The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 7:00 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.

**ROLL CALL:**
Roll was called and quorum was established with 60 senators present.

**Not there for roll call:**
- Dubois, Garrit
- Espinosa, Maria
- Gant, Johnathan
- Iyamu, Raphael
- Nguyen, Spencer
- Pearson, Braden
- Perez, Mauricio
- Ragan, Rebecca
- Rush, Alana
- Shan, Kevin
- Smith, Charlene
- Wikan, Audrey
- Witte, Casey

**PUBLIC DEBATE:**
- Senate President Pro-Tempore Dunson
  - Announces open seats for Summer A.
- Senator Meyer
  - Asks for a moment of silence for those who have given service to the United States.
- Joseph Andreoli
  - Welcomes the senators.
  - Is in a transition of being “a senator and not being one.”
  - States that he is “speaking out” because he is “not afraid.”
  - Talks about his appointment to the Gators Going Green chair and how it was interrupted by the cancellation of last week’s meeting.
○ States the music he listens to protest music from various movements in history to “prepare” for what he sees in the chambers.

○ Sarcastically ‘thanks’ the Information and Communication committee for “livestreaming” the Senate meetings.

○ States the definition of “gas-lighting.”
  ■ Notes the danger of the act, and the effect being unqualified candidates being appointed.

○ Notes that students were in favor of democracy in Venezuela during meetings just this last spring.
  ■ “We can use some of that advocacy a little closer to home.”
  ■ Notes the presence of “power grabbing” in the chambers.

● Niccole Smith

  ○ Welcomes the senators.

  ○ States that she was the replacement senator for Senator Amrose and possible involvement within Student Government -- the appointment was later nullified.

  ○ States she talked about ideas for the summer term.

  ○ Speaks about her first experience in SG - talked about mental health legislation.

  ○ Wants to get people to get off their phones during meetings.

  ○ States how she was told to apply for the Senate seat despite being promised by Senator Amrose -- stated that she was told she was qualified for the position.

  ○ Friend reached out to make her the summer replacement.

  ○ States that there has to be a true discussion of senator replacements rather than dismissal during meetings.

  ○ States she witnesses the mockery of the application process.

  ○ Urges everyone to think about why they are here (a part of Student Government Senate).

  ○ Mentions the nullifications enforced by Senate President Shaw that the speaker felt was unjust.

  ○ Mentioned several programs involved under nominated chairs that were not mentioned on some applicants’ resumes.

  ○ States everyone should actually show they want change if they ask for it.

● Claudia Tio

  ○ Urges to decline executive nominations for STAR and Women’s Affairs chairs.

  ○ Shows presentation of a comment by Derlis Leyva; feels offended by the comment; states it is misogynistic and not inclusive.

  ○ Speaks on intersectionality -- states Mr. Leyva’s lack of understanding of misogyny does not make him qualified to handle a department that deals with racism on campus.
Claims Chloe Parrish is unqualified -- states that she failed to include action plans on how to deal with sexism and sexual assault.

Urges everyone to reject the nominations of Chloe Parrish and Derlis Leyva.

Maya Levkovitz

Reading on behalf of Senator Diaz.

Inspire Caucus is rejecting the FLC executive chair nomination.

States she received an email this morning that contained two of the applications for the FLC chair.

Talks about an email involving a resume for the chair that has no experience, compared to one that had experience within FLC.

Urges everyone to keep the meeting focused on productivity and honesty.

Senator Wilson

Welcomes the senators.

Talks about silence related to Senate leadership involving approval of Summer Senate replacement seats.

Apologizes to the replacement senators whose positions were taken away.

Talks about her work experience and says the behavior she has witnessed so far would not be appropriate in the workforce

Re-emphasizes silence on legislation, voting, and public debate within Senate.

Asks everyone to think about if they truly care about anything they are voting on

Encourages Senators to stand up and speak about things they care about within Senate.

