

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

**October 22, 2024**

Senate President Cox called the Senate meeting to order at 7:36 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 86 senators present.

#### **Not present for roll call:**

- Chaudhary
- Gaul
- Gonzalez
- Hasan
- Hughes
- Peters
- Quattrocchi
- Ranalletta-Perez
- Stokes
- Weinberger

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- There were 2 members of the public that gave public comment including Michael Lim and Maddie Helmling.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:**

- There were none.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve Ashlee Thomas for the open CALS seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve Aaron Rubaii for the open Judiciary chair seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve Aditi Sarkar for the open Budget chair seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve Catherine Isakson for the open R&E chair seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve Krystal Felix for the open I&C chair seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve Emma Fullerton for the open Judiciary Committee seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve Andrew Sabadash for the open Judiciary Committee seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve Rafeh Khan for the open Budget Committee seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve Molly Murphy for the open Budget Committee seat by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Action SG Agency Head Elsa Brantmeyer delivers an agency report.
- SG Advisor Jackie Phillips delivers a presentation on public records & more.
- Senate President Cox explains the different types of motions that can be made.
- Senate President Cox announces that senate will be canceled in 2 weeks for the national presidential election.
- Senate President Cox announces his plans to bring back the Sustainability Committee and the Mental Health Committee.
- Senate President Cox announces that the University of Miami passed a bill for diabetes awareness and support, and urges senators to sign up to receive a diabetes license plate to raise money for the UF Diabetes Institute.

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

- Senator Sabadash presents 3 minutes on their recommendation for the open Judiciary Committee seat.
- There were 3 minutes of Q&A.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Banach moves to reopen the floor for Judiciary Committee nominations by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Banach moves to reopen the floor for Judiciary Committee nominations. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, the motion fails.
- There were 3 rounds of con-pro debate.
- There were 2 minutes of final privilege.
- In a rising vote, Senator Sabadash is approved for the open Judiciary Committee seat.
- Senator Murphy presents 3 minutes on their recommendation for the open Budget committee seat.
- There were 3 minutes of Q&A.
- There were 3 rounds of con-pro debate.
- There were 2 minutes of final privilege.

- In a rising vote, Senator Murphy is approved for the open Budget Committee seat.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:**

- Pro Tempore Seifer congratulates all the senators who were newly approved for seats or chair positions.
- Pro Tempore Seifer announces that R&A will meet on Sunday at a time yet to be determined.
- **Open Permanent Senate Seats:**
  - Dentistry
  - Medicine
  - Veterinary Medicine
  - CLAS
- **Open Committee Seats:**
  - Budget (1)
  - I&C (6)
  - Judiciary (1)
  - R&E (5)
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Banach gives a shoutout to the new committee chairs, Senators Khan and Fullerton, and other senators who applied for committee positions.

### **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairman Rubaii congratulates the new committee members and announces that legislation will be due on Friday at noon and that the committee will meet on Sunday at a time yet to be determined.

### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairwoman Sarkar congratulates the new members of the committee and announces that student organization funding opens tomorrow.

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Isakson encourages senators to apply for R&E.

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Chairwoman Felix displays a QR code for Senator Shoutouts and encourages senators to fill it out.
- Chairwoman Felix encourages senators to follow the UF Senate Instagram.

### **FIRST READING:**

- There was none.

### **SECOND READING:**

- There was none.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Majority Party Leader Idiculla announces the Light up the Reitz event was postponed due to the hurricane, but it will be scheduled for a later date.
- Senator Islam announces that the Graduate Caucus will be opening soon and encourages senators to join.
- Senator Enriquez thanks senators for filling out the Hispanic Caucus interest form and shares that a constitution for the caucus is currently in progress.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Banach thanks all the senators who attended the Bipartisan Brunch and encourages senators to attend the Levin Center for Governmental Responsibilities lunch and learn opportunities tomorrow at noon.
- Senator Bravo gives a shoutout to two recently elected senators.
- Senator Sharma shares that the CWC will have wellness initiatives on November 1st and encourages senators to attend.
- Pro Tempore Seifer shares that they will be writing a piece of legislation on LGBTQ+ rights on campus and encourages senators to get involved in the legislative process.
- Senator Hendricks moves to order the I&C Committee to commission a report on the overhead cameras and microphone system in accordance with Rule 11, Section 5, part b, subsection XI by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Hendricks moves to order the I&C committee to commission a report on the overhead cameras and microphone system in accordance with Rule 11, Section 5, part b, subsection XI. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, the motion fails.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

- Chairman Rubaii clarifies the voter record.
- Senate President Cox adjourns the meeting at 8:58 pm.