STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
March 19th, 2019

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:30pm and announced that the meeting may be filmed or audio recorded and may be available to the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:
Roll was called and quorum was established with 80 senators present.
Not there for roll call:
- Bond
- Freedman
- German
- Girschick
- Jesurajan
- John
- Lai
- Li
- Miller
- Shaan Patel
- Pepple
- Portugues
- Rodriguez
- Scurry
- Shan
- Zlatanoff

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:
- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:
- Chairman Sandifer moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1037: Student Senate Resolution Celebrating Women’s History Month by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairman Sandifer moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1038: Resolution Urging the University of Florida Administration to Remove Wendy’s from Campus Until it Joins the Fair Food Program by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Hernandez moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1039: Funding for Young Americans for Freedom by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Hernandez moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1040: Funding for Splash Inc. by unanimous consent. Approved.
- Chairwoman Hernandez moves to approve Student Senate Bill 2019-1041: Funding for Gator Billiards Club by unanimous consent. Approved.

PUBLIC DEBATE:
- Coalition Leader Calvin:
- Graduate student, graduate assistant and a member of Graduate Assistants United (GAU), union for graduate assistants at the University of Florida
GAU will begin negotiating with the University of Florida for the future collective bargaining agreement.

Explains why this is important:

- Under the current bargaining agreement, graduate assistants during the fall and spring terms are entitled to a $16,000 stipend and for work and a tuition waiver that covers all tuition, but not fees charged to students in addition to tuition.
- This waiver is unlike Bright Futures that covers all fees in addition to tuition.
- “Graduate assistants don’t have that luxury.”

- Fees can add up to $750 a semester.
- Graduate assistants receive no salary other than the stipend they get from work and have to pay all of their fees out of pocket.
- The fees add up to about $1,500 a year, about 10% of the graduate assistant’s salary.
- GAU is hoping to change this in the upcoming weeks.
- Would be a show of support if anyone could attend the meetings on March 22nd at 2:00 pm in Pugh Hall.
- Hopes to get full coverage for graduate assistants.

Claudia Tio:

- The “mastermind” behind the committee livestreams.
- Transferred to the University of Florida from Broward College in the fall semester of 2017.
- Fortunate enough to be a part of the Honors Program and Model United Nations at Broward College, developing a close-knit community of fellow students.
- Lost this community when transferred to UF and lacked the support system needed to be successful, in both the academic and social spheres.
- There were and are still many transfer students who face this situation when coming to Gainesville.
- In Fall of 2017, around 2300 transfer students enrolled in the university.
- More than 10% of UF’s population is undergraduate transfer students.
- Claims the services provided to transfer students were not as good as those provided to regular students.
- Transfer orientation is only one day long, whereas freshman orientation is a weekend.
- UF is lagging behind when it comes to transfer students.
- States that other Florida schools such as FSU, FIU and UCF have either an office dedicated to transfer students or as section of Student Government that addresses the needs of transfer students.
- UF does not have any of these services and wonders why there are not more efforts to make such a large group of the student population feel welcome.
- Has been writing legislation that urges the University of Florida to create additional resources supporting transfer students.
- Has met with Student Body Vice president, David Enriquez, former senators, Daniel Ospina and Stephanie Beltran, current senators, Nick Meyer and William
Zelin and other various people to ensure that the legislation is as comprehensive as possible.
  o Reaching out to get the Student Senate’s Support.
  o Email: ctio@ufl.edu

- Senator Wilson:
  o Everyone here is an elected official, representing the student body and the $21 million budget.
  o Hopes that the chamber will take such representation seriously.
  o States that she hoped the R/A deliberations would have gone on a bit longer to hear the justifications for each one of the selected candidates.
  o Students on the Budget Committee are directly handing $21 million dollars and should know what they are doing.
  o Necessary that the candidates are picked correctly.
  o Believes that the R/A committee has a duty to the senators and the student body justify their decisions as to why they chose the candidates they chose over others.
  o The Rules and Procedures states that the most qualified candidates are to be chosen, and from watching deliberations, that is not what happened.
  o It is not okay for elected officials to ignore questions and be disrespectful to fellow senators.
  o As a double gator, “I doubly care” whether or not elected officials are doing their jobs and being as transparent as possible.
  o Hopes that Senate leaders will give adequate consideration to all future candidates.

- Colin Solomon:
  o It is an honor to speak before the chamber.
  o Rise before the chamber today to talk about the deliberations of the Replacement and Agenda Committee.
  o The R/A Committee has a duty to fill and replace vacant seats within committees.
  o The Rules and Procedures lay out exactly what the R/A should look for when considering positions.
    - Rule 11.7c: The Replacement and Agenda Committee shall interview all Senators who have requested open committee seats, and shall recommend to the Senate the Senator the committee deems best qualified for the seat
  o Great to see so many senators interview with the R/A/ Committee.
  o Eagerness and willingness to serve is very different than being qualified to serve.
  o At the end of the day, the Replacement & Agenda Committee’s duty is to select the most qualified candidate for the position in question.
  o The education and experience of Senator Davis (referencing Macey Wilson) and Senator Rhodes qualified them to serve on the Information and Communication Committee.
  o However, not all seats were filled with such rationality.
  o Became concerned with some of the recommendations of the R/A Committee.
  o Claims that when a well-qualified candidate was brought up by the Minority Party Leader, the rest of the committee responded with silence.
An experienced candidate was left off of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, and there was merely silence that followed when not approved for the positions.

When prompted for a response, the Minority Party Leader received silence on three different occasions.

The student body elected senators to would fight for them and represent them well within the chamber, on committees, and within the community.

Urges the chamber to consider qualified applicants for the sake of the students.

It is important to have enthusiastic and qualified candidates placed on committees.

Candidates recommended to committees who are unqualified need to achieve concrete skills to serve on the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

It is unfair to the qualified candidates and the students of the University of Florida for the R/A Committee to select unqualified candidates to serve.

- **Senator Gatos:**
  - Was here last week to talk about a fair Replacement and Agenda process.
    - “Yet, here we are again.”
  - “Did we learn anything from last week”
  - All members of the Replacement and Agenda Committee ran on the fact that they would remain unbiased and fair when choosing the most qualified candidates for positions.
  - Several applicants, and the same pattern as last week took place.
  - “We have a duty to our constituents.”
  - While I understand that candidates are great people, but in the present, there are far more qualified candidates who were denied.
  - There are other options that are better qualified than those who were recommended.
  - We should stand up for fairness, hard work.
  - Has seen this on both sides of the aisle.
  - “If you think this is a partisan issue, it’s not.”
  - Believes this issue affects all senators within the chamber.
  - Congratulates those who won a seat in the most previous election, which was much contested.
    - “I don’t this is the time to disappoint your constituents.”
    - “I think it is time to start acting for your constituents.
  - We have the chance to debate recommendations, and open the floor for nominations.
  - Asks that senators vote in favor of debate and discussion when the floor is opened to nominations.
  - Voting for nominations means that we are giving candidates a chance and time that they deserve.
  - “As members of the Student Senate, we can and should do better.”
- **Maysen Calzon:**
  - Thanks the chamber for passing the Women’s History Month legislation.
  - I started this resolution when I started Senate.
  - Was inspired by other senators who were writing legislation about what they were passionate about.
Encourage those to write resolutions that you are passionate about.

**Senator Bindi:**
- “Is what we do here today in this chamber matter?
- “I am here because the student body voted for me.”
- Gathered here today to collaborate for the student body to make this campus better for everyone.
- We have students who think that Student Government does not matter.
- Over 80% of the student body population did not vote in the most recent election.
  - Why is this the case?
  - Will not say they know the answer to this.
  - Knows one of the reasons.
- There were interviews and deliberations of 21 of 45 committee seats.
  - Many of these committees decide what to do with a $21 million budget.
  - When we do not take these committees seriously, we cannot expect the student body to do so either.
- When Student Government does not uphold the Rules and Procedures, the student body does not care.
  - “We erode the very fabric that democracy was founded on.”
- What occurred was a disservice to the student who elected us.
- When people that are not qualified for a position are nominated and elected, those who are qualified begin to become lesser
- When everyone is qualified, everyone rises.
- A constituent told Senator Bindi that she will vote when Senate does something that actually matters.
- Wants to make sure we do something that matters.

