

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

August 27, 2024

Senate President Vijayaraghavan called the Senate meeting to order at 7:43 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 82 senators present.

Not present for roll call:

- Bedine
- Butka
- Calvin Jeans
- Cox
- Gangano
- Gigliotti
- Hasan
- Jacotin
- Permane
- Quattrocchi
- Varon
- Von Holten

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There were 2 members of the public who delivered a public comment, including Andrew Larsen and Jonathan Stephens.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Aditi Sarkar for the open Budget committee seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Kate McNamara for the open Budget committee seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Cole Bennett for the open Budget committee seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Reese Marcus for the open I&C committee seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Krystal Felix for the open I&C committee seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Victoria Peters for the open R&E committee seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Noor Golesorkhi for the open Judiciary committee seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Elizabeth Insuasti for the open Judiciary committee seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Nicole Gigliotti for the open R&E committee seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Aleah Henley for the open Judiciary committee seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Kevin Senior for the open Cabine Director for Graduate Student Affairs position by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Matthew Bravo for the open Off Campus replacement seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to approve Austin Britton for the open replacement permanent seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Banach moves for a 1 minute recess or until called back by the chair by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senate President Vijayaraghavan calls the meeting back to order at 8:11pm.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to suspend the rule for roll call by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Noor Golesorkhi for the open Judiciary committee seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to add Faculty Senate and Faculty Senate Alternate nominations in the “Others” section of the voter record by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to nominate Cole Bennett for the Faculty Senate representative position by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- Senate President Vijayaraghavan hopes everyone had a great summer and thanks all the summer senators for their service over the past term.
- Senate President Vijayaraghavan challenges senators to try to submit at least one piece of legislation over the next 2 or 3 months.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Senator Kate McNamara presents on their recommendation for the open Budget committee seat.
- There were three minutes of Q&A.
- Senator Hendricks moves to approve Senator McNamara for the open Budget committee seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Cole Bennett presents on their recommendation for the open Budget committee seat.
- There were three minutes of Q&A.
- Senator Pelton moves to extend the Q&A period by 3 minutes by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Pelton moves to extend the Q&A period by 2 minutes by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Khan moves to extend the Q&A period by 1 minute by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Khan moves to extend the Q&A period by 1 minute by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Pelton moves to extend the Q&A period by 1 minute. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, the motion fails.
- Senator Pelton moves to extend the Q&A period by 1.5 minutes by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Pelton moves to extend the Q&A period by 1.5 minutes. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, the motion fails.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- Senator Bennett delivered 2 minutes of final privilege.
- In a rising vote, Senator Bennett is approved into the open Budget committee seat.
- Austin Britton yields their presentation time for the recommendation on the Graduate replacement permanent seat.
- There were three minutes of Q&A.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to approve Austin Britton for the open Graduate replacement seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Matthew Bravo presents on their recommendation for the open Off-Campus replacement seat.
- There were three minutes of Q&A.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to approve Matthew Bravo for the open Off-Campus replacement seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

FACULTY SENATE ELECTIONS:

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to open the floor for nominations by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

- Senator Idiculla moves to nominate Senator Bennett for Faculty Senate position. Senator Bennett accepts.
- Senator Bennett presents on their nomination for the Faculty Senate position.
- There were 5 minutes of Q&A.
- In a rising vote, Senator Bennett is approved for the Faculty Senate position.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Banach moves to open the floor for the Faculty Senate Alternate by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Banach nominates Senator Hoffer for the Faculty Senate Alternate position by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Hoffer presents on their nomination for the Faculty Senate Alternate position.
- There were 5 minutes of Q&A.
- In a rising vote, Senator Hoffer is approved for the Faculty Senate Alternate position.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Vice Chair Isakson reports on the committee's past Sunday meeting and announces the seats.
- **Permanent Seats:**
 - Graduate & Family Housing
 - Dentistry
 - Medicine
 - Veterinary Medicine
- **Committee Seats:**
 - I&C (1)
- Vice Chair Isakson reminds senators to fill out affiliation forms.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu congratulates the senators who were appointed to committee positions tonight and speaks on the qualifications and interview of Senator Pelton.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu explains the hypocrisy of the R&A committee nominations and gives a shoutout to Senator Phung who applied for the Budget committee.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu suggests that senators review the changes that were made to SVIA over the summer term.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Rubaii congratulates the senators who were approved into the Judiciary committee tonight and that the committee should meet on Sunday at a time yet to be determined, so legislation should be submitted by Friday at noon.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Rodriguez congratulates the new Budget committee members and that the committee will meet on Friday so legislation is due by tomorrow at noon.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Kinggard congratulates the senators who were approved to the R&E committee, and the constituency probation is due September 18th at 11:59pm.
- Chairwoman Kinggard reminds senators that any absences from the Spring election carry on until the Fall elections.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairwoman Wentworth showcases the new design for the Senate quarter zips and announces the logistics of pricing and ordering.
- Chairwoman Wentworth congratulates new committee approvals and asks that senators take a look at the Senate LinkTree and the Senate newsletter.

FIRST READING:

- There were none.

SECOND READING:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Pro Tempore Cox

ADJOURNMENT:

- Senate President Vijayaraghavan congratulates everyone on the first Fall meeting and reminds senators that add-drop ends tomorrow.
- Senator Urbenz announces that GAU will be holding a picnic on Labor Day and that senators are invited to attend.
- Senator Khan talks about South-Asian Caucus and asks that senators reach out if they are interested in joining.
- Senator Pelton announces that they have recently accepted a job position in the Harris campaign and asks senators to reach out if they want to get involved with campaigning.
- Senator Zárrete announces that the Hispanic-Latinx assembly is tomorrow and that everyone is welcome to join.
- Senator McGuire announces that GAP is a great organization to volunteer with.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer applauds the Vision-executive administration for coming to the conclusion of having Marston be open 24/5 and that anyone is free to be a sponsor's line on the resolution to congratulate the administration.

- Senator Idiculla announces that September 9th, South-Indians and ISA will celebrate Onam and that everyone is welcome to attend.
- Senator Pelton shares that they believe that the 24/5 Marston idea is not a good idea and that they have written a bill to move reserve transfers to return Marston hours to 24/7.
- 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 9:50 pm.