

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

February 17th, 2026

Senate President Idiculla called the Senate meeting to order at 7:33 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 70 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Alexander
- Avera
- Bazen
- Blythe
- Cannella
- Kuber
- Chhabra
- DiCampli
- Doonan
- Feldstein
- Grieser
- Jacobson
- Jones
- Kizer
- Lanier
- Lewis
- Liu
- Orsey
- Pascoe
- Ramsey
- Sabadash
- Sumerlin

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There was one member of the public that gave public comment including Tyler Sklar.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Murphy moves to add Amendment I to SSB 2026-1015 to the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Murphy moves to add Amendment I to SSB 2026-1016 to the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Murphy moves to approve Amendment I to SSB 2026-1015 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Murphy moves to approve Amendment I to SSB 2026-1016 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Murphy moves to approve Grace Kessinger for the Supreme Court Judicial Nomination by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Murphy moves to approve Fatima Akinola for the Student Housing University Committee Executive Nomination by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Murphy moves to approve SSB 2026-1019 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Murphy moves to approve SSB 2026-1020 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Murphy moves to approve SSB 2026-1016 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Murphy moves to approve the bloc of all Excused and Unexcused Absences 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.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT(S):

- Agency Head Courtney Conway reports on the Young Leaders Conference.

JUDICIAL OFFICER REPORT(S):

- There were none.

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Senate President Pro Tempore Bravo presents on Grace Kessinger's Supreme Court Judicial Nomination.
- There were five minutes of Q&A.
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- In a rising vote, Grace Kessinger is approved for the Supreme Court Judicial Nomination.

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 announces the next senate meeting will be cancelled due to the election.
- Senate President Idiculla shares information regarding a conference for Take Stock in Children.
- Presley Baesler and Brey Lehrer deliver a presentation on Flipping the System.
- Senate President Idiculla shares the double senate meeting will take place on March 3rd.

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro Tempore Bravo shares the open permanent seats will likely be tabled and discusses the upcoming Replacement & Agenda Committee meeting.
- **Open Permanent Seats:**
 - Business (1)
 - Veterinary Medicine

JUDICIARY:

- Chairwoman Melamed discusses the upcoming Judiciary Committee meeting and announces the deadline to submit a resolution is February 27th at noon.
- Chairwoman Melamed clarifies the voter record.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Salvador discusses ongoing committee initiatives.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Member-at-Large Metchick congratulates senators that got off probation and reminds senators to utilize the constituency calendar.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairwoman Finrock announces Selena Patel as their new Vice Chair and shares updates on name tags.

MENTAL HEALTH AD-HOC:

- Senator Dill shares details regarding their recent mental health event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Riley announces plans to create a Business Caucus and encourages senators to join.
- Senator Urbenz reminds senators about an upcoming GSU event.
- Senate President Idiculla clarifies senate procedures regarding starting 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 8:29 pm.