

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

August 25th, 2026

Senate President Murphy called the Senate meeting to order at 7:30 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 83 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Chadda
- Caselles
- Donovan
- Foran
- Mirabel
- Robinson
- Snider

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH REPORT(S):

- Student Body Treasurer Marco Salvador discusses the SARTR and the patient support program will be launching this September.
- Student Body Treasurer Marco Salvador thanks the Office of Community and Belonging and Business Services for their efforts on this matter.

JUDICIAL OFFICER REPORT(S):

- Elections Commissioner Makena Romero discusses contingency plans for the Fall 2026 elections.

GOODBYE SPEECHES:

- Joshua Yaciuk delivers their goodbye speech.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Alexander moves to approve Oliver Hegarty's nomination for the Campus Student Housing Committee by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

- Majority Party Leader Alexander moves to approve the bloc of Rules and Ethics Committee seat nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Alexander moves to approve all absences by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Alexander moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. That 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:

- Senate President Murphy announces that the Senate had a productful summer and shares her excitement for this semester.
- Senate President Murphy encourages senators to attend her office hours.
- Senate President Murphy announces Senator Clarke as her chief of staff and discusses she is in the process of creating an ad-hoc committee.

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro Tempore Finfrock announces Senator Keyes as her chief of staff and announces that the Replacement and Agenda Committee will be meeting this week.

- Senate President Pro Tempore Finfrock urges senators to tell their friends to apply for the open permanent seats and announces they will close this Friday at noon.
- **Open Permanent Seats:**
 - Graham Permanent Seat
 - Graduate Permanent Seat (6)
 - Dentistry Permanent Seat
 - Off-Campus (3)
- **Open Committee Seats:**
 - Information and Communications (5)
 - Judiciary
 - Rules and Ethics
 - Budget and Appropriations (2)

JUDICIARY:

- Chairwoman Melamed welcomes back senators and announces Senator Morris as her new vice chair.
- Chairwoman Melamed announces there are only a few meetings left until election and encourages senators to write legislation.
- Chairwoman Melamed clarifies the voter record.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Cumpstone announces the budget committee had a successful summer and was able to pass the 2027-2028 activity service fee budget.
- Chairman Cumpstone announces the committee will be meeting soon to discuss the 800 codes before the upcoming student org funding process.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Hudzietz shares summer probation will be released this week via email.
- Chairwoman Hudzietz shares absences and consistency have not reset from the spring semester.
- Chairwoman Hudzietz congratulates all new Rules and Ethics Committee members and shares the committee is working to update the constituency calendar.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairman Meyerowitz welcomes back senators and announces there will be more tabling opportunities.
- Chairman Meyerowitz urges senators to check their email and apply for the committee.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Jacobson urges senators to join the Hamilton Caucus.
- Senator Smolenski shares that the Business Caucus will be starting-up again this semester and announces there will be changes to its leadership.

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 8:02 pm.

*The roll call has been updated to accurately reflect the membership of the Student Senate.