**Senator Martinez:**
- CLAS senator.
- In the short time in senate, have developed respect for what we do as senators.
- Congratulates the qualified individuals that were selected for their respective committees.
- While watching a livestream, she saw completely unqualified candidates given committee seats.
- Does not understand why unqualified candidates are considered and nominated when there are qualified candidates that were not considered.
- We hope that you listen for what we truly have to say.
- So many qualified individuals were not selected, and we cannot stand for that.

**Minority Party Leader Grabowski:**
- Serving as Minority Party Leader.
- Thanks everyone who came out to interview this past weekend.
- Will be objecting to three committee seat recommended by the Replacement and
  - Audrey Wikan: Budget and Appropriations
  - Gabriella Hernandez: Allocations
  - Goren: Judiciary
- Wants to be clear that the objections are in no way a personal attack on those who were recommended.
In many cases when asked why someone voted for a candidate, she was greeted by eye rolls and silence.

Today, there will be a motion to open the floor for committee seat nominations.

These committees are real opportunities to make change to the student body that we represent.

It is important that these committees are taken seriously and the most qualified candidates are being selected.

“Don’t you want it to be a fair process?”

Has no doubt that after experience is gained, these three senators will be great candidates for committee seats.

We are not asking you to support one side, but hear other options.

- **Senator Amrose:**
  - Explains why he is in senate.
    - Is here to represent the CLAS and the student body at large.
  - For over a year prior to being elected, he passed and authored multiple bills.
  - Applied for the Allocations Committee, and the Inspire Caucus believes that more qualified is more qualified than at least one of those elected.
  - Gives an explanation of what exactly the Allocations Committee does, and shares his experience in the past working with Allocations business.
    - Also met with Gary Bryant, Finance Manager.
  - Allocations is an important committee because it acts as a “pipeline” for the Budget and Appropriations Committee.
  - On the Treasurer team on the CLAS College Council.
  - Last semester, submitted a bill that would amend the 800 Codes.
  - Met with Chairwoman Hernandez to make sure that his qualifications are worthy of an Allocations seat.
  - The only student on the CLAS Finance Committee.
    - Composed primarily of faculty and professors.
    - Duty is to ensure that the students’ voices are heard.
  - Has a good amount of relevant experience to bring to the Allocations Committee.
  - Shares a few ideas:
    - Fixes to umbrella organizations.
    - Would like to ensure that liaisons are properly equipped with the tools to conduct outreach.
  - It’s unfortunate that members of the Senate have to object to these recommendations.
  - This should be something that we can differ to, but we cannot.

- **Senator Lima:**
  - Represents the students of District D since October of 2017.
  - Congratulates senators who were selected to fill Open Committee Seats.
  - Applied as a member of the Judiciary Committee, but was not appointed.
    - Comes here to ask the chamber to open the floor for nominations.
  - Relevant qualifications:
    - Editor-in-Chief of the Florida Political Review, had the opportunity to edit and publish news regarding state and national politics.
    - Experience working with the Model United Nations team.
• Served in city, state and county political campaigns.
• Has relationships with several city and state officials.
  o Third time applying to this committee, and reached out to Chairman Sandifer to talk about what makes a strong candidate.
  o Would like to bring back the idea of a shared Google form.
  o Want students to email about what we can approve in the codes.
  o Prepare in depth reports for every meeting.
  o Would like to hold walk-in committee office hours.
  o Wants the committee to periodically look through the governing documents.
  o Would like to host a legislation writing workshop that is open to the entire student body to encourage more non-senators to draft legislation.
  o Have offered 11 pieces of legislation that has been passed by the committee.
  o Since joining the senate, Senator Lima has immersed himself in the Senate Rules and Procedures.
  o Has constantly strove to reach across the aisle, and proves this when looking at his sponsorships line on his legislation being written.
  o Notes the amount of legislation sponsors that have been on both sides of the aisle.
  o “This is not a radical notion.”
  o Firmly believes it is everyone’s best interest to select and elect the best qualified candidates.
  o “Tonight, let’s make the Students at UF proud.”

• Senator Berrocal:
  o Would like to speak on the qualifications of Senator Barocas.
  o The Budget Committee is not a place to learn how to budget, and also handle a $21 million budget.
  o Mentions Senator Barocas’ qualifications:
    • Treasurer of College Democrats, which manages an account of over $5000.
    • Was his high school’s treasurer. Managed a budget of $32,000
    • Reached out to treasurers of SG funded organizations to understand the budgeting process.
  o Asks the senators to at least consider the applicants that did not get their fair time.

• Senator Barocas:
  o This weekend, the R/A reviewed many committee seats on the Budget and Appropriations committee.
  o Nothing normal happened this week.
  o Did not receive the seat on the Budget and Appropriations Committee that he interviewed for.
  o We witnessed the Minority Party Leader float Senator Barocas’ name in the deliberations.
  o Watched as members of the committee ignored his resume and application time and time again.
  o Reviews his qualification:
    • Served as Senior Class Treasurer at his high school in which he managed a budget of over $30,000, with an over 600 student body.
Sat with a forensic accountant and went line by line to make sure all funds are being accounted for during an audit.

Reached out to treasurers of SG funded organizations to understand the budgeting process.

- Wants the senators to at least consider these applicants
- We cannot fail on this duty.
- When it comes time to vote, nominations should be reconsidered.

Professor Travis McArthur:
- Professor in the Food and Resource Economics Department.
- Presents a PowerPoint that explains the economics behind the University of Florida’s endowment:
  - Briefly explains what the UF endowment is and what it serves as.
    - Endowment of $2 billion.
  - Divest UF proposal is to sell the stocks and bonds of fossil fuel companies and re-invest in renewable energy companies over the next 5 years.
  - Believes there will not be a high effect due to the “Efficient Market Hypothesis.”
    - All stocks and bonds with the same risk profiles have approximately the same expected return on investment.
- Senate President Shaw allows senators to ask questions for Professor Matthew.

*If you wish to hear any speeches given during public debate please request the recordings from senatesecretary@sg.ufl.edu*

PRESIDENTS REPORT
OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT:

Freshman Leadership Council Chairman Devon Phillip
- Events completed by FLC last semester:
  - “I am More” Campaign, center of the campaign is to be more than what a title is in order to show someone’s passion.
  - Community service including a clothing drive and clean-up within the St. Francis House.
  - “Illuminate” event, where students were able to experience.
  - “Rock Around the Palm Tree” with the Boys and Girls Club.
- Events completed by FLC this semester:
  - Appreciation Station: 100 students were engaged in an exercise to spark appreciate in ourselves, others, and strangers.
  - “St. Baldricks Annual Fundraiser,” in which over $4000 was raised.
- Upcoming events:
  - Working with Grace Marketplace every week.
  - Spring Celebration on April 11th, to celebrate the new season.
  - “EmpowerMe,” on Wednesday in the Rion Ballroom where there will be discussion about empowerment.
- Accomplishments:
  - 19 council meetings including one retreat.
Held two professional workshops.
  - Interviews
  - Linked-In profiles
Supplied critiques on all applicants for the FLC.
Loved watching everyone flourish and find something they were each passionate about.
States that it was an honor to serve everyone and thanks everyone for their time.

Big Event Chairwoman Ronnie Pereira:
- Volunteers increased from 700 last year to over 1000 this year.
- Honored by amount of students that came out and the over 50 orgs involved.
- Looking forward to creating transition for next year’s team to continue working hard.
- Is hoping to increase funding in next year’s event, this year they matched previous years but is hopeful for more.
- This year moved to Hume field because she felt it was the area best suited for what the organization needed and for their opening ceremonies.
- Working to send out a volunteer survey to improve the experience of those who participated.
- Thanks all those who came out to support the organization.

