubaii announces that legislation will be due Friday at noon and that the next Judiciary meeting will be on Sunday.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Rodriguez thanks senators who submitted legislation to the committee over the weekend and asks that organizations who are looking for help with budget services reach out to the committee.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Kinggard announces that all probation is due by September 18th.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairwoman Wentworth announces that the name tag order will close this Friday and that merch will hopefully be out by next week.
- Chairwoman Wentworth announces that the next committee meeting will be on Thursday at 11:00 am in the SG Conference Room.
- Danielle Loftis presents on their recommendation for the open replacement Graduate seat.
- There were 5 minutes of Q&A.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- Danielle Loftis delivers final privilege.
- In a rising vote, Danielle Loftis is approved for the open Graduate seat.

FIRST READING:

- There were none.

SECOND READING:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Minority Party Leader Naidu comments on the importance of paying attention and debating.
- Senator Pelton explains the bills that they submitted over the weekend as well as threats of expulsion that they have received.
- Senator Urbenz announces that Senator Austin Britton recently got promoted to Chief Negotiator for GAU.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Chairman Rubaii clarifies the voter record.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.