STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
October 13th, 2026 (Meeting 1)

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 80 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Cannella
- Foulk
- Heyer
- Jacobson
- Longwater
- Stoutamire
- Sumerlin

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There was one member of the public that gave public comment including Kayla Arora.

SENATE AWARDS:

JOHN MICHAEL STRATTON MEMORIAL AWARD:

- Chairman Cumpstone nominates Senator Metchick for the award.
- Senator Metchick accepts.
- Senator Dees nominates Chairwoman Melamend.
- Senator Melamend declines.
- Majority Party Leader Alexander nominates Senator Dees for the award.
- Senator Dees accepts.
- Chairwoman Melamend nominates Senator Ramsey for the award.
- Senator Ramsey declines.
- Senate President Murphy closes the floor for nominations.
- After a roll-call vote, there is a clear and convincing majority and Senator Metchick wins the award.

PAUL CLARK MEMORIAL AWARD:

- Senator Kim nominates Chairwoman Melamed for the award.
- Chairwoman Melamed accepts.
- Majority party Leader Alexander nominates Chairman Cumpstone.
- Chairman Cumpstone accepts.

- Senator Metchick nominates Chairwoman Hudzietz for the award.
- Chairwoman Hudzietz declines.
- Senator Burch nominates Chairman Meyerowitz for the award.
- Chairman Meyerowitz accepts.
- After a roll-call vote, there is a clear and convincing majority and Chairman Meyerowitz wins the award.

VALIDATION OF FALL 2026 ELECTION RESULTS:

- In a rising vote, the Fall 2026 election results have been validated.*

EXECUTIVE BRANCH REPORT(S):

- Student Body Treasurer Marco Salvador announces that Base Funding requests open next week and travel requests open the following week.
- Student Body Treasurer Salvador says information on Budget Bash will be coming out soon.
- Student Body Treasurer Salvador thanks Senate Secretary Moore for their service to the senate.

JUDICIAL OFFICER REPORT(S):

- Supervisor of Elections Romero clarifies that an investigation was conducted and there was no evidence suggesting fraudulent activity regarding the election results.
- Senate President Pro-Tempore moves to a recess by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senate President Murphy calls the meeting back to order at 8:11 p.m.
- Majority Party Leader Alexander moves to suspend roll call by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Supervisor of Elections Romero clarifies the election results.
- Majority Party Leader Alexander moves to validate the Fall 2026 election results by a rising vote.
- In a rising vote, the Fall 2026 election results have been validated.

GOODBYE SPEECHES:

- Senator Metchick gave their goodbye speech.
- Chairwoman Melamed gave their goodbye speech.
- Senator Ramsey gave their goodbye speech.
- Member-at-Large Dees and Senator Petross gave their goodbye speech.
- Chairman Meyerowitz gave their goodbye speech.
- Senator Zervoudakis gave their goodbye speech.
- Chairman Cumpstone gave their goodbye speech.
- Senator Mayorga gave their goodbye speech.
- Senator O'Malley gave their goodbye speech.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Alexander moves to create a special rule to make a bloc of all legislation under First Reading by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Alexander moves to pass the aforementioned bloc by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Alexander moves to create a special rule to make a bloc of all legislation under Second Reading by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Alexander moves to pass the aforementioned bloc 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 thanks outgoing senators for their hard work and goodbye speeches.

- Senate President Murphy presents paper plate awards for the outgoing senators.
- Senate President Murphy reminds senators there is a ten minute intermission before the next meeting.

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro Tempore Finfrock shares that the committee is meeting this Sunday and congratulates outgoing senators.
- **Open Permanent:**
    - Graham
    - Graduate (6)
    - Dentistry

JUDICIARY:

- Chairwoman Melamed clarifies the voter record and discusses a recently passed resolution.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Cumpstone shares base funding opens October 19th and Budget Bash is next week.
- Chairman Cumpstone shares Budge Bash counts for constituency.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Hudzietz shares constituency and absences reset after this meeting.
- Chairomwan Hudzietz thanks senators.

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INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairman Meyerowitz wishes senators a goodnight.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Barnes shares that there is a haunted house this weekend ran by Florida Greek Ambassadors.

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm.

*The validation of Fall 2026 Election Results was corrected to be reviewed following the presentation of the vote totals by the Supervisor of Elections during the Judicial Branch Reports.