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY VICE PRESIDENT:

SENATE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
- It is Cabinet’s Mental Health Awareness Week.
- Appointed Liaisons:
  - Brianna Adan as Cabinet Executive liaison,
  - Tyler Kendrick as Judiciary liaison,
  - Jackson Glover as Finance liaison,
  - Joel Kratt as UFPD liaison,
  - Savannah Lai as Reitz Student Union SAI liaison,
  - Tim Martin as RecSports liaison.

REPLACEMENTS AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
- Point of Question: Are all of these recommendations being presented as a block?
- Senate President Shaw states that they are.
- Minority Party Leader Grabowski has Point of Order: The Rules and Procedures state that the replacement and agenda committee may add special rules of order to the agenda pertaining to the structure of the debate with two thirds vote from the committee. However there are no special rules of order set out on the agenda, therefore special rules cannot be adopted, unless two thirds of the senate votes in support of this, found on page 44 of the Rules and Procedures.
- Parliamentarian, Preston Jones checks page 44.
- Discussion ensues between Parliamentarian Jones and Minority Party Leader.
- Senator moves to hear all Budget and Appropriations committee recommendations as a block excluding Audrey Wikan. Motion is seconded.
In a standing vote, hearing Budget as a block, excluding Audrey Wikan, is passed.

- Minority Party Leader Grabowski motions to hear recommendations for any Allocations seats as a block excluding Gabriela Hernandez. Motion is seconded.
  - In a standing vote, hearing Allocations committee recommendations as a block excluding Gabriela Hernandez, is passed.
- Minority Party Leader Grabowski motions to hear recommendations for Judiciary committee as a block excluding Andrew Goren. Motion is seconded.
  - In a standing vote, hearing Judiciary committee recommendations as a block excluding Andrew Goren, is passed.
- There was a motion to call the previous question for the block of Budget excluding Audrey Wikan.
  - In a standing vote, motion passes.
  - In a standing vote, Budget block is approved.
- Minority Party Leader Grabowski motions to open the floor for Budget Committee Nominations. Motion is seconded.
- Minority Party Leader Grabowski motions for a roll call vote to open the floor for Budget committee nominations. Motion is passed.
- Parliamentarian Jones asks all senators to add roll call votes to voter record.
  - According to Rule 7.1e, only main motions are required to be recorded.
  - Rule XII also states that Senate Secretaries are required to record all roll call votes in the minutes.

Roll Call Vote to Open the Floor for Budget Committee Nominations:

- Adan: No.
- Alexander: No.
- Amrose: Yes.
- Barocas: Yes.
- Berrocal: Yes.
- Bindi: Yes.
- Blomeley: No.
- Brittain: No.
- Brown: No.
- Calvin: Yes.
- Chou: Yes.
- Cordover: No.
- Cornair: No.
- Dhaliwal: No.
- Diaz: Yes.
- Dormeus: Yes.
- Dubois: No.
- Dunson: No.
- Emmett: No.
- Entringer: No.
- Espinoza: Yes.
- Evans: No.
- Fernandez-Valle: No.
- Freedman: No Voice Vote.
- Gant: Yes.
- Garner: No.
- Gatos: Yes.
- Glover: No.
- Goel: No.
- Goren: No.
- Grabowski: Yes.
- Haffey: No.
- Heriveaux: No.
- Herman: No.
- Gabriela Hernandez: No.
- Katie Hernandez: No.
- Honeycutt: No.
- Iyamu: Yes.
- Jackson: Yes.
- Jenkins: Yes.
- Joachim: Yes.
- John: No Voice Vote.
- Jones: No.
- Kaighin: No.
- Kanouse: No.
- Karimi: Yes.
- Kaufman: Yes.
- Kendrick: No.
- Levy: No.
- Lima: Yes.
- Longland: No.
- Lovesky: Yes.
- Manitii: No.
- Manuszak: No.
- Martin: No.
- Martinez: Yes.
- Matei: No.
- McCreary: No
- Meyer: No.
- Morris: No.
- Orban: Yes.
- Dilan Patel: Yes.
- Sneh Patel: Yes.
- Pearson: No.
- Perez: No.
- Prieto: No.
- Ragan: Yes.
- Ramos: No.
- Rodriguez: Yes.
• Sandifer: No.
• Shaw: No.
• Singleton: No.
• Smith: Yes.
• Stein: Yes.
• Stephens: Yes.
• Weiskopf: No.
• Weninger: No.
• White: No.
• Wikan: No.
• Wilson: Yes.
• Witte: Yes.
• Wright: No.
• Zelin: Yes.
• Zlatanoff: No Voice Vote

In a roll call vote of 29 to 50, that motion fails.

Budget and Appropriations Committee: Audrey Wikan

3 minutes of presentation:
• Is passionate about serving the people through local, state and federal government, as well as Student Government.
• Believes she will be a great asset to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.
• Senator Wikan’s four years at the UF will set her up for success in the future, and she cannot wait to be surrounded by leaders.
• Served as the District Secretary for her House Representative, Jennifer Sullivan.
  o Intermediate force between 150,000 constituents in her area that Sullivan represents.
  o One of the responsibilities was to handle the budget, or the Members Representational allowance. All expenditures were reported in the quarterly report to ensure the budget was not exceeded.
  o The MRA is funded in the house salaries.
  o Treasure of My Future Business Leaders chapter in high school.
    ▪ Was chapter and district president.
    ▪ Would have mentioned being at treasurer, but ran out of room on her one-page resume.
• It is important to recognize that every funded organization provides a home to the students in all areas on this campus.
• Eager to work hard and make a positive and lasting result.

3 Minutes of Question and Answers:
• Chairman Brown: Can you take me through the process of a student organization to be put on a budget?
• Senator Wikan: A student organization must be registered for 2 consecutive semesters before moving on to the Allocations and 2 more consecutive semesters before moving onto Budget.
Senator Wilson: Do you have any experience with SG SAR’s?
Senator Wikan: Pairs experience in SAR’s with her time in the Florida Legislature. Has also talked to the current and past Budget and Appropriations Chairs to walk her through the process.
Chairwoman Hernandez: Can you name the “Big Three?”
Senator Wikan: The Big Three on the budget includes The Reitz Union/Student Activities and Involvement, Student Government, and Rec Sports.
Senator Ragan: Can you talk about your experience as district secretary regarding budgeting?
Senator Wikan: Was in an aide position. Accounted for anything from travel to office expenses, and made sure that they did not go over their budget.
Majority Party Leader Emmett: Can you go over some of your ideas for the committee if you were to be elected?
Senator Wikan: Two categories: Increase participation and engagement on campus, and increase proficiency of the 800 codes in the chamber. Wants to reach out to smaller organizations to have them partner with larger ones.

First Round of Con:
- Minority Party Leader Grabowski: Believes that Senator Wikan needs more experience. Does not believe that serving as District Secretary involves being solely responsible with the entire budget. Serving as Treasurer in high school should have made it onto the resume when considered for this position, but it did not. Senator Wikan should have experience with SAR’s and TAR’s. It is important to properly represent qualifications, and Senator Wikan was not the most qualified when considered for the Budget Committee Seat.
- Senator Lima: Cannot vote for Senator Wikan due to lack of qualifications, after watching her presentation and the interview livestream.

First Round of Pro:
- Chairman Brown: It is unfair to assume what Senator Wikan did as a District Secretary. Her experience in the state legislature is very valuable, especially in the current climate of the Student Government budget.
- Senator Matei: Served in Senate for about a month before applying to the Budget and Appropriations Committee. Was completely honest when asked about previous experience, and was able to grow and learn once selected to serve on the committee.
- Chairwoman Hernandez: Was impressed with Senator Wikan’s interview. Notes the impressiveness to rise to President of FBLA in High School. FBLA experience, coupled with her experience in the state legislature is vital.

Second Round of Con:
- Senator Gatos: The fall semester nominations are different than the spring term nominations for Committee Seats. Does not believe that the standard should be set to elect candidates who have very little experience. In the case of Senator Matei, there was a different pool of candidates and in this case, there was a pool that included well-qualified candidates.
- Senator Wilson: Main concern is the lack of experience with an SG organization. While serving on executive board for other student organizations, Senator Wilson knows that SAR’s are not an easy thing to understand.
- Senator Amrose: Has heard a drive to learn often during the hearings. Believes that there is no proof that Senator Wikan has experience and knowledge of the 800 Codes.

