

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

September 24, 2024

Senate President Vijayaraghavan called the Senate meeting to order at 7:45pm 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 76 senators present.

Not present for roll call:

- Bazen
- Burton
- Carpenter
- Dunnam
- Felix
- Gigliotti
- Henley
- Huber
- Islam
- Kolcun
- Levitt
- McNamara
- Nayak
- Pelton
- Permane
- Sabadash
- Varon
- Weinberger
- Whitaker

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There was 1 member of the public who delivered a public comment, including Jonathan Stephens.

FIRST READING:

- Chairman Rodriguez waives the presentation time on SSB 2024-1709.
- There were 5 minutes of Q&A.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to extend the Q&A period by 1 minute by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

- Chairman Rodriguez moves to extend the Q&A period by 1 minute by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Banach presents on Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1709.
- There were 2 minutes of Q&A.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Banach moves to create a special rule to allow the friendly amendment to be heard for 2 minutes by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairman Rodriguez presents on the friendly amendment to Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1709.
- There were 2 minutes of Q&A.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to extend the Q&A portion by 2 minutes by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Banach moves to approve the friendly amendment to Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1709 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- There were 2 rounds of con-pro debate.
- In a rising vote, Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1709 is approved.
- There were 2 rounds of con-pro debate.
- Chairman Rubaii 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 8:29pm.
- Chairman Rodriguez moves to suspend the rule for roll call by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairman Rodriguez moves for a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1709 to add a subclause in part b stating “The approval of submitted documentation is determined by a majority vote of the Budget and Appropriations Committee” by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- In a rising vote, SSB 2024-1709 passes.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve AJ Ceylan for the open Graduate seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Senator Britton for the open Judiciary committee seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve all of the ASOEs by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Eileen Paz for the ASOE position by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Emma Hussey for the ASOE position by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve all of the remaining ASOEs by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1575 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1579 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1684 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1686 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1687 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1692 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1708 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1711 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1713 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1710 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Chairwoman Kinggard moves to strike Rachel Krutchik from the bloc of approved absences by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairwoman Kinggard moves to add the following absences to the bloc of approved absences: Jordan Stokes for July 30th, Cassandra Urbenz for July 30th, Ronan Hart for July 30th, Jason Von Holten for August 27th, Aidan Newsom for September 3rd, Douglas Harrison for September 3rd, and Maya Idiculla for September 10th by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairwoman Kinggard moves to approve the bloc of approved absences by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to approve SSB 2024-1712 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to approve SSB 2024-1590 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 thanks all senators for jersey day and that senate will be canceled for next week due to campaign season.
- Senator Urbenz speaks on the holiday of Orange Shirt Day and the importance of having space for a land acknowledgment.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Pro Tempore Cox presents on the recommendation of Emma Hussey for ASOE
- There were 5 minutes of Q&A.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- In a rising vote, Emma Hussey is approved for the ASOE position.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Pro Tempore Cox reminds senators to fill out the affiliation form on the website if they were recently approved.
- **Open Permanent Senate Seats:**
 - Graduate & Family Housing
 - Dentistry
 - Medicine
 - Veterinary Medicine

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Rubaii asks senators to try to submit legislation as soon as possible and gives a congratulations to Senator Britton.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Senator Sarkar reminds senators to keep a lookout for Funding Fiesta and to reach out to student organizations who would be interested.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Kinggard informs senators that if they did not complete their constituency, they will be receiving an email informing them of their status.
- Chairwoman Kinggard clarifies to senators that community service should preferably be with a volunteer/philanthropy/organization for legitimacy purposes.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairwoman Wentworth thanks senators who came to mentor/mentee reveal and updates on the merch status with the prices for the different items.

FIRST READING:

- Minority Party Leader Naidu presents on SSB 2024-1590.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer makes a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1590 to strike article c-ii by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to make a friendly amendment on SSB 2024-1590 to strike “and communicated to all potential candidates applying for Standing Committees and Senate Replacement Seats” from section c-ii by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to approve SSB 2024-1590 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senate President Pro Tempore Blake Cox presents on SSB 2024-1684.
- There were 5 minutes of Q&A.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Banach moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1684 to add “Summer Replacement” before “seat” on 309.22-2 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1684 to strike the words “of an appointed summer replacement” from clause 3 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1684 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Britton presents on SSB 2024-1712.
- There were 5 minutes of Q&A.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- In a rising vote, SSB 2024-1712 is not approved.

SECOND READING:

- The presentation and Q&A period for SSB 2024-1710 is yielded.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to previous question. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, the motion passes.
- In a rising vote, SSB 2024-1710 is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senate President Vijayaraghavan clarifies that SSB 2024-1711 is missing a line on the voter record so senators need to still check how they voted.
- Chairwoman Wentworth reminds senators to vote.
- Senator Chaudhary informs senators that there was some miscommunication on the probation constituency and the statement made tonight about picking up trash for constituency.

- Minority Party Leader Naidu thanks senators for passing the FASC Act and congratulates Senator Britton on being approved for the Judiciary committee.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu says that it is disrespectful for committee members to have their airpods in and doing homework during committee meetings, and they are also disappointed that mentor/mentee was not across the aisle.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu asks senators to stop laughing at Senator Hendricks.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu shares that Disability Employment Awareness Month is this month.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu shares that they met with the Reitz Board of Managers this past week.
- Chairwoman Wentworth clarifies that Senator Hendricks has not consulted with her about the overhead microphones and that the mentor/mentee program received very little commentary on the forms.
- Senate President Vijayaraghavan asks senators to take disagreements outside the chamber.
- Senator Khan shares that this Thursday at 7pm, Islam on Campus will be holding a Ramadan Bonfire at the Hoda Center and invites senators to attend if they are interested.
- Senator Hendricks shares that Graduate Student Council has their next GBM at 5pm over Zoom and encourages any senators who are interested to join and learn more.
- Senator McGuire shares an email they received from a dean at HHP informing senators of menstrual product dispensers at the Florida Gym.
- Senator Toledo shares that Thursday at 9pm there will be an event at Vivid.
- Senator Koile encourages senators to apply to be a Preview Staffer and lists multiple benefits.
- Senator Leavengood shouts out HLHM and informs senators of a pageant that they will be hosting this Friday and encourages senators to attend.
- Senator Bennett wishes everyone a happy Rosh Hashanah for those who celebrate.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Chairman Rubaii clarifies the voter record.
- Senator Enriquez moves to use voter record as final roll call by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 pm.