

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

March 24th, 2026

Senate President Rubaii 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:

- Avera
- Barnett
- Blythe
- Clarke
- Dhamani
- Dotson
- Desrochers
- Finfrock
- Goyal
- Hancock
- Noah “Tom” Jones
- Kizer
- Ramsey
- Song
- Strelitz
- Urbenz

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There were three members of the public that gave public comment including Tyler Sklar, Kayla Arora, and Molly Murphy.

STUDENT BODY OFFICER REPORT(S):

- There were none.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT(S):

- Student Body Treasurer Elect Marco Salvador encourages senators to apply for open seats in the Treasury, with applications closing between April 25th and 27th.
- Student Body Treasurer Elect Marco Salvador shares additional opportunities in the Executive Branch.

JUDICIAL OFFICER REPORT(S):

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

NOMINATIONS:

- **EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

- There were none.

- **JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS**

- There were none.

- **LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS**

- Deputy Majority Party Leader Alexander moves to approve the bloc of Open Budget Committee Seat Legislative Branch Nominations by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Alexander moves to approve the bloc of Open Judiciary Committee Seat Legislative Branch Nominations by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Alexander moves to approve the bloc of Open Rules and Ethics Committee Seat Legislative Branch Nominations by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Alexander moves to approve the bloc of Open Information and Communications Committee Seat Legislative Branch Nominations by unanimous consent. The motion passes
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Alexander moves to approve the bloc of Open Off Campus Permanent Seat Legislative Branch Nominations by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Alexander moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

FIRST READING:

- There were none.

SECOND READING:

- There were none.

VETOES:

- There were none.

ABSENCES:

- There were none.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Rubaii discusses the March 22nd Replacement and Agenda Committee meeting and encourages senators to approach him with any questions or suggestions.
- Senate President Rubaii announces all committees have officially met quorum, and legislation can now be submitted.
- Senate President Rubaii clarifies the senate timeline for legislation.

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro Tempore Murphy presents on the bloc of Open Budget Committee Seat Legislative Branch Nominations for three minutes.
- There were three minutes of Q&A
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- In a rising vote, the bloc of Open Budget Committee Seat Legislative Branch Nominations is approved.
- Senate President Pro Tempore Murphy presents on the bloc of Open Rules and Ethics Committee Seat Legislative Branch Nominations for three minutes.
- There were three minutes of Q&A
- There were three rounds of con-pro debate.
- In a rising vote, the bloc of Open Rules and Ethics Committee Seat Legislative Branch Nominations is approved.
- Senate President Pro Tempore Murphy discusses the March 22nd Replacement and Agenda Committee meeting and announces the open seats.
- **Open Committee Seats:**
 - Rules and Ethics Committee (1)
- **Open Permanent Seats:**
 - Graham Permanent Seat

JUDICIARY:

- Chairwoman Melamed delivers the Legislative Workshop.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Cumpstone congratulates new committee members and announces Budget Bash is happening this week.
- Chairman Cumpstone shares Base Funding is now open.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Metchick congratulates new committee members and requests that new Rules & Ethics members meet with her following the meeting.
- Chairwoman Metchick encourages senators to apply to the committee and reminds senators to monitor their constituency.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairwoman Patel shares updates regarding nametags and Mentor/Mentee.
- Chairwoman Patel presents QR codes for the Why Senate Wednesday Nomination form and the Instagram Request form.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senate President Rubaii emphasizes senators must fill out the form regarding Summer Replacements.
- Senator Yaciuk provides details regarding the upcoming ACCENT show.
- Senator Dahan announces the Graduate Caucus will be meeting this Saturday.
- Senator Ferber shares updates regarding Engineering Caucus initiatives.
- Senator Han encourages senators to fill out a QR Code for the Mental Health Ad-Hoc.
- Senator Mayorga announces plans to reestablish the Hispanic Caucus.
- Senator Smolenski shares the Business Caucus will be established next week and encourages senators to join.

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 8:26 pm.