

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

February 4, 2025

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 76 senators present.

Not present for roll call:

- Botts
- Gaul
- Gonzalez
- Hendricks
- Hughes
- Kolcun
- Newsom
- Runyon
- Sarkar
- Schramm
- M. Seifer
- Thomas
- Viel

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- Senator Hendricks moves to include the subject matters for last week's public comment in the minutes by unanimous consent. Objected.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to make a bloc of all legislation under First Reading except SSB 2025-1031 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve the bloc by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to make a bloc of all legislation under Second Reading except SSB 2025-1003 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve the bloc of legislation by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

- Chairwoman Isakson moves to add the list of absences heard by R&E on the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairwoman Isakson moves to approve all of the excused absences on the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senate President Pro-Tempore Seifer moves to approve SSB 2025-1003 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senate President Pro-Tempore Seifer moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Agency Head Victoria Tieze presents the STAAR agency report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Cox shares that he served as a small group leader at YLC this past weekend and encourages senators to do it next year.
- Senate President Cox recommends senators reach out to SG Advising & Operations when reaching out to administration.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Seifer shares that R&A did not conduct interviews this week, and the committee extended applications to this Friday at noon.
- Senate President Pro-Tempore Seifer hopes more members of the student body attend future senate meetings to increase student engagement.
 - **Open Permanent Senate Seats:**
 - Dentistry
 - Design, Construction, and Planning
 - Medicine
 - Pharmacy
 - Veterinary Medicine
 - Graduate (3)
 - Liberal Arts and Sciences

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Rubaii shares that the committee meeting was efficient and encourages senators to advocate for their tabled legislation at the next meeting.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Vice Chairman Schoeberlein shares the committee is finalizing dates for the Summer B and Fall funding cycle and shares the committee is planning the next Funding Fiesta.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Isakson reminds senators to continue doing their constituency and shares the constituency for probation is due Feb 6th at noon.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairwoman Felix shares the Spring Senate Retreat is Thursday, April 10th at 6 pm.

FIRST READING:

- There were none.

SECOND READING:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Seifer presents on SSB 2025-1003.
- There were 5 minutes of non-debatable technical questions.
- There were 3 rounds of con-pro debate.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to previous question by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Boullosa moves to previous question. Seconded.
- In a rising vote, that motion passes.
- In a rising vote, SSB 2025-1003 is approved.

THIRD READING:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURE

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Minority Party Leader Banach shares a legislation update regarding the Truncated Mat Project and announces the bipartisan brunch this Friday at 11:00 am.
- Co-Chair Prieto shares that the Mental Health Ad-Hoc had their first meeting last Friday and announces upcoming plans, including collaborating with Sky UF and hosting a senate walk.
- Senate President Pro-Tempore Seifer shares that she is making a group-chat with people for the GRACE Marketplace volunteering and thanks those who are interested.
- Senator Jabbour shares that registration for the Big Event is open.

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Seifer reminds senators if they want to sponsor legislation to sign their name on the sponsors' list.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Chairman Rubaii clarifies the voter record.
- Senate President Cox adjourns the meeting at 8:15 pm.