

## **STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**

**April 7th, 2026**

Senate President Rubaii 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 85 senators present.

#### **Not there for roll call:**

- Andrews
- Filannino
- Jacobson
- Kim
- Latorre
- Levy
- Lockwood
- Sakellarios
- Snider
- Spielyogel
- Stein
- Zenkewicz

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

### **STUDENT BODY OFFICER REPORT(S):**

- There were none.

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT(S):**

- Alexa Vollweiler delivers the Big Event Agency Report as of Spring 2026.
- Samantha Erichsen delivers the Student Government Institute Report as of Spring 2026.

### **JUDICIAL OFFICER REPORT(S):**

- There were none.

### **GOODBYE SPEECHES:**

- There were none.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:**

- There were none.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Majority Party Leader Finfrock moves to create a bloc of all legislation under Second Reading by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Finfrock moves to approve the bloc of all legislation under Second Reading by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Finfrock moves to approve all Excused and Unexcused absences by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Finfrock moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

### **NOMINATIONS:**

- **EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**
  - There were none.
- **JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS**
  - There were none.
- **LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS**
  - There were none.

### **FIRST READING:**

- There were none.

### **SECOND READING:**

- There were none.

### **VETOES:**

- There were none.

### **ABSENCES:**

- There were none.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- The Senate Secretaries deliver a presentation regarding senate procedures.
- Senate President Rubaii reminds senators the Summer Replacement form is due next week.

### **REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:**

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Murphy announces the committee will meet on Sunday and encourages senators to fill out the Summer Replacement Form.
- **Open Permanent Seats:**
  - Graham Permanent Seat
  - Beaty Permanent Seat
  - Dentistry Permanent Seat
  - Off-Campus Permanent Seat
- **Open Committee Seats:**
  - Judiciary Committee (1)

### **JUDICIARY:**

- Chairwoman Melamed encourages senators to apply to the open committee seat.
- Chairwoman Melamed announces the committee will meet April 12th, and shares the Code Revision deadline is April 10th at noon.
- Chairwoman Melamed discusses the Mentor/Mentee Event.

### **BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:**

- Chairman Cumpstone announces student organization funding is now closed and shares information regarding base funding as well as operation and travel requests.

### **RULES & ETHICS:**

- Chairwoman Metchick shares they sent out updates regarding constituency.
- Chairwoman Metchick discusses meeting dates and encourages senators to attend or clerk.
- Chairwoman Metchick encourages senators to utilize the Constituency Calendar.
- The committee delivers a report to clarify constituency and absences.

### **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Chairwoman Patel thanks senators for participating in the Mentor/Mentee Event.
- Chairwoman Patel discusses upcoming tabling opportunities as well as website updates.
- Chairwoman Patel shares a recent update to the Instagram.

### **AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- There were none.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Senate President Rubaii shares information regarding an upcoming class that will be available during the summer.
- Senator Avera delivers a goodbye speech.
- Senator Tuttle shares details regarding an upcoming GASP “Take Back the Night” event.
- Senator Chauhan shares information regarding an upcoming Graduate Caucus meeting.

- Chairwoman Melamed clarifies the voter record and celebrates her mentees.
- Senator Ramsey encourages senators to donate to the Women’s Caucus’s menstrual project drive.
- Senator Mayorga shares details regarding the reestablishment of the Hispanic Caucus.
- Senator Conger encourages senators to join an upcoming TEDx UF event.
- Senator Ferber discusses initiatives regarding the Engineering Caucus and shares they will meet tomorrow at 3:00 PM on Zoom.
- Senator Lanier shares details regarding an upcoming SGP event.
- Senate President Rubaii encourages senators to table at “Take Back the Night.”
- Chairwoman Metchick clarifies constituency rules.

**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 8:17 pm.