Second Round of Pro:
- Chairwoman Morris: Nowhere in the 800 codes does it outline the requirement of a Budget Committee member to have experience with SARs and TARs. Notes her experience has been gained through different means than most others.
- Senator Haffey: Qualifications and experience have been coupled together. Asks the chamber to look at the root of the word, which is “quality.”
- Chairman Brown: Would like to touch on Senator Wikan’s point of remain unbiased. Appreciated Senator Wikan’s point when she mentioned that a responsibility of Budget is to create a home for students.
- Chairman Sandifer: Finds it incredibly disrespectful that someone called Senator Wikan a liar for her experience in as a District Secretary. Why would we discount experiences when the budgeting process could change soon.

Final Round of Con:
- Senator Amrose: It is disheartening to not hear Senator Wikan speak upon ideas addressing the 800 codes revision. Would like to know if in fact there are Minority Party Leader Grabowski: The importance about serving in a student organization is to understand the process that these students are going through. Knowing the 800 Codes is more than being able to walk into a committee meeting, and that takes time.
- Point of Parliamentary Inquiry: Are senators allowed to yield their time to non-senators?
  - It would need a two-thirds vote since it would be suspending the rules.
- Senator Gant: Believes it is important to consider Senator Wikan’s qualifications in comparison to other candidates’ qualifications.
- Senator Lima: “Best qualified” is needed to be considered in the field. Cannot in good faith vote for this nomination. The standard of best qualified must be respected.

Point of Personal Privilege: There are some people in the back that cannot hear when senators are speaking. Asks Senate President Shaw to remind the chamber to speak up when talking.

Final Round of Pro:
- Senator Pearson: As many people are aware, the budgeting process is currently involved in pending litigation. Therefore, there is a chance that much of the Budget process will be changed. It is critical that we have dynamic leaders that can guide what these changes could look like. Knowledge gained from being the District Secretary is will give this advantage to Senator Wikan.
- Senator Matei: Senator Wikan will have ample time to prepare for the budgeting process. Notes the value of speaking with present and past committee chairs.
- Chairman Brown: Wants to touch on Senator Wikan’s ideas that promote transparency in both the chamber and within student organizations.
Final Privilege:
- Thanks the chamber for allowing her to speak.
- Applied because her experiences prior deem her qualified.

There was a request for quorum check before voting on the Approval of Senator Wikan for the Budget and Appropriations Committee. Quorum was reestablished with 80 senators.

There was a motion to conduct a roll call vote, in which ⅕ of the senate must vote in favor. That motion passes.

Roll Call Vote to Approve Senator Wikan for the Open Budget and Appropriations Committee Seat:
- Adan: Yes.
- Alexander: Yes.
- Amrose: No.
- Barocas: No.
- Berrocal: No.
- Bindi: No.
- Blomeley: Yes.
- Brittain: Yes.
- Brown: Yes.
- Calvin: No.
- Chou: No.
- Cordover: Yes.
- Cornair: Yes.
- Dhaliwal: Yes.
- Diaz: No.
- Dormeus: No.
- Dubois: Yes.
- Dunson: Yes.
- Emmett: Yes.
- Entringer: Yes.
- Espinoza: No.
- Evans: Yes.
- Fernandez-Valle: Yes.
- Gant: No.
- Garner: Yes.
- Gatos: No.
- Girschick: No Voice Vote.
- Glover: Yes.
- Goel: Yes.
- Goren: Yes.
- Grabowski: No.
- Haffey: Yes.
- Heriveaux: Yes.
- Herman: Yes.
- Gabriela Hernandez: Yes.
- Katie Hernandez: Yes.
- Iyamu: No.
- Jackson: No.
- Jenkins: No.
- Joachim: No.
- John: No.
- Jones: Yes.
- Kaighin: Yes.
- Kanouse: Yes.
- Karimi: No.
- Kaufman: No.
- Kendrick: Yes.
- Levy: Yes.
- Lima: No.
- Longland: Yes.
- Lovesky: No.
- Maniti: Yes.
- Manuszak: Yes.
- Martin: Yes.
- Martinez: No.
- McCreary: Yes.
- Meyer: Yes.
- Morris: Yes.
- Orban: No.
- Dilan Patel Yes.
- Sneh Patel: No.
- Pearson: Yes.
- Perez: Yes.
- Prieto: Yes.
- Ragan: No.
- Ramos: Yes.
- Rodriguez: No.
- Sandifer: Yes.
- Scurry: No.
- Shaw: Yes.
- Singleton: Yes.
- Smith: No.
- Stein: No.
- Stephens: No.
- Weiskopf: Yes.
- Weninger: Yes.
- White: Yes.
- Wikan: Yes.
- Wilson: No.
- Witte: No.
In a roll call vote of 50 to 33, Senator Wikan has been approved for the Open Budget and Appropriations Committee seat.

Allocations Committee: Gabriela Hernandez

Minority Party Leader Grabowski moves to open the floor for nominations for the Allocations Committee seat, in which ⅖ of the senate must vote in favor. In a standing vote of 29 in favor, that motion fails.

3 Minutes of Presentation

- Represents the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences.
- It is a privilege to speak before the chamber.
- Became a senator for the purpose of wanting to serve the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences as well as the student body.
- Believes that there is more that can be done in order to make the University of Florida a better experience for every student.
- This can be done by serving the constituents on the Allocations Committee.
- Attracted to the Allocations Committee specifically because she wants to give smaller student organizations the opportunity to grow by allocating the funds to do so.
- Has had the opportunity to manage budgets with her peers through her experience in student organizations.
  - In the Member Leadership Program, Senator Hernandez is a member of the Intercultural Affairs Committee. The goal of this committee is to unite the 13 sub-organizations of the Hispanic Student Association in order to promote the various cultures.
  - Serving on this committee and achieving this goal requires a large amount of budgeting, co-sponsorship and coordination between various student organizations on campus.
  - These tasks would not be possible without the training given to us by the Student Finance Office. This training includes information on how to fill out SARs and TARs as well as programming and financing.
  - Has also been a part of the Hispanic Heritage Month Team as the Assistant Director.
  - Hispanic Heritage Month at the University of Florida is the largest student-led Hispanic Heritage Month in the country.
  - Also served on the budget committee of the Hispanic Heritage Month and managed a budget of $60,000, a budget larger than the $50,000 given to the Allocations Committee.
  - Has collaborated in SAR writing process to further utilize the budget the committees were given for programming and other necessities.
- Reached out to Chairwoman Hernandez when first interested in the Allocations Committee to discuss what could be done to improve the committee. Senator Hernandez also shared her goals for the committee when meeting with Chairwoman Hernandez.
List possible ideas for the committee:
- Continue to utilize social media in order to engage with and reach more students on campus. Promote the Allocations Committee’s ability to assist students in funding.
- There is currently an Allocations Committee graphic on the UF Student Senate Instagram, however, it only explains what the committee does.

3 Minutes of Questions and Answers:
- Chairwoman Hernandez: Does the Allocations Committee only fund new organizations?
  - Senator Hernandez: The allocations committee not only funds new organizations, but also ones that are on the budget, but additional funding that was not budgeted for initially.
- Senator Wilson: Have you gone through the Allocations process before?
  - Senator Hernandez: I have not because I am a member of student organizations who are already on the budget cycle. However, my ability to work with organizations as well as my knowledge of SAR’s is sufficient to be an effective member.
- Senator Gatos: How many times have you served as a student organization treasurer?
  - Senator Hernandez: Although I have not been a treasurer, we have had to decide how to allocate a budget for the organizations that we represent.
- Senator Alexander: What are some ideas you want to bring to the committee?
  - Senator Hernandez: Besides social media outreach, I want to require committee members to go to at least one event for organizations the committee secured funding for, and also work with the other committees to conduct an SAR writing workshop.
- Senator Berrocal: How many times have you presented in front of the Allocations Committee?
  - Senator Hernandez: Like I said, I haven’t had to do this because of being a member of organizations that are on the budget cycle already.
- Senator Perez: What finance relevant training has the Member Leadership Program given you?
  - Senator Hernandez: One of the things instilled in the members since day one is that we are dynamic students who are capable of accomplishing anything. Something we also did was having a SAR writing workshop.