Talks about executive nominations.

Describes the position of the Press Secretary.

Describes the appointment for the Press Secretary position as having no experience related to public relations, writing, and working with media.

States that the Press Secretary position needs someone with skills of writing and experience in media or working with the media.

States that another applicant had better qualifications for the job, but the former applicant was not chosen.

Senator Bindi

Starts off by thanking Senator Meyer for the Memorial Day moment of silence

States visitation of war memorials during a trip to Washington D.C.

Talks about epiphanies he realized when visiting D.C.

Speaks on the duties of Senators -- states that the past few weeks have been a “disgrace” on those duties.

Apologizes to those who were not chosen as replacement senators who he believes should have been chosen as replacement senators.
States legislation related to the amount of votes needed for approval of executive chair nominations.

Inspire Caucus will be rejecting the appointment of Justin Geels for the Innovation Academy.

States the purpose of the Innovation Academy chair’s duties.

Does not believe this person is credible enough to represent the Innovation Academy due to lack of experience and IA representation. Also applies to a lack of experience with Student Government.

States the applicants’ intentions and ideals verbatim.

- Hashaam Shafiq
  - Speaking on behalf of Emily Heiden.
  - States she is the sole applicant available for the FLC executive chair.
  - States that not one person of Senate leadership was involved in her interview.
  - Feels that her qualifications were not cared about
  - States that Student Body President Murphy offered a make-up phone call interview.
  - States that she had extensive experience yet was still not offered the chair seat.
  - Feels that there was a bias in President Murphy’s decision
  - Stated she searched through public records and could not find an official application for the current executive chair position. A resume was instead sent 38 days after the deadline for the position.
  - Feels that the positions are not given out based on merit
  - Feels that Austin is not qualified and would not even know the pillars of the FLC organization if he was asked, stating irony that he was chosen.
  - Claims she has called Student Body President Murphy 5 times and switched office hours in order to not be in contact with her.
  - Calls on Senators to discourage a block approval for the executive chair nominations.

- Devon Philip
  - Explains the purpose of FLC.
  - Explains the core component of FLC is the people and the connections made.
  - States how the chairperson “carries the people with them” after involvement with FLC.
  - States the duties/purpose of the FLC chairperson.
  - Asks senators to put themselves in the shoes of the FLC vice chair position for a minute.
  - States that the FLC chair is looked upon to have major experience within FLC; opposite of what the candidate has.
○ Claims that the candidate is not qualified for the FLC chair.
○ States that “FLC would not be FLC” if the current applicant is approved due to lack of experience.

● Hannah Fektel
○ States that she withdrew her application for her chair due to corruption within Student Government.
○ States FLC council made a tremendous impact on her as a person.
○ States that this impact was created due to the directorship team under FLC.
○ States that the backbone of FLC is served by the chair.
○ Claims that FLC falling apart will have an effect on Student Government.
○ States that the candidate for FLC does not “love FLC” as he was never involved within FLC.
○ States that the bylaws for executive chair nominations call for the applicant to be involved as an executive position within that organization -- the applicant was never even involved.
○ Encourages Senators to vote with their conscience and not simply vote because they can.

● Kaylin Kleckner
○ Desires to define what the FLC chairperson position is not about.
○ States that the chair position is not about “harsh words” and “unfair actions” relating to “integrity and personal values”.
○ Reminds Senators that their duties are for the student body -- “They are the priority”.

● Matthew Biser
○ Reading on behalf of Miranda Ferguson.
○ States she was extremely disappointed for the nomination of the current application for the FLC chair.
○ Claims the candidate’s application was 38 days late and directly sent to the president’s email.
○ Claims that selecting this individual shows complete disregard to the organization as a whole.
○ States that she has “critical concerns” for the future of FLC.
○ States that as an alumni, she will consider against donating to the University as she sees the use of the funds as possibly wasted by Student Government.
○ Asks everyone to consider the points she has emphasized

● Melanie Halom
○ States she was a member of FLC this past year.
○ Expresses her awe with FLC and the selection process.
- States that she “could see why” her class of applicants were chosen for FLC.
- States the most important thing about FLC is the people in the room.
- Ensures that it is impossible for someone to replicate the FLC class unless they have been involved.

