STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
October 27th, 2026

Senate President Murphy called the Senate meeting to order at 7:31 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 76 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Chadda
- Clarke
- Dahan
- Disher
- Ferber
- Jones
- Mahmoudi
- Meis
- Mirabel
- Pujan Patel
- Robinson
- Smolenski
- Spellacy
- Wyman

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There were five members of the public that provided a public comment including Andrew Larson, Jennifer Chistik, Makani Viator Bugari, Victoria Morais, and Kayla Arora.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH REPORT(S):

- External Affairs Agency Head Cole Bennet provided an update regarding the External Affairs Agency

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 Rowe moves to approve Selena Patel for the open Judiciary Committee seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Patel moves to approve Nicholas De Santis for the open Budget & Appropriations Committee seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader moves to approve Lilianna Nunez for the open Information & Communications Committee seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Patel moves to approve Uli Saetre for the open College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Patel moves to approve SSB 2026-1106 Author and Sponsor Clarification Authorization – Rules and Procedures Authorization by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Patel moves to approve SSB 2026-1107 Updating Accessibility of Voting Procedures – Rules and Procedures Authorization by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Patel 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 encourages senators to attend the State of the Campus Address on November 3, 2026 at University Auditorium

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

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

JUDICIARY:

- Chairwoman Morris provides a legislation workshop for the Student Senate.
- Chairwoman Morris congratulates the new committee member and announces Senator Simon as the vice chair for the committee.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Alexander announced Operation, Travel, and Event funding was opened yesterday at 9am. Hearings will be scheduled November 4th -10th.
- Chairman Alexander announces anyone interested in the committee should reach out about clerking opportunities.
- Chairman Alexander announces Senator Dotson as the vice chair of the committee.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Hudzietz congratulates senators for completing their constituency and encourages senators to apply to the committee.
- Chairwoman Hudzietz announces Senator Montgomery as vice chair of the committee.
- Chairwoman Hudzietz encourages senators to sit down with her if they have any constituency questions and to look out for upcoming clerking opportunities.

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INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairman Burch clarifies the nametag form and mentor mentee.
- Chairman Burch encourages senators to apply for the committee and shares that new senator orientation is mandatory and will be in the senate chamber next week, after the senate meeting.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Hancock announced on-campus senators should do an on-campus constituency and Hume Senators will be able to attend a haunted house.
- Senator Burch announced Chi Phi Fraternity will be conducting a fundraiser in partnership with Flipping the System.

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.