

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

January 27th, 2026

Senate President Idiculla called the Senate meeting to order at 7:34 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 81 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Adhikari
- Bennett
- Dill
- Feldstein
- Grieser
- Kizer
- Martin
- Mirabel
- Putnam
- Rowe
- Schapansky
- Michel Simon
- Wang

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There were thirteen members of the public that gave public comment including Jennifer Chistik, Dimitris Liveris, Benton Willis, Kayla Arora, Aahan Thakkar, Makani V.B., Marcus Branker, Michael Badea, Avery Birlle, Melissa Orozco, Tatiana Gonzalez, Tyler Sklar, and Anamika Naidu.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Murphy moves to approve Kyle Conger for the Open Graduate Permanent Seat Nomination by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Murphy moves to approve Sachin Somnarain for the Open Freshman Permanent Seat Nomination by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Murphy moves to approve Caroline Kim for the Open Judiciary Committee Seat Nomination by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

- Majority Party Leader Murphy moves to approve Pedro Rubio for the Interfaith Affairs Cabinet Director Executive Nomination by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Murphy moves to approve the bloc of all Assistant Supervisor of Elections Nominations by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Murphy moves to make a bloc of all legislation under First Reading, including SSB 2025-1218, SSB 2025-1219, SSB 2025-1220, SSB 2026-1001, SSB 2026-1002, and SSB 2026-1003 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Murphy moves to approve the bloc of all legislation under First Reading, including SSB 2025-1218, SSB 2025-1219, SSB 2025-1220, SSB 2026-1001, SSB 2026-1002, and SSB 2026-1003 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Murphy moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

STUDENT BODY OFFICER REPORT(S):

- There were none.

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 thanks those who spoke during public comment for their decorum.
- Senate President Idiculla shares their “Flipping the System” presentation as well as information regarding Narcan will be discussed next meeting.
- Senate President Idiculla shares information regarding constituency.

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro Tempore Bravo discusses the previous Replacement and Agenda Committee meeting and current agency vacancies.

- **Open Permanent Seats:**
 - Business (1)
 - Veterinary Medicine

JUDICIARY:

- Chairwoman Melamed thanks those who spoke during public comment and clarifies Judiciary Committee proceedings regarding SSB 2026-1004.

MINORITY REPORT:

- Minority Party Leader Larsen discusses SSB 2026-1004 and addresses Chairwoman Melamed's committee report.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Salvador thanks those who spoke during public comment and discusses the upcoming Budget & Appropriations meeting regarding the 800 codes.
- Chairman Salvador expresses interest in a collaborative resolution concerning the decision regarding SSB 2026-1004.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairman Sabadash discusses probation emails and constituency from last term.
- Chairman Sabadash reminds senators to begin constituency and encourages them to contact him regarding any questions.
- Chairman Sabadash discusses absence procedures for the current term.
- Senator Wolsonovich clarifies announces upcoming constituency opportunities.
- Chairman Sabadash highlights there is a form in which student organizations can apply for Student Government funding.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairwoman Finfrock thanks those who spoke during public comment and shares details regarding the Mentor/Mentee event.
- Chairwoman Finfrock announces nametags have arrived.

MENTAL HEALTH AD-HOC:

- Ad-Hoc Chair Andrews discusses the passage of SSB 2025-1218 and thanks senators for their suggestions to the committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senate President Pro Tempore Bravo encourages senators to visit the "Gift of Life" table to see if they are a bone marrow match for a UF alumna.
- Senator Larsen thanks those who spoke during public comment.

- Senator Urbenz invites senators to join Graduate Assistants United, commends Senator Salvador's legislation, and discusses advocacy.
- Senator Cafferata requests a meeting for the Graduate Caucus following senate.

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 9:01 pm.