

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

November 12, 2024

Senate President Cox called the Senate meeting to order at 7:33 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 84 senators present.

Not present for roll call:

- Adcock
- Bissainte
- Botts
- Cannella
- Carpenter
- Chaudhary
- Collins
- Finfrock
- Goldstein
- Hasan
- Runyon
- Varon

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There were four members of the public that gave public comment including Mason Solomon, Aidan Lawrence, Jonya Moore, and Jonathan Stephens.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve the Elections Commissioner nominations as a bloc by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve all University Committee nominations as a bloc by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve all excused and unexcused absences as a bloc by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve SSB 2024-1727 and SSB 2024-1728 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

- Senator Sharma moves to approve SSB 2024-1726 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Banach moves to approve SSB 2024-1730 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Britton moves to approve SSB 2024-1719 and SSB 2024-1720 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Britton moves to add a friendly amendment to SSB 2024-1725 to add a list of names written on a piece of paper to the provisos line by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Britton moves to approve SSB 2024-1725 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Urbenz moves to approve SSB 2024-1732 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Nadeau moves to approve SSB 2024-1729 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Banach moves to approve the Budget committee nomination of Senator Kolcun by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Banach moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Evan Fleischer delivers an agency report for Nightlife Navigators.
- Owen Lekebusch delivers an agency report for Student Government Accountability Agency.
- Alex Benashvili delivers an agency report for Student Honor Code Administration.
- Riley Towbin delivers an agency report for Gender and Sexuality Protection.
- Aidan Coffey delivers a report for the Persons with Disabilities Committee.
- Senate President Cox announces that there are now enough people to create the mental health ad-hoc but that more interest is needed for the sustainability ad-hoc.
- Senate President Cox announces that next Monday is the State of the Campus Address and encourages the senators to attend.
- Senate President Cox announces that they plan to cancel the December 3rd senate meeting to allow senators time to focus on studying for their finals.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Jay'La Allen presents on their recommendation for the open Pharmacy replacement seat.
- There were three minutes of Q&A.
- Minority Party Leader Banach moves to previous question.
- In a rising vote, the motion passes.
- In a rising vote, Jay'La Allen is approved for the open replacement Pharmacy seat.

- Minority Party Leader Banach moves to amend the special rule and remove Jackson Hacker from the bloc of Elections Commission nominations by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Banach moves to amend the special rule and remove Jackson Hacker from the bloc of Elections Commission. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, the motion fails.
- Senate President Cox presents on the bloc of nominations for the Elections Commission.
- There were 3 minutes of Q&A.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- Minority Party Leader Banach moves to table the bloc of Elections Commission nominations until the next scheduled senate meeting by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Banach moves to table the bloc of Elections Commission nominations until the next scheduled senate meeting. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, the motion fails.
- In a rising vote, the bloc of Elections Commission nominations is approved.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to previous question. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, the motion passes.
- In a rising vote, the bloc of University Committee nominations is approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Pro Tempore Seifer announces that R&A will likely be meeting on Sunday to go over the open seat applications and wishes that everyone had a happy Veterans Day.
- **Open Permanent Senate Seats:**
 - Dentistry
 - Medicine
 - Veterinary Medicine
- Minority Party Leader Banach wishes everyone a late Veterans Day.
- Minority Party Leader Banach thanks the chamber for approving Senator Kolcun for the Budget committee.
- Minority Party Leader Banach encourages senators to read the QR code and become better informed on the allegations recently revealed about the UF Men's Basketball Team coach.

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Rubaii announces that the committee met this past weekend, and they finished all pieces of legislation submitted.

- Chairman Rubaii announces that the committee will meet this Sunday, and next week is the legislation seminar.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Sarkar congratulates Senator Kolcun on her approval to the Budget committee and gives a shoutout to the Budget committee for getting through the student organization funding hearings.
- Chairwoman Sarkar announces that the committee will be meeting tomorrow to review legislation and some student org eligibility.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Isakson reminds senators to fill out the absent forms for the correct term and to please provide brief descriptions and proof of evidence for the absence.
- Chairwoman Isakson encourages senators to take a picture of themselves in their submission for constituency or at least a picture of their name.
- Pro Tempore Seifer encourages using the Snapchat double-camera feature if submitting constituency from a Zoom meeting.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairwoman Felix announces that tabling has been occurring and reads out two feedback forms that were submitted by off-campus constituents.
- Chairwoman Felix asks that senators fill out the Why Senate Wednesday forms as well as the mentor/mentee forms.

FIRST READING:

- There was none.

SECOND READING:

- There was none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Member at Large Henley announces that Free the Facts will be hosting their Policy Tour which educates college students on policy issues and encourages senators to attend if interested.
- Senator Nadeau gives a shoutout to Senator Sharma for her passed resolution and encourages senators to attend a Free the Facts meeting tomorrow at 6:30pm in Matherly Room 3.
- Senator Toledo announces that he will place the disability center flyers across the aisle.

- Minority Party Leader Banach thanks all the senators who attended the Bipartisan Brunch and gives a shoutout to Senator Toledo for writing a piece of legislation based off conversations from the brunch; the next Bipartisan Brunch will be tomorrow at 12:30pm.
- Senator Sharma thanks senators for passing her World Kindness bill and encourages senators to show kindness on campus tomorrow.
- Senator Kumar shares the issue of a lack of graduate housing and asks for the support of senators to advocate for more graduate housing through legislation and speaking with UF admin.
- Senator Rappoport announces that UF Hillel will be hosting an event this Friday which is open to non-Jewish students and encourages all senators to attend.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Judiciary Chairman Rubaii clarifies the voter record.
- Senate President Cox adjourns the meeting at 9:09 pm.