First Round of Con:
- Minority Party Leader Grabowski: Our duty is to choose the most qualified applicants, and this is not the case. A previous candidate has had ample experience in the Allocations process, serving as a president, a treasurer and more.
- Senator Wilson: Main issue is that Senator Hernandez has not gone through the Allocations process. Believes it is important that members of the committee have experience with the Allocations process as to better serve the students.
- Senator Lima: Does not believe Senator Hernandez has direct experience in the Allocations process, which is vital in when looking at applicants. Will not be supporting this nomination.
- Senator Gatos: Does not believe Senator Hernandez is the most qualified candidate when looking at the other candidates within the pool. It is the responsibility of the R/A
Committee to select candidates that can best represent the students, and that is not what has been done.

First Round of Pro:
- Chairwoman Hernandez: Was able to meet with Senator Hernandez to teach her about the allocations process. Notes the value in someone being malleable to the committee.
- Senator Perez: As a member of the Allocations Committee, Senator Perez would like to see Senator Hernandez on the committee. As a part of the Hispanic Heritage Month Committee, she along with other students are responsible for a budget larger than that of Allocations.
- Senator Diaz: Will say that Senator Hernandez responded to questions very well, and notes the relevancy of her experience with Hispanic Heritage Month.
- Chairwoman Morris: Thinks that the passion for helping other student organizations is very valuable. Noticed the passion for being on the Allocations Committee when talking to her.
- Chairwoman Jones: Student organizational outreach is extremely important in the Allocations committee.

Second Round of Con:
- Senator Chou: Wants to refrain the concern of finding the correct candidate. Notes that none have said Senator Hernandez is better than the other applicants for the committee.
- Senator Gant: It is important to look at candidates relative to other candidates. When looking at other candidates relative to Senator Hernandez, there are other candidates that are better qualified and best qualified for this position.
- Senator Gatos: Another applicant also met with Chairwoman Hernandez. Does not agree with an applicant having a clean slate being a good thing.
- Minority Party Leader Grabowski: Would like to open the floor to avoid continuous pro-con debate.

Second Round of Pro:
- Chairwoman Hernandez: Senator Hernandez and Chairwoman Hernandez had very similar resumes coming into senate. Notes her proficiency with outreach, will be very valuable. Her experiences culminate to being the most qualified candidate.
- Senator Espinoza: Believes that being part of the Membership Leadership Program is a relevant experience for this open committee seat position.
- Senator Singleton: Sat in on the Replacement and Agenda interview. Mentions that she has met with Chairwoman Hernandez. Mentions her initiatives she plans to bring to the committee. While she has not been a treasurer, she has been involved in Hispanic Student Association, and she has surely done relevant things to prepare her for being on the Allocations Committee.

Final Round of Con:
Minority Party Leader Grabowski: It is important to ask whether or not we are choosing the most qualified candidates. Voting not to open the floor for nominations is a disservice to the constituents we represent.

Senator Chou: Will sleep well knowing Senator Hernandez will be nominated, but mentions that picking merely one of the best is not enough. Picking the best candidate is more valuable. This raises questions for the process that the Replacement and Agenda Committee is practicing.

Senator Gatos: It is a dangerous precedent to choose a candidate that is not the most qualified. Senator Hernandez lacks direct qualifications that other candidates possess.

Final Round of Pro:

- Senator Perez: It is important to distinguish being a treasurer and participating in treasury tasks. Notes that the budget that she has worked with in the past with HSA is larger than the Allocations Committee by $10,000. This skill is directly transferable to the Allocations Committee
- Chairman Sandifer: Chairwoman Hernandez believes that Senator Hernandez is the most qualified candidate, and the significance of this belief is being lost in this debate.
- Senator Pearson: Had the pleasure of serving as an ex member of the Allocations Committee. It is extremely difficult for an organization to go from no budget, to Allocations, to being on the budget cycle. One reason why Senator Hernandez would fit this criteria is because of her experience with the Cuban American Students Association, which just reregistered last night.

Final Privilege:

- Thanks the chamber for the chance to speak and express why she is the most qualified.
- Regardless of outcome, Senator Hernandez will continue to serve the students she represents.

There was a motion for a roll call vote, in which 1/5 of the senate must vote in favor of. That motion passes.

Roll Call Vote to Approve Senator Hernandez for the Open Allocations Committee Seat:

- Adan: Yes.
- Alexander: Yes.
- Amrose: No.
- Barocas: No.
- Berrocal: No.
- Bindi: No.
- Blomeley: Yes.
- Brittain: Yes.
- Brown: Yes.
- Calvin: No.
- Chou: No.
- Cordover: Yes.
- Cornair: Yes.
- Dhaliwal: Yes.
- Diaz: No.
- Dormeus: No.
- Dubois: Yes.
- Dunson: Yes.
- Emmett: Yes.
- Entringer: Yes.
- Espinoza: Yes.
- Evans: Yes.
- Fernandez-Valle: Yes.
- Gant: No.
- Garner: Yes.
- Gatos: No.
- Girschick: No Voice Vote.
- Glover: Yes.
- Goel: Yes.
- Goren: Yes.
- Grabowski: No.
- Haffey: Yes.
- Heriveaux: Yes.
- Herman: Yes.
- Gabriela Hernandez: Yes.
- Katie Hernandez: Yes.
- Iyamu: No.
- Jackson: No.
- Jenkins: No.
- Joachim: No.
- John: No.
- Jones: Yes.
- Kaighin: Yes.
- Kanouse: No Voice Vote.
- Karimi: No.
- Kaufman: No.
- Kendrick: Yes.
- Levy: Yes.
- Lima: No.
- Longland: Yes.
- Lovesky: No.
- Maniti: Yes.
- Manuszak: Yes.
- Martin: Yes.
- Martinez: No.
- McCreary: Yes.
- Meyer: Yes.
- Morris: Yes.
- Orban: No.
In a roll call vote of 49 to 32, Senator Hernandez has been approved for the Open Allocations Committee seat.

Senator calls for a quorum check before voting on the approval of the Open Allocations Committee seats as a block. Quorum was reestablished with 84 senators present.

Majority Party Leader Emmett moves to call the previous question. This requires a two-thirds vote, which is conducted by a standing vote.

Point of Inquiry: What are we calling to previous question on?

The motion to call the previous question is for the block for the allocations committee.

The motion to call previous question does not pass.

Will hear the block for the Allocations Committee Seats. Senate president Shaw asks all senators within that block to come to the front to present.

Point of Information: Senator Freedman had an exam tonight, however, he is also in the block for the Open Allocations Committee seats.
Three Minutes of Presentation:
- Senator Meyer introduces himself and would like to speak on his qualifications for the Allocations Committee.

Majority Party Leader Emmett moves to call the previous question. Senator Meyer yields his time to Majority Party Leader Emmett. This motion requires a two-thirds standing vote. With a two-thirds vote, that motion passes.

Will now vote on the Open Allocations Committee seats block. This vote needs a standing majority. In the eyes of the chair, the standing vote is a majority. The Open Allocations Committee seats block passes.

Judiciary Committee

There was a motion to open the floor for nominations for the Judiciary Committee seat, in which \( \frac{2}{3} \) of the senate must vote in favor. Minority Party Leader Grabowski moves for a roll call vote. That motion passes.

