

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

February 11, 2025

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 73 senators present.

Not present for roll call:

- Baddam
- Gigliotti
- Gonzalez
- Huber
- Hughes
- Larsen
- McNamara
- Newsom
- Riley
- Rodriguez
- Sabadash
- Sakrani
- Schapansky
- Sharma
- Toledo
- Weinberger

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There were nine members of the public that gave public comment including: Joaquin Marcelino, Tyler Sklar, Matthew Urra, Ceci Edelberg, Maria Dominquez, Alfredo Ortiz, Jonathan Stephens, Sergio Ray, and Marceline Myo Thi.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve Sharon Sanju for the open CLAS Seat by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to create a bloc of all legislation under First Reading except SSB 2025-1035 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 approve SSB 2025-1028 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to approve SSB 2025-1029 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2025-1035 to move all of the eligible sponsors from the provisos to the sponsor's line by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2025-1035 to add Senate President Pro-Tempore Seifer and Treasurer Damera to the sponsor's line and to change the word "sponsors" to "contributors" in the proviso by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Chairman Rubaii moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2025-1035 to add the list of sponsors by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Nadeau moves to make a friendly amendment to SSB 2025-1035 to add the presidents of AASU, BSU, PSU, and HSA to the front of the sponsor's line by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Nadeau moves to pass SSB 2025-1035 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Banach moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Cox congratulates those who contributed to SSB 2025-1035 and announces that Senate will be cancelled on February 25th due to elections.

EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT SEATS:

- Zoe Metchick presents on their recommendation for the emergency replacement Off Campus Seat.
- There were three minutes of Q&A.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Peters moves to previous question by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- In a rising vote, Zoe Metchick is approved for the Off Campus Seat.
- Connor McInnis presents their recommendation for the emergency replacement CLAS Seat.
- There were three minutes of Q&A.
- Minority Party Leader Banach moves to extend the Q&A by 1.5 minutes by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Nadeau moves to previous question by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

- In a rising vote, Connor McInnis is approved for the CLAS seat.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Seifer congratulates the new senators who were approved and shares that R&A might not conduct interviews next week due to elections.
- Senate President Pro-Tempore Seifer announces that volunteering at GRACE Marketplace is taking place this Thursday.
 - **Open Permanent Senate Seats:**
 - Dentistry
 - Design, Construction, and Planning
 - Medicine
 - Pharmacy
 - Veterinary Medicine
 - Graduate (3)

JUDICIARY:

- Chairman Rubaii shares that the committee is running very smoothly and reminds senators to turn in legislation by noon on Friday.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairwoman Sarkar shares the dates for DocuTrack base funding and announces they are working on walkthroughs for student organization leaders.
- Chairwoman Sarkar reminds senators that February 14th, 2018 was the day of the Parkland shooting and sends her condolences to the Parkland community.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Isakson reminds senators to continue submitting their constituency and absences to the forms on the websites.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairwoman Felix announces that a post was made regarding the upcoming mental health walk and announces that senators can make Valentine's Day themed boxes to exchange sweet treats at the next senate meeting.
- Chairwoman Felix announces that merch and nametags will be available soon.

FIRST READING:

- There were none.

SECOND READING:

- Senate President Cox presents on SSB 2025-1028.
- There were five minutes of non-debatable technical questions.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla moves to previous question by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- In a rising vote, SSB 2025-1028 is approved.

THIRD READING:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURE

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senate Sharma shares that the Mental Health Ad-Hoc is hosting a senate walk this Sunday at 5pm and shares that the ad-hoc will be collaborating with Sky Health on March 7th in Reitz.
- Senator Urbenz shares that JAU will be hosting a Valentine's Day event this Friday outside of Newell Hall.
- Senator Furman shares that she left her Beats Headphones in the chamber and urges senators to help her find them.
- Minority Party Leader Banach shares that there will be a Valentine's Day all-you-can-eat dinner for \$25, which will serve as the bi-partisan brunch.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla shares that Cabo is officially selling alcohol to those over 21.
- Majority Party Leader Idiculla shares that LED lights have been installed outside of Reitz and urges senators to attend the "Light Up the Reitz" event.
- Deputy Minority Party Leader Peters shares the Florida Invitational Step Show will be next weekend in the O'Connell Center.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Chairman Rubaii clarifies the voter record.
- Senate President Cox adjourns the meeting at 8:49 pm.