

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

January 13th, 2026

Senate President Idiculla called the Senate meeting to order at 7:31 pm and announced that 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 83 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Bazen
- Bravo
- Kuber
- Golesorkhi
- Hancock
- Herdman
- Mirabel
- Schapansky
- Shah
- Michel Simon
- Urbenz

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There were two members of the public that gave public comment including Carolina Calonge and Tyler Sklar.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- Majority Party Leader Murphy moves to amend the minutes from the December 2nd senate meeting to reflect the legislation that was not passed on the floor by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Murphy moves to approve Sulei Mejia for the Replacement and Agenda Transfer Affairs Cabinet Director Recommendation by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Murphy moves to approve all Excused and Unexcused absences by unanimous consent.
- Majority Party Leader Murphy moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

STUDENT BODY OFFICER REPORT(S):

- Student Body President Blake Cox clarifies Student Government involvement with UF Libraries and encourages senators to reach out to him regarding any questions.

JUDICIAL OFFICER REPORT(S):

- There were none.

FIRST READING:

- There were none.

SECOND READING:

- There were none.

THIRD READING:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURE

- There were none.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Idiculla discusses senate collaboration with IRHA and commends senators for their work during winter break.
- Senate President Idiculla shares their office hours are from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM on Tuesdays.

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Sulei Mejia presents on their recommendation for Transfer Affairs Cabinet Director.
- There were five minutes of Q&A.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- Member-At-Large Bennet moves to previous question by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- In a rising vote, Sulei Mejia is approved for the Replacement and Agenda Transfer Affairs Cabinet Director Recommendation.
- Member-At-Large Bennet shares their committee meeting was productive and commends Sulei Mejia.
- **Open Permanent Seats:**
 - Business (1)
 - Graduate (1)
 - Freshman
 - Veterinary Medicine
- **Open Committee Seats:**
 - Judiciary (1)

JUDICIARY:

- Chairwoman Melamed announces an upcoming committee meeting this Sunday, encourages senators to submit legislation, and clarifies the voter record.
- Chairwoman Melamed encourages senators to apply for the open committee seat.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Salvador shares there will be future updates to the 800 codes.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairman Sabadash discusses probation and absences.
- Chairman Sabadash reminds senators to begin constituency.
- Vice Chair Trower clarifies information regarding the constituency calendar and announces upcoming events.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairwoman Finfrock discusses Mentor/Mentee for Spring 2026.
- Chairwoman Finfrock presents a QR code for the Spring 2026 constituency calendar.

MENTAL HEALTH AD-HOC:

- Ad-Hoc Chair Andrews encourages senators to contact him with any questions.

CAMPUS MOBILITY AND SAFETY AD-HOC:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Member-At-Large Bennet encourages senators to apply for Gators of Tomorrow.
- Senator Cafferata announces the Graduate Caucus will be meeting next Wednesday at 7:00 PM.
- Chairman Sabadash shares information regarding an upcoming SG Productions event.
- Senate President Idiculla clarifies requirements for establishing a caucus.

ADJOURNMENT:

- There is a motion to use the voter record as final roll call by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.