Roll Call Vote to Open the Floor for Judiciary Committee Nominations:
- Adan: No
- Alexander: No.
- Amrose: Yes.
- Barocas: Yes.
- Berrocal: Yes.
- Bindi: Yes.
- Blomeley: No.
- Brittain: No.
- Brown: No.
- Calvin: Yes.
- Chou: Yes.
- Cordover:
- Cornair: No.
- Dhaliwal: No.
- Diaz: Yes.
- Dormeus: Yes.
- Dubois: No.
- Dunson: No.
- Emmett: No.
- Entringer: No.
- Espinoza: Yes.
- Evans: Yes.
- Fernandez-Valle: No.
- Freedman: No Voice Vote.
- Gant: Vote Cannot Be Counted.
- Garner: No.
- Gatos: Yes.
- Girschick: No.
- Glover: No.
- Goel: No.
- Goren: No.
- Grabowski: Yes.
- Haffey: No.
- Heriveaux: No.
- Herman: No.
- Gabriela Hernandez: No.
- Katie Hernandez: No.
- Iyamu: Yes.
- Jackson: Yes.
- Jenkins: Yes.
- Joachim: Yes.
- John: Yes.
- Jones: No.
- Kaighin: No.
- Kanouse: No.
- Karimi: Yes.
- Kaufman: Yes.
- Kendrick: No.
- Levy: No.
- Lima: Yes.
- Longland: No.
- Lovesky: Yes.
- Maniti: No.
- Manuszak: No.
- Martin: No.
- Martinez: Yes.
- McCreary: No.
- Meyer: No.
- Morris: No.
- Orban: Yes.
- Dilan Patel: No.
- Shaan Patel: No.
- Sneh Patel: Yes.
- Pearson: Yes.
- Perez: No.
- Prieto: No.
- Ragan: Yes.
- Rodriguez: Yes.
- Sandifer: No.
- Scurry: Yes.
- Shaw: No.
- Singleton: No.
- Smith: Yes.
- Stein: Yes.
- Stephens: Yes.
- Weiskopf: No.
- Weninger: No.
- White: No.
- Wikan: No.
- Wilson: Yes.
- Witte: Yes.
- Wright: No.
- Zelin: Yes.
- Zlatanoff: No.

Point of Order: Senator Jackson, Jenkins, and Perez did not hear their name called. Senator Jackson votes ‘yes’, Senator Jenkins votes ‘yes’, and Senator Perez votes ‘no’.

In a roll call vote of 33 to 50, that motion passes. The floor is now open to nominations. Senate President Shaw asks all senators who have nominations to rise.

Minority Party Leader Grabowski nominates Senator Lima.

Senator Lima accepts.

Minority Party Leader Grabowski motions to close the floor for nominations by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

Minority Party Leader Grabowski moves to approve the block for the Open Judiciary Committee Seats by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

Andrew Goren

First Round of Con:
- Minority Party Leader Grabowski: It is important to consider candidates that are the best qualified for the position. This is a question of who is going to do the best job and who is the most qualified. To serve on the Judiciary Committee, it is important to have attended multiple Judiciary meetings and to have observed how the Judiciary Committee considers legislation and how they apply those 5 criteria. It is not enough to have written one or two pieces of legislation. Out of the candidates tonight, there is one who has written about one or two pieces of legislation and another candidate who has written over 10. That is an important qualification to consider. This committee determines whether or not the Senate Chamber gets to hear legislation at all. We owe it to our constituents to place the most qualified candidates on each committee. Asks the chamber to consider the fact that Senator Goren does not have as much experience with the Judiciary Committee as Senator Lima does.

Point of Inquiry: Should we be doing presentations.
Senate President Shaw responds to the point of inquiry by stating that when the floor is open and a nomination is made, the debate changes to three alternating rounds of con-pro debate each lasting one minute in length, followed by one round of con-pro debate, lasting two minutes in length.

First Round of Pro:
- Senator Meyer: The criteria of the Judiciary Committee is very important. Thinks that Senator Goren has gained the criteria for being on the Judiciary for years now. Mentions his involvement on the Model United Nations and the similarity it holds to serving on the Judiciary Committee.

Second Round of Con:
- Senator Gatos: The Judiciary Committee is one of the most important committees within the Student Senate. Must ensure that candidates selected for the Judiciary Committee are the most qualified. The candidate in question is has written very little legislation and the other candidate has authored and sponsored number pieces of legislation. The other candidate has also been involved with model United Nations. The chamber must choose the most qualified candidate.
- Senator Chou: Involvement on the Model United Nations is something that did not give Senator Chou a seat on the Judiciary Committee. The chamber must look at qualifications in which one candidate exceeds the other.

Second Round of Pro:
- Chairwoman Hernandez: States that Senator Goren authored the resolution regarding the anniversary of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Shooting. Was able to witness both his work and his passion when writing the legislation. Believes it is the value of the legislation that matters more than the number of legislation a senator has authored. States that passion is a key characteristic when serving on the Judiciary Committee. It is vital when seeking bipartisanship to know that it travels both ways and believes Senator Goren’s open disposition exhibits the bipartisanship that he would bring to the Judiciary Committee.

Third Round of Con:
- Senator Amrose: Believes it is important to note the newly elected Senate leadership ran on a platform of nonpartisanship. Believes that the Judiciary especially must show this platform in their actions.
- Senator Zelin: Quality and quantity has both been demonstrated by Senator Lima. His passion has shown that he would be a better fit in the committee than Senator Goren.

Third Round of Pro:
- Chairman Sandifer: Experience with the Florida Legislature has been talked about with Chairman Sandifer. The Judiciary Committee is tasked with reviewing legislation, not writing legislation. Any real world experience is valuable in Student Government.

Senator Lima:
First Round of Con:
- Chairwoman Hernandez: Does not believe that a qualification is writing as much legislation as possible. Chairwoman Hernandez says that Senator Lima has not shown emotion in the authoring of legislation.
- Chairwoman Jones: Senator Lima is the only author of the livestreaming legislation that has not reached out to Chairwoman Jones in any regard.

First Round of Pro:
- Senator Gatos: Does not see how emotional attachment is relevant in the applicant process. The absence of emotion can be a sign of being unbiased, and being too emotional should lead to bias.

Second Round of Con:
- Senator Pearson: Senator Lima circumvented and refused to meet with the Executive Branch regarding funding Library West for 24 hours. He pushed legislation that did not consult the Executive Branch, and complicated negotiations with Student Body President Ian Green.

Second Round of Pro:
- Coalition Leader Calvin: Student Body President Green noted that the branches should be separate, and in theory senators should take initiative in writing legislation.
- Senator Diaz: Does not believe a show of emotion is a fair judgment of qualification. People show emotion in different ways, and says that Senator Lima has in fact shown emotion for legislations.

Third Round of Con:
- Chairman Sandifer: Notes that Senator Lima and Minority Party Leader Grabowski were two very disruptive spectators in a Judiciary Committee meeting. Finds this incredibly disrespectful as the standing chair of the Judiciary Committee.

Third Round of Pro:
- Senator Diaz: Has seen Senator Lima been very attached to initiatives like bipartisanship.
- Minority Party Leader Grabowski: Senator Lima has passed 11 pieces of legislation through the committee, which shows his ability to navigate the Judiciary Committee. Does not believe it is fair to question Senator Lima’s passion for things like the DRC and other initiatives. Believes it is important to take a stand for things that one does not necessarily identify with.

Senator Goren: Final Round of Con:
Senator Gant: Important to note that Senator Goren has not drafted any code revisions. Senator Lima has not done this.

Senator Bindi: The most qualified candidate is not the one who has written the least amount of legislation.

Senator Berrocal: Asks to look at the qualifications required to become member of the Judiciary Committee. The idea of writing legislation not being needed to review does not make sense.

Minority Party Leader Grabowski: You are a better editor if you know how to write. The points that have been made are purposefully confusing.

Senator Goren: Final Round of Pro:
- Senator Pearson: Senator Goren has experience on campus as well as off campus in Tallahassee with the Florida Legislation. Has drafted legislation, and more is sure to come in the future. Last week, Senator Goren was in Tallahassee lobbying for safer schools and meeting with members of the State House of Representatives and Senate. Senator Goren’s experiences have proved him worthy of a spot on the Judiciary Committee.
- Chairman Sandifer: Senator Goren has the experiences of both Student Government and State legislature, which echoes the comments made by Senator Pearson.