**Arman Tabassion**
- States that he was a member of FLC this past year.
- “It’s the people” - FLC phrase; foundation of what he has to say
- States that it is important for the chairperson of FLC to have experience within the organization -- worries since the considered applicant does not have this experience.

**Shaun Shiwmangal**
- Discusses why his FLC experience has impacted him personally and why he does not agree with the decision for the FLC chairperson.
- Explains the aspects and facets of FLC.
- Emphasizes the importance of the leadership team for FLC.
- States that the current chairperson is not qualified

**Sauvas Ferekides**
- States that he is an “alumnus” of FLC’s 2018-2019 class.
- States he joined FLC to gain leadership skills.
- Re-emphasizes that the applicant for the FLC chair has not “lived” what FLC is.

**Jack Rummler**
- States that he was involved as a director in FLC.
- Concerned with the appointment of the current chairperson.
- States an experience with a friend that stated his 2 years experience gave much credit to his own performance within FLC.
- Doubts the current candidates leadership for the FLC chairperson position.

**Virginia Howell**
- Served on SG in two different agencies.
- Expectation that the chair of FLC has a basic knowledge that being in FLC has a personal effect on the members of FLC.
- Believes that Student Government can “do good”.
- Calls on the current chairperson to deal with the extensive network of FLC alumni.
- States that the nomination was not chosen “by the people”.
- Encourages Senators to deny the nomination for the FLC chair.
- Thanks everyone for showing support regarding dismissal of the nomination for the FLC chair.

**Tripp Jones**
○ States that the past FLC chair he worked with had worked significantly hard by this time this past year in order to facilitate a good experience.
○ Says the position requires passion that only the members of FLC can attest to.
● Colton Heath
○ Speaking on the behalf of Max ??
○ States that the speaker was personally apart of FLC and would be “overwhelmed” if he had not joined.
○ States that it takes a “special person” to create and facilitate a program for FLC.
○ States the current choice of the FLC chairperson is not qualified for the position
● Senator Berrocal
○ Welcomes the senators and thanks those that came to speak about FLC.
○ Read a speech by one of the constituents.
○ Speech discusses the LGBTQ+ community at UF.
○ States that the executive chair nomination for LGBTQ+ cabinet head “does not know us, and we do not know him”.
○ States that the LGBTQ+ community has “fought too many tireless hours to accept this”.
● Nathan Quinn
○ States he is the current PSU president; his second term.
○ Starts by reading email he sent earlier today about concerns for the current appointee for the LGBTQ+ cabinet head.
○ States the current LGBTQ+ cabinet director applicant has no experience within the LGBTQ+ community at UF.
○ Feels that the current appointee does not have the necessary investment to succeed in being the cabinet director.
○ States the qualifications for another candidate and claims that the qualifications for her application was unfairly considered.
○ States that he had to search the current appointee up on Facebook, which surprised him considering he is in his second year as PSU president.
○ States that “we” need people who “understand us”.
○ States that he feels like they need people who are willing to fight for the LGBTQ+ community and represent them.
● Kristen Jackson
○ States she is a member of the LGBTQ+ Affairs caucus.
○ States she is here to elaborate on the email she sent this morning.
○ States that the bill related to respecting identity was not added to the agenda due to the chairperson not “responding until it was convenient for him”.
○ Speaks on “rainbow capitalism” and defines the term.
- States that encouraging rainbow capitalism doesn’t actually help the Queer community.
- Addresses people’s lack of effort to address the deeper issues within the LGBTQ+ community.
- States that people will come along and benefit off of communities without actually benefiting their cause.
- States that it would be a disservice for someone who has little experience with the LGBTQ+ community to be appointed.
- States that by not choosing someone who has major experience within PSU is disgusting.
- States that the person up for nomination with the LGBTQ+ cabinet is not qualified.
- “Consider the voices of the people who you are voting for”
  - Senator Amrose
    - States that he appointed a replacement senator and is “not supposed to be here”.
    - States he paid for a course in order to represent his students.
    - States that the applicant for Nightlife Navigators is unqualified for the position.
    - States that the experience of the candidate is “underwhelming”.
    - Speaks on the Twitter account during the term, which only had four tweets.
    - Feels that the Director of Promotions has been failing in his duties.
    - Concerned with a lack of emphasis on sexual assault within the candidate’s application.
    - Claims the candidate neglects to improve the safety of students from sexual assault
    - Calls upon Senators to reject the nomination for Nightlife Navigators.
    - Recommends everyone to take into consideration that there are other agencies in student government that have budgets that are able to make considerable changes; says people from these other agencies need to step up.
  - Dylan Alhacy
    - Speaking on behalf of Rebecca Ragan.
    - Desires to speak about executive appointments relating to the Veterans Affairs chair.
    - States that her family is heavily involved as Veterans.
    - States that the resume of the applicant chosen was possibly even in violation of election laws.
    - Does not believe the most qualified applicant was chosen.
● Senator Dormeus
  ○ States that the Inspire Caucus will be opposing the Finance and Affordability Cabinet director nomination.
  ○ States the role of the director.
  ○ States that the applicant for the directorship should have an action plan and experience within the field.
  ○ States that this year’s appointment gave only two lines in what she plans to do with her appointment.
  ○ Feels that he would be a better selection due to his experience and major, which is Finance.
  ○ Claims she used broad statements rather than elaborating on her plans for the position.
  ○ States that the nominee has no “meaningful interest relating to Affordability”.

