

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

May 19th, 2026

President Pro Tempore Murphy called the Senate meeting to order at 7:12 pm and announced 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 57 senators present.

Not present for roll call:

- Haile Alvarez
- Daniela Correa Caselles
- Taylor Dees
- Nicholas Filannino
- Adam Herdmen
- Matthew Lewis
- Amelia Newsome
- Yasmine Ofiara
- Ari Spiegel
- Brooke Tuttle

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was one member of the public that gave a public comment, Tyler Sklar.

THE OATH OF OFFICE:

Dean of Senate, Katherine Frinkfrock, delivers the oath of office for newly elected senators.

SENATE OFFICER ELECTIONS:

There is a motion to open the floor to nominations for Senate President by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

Senator Patel nominates President Pro Tempore Murphy for Senate President by unanimous consent. Seconded. President Pro Tempore Murphy accepts.

There is a motion to close the floor for nominations by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

Senate President Pro Tempore Murphy presents for five minutes.

There are five minutes of Q&A.

There is a motion to the previous question by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- Alexander: Murphy
- Alvarez: Absent
- Beery: Murphy
- Bennett: Murphy
- Blythe: Murphy
- Burch: Murphy
- Burdette: Murphy
- Bush: Murphy
- Ceballos: Murphy
- Chahaun: Murphy
- Caselles: Absent
- Cumpstone: Murphy
- Dees: Absent
- Dhamani: Murphy
- Disher: Murphy
- Enos: Murphy
- Eriksen: Murphy
- Filannino: Absent
- Finfrock: Murphy
- Foulk: Murphy
- Frost: Murphy
- Galbraith: Murphy
- Hedman: Absent
- Heyer: Murphy
- Huang: Murphy
- Hudziet: Murphy
- Jensen: Murphy
- Jones: Murphy
- Kim: Murphy
- Lewis: Absent
- Little: Murphy
- Longwater: Murphy
- Manamiratan: Murphy
- Mayorga: Murphy
- Meis: Murphy
- Melamed: Murphy
- Metchick: Murphy
- Meyerowitz: Murphy
- Morris: Murphy

- Munoz: Murphy
- Murphy: Murphy
- Newsome: Murphy
- Ofori: Murphy
- Ofiara: Absent
- Patel: Murphy
- Patel: Murphy
- Peterson: Murphy
- Petteross: Murphy
- Ransom: Murphy
- Rodriguez: Murphy
- Rodriguez: Murphy
- Salas: Murphy
- Sakellarios: Murphy
- Sanghrajka: Murphy
- Santone: Murphy
- Shembekar: Murphy
- Spiegel: Murphy
- Stein: Murphy
- Stoutamire: Murphy
- Suas: Murphy
- Sullivan: Murphy
- Tibbals: Murphy
- Tuttle: Absent
- Tyson: Murphy
- Vautier: Murphy
- Werner: Murphy
- Wilkins: Murphy

In a roll call vote, Senate President Pro Tempore Murphy is elected Senate President.

Senate President Murphy is sworn in as Senate President.

Senator Cumpstone nominates Majority Party Leader Finfrock for Senate President Pro Tempore by unanimous consent. Seconded. Majority Party Leader Finfrock accepts.

Majority Party Leader Finfrock presents for five minutes.

There were five minutes for Q&A.

There is a motion to previous question by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- Alexander: Finfrock
- Alvarez: Absent
- Beery: Finfrock
- Bennett: Finfrock
- Blythe: Finfrock
- Burch: Finfrock
- Burdette: Finfrock
- Bush: Finfrock
- Ceballos: Finfrock
- Chahaun: Finfrock
- Caselles: Absent
- Cumpstone: Finfrock
- Dees: Absent
- Dhamani: Finfrock
- Disher: Finfrock
- Enos: Finfrock
- Eriksen: Finfrock
- Filannino: Absent
- Finfrock: Finfrock
- Foulk: Finfrock
- Frost: Finfrock
- Galbraith: Finfrock
- Herdman: Absent
- Heyer: Finfrock
- Huang: Finfrock
- Hudziet: Finfrock
- Jensen: Finfrock
- Jones: Finfrock
- Kim: Finfrock
- Lewis: Absent
- Little: Finfrock
- Longwater: Finfrock
- Manamiratan: Finfrock
- Mayorga: Finfrock
- Meis: Finfrock
- Melamed: Finfrock
- Metchick: Finfrock

