

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

September 1st, 2026

Senate President Murphy 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 68 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Alexander
- Barnes
- Brown
- Cannella
- Chadda
- Colton
- Foran
- Foulk
- Fuini
- Levy
- Liu
- Lockwood
- Longwater
- Metchick
- Orsey
- Pettross
- Robinson
- Salas
- Snider
- Tibbals
- Tobuck

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH REPORT(S):

- Study Body President Bravo announces the first ever student concessions discount for football games and expresses thanks to the UAA for their partnership on this initiative.

JUDICIAL OFFICER REPORT(S):

- There were none.

GOODBYE SPEECHES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to add Lillian Suttlemyre's nomination for the ASOE to the agenda under judicial nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to add Annika Rhoads's nomination for the ASOE to the agenda under judicial nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to add Giuliana Amorosa's nomination for the ASOE to the agenda under judicial nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to add Chance Spector's nomination for the ASOE to the agenda under judicial nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to add Maralee Thompson's nomination for the ASOE to the agenda under judicial nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to add Jillian Stefko's nomination for the ASOE to the agenda under judicial nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to add Gabriela Jimenez's nomination for the ASOE to the agenda under judicial nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to add Alex Parra's nomination for the ASOE to the agenda under judicial nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to add Daxton Martin's nomination for the ASOE to the agenda under judicial nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to add Elizabeth Hagan's nomination for the ASOE to the agenda under judicial nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to add Simon Ayre's nomination for the ASOE to the agenda under judicial nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to add Jack Spigler's nomination for the ASOE to the agenda under judicial nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to add Mariam Hassan's nomination for the ASOE to the agenda under judicial nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to add Gabriela Munoz's nomination for the ASOE to the agenda under judicial nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to add Samantha Cuenot's nomination for the ASOE to the agenda under judicial nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to add Avery Hearshmen's nomination for the ASOE to the agenda under judicial nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to add Ewan Thomson's nomination for the ASOE to the agenda under judicial nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to add Michael Rush's nomination for the ASOE to the agenda under judicial nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to add Tali Halperin's nomination for the ASOE to the agenda under judicial nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to add Jose Freddo Santos's nomination for the ASOE to the agenda under judicial nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to make a special rule for the ASOE nominations to be heard as a block by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to approve the aforementioned bloc by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to approve Ethan Simon's nomination for the open Judiciary Committee seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to strike Emman Stein's nomination for the Rules and Ethics Committee seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to approve the bloc of nominations for the Information & Communications Committee by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to approve the bloc of Off-Campus seat nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar moves to approve all excused and unexcused absences by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Deputy Majority Party Leader Shembekar 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 shares she is reinstating the Retention and Recruitment Ad-hoc due to the constituency that needs to be done before the term ends.

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro Tempore Finfrock shares that the committee will be meeting on Sunday and shares the open seats.
- **Open Permanent Seats:**
 - Graham Permanent Seat
 - Graduate Permanent Seat (6)
 - Dentistry Permanent Seat
- **Open Committee Seats:**

- Budget and Appropriations (3)
- Rules and Ethics

JUDICIARY:

- Chairwoman Melamed clarifies the voter record and shares that the committee will be meeting at 11:00 am on Sunday.
- Chairwoman Melamed announces she will be sending out a clerk interest form.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Cumpstone encourages senators to apply to the committee and shares the committee will be meeting next week to hear legislation.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Hudzietz shares probation emails were sent out and probation is due September 16th.
- Chairwoman Hudzietz reminds senators they are still on spring constituency and shares constituency is due in October.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairman Meyerowitz congratulates the new committee members and reminds senators to keep an eye out for new tabling opportunities coming soon.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Ferber shares that the Engineering Caucus will be meeting soon and encourages those who are interested to reach out.
- Senator Haan announces the Mental Health Caucus will be writing legislation about mental health and encourages those who are interested to reach out.
- Senator Smolenski shares the Business Caucus will be meeting this week over Zoom.
- Senator Ramsey shares that the Women's Caucus will be having a meeting soon and informs those who are interested to come up to her after the meeting.

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 7:57 pm.