

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
November 19, 2024

Senate President Cox called the Senate meeting to order at 7:32 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 75 senators present.

Not present for roll call:

- Antevy
- Bazen
- Bennett
- Bravo
- Bryan
- Carpenter
- Chaudhary
- Dunnam
- Favors
- Golesorkhi
- Hasan
- Hughes
- Loftis
- Majethia
- Rappoport
- Rubaii
- Runyon
- Toledo
- Warren Cornell

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There were 9 members of the public that gave public comment including Isabel Ponce, Garrett Schreiber, Jacky Levy, Adrian Alonso, Andrew Larsen, Emma Antonik, Derek LaMontage, Andrei Berekhovski, and Meagan Lamey.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to table SSB 2024-1739 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to table SSB 2024-1740 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve SSB 2024-1741 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to table SSB 2024-1744 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve SSB 2024-1742 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve Student Government Institute Agency Head Samatha Kinggard by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Melamed moves to approve SSB 2024-1743 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairwoman Isakson moves to add a special rule to add all of the excused and unexcused absences to the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairwoman Isakson moves to approve the bloc of excused and unexcused absences by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairwoman Isakson moves to make a special rule to extend the constituency period to December 3rd at 11:59 pm by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Britton moves to approve SSB 2024-1717 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Nadeau moves to approve SSB 2024-1746 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Banach moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Agency Head Ansh Parikh presents the STAAR agency report.
- Agency Head Addison Wooley presents the Gators Going Green report.
- Senate President Cox announces the cancellation of the meeting on December 3rd to allow senators to focus on finals.
- Senate President Cox announces the establishment of the Mental Health Ad-Hoc and reads aloud the intent of the committee.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Samantha Kinggard presents on their recommendation for SGI Agency Head.
- There were 5 minutes of Q&A.
- There were 3 rounds of con-pro debate.

- Pro Tempore Seifer moves to previous question. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, the motion passes.
- In a rising vote, Samantha Kinggard is approved for SGI Agency Head.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Pro Tempore Seifer announces that the R&A Committee will meet the Sunday before the first day of the Spring 2025 semester.
- Pro Tempore Seifer reminds senators that Gator Transcendence Day is tomorrow.
- Pro Tempore Seifer thanks those who attended the State of the Campus Address.
- **Open Permanent Senate Seats:**
 - Dentistry
 - Medicine
 - Pharmacy
 - Veterinary Medicine
 - Graduate
- **Open Committee Seats:**
 - I&C

JUDICIARY:

- Senator Britton shares that they have been pleasantly surprised by being treated as a valid member of the committee.
- Senator Britton shares their disappointment in the behavior of the committee during the most recent meeting as it pertains to ignoring the voice of the author about issues concerning a bill.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Sarkar announces that the committee met to relook over SAI's inactive works.
- Chairwoman Sarkar announces that the committee decided to table some code revisions.
- Chairwoman Sarkar announces that the committee will meet again during the week of December 2nd to look over any errors.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Isakson reminds senators to submit constituency before December 3rd by 11:59 pm.
- Chairwoman Isakson clarifies how senators can find out which events are SG events will count for the constituency requirement.

- Chairwoman Isakson reminds senators to submit absences and constituencies to the forms on the SG website.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairwoman Felix announces that the Senate retreat will be this Thursday from 4-5pm.
- Chairwoman Felix announces that the merch will most likely be available in January.

FIRST READING:

- Senator Yaciuk presents on SSB 2024-1742.
- There were 5 minutes of non-debatable technical questions.
- There were 3 rounds of con-pro debate.
- Senator Nadeau moves to previous question by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- In a rising vote, SSB 2024-1742 passes.

SECOND READING:

- There was none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURE

- President Cox reads aloud SSB 2024-1741, honoring Alejandro Ramirez for his service to the University of Florida Student Senate.
- President Cox signs SSB 2024-1741.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Urbenz announces that GAU will have an event on December 13th at Cantina Añejo that is open to non-members.
- Senator Kumar thanks everybody for a great semester, and he hopes both parties will continue their hard work.
- Senator Nadeau announces that tomorrow is the PSU event and he hopes to see everyone there.
- Senator Furman announces that the UF Department of Forestry is taking action to commemorate the fallen Norman courtyard oak tree.
- Senator Sarkar gives an update on South Asian Caucus.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Peters announces that Black Leaders in Law will be having a meeting.
- Pro Tempore Seifer announces that senators interested in joining the Lavender Caucus should reach out.
- Minority Party Leader Banach thanks senators who have attended the Bipartisan Brunches and emphasizes how they are a great way to promote bipartisanship.
- Senator Sharma wishes everyone a happy new year and happy holidays.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Member at Large Henley clarifies the voter record.
- Senate President Cox adjourns the meeting at 9:07 pm.