● Senator Gant
  ○ Speaking on the nominations for FLC and Diversity Affairs.
  ○ Reiterating the arguments of these senators he is speaking about.
  ○ Asks “what are the jobs of Senators?”.
  ○ Claims that the constituents have made everyone’s job easy.
  ○ States that over 20 FLC representatives made contact or spoke during public debate showing their displeasure of the current nominee.
  ○ States that the course of action at this point is pretty clear considering multiple senators spoke out against the nomination of the current candidate.
  ○ States the nominee for the Agency Head of Diversity Affairs has no prior experience with diversity or involvement with “multiple minority and ethnic groups around campus”.
  ○ States that the experience for Diversity Affairs can only be obtained by “doing it a lot”.
  ○ Urges everyone to vote “no” in favor of the current candidate.
  ○ Begins to comment on the Senate body by stating that certain aspects of the Senate are related to power mechanics and illegitimacy.

● Senator Patel
○ States the well-being of the environment should be one of the biggest concerns right now.
○ States that over the past 5 years, the Earth has seen the hottest temperatures on record.
○ States that each and everyone of us can do something to make sure the Earth is more sustainable for us to live on.
○ States that the time for action is now.
○ States that he is creating the Environmental Caucus within Student Government.
○ Hopes to start environmental projects around Gainesville through Environmental Caucus.
○ Encourages those to reach out to him if they are interested in helping out around campus.

● Senator Lima
  ○ States that Senators have votes that he hopes “you all take seriously”.
  ○ Talks about how we “got here”.
  ○ Mentions multiple Senators’ action as “immoral and unjust”.
  ○ Mentions actions of Senators Shaw and Dunson that have “paved the way” for nominations to be approved tonight.
  ○ Urges senators to vote the way they truly believes is ethical, moral, and just.
  ○ Emphasizes that special rules could be removed and that candidates could be discussed individually in order to truly asses candidates.