Senator Lima: Final Round of Con:
- Chairwoman Hernandez: Knows the importance of having a committee that can cooperate. If she were told about a potential member being disruptive beforehand, she would refrain from giving that person a seat on the committee.
- Chairman Sandifer: Notes that Senator Lima has passed legislation with errors that needed to be altered. These errors could deem a candidate not worthy of serving on the committee in the eyes of the chair.

Minority Party Leader Grabowski requests for the “recording that has been referenced multiple times during this pro-con debate.”

Senate President Shaw notes the uncertainty that there was a recording for that meeting.

Minority Party Leader Grabowski requests for any type of documentation that supports these claims in the pro-con debate

Senate President Shaw asks Chairman Sandifer if he would yield his time for a question. Chairman Sandifer declines.

Senator Chou asks to yield for a question. Chairman Sandifer declines to yield his time.

- Senator Pearson: Four pieces of legislation has been vetoed by the Student Body President because they were never consulted by the Supervisor of Elections. It has been shown time and time again that Senator Lima does not consult important officials.
Point of inquiry. Minority Party Leader Grabowski requests for any type of documentation that supports the claims made during pro-con debate. Minority Party Leader Grabowski requests the Parliamentarian to recite corresponding rules on requests of information.

The Parliamentarian recites page 292 of the 11th edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Section 33: Requests and Inquiries, Section B.

In the eyes of the chair interjects and asks those seeking corresponding documents find these documents after the meeting concludes.

Point of order. Minority Party Leader Grabowski states that the chair does not have the power to recall this meeting until the point of information is answered.

Point of information. Senator Bindi asks for the reading of Section 33: Request and Inquiries, Section B to be finished.

The Parliamentarian finishes reciting page 292 of the 11th edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Section 33: Requests and Inquiries, Section B.

The Parliamentarian recognizes the Chair as having the right to refuse to yield to a request of information if deemed unnecessary by the speaker, which in this case is the Chair.

Minority Party Leader Grabowski asks for the corresponding rule to make this conclusion.

Point of Order. Senator Pearson states that if the chair’s ruling is to be reversed, the speaker must appeal the decision by the chair, in which a 2/3 majority vote is needed.

Senator Lima: Final Round of Pro:
- Senator Zelin: The issue of legislation productivity has been spoken of. Notes Senator Lima’s experiences as an editor, within the Model United Nations, and elsewhere to deem him the most qualified for the open Judiciary Committee Seat.
- Coalition Leader Calvin: Speaks about the United States Senate overruled a ruling made by the President this past week. Did not consult the President after, because why would they when there is a separation of powers? The legislation that was vetoed was approved by the Senate unanimously. Senator Lima has overcome adversity every step of the way, and has worked with the Supervisor of Elections to alter the vetoed legislation.

Point of personal privilege. Senator Bindi reminds the chamber that lying, especially when about another member in the chamber, is a punishable offense that result in censure, and/or expulsion. Asks members to refrain from making claims without proper documentation.

Request of information. Minority Party Leader Grabowski asks for the same minutes/recordings requested earlier in the meeting.

Senate President Shaw shares that these documents are available via public records request.
Point of information. Senator Chou asks whether or not committee meeting minutes need to be posted on the Student Government website instead of requested.

Senate President Shaw moves to a standing vote to approve Senator Goren or Senator Lima as the appointment for the open Judiciary Committee seat. Minority Party Leader Grabowski moves for a roll call vote. Because the standing vote had already commenced, this motion is denied by the chair. Per Robert’s Rules of Order, a division of assembly can be requested after a standing vote commences, claiming that the vote is deemed inconclusive.

Coalition Leader Calvin Request a reading of Rulle VII, Section 2 sub point A in the Senate Rules and Procedures: “When not otherwise called for, a roll call vote may be ordered by one-fifth of the Senators present and voting at any time before the next question is spoken on.”

There was a motion for a roll call vote. That motion passes.

- Adan: Goren
- Alexander: Goren
- Amrose: Lima
- Barocas: Lima
- Berrocal: Goren
- Bindi: Lima
- Blomeley: Goren
- Brittain: Goren
- Brown: Goren
- Calvin: Lima
- Chou: Lima
- Cordover: Goren
- Cornair: Goren
- Dhaliwal: Goren
- Diaz: Lima
- Dormeus: Lima
- Dubois: Goren
- Dunson: Goren
- Emmett: Goren
- Entringer: Goren
- Espinoza: Lima
- Evans: Goren
- Fernandez-Valle: Goren
- Gant: Lima
- Garner: Goren
- Gatos: Lima
- Girschick: Goren
- Glover: Goren
- Goel: Goren
- Goren: Goren
• Grabowski: Lima
• Haffey: Goren
• Heriveaux: Goren
• Herman: Goren
• Gabriella Hernandez: Goren
• Katelyn Hernandez: Goren
• Iyamu: Lima
• Jackson: Lima
• Jenkins: Lima
• Joachim: Lima
• John: Lima
• Jones: Goren
• Kaighin: Goren
• Kanouse: Goren
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• Longland: Goren
• Lovesky: Goren
• Maniti: Goren
• Manuszak: Goren
• Martin: Goren
• Martinez: Lima
• Matei: Goren
• McCreary: Goren
• Meyer: Goren
• Morris: Goren
• Orban: Lima
• Patel, Dilan: Goren
• Patel, Shaan: Goren
• Patel, Sneh: Lima
• Pearson: Goren
• Perez: Goren
• Prieto: Goren
• Ragan: Lima
• Ramos: Goren
• Rodriguez: Lima
• Sandifer: Goren
• Scurry: Lima
• Shaw: Goren
• Singleton: Goren
• Smith: Lima
Rules and Ethics

Point of inquiry. Senator Pearson has asked if the Rules and Ethics seat recommendations are being heard as a block. They are not being heard as a block.

Senator Pearson moves to hear the recommendations for the Open Rules and Ethics Committee seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.

Senator Pearson moves to hear the recommendations for the Open Information and Communication Committee seats as a block by unanimous consent. Approved.

Senator Pearson moves to table the recommendations for the Open Rules and Ethics Committee seats back to the Replacement and Agenda Committee. That motion is seconded.

Point of Information. Minority Party Leader Grabowski asks by what voting margin did the Replacement and Agenda Committee vote to approve the Rules and Ethics recommendations. The Replacement and Agenda Committee voted unanimously.

Point of Order. Minority Party Grabowski notes that the previous motion was procedurally done incorrect. The Parliamentarian mentions that this may be recalled if a voter from the prevailing side would move to do so.

- Adan: Yes.
- Alexander: Yes.
- Amrose: No.
- Barocas: No.
- Berrocal: No.
- Bindi: No.
- Blomeley: Yes.
- Brittain: Yes.
- Brown: Yes.
- Calvin: No.
- Chou: No.
- Cordover: Yes.
- Cornair: Yes.
- Dhalwal: Yes.
- Diaz: No.
- Dormeus: No.
- Dubois: Yes.
- Dunson: Yes.
- Emmett: Yes.
- Entringer: Yes.
- Espinoza: No.
- Evans: Yes.
- Fernandez-Valle: Yes.
- Gant: No.
- Garner: Yes.
- Gatos: No.
- Girschick: Yes
- Glover: Yes.
- Goel: Yes.
- Goren: Yes.
- Grabowski: No.
- Haffey: Yes.
- Heriveaux: No
- Herman: Yes.
- Gabriela Hernandez: Yes.
- Katie Hernandez: Yes.
- Iyamu: No.
- Jackson: No.
- Jenkins: No.
- Joachim: No.
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- Kaufman: No.
- Kendrick: Yes.
- Levy: Yes.
- Lima: No.
- Longland: Yes.
- Lovesky: No.
- Maniti: Yes.
- Manuszak: Yes.
- Martin: Yes.
- Martinez: No.
- McCreary: Yes.
- Meyer: No.
- Morris: Yes.
- Orban: No.
In a roll call vote of 47 to 37, the recommendations for the Rules and Ethics will be tabled back to the Replacement and Agenda Committee.

There was a motion to appeal the decision made, in which a 3/5 vote is required to do so.

