

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

**October 29, 2024**

Senate President Cox called the Senate meeting to order at 7:35 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:**

- Adcock
- Archelus
- Bennett
- Carpenter
- Collins
- Hardin
- Hasan
- Huber
- Kumar
- Levitt
- Majethia
- Quattrocchi
- Sabadash
- Stevens
- Viel
- Yaciuk

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- There were three members of the public that gave public comment including Arturo Zarate, Alex Wierichs, and Anamika Naidu

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

- There were none.

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

- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to make the recommendations for the I&C committee seats a bloc by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to make the recommendations for the R&E committee seats a bloc by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve LJ Bryan for the open CLAS seat by unanimous consent. Objected.

- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve Anthony Boullosa for the open Budget committee seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve the bloc of I&C committee seats by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve the bloc of R&E committee seats by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve Sara Rodriguez for the open Judiciary committee seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve SSB 2024-1723 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Furman moves to add all of the sponsors written on a piece of paper to SSB 2024-1721 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Furman moves to approve SSB 2024-1721 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Hendricks moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1724 to include the verbiage sent to the senate president, senate secretaries, and Chairwoman Felix by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Hendricks moves to withdraw Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1724. The motion passes.
- Senator Hendricks moves to withdraw Amendment 2 to SSB 2024-1724. The motion passes.
- Senator Hendricks moves to approve SSB 2024-1724 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Urbenz moves to approve SSB 2024-1718 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to a 3 minute recess or until called back by the chair by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senate President Cox calls the meeting back to order at 8:09 pm.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to suspend the rule for roll call by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Banach moves to apologize for not consulting with the Senate advisor regarding a bill and friendly amendment that would interact with the senate website.
- Minority Party Leader Banach moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

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

- Coe Leavengood delivers a report on behalf of Riley Towbin for GASP Agency.
- Senate President Cox informs senators that if they are the chair/leader of an SMO, please contact Senate President Cox to update the website.

- Senate President Cox reminds senators that senate is canceled next week and encourages senators to reach out about ad-hoc ideas.
- Senate President Cox wishes everyone a Happy Halloween.

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

- LJ Bryan presents 5 minutes on their recommendation for the open CLAS replacement seat.
- There were 5 minutes of Q&A.
- There were two rounds of con-pro debate.
- LJ Bryan delivers final privilege.
- Minority Party Leader Banach moves to re-open the floor for recommendations for the open CLAS seat. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, the motion fails.
- In a rising vote, LJ Bryan is approved for the open CLAS seat.
- Mason Flynn presents 5 minutes on their recommendation for the open Engineering seat.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to previous question by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- In a rising vote, Mason Flynn is approved for the open Engineering seat.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Pro Tempore Seifer addresses the long list of applicants in the previous R&A meeting and shares that R&A will not be meeting this upcoming weekend.
- **Open Permanent Senate Seats:**
  - Dentistry
  - Medicine
  - Veterinary Medicine
- **Open Committee Seats:**
  - Budget (1)
- Minority Party Leader Banach addresses the open CLAS seat recommendation that was voted on during the meeting.

#### **JUDICIARY:**

- Member at Large Henley reminds senators to submit legislation by Thursday at noon.

#### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairwoman Sarkar informs senators that if they have any Budget-related questions, then please reach out.

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Isakson congratulates everyone who was approved today and asks all the new R&E members to meet together after the meeting.

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Chairwoman Felix congratulates all the new senators and committee members and announces the new Close Story on the Senate Instagram.

### **FIRST READING:**

- There was none.

### **SECOND READING:**

- There was none.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Minority Party Leader Banach announces that the UF facilities have approved the installation of new pavers that will improve pedestrian safety on campus.
- Minority Party Leader Banach announces that the next Bipartisan Brunch will be next Wednesday.
- Senator Chaudhary announces that today is the onset of a multiple-day event of Diwali, which is about harboring festivity, and a resolution will be passed soon in honor of the holiday.
- Senator Urbenz gives a shout out to Minority Party Leader Banach for the idea of multiple candidates and gives a shout out to Senator Britton.
- Senator Sharma gives a shout out to the Women's Caucus who met this past Saturday and encourages senators to attend on Saturdays at 2pm to talk about women's issues on campus.
- Member at Large Henley announces that Policy Tour will be on the topic of Medicare and encourages senators to attend or become an ambassador.
- Chairwoman Sarkar announces that the opening of forms for budget requests was a success and that base funding request hearings will be commencing soon.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

- Member at Large Henley clarifies the voter record.
- Senate President Cox adjourns the meeting at 8:49 pm.