- Meyerowitz: Finfrock
- Morris: Finfrock
- Munoz: Finfrock
- Murphy: Finfrock
- Newsome: Absent
- Ofori: Finfrock
- Ofiara: Absent
- Patel: Finfrock
- Patel: Finfrock
- Peterson: Finfrock
- Petteross: Finfrock
- Ransom: Finfrock
- Rodriguez: Finfrock
- Rodriguez: Finfrock
- Salas: Finfrock
- Sakellarios: Finfrock
- Sanghrajka: Finfrock
- Santone: Finfrock
- Shembekar: Finfrock
- Stein: Finfrock
- Stoutamire: Finfrock
- Suas: Finfrock
- Sullivan: Finfrock
- Tibbals: Finfrock
- Tuttle: Absent
- Tyson: Finfrock
- Vautier: Finfrock
- Werner: Finfrock
- Wilkins: Finfrock

In a roll call vote, Majority Party Leader Frinfrock is elected Senate President Pro Tempore.

Senate President Pro Tempore is sworn in as the Senate President Pro Tempore.

Senate President Murphy recognized a petition to approve Senator Alexander to be Majority Party Leader and Colin Shembekar to be Deputy Majority Party Leader. The petition is approved.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Majority Party Leader, Finfrock, moves to add the Senate President's elections to the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

Majority Party Leader, FinFrock, moves to add the Senate President Pro Tempore elections to the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

Majority Party Leader, Finfrock, moves to add a special rule to the aforementioned election that will only be held if the position is vacant by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

Majority Party Leader, Finfrock, moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

STUDENT BODY OFFICER REPORT(S):

There were none.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT(S)

Student Body Treasurer, Marco Salvador, delivers an address to discuss developments coming from the office of student engagement.

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:

No business.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Senate President Murphy thanks senators for the opportunity to serve the senate.

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

Senate President Pro Tempore Finfrock discusses upcoming applications for open seats and announces the committee meeting will be held on Sunday.

Open Committee Seats:

- Budget & Appropriations Committee (7)
- Information & Communications Committee (6)
- Rules & Ethics Committee (5)
- Judiciary Committee (3)

Open Permanent Seats:

- Graham Permanent Seat
- Graduate Permanent Seat (3)
- CLAS Permanent Seat
- Beaty Permanent Seat
- Dentistry Permanent Seat

Summer Replacement Seats:

- Arts Summer B Replacement Seat
- Broward- Rawlings Area Summer C Replacement Seat
- CALS Summer A Replacement Seat
- CLAS Summer A Replacement Seat
- CLAS Summer B Replacement Seat
- Education Summer C Replacement Seat
- Engineering Summer B Replacement Seat
- Graduate and Family Housing Summer C Replacement Seat
- Graduate Summer C Replacement Seat (4)
- Hamilton Summer C Replacement Seat
- Jennings Summer C Replacement Seat
- Journalism Summer B Replacement Seat
- Lakeside Summer C Replacement Seat
- Law Summer A Replacement Seat
- Murphree Replacement Seat: May 22nd - July 10th
- Nursing Summer C Replacement Seat
- Off Campus Summer A Replacement Seat (2)
- Off Campus Summer B Replacement Seat (1)
- Off Campus Summer C Replacement Seat (6)
- Pharmacy Summer C Replacement Seat
- PHHP Summer C Replacement Seat
- Sophomore Summer A Replacement Seat
- Veterinary Summer C Replacement Seat
- Yulee Summer C Replacement Seat

JUDICIARY:

Chairwoman Melamed delivers a Legislative Workshop clarifying bills, authorizations, and resolutions.

Chairwoman Melamed announces her Vice Chair for the summer, Senator Kim.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

Senator Cumpstone summarizes the Summer B and Fall 2026 student organization funding bill.

Senator Cumpstone announces and clarifies about the Big Four Hearings.

Senator Cumpstone encourages Senators to apply to the committee.

RULES & ETHICS:

Senator Metchick congratulates new senators and clarifies constituency and probation procedures, absences, and encourages senators to apply to the committee.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

Senator Patel shares details regarding New Senator Orientation and encourages senators to apply.

Senator Patel announces her Vice Chair, Senator Meyerowitz.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Senator Birch announces their upcoming project and encourages Senators to join.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.