Point of order. Senator Amrose notes a discrepancy within the Rules and Procedures on whether or not a 3/5 majority is needed to appeal a decision by the Senate. In the eyes of the chair, the vote will be done in a majority vote instead of 3/5 majority.

This decision is debatable, per rule VI, section 3, sub point A: “When the Senate is hearing any other debatable motion, there shall be two rounds of alternating con and pro debate with one minute per round per side”

First round of con:

- Chairwoman Hernandez: Whether or not the vote is procedurally incorrect, the Senate Body has already voted, making this appeal unnecessary. Would prefer to operate within the confines of the Senate.
- Chairman Brown: This is what the senate body has voted on, very clearly.

First round of pro:
Minority Party Leader Grabowski: It is critically important to appeal this decision, especially since the Parliamentarian has ruled it procedurally incorrect. Going against the Rules and Procedures because of having a majority is a dangerous precedent and is ethically wrong.

Senator Gatos: There is no debate on this issue. This motion should not have been made. There is no reason for the decisions to be tabled in the first place.

Second round of con:
- There were none

Second round of pro:
- Senator Zelin: Is unsure as to why the recommendation is being recommitted when it was voted unanimously in the first place.
- Senator Lima: There were no senators willing to speak con on the previous round of con, and the author of the motion could not give a reason as to why this motion was made. Notes that voters have not heard a con-pro debate.

Before a standing vote commences, in which a senator may vote yes if in support of the appeal and no if in opposition to the appeal. Majority Party Leader Grabowski moves for a roll call vote. That motion passes.

- Adan: No
- Alexander: No.
- Amrose: Yes.
- Barocas: Yes.
- Berrocal: Yes.
- Bindi: Yes.
- Blomeley: No.
- Brittain: No.
- Brown: No.
- Calvin: Yes.
- Chou: Yes.
- Cordover: No.
- Cornair: No.
- Dhaliwal: No.
- Diaz: Yes.
- Dormeus: Yes.
- Dubois: No.
- Dunson: No.
- Emmett: No.
- Entringer: No.
- Espinoza: Yes.
- Evans: Yes.
- Fernandez-Valle: No.
- Gant: Yes
- Garner: No.
- Gatos: Yes.
- Girschick: No.
- Glover: No.
- Goel: No.
- Goren: No.
- Grabowski: Yes.
- Haffey: No.
- Heriveaux: Yes
- Herman: No.
- Gabriela Hernandez: No.
- Katie Hernandez: No.
- Iyamu: Yes.
- Jackson: Yes.
- Jenkins: Yes.
- Joachim: Yes.
- John: Yes.
- Jones: No.
- Kaighin: No.
- Karimi: Yes.
- Kaufman: Yes.
- Kendrick: No.
- Levy: No.
- Lima: Yes.
- Longland: No.
- Lovesky: Yes.
- Maniti: No.
- Manuszak: No.
- Martin: No.
- Martinez: Yes.
- McCreary: No.
- Meyer: No.
- Morris: No.
- Orban: Yes.
- Dilan Patel: No.
- Shaan Patel: No.
- Sneh Patel: Yes.
- Pearson: No.
- Perez: No.
- Prieto: No.
- Ragan: Yes.
- Ramos: No
- Sandifer: No.
- Scurry: Yes.
- Shaw: No.
- Singleton: No.
Smith: Yes.
Stein: Yes.
Stephens: Yes.
Weiskopf: No.
Weninger: No.
White: No.
Wikan: No.
Wilson: Yes.
Witte: Yes.
Wright: No.
Zelin: Yes.
Zlatanoff: No.

There are two unnamed senators who voted yes.

With a roll call vote of 47 to 35, the appeal for the previous decision has failed.

Information and Communication:

There was a motion to approve the aforementioned Information and Communication block by unanimous consent. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro-Tempore Dunson welcomes the senators.
- Open Seats:
  - Graduate and Family Housing
  - District A
- Thanks those who came to the Big Event.
- Mental Health Awareness Week:
  - Free therapy sessions on Mondays.
  - Encourages everyone in the chamber to reach out to family and friends.
  - Mentions the various mental health resources available on campus.
  - No one is made to feel alone and everyone deserves to be heard.
- All applications for the Rules and Ethics seats are already in the queue, no need to reapply.

MINORITY PARTY REPORT:

- Thanks everyone for staying through the meeting.
- It is important to take time to explain why Minority Party Leader Grabowski votes the way she does.
- Was an only child, and shares that her mother was discharged from the armed forces for a disability, and she was responsible for taking care of her while her father was stationed elsewhere.
  - Many things, like her mother’s health, can’t be changed.
Many unfair things can be helped, though.

Minority Party Leader Grabowski sees Student Government as an opportunity to do this.

SG is a place where Minority Party Leader Grabowski can be a product of her own actions.

Notes the things that are being done by the Replacement and Agenda Committee.

- Claims that applications are not viewed, and resumes are not told to be brought, which denotes that Senate Leadership does not want you to reach the top.
- Notes that she has not been able to view, or given authorization to view any applications for the Replacement and Agenda Committee recommendations.
  - Says that the reason why she could not view the applications is because of her not finishing mandatory FERPA Training, which she knows she has done.

Chairwoman Dunson has access to these applications, but no one in the minority party did.

Interviews were conducted for 5 hours. Minority Party Leader Grabowski suggests a thorough review of the applications.

Says that the committee chair interrupted her when deliberating, and notes that the chair does not care to check if committee members are taking notes.

Mentions Majority Party Leader Emmett’s reaction when Minority Party Leader Grabowski deliberates.

Does not believe that this problem is completely across the aisle.

Mentions that Senator Perez was one of the most qualified applicants in the room, and she supports her vote for him.

Promises to take extra time to deliberate, regardless of schedule.

Promises to ask “why,” because she respects this position and the students she represents.

Points to the fact that the newly created AD-HOC committee initially had zero members from the minority party, only two women, and one from the “Big 8” multicultural organizations.
  - Having a third of this committee to the Minority Party would be a proper representation.

To those who voted in favor of violating procedure, shame on you.

Gives what she thinks is the reason that the Rules and Ethics seat recommendations was sent back to the Replacement and Agenda committee.
  - Notes blatant corruption and bullying.

Does not believe in changing this problem “from the inside.”

You should never be threatened, pushed or bullied into doing something, which is not the case of the Minority Party.

There is hope for something different here.

Asks the chamber to do the right thing, do what is ethical.

“This is the easiest you’re ever going to have it, and if you cannot stand up now, you’re on the wrong side of history.”

Tabling the Rules and Ethics seats is about bullying.

Mentions an unethical cycle of students becoming qualified after being given positions.

Thanks the chamber for their time.
GRADUATE COALITION REPORT:
- Coalition Leader Calvin welcomes the senators.
- Gave his reasoning as to why he selected certain applicants, especially Senator Bond.
- Asks those to email O.Calvin@ufl.edu what one believes deems someone qualified.
- Does not want to add Minority Party members for the sake of doing so.
- Is looking for the consistency in picking the most qualified candidates.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:
- Chairman Brown welcomes the senators.
- Office hours tomorrow at 10:00AM in the SG office.

ALLOCATIONS:
- Chairwoman Hernandez welcomes the senators.
- Office hours tomorrow from 10:30AM-12:00PM.

JUDICIARY:
- Chairman Sandifer welcomes the senators.
- Will be emailing a meeting time.
- Legislation will be due this Friday at 12:00PM.

RULES & ETHICS:
- Chairwoman Morris welcomes the senators.
- Will not be meeting this week.
- Asks the senators to fill out a correct voter record, otherwise a half absence will be given.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:
- Chairwoman Jones welcomes the senators.
- Mentor/Mentee program information will be sent out soon.

SECOND READING
- There were none.

FIRST READING:
- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:
- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- Senate President Pro-Tempore Dunson:
  - Tells the chamber how to correctly fill out the voter record.

ROLL CALL:
- There was a motion to use voting records for final roll call by unanimous consent.
  Approved.

**ADJOURNMENT:**
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:57pm.