● Colin Solomon
  ○ Feels that multiple applications were glossed over, including his own.
  ○ Congratulates the replacement Senators.
  ○ Talked about his involvement within Student Government; included slating and writing of legislation.
  ○ Stated that Senator Mackintosh gave him permission to overtake his seat for District D while he was not taking classes over the summer.
  ○ Stated that this seat was nullified by Senate leadership -- reapplied immediately.
  ○ States that he brought multiple ideas and perspectives into his interview as a replacement senator.
  ○ States that Senator Grabowski as the only one who had “fought for him”.
  ○ States that there were a few people willing to fight for him.
  ○ States that Senator Pearson deliberately ignored his applications and efforts.
  ○ Praises Senator Morris for giving critical feedback on his application.
  ○ Says that two of the viewers of the livestream, his mom (who knows nothing about SG) and a friend, viewed it as corrupt.

● Carson Young
- Served as an executive position on last year's FLC board.
- Wants to talk about the reason why he feels the FLC nominee is egregious and unqualified.
- States that AT LEAST the FLC position should be separated from the block and evaluated individually.
- Urges everyone to vote to suspend the “special rules of order”.
- Urges Senators to listen to the non-partisan people who came.
- Hopes Senators do not vote what is best for their political careers -- instead vote for their conscience.

- Minority Party Leader Grabowski
  - Serving as the Minority Leader for the SG Senate.
  - Claims leaders in Student Government have been breaking constitutional law.
  - Claims people in this chamber say they care about abiding by the Student Government constitution but only do so when it suits them.
  - Claims that Senator Shaw never addressed her concerns regarding the nullification of the replacements.
  - States the Student Government Constitution is very clear about choosing a summer replacement.
  - Claims that Senator Pearson listed off names for approval without any means of discussion.
  - States that applications are routinely treated mundanely within Student Government.
  - Claims that Senate leadership nullified nominations in order to diminish Inspire leadership within Senate.
  - Claims they are willing to support nominees who aren't qualified
  - Points out all the appointed agency committee heads that the Inspire Party will vote to block.

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:**
- There were none.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**
- Minority Party Leader Grabowski motions to overturn all of the special rules of the agenda.
  - Motions to approve this motion by issuance of a roll-call vote. Seconded.
● With a vote of 16 to 44, the motion passes.
● Motion is rescinded.
● Minority Party Leader Grabowski motions to overturn the special rules of the Agency Head nominations.
  ○ With a vote of 17 to 45, the motion fails.
● Minority Party Leader Grabowski motions to recommit the applications for the Executive Branch nominations to Student Body President Murphy.
  ○ Senator Sandifer moves to call the previous question. Seconded.
  ○ Senator Grabowski moves to call for a roll-call vote. Seconded.
  ○ With a vote of 17 to 44, the motion fails.
● Pro/Con Debate:
  ■ 1st Round of Con:
    ● Senator Sandifer
      ○ Stated to respect the confirmations of Senate leadership.
  ■ 1st Round of Pro:
    ● Minority Party Leader Grabowski:
      ○ States the lacking qualifications of nominated positions.
    ● Senator Patel
      ○ States that constituents have given their opinions on their beliefs and they should overturn these positions.
  ■ Second Round of Con:
    ● Senator Gant
      ○ States we should reconsider the vote and affirm those nominations that are “legitimate” and veto the ones that are not.
    ● Minority Party Leader Grabowski
      ○ Emphasizes that recommitting votes is not going against Student Body President Murphy; it simply asks him to reconsider.
  ■ 2nd Round of Pro:
    ● Minority Party Leader Grabowski
      ○ Emphasizes that nominations will not be against Student Body President Murphy, just to be reconsidered.
    ● Senator Jackson
      ○ States that FLC and Women Affairs chairs are not being properly represented by nominating these chairs.
  ○ Motion to recommit the Agency Head positions. Seconded.
    ■ With a vote of 15 to 47, the motion fails.
Senator Amrose motions to reconsider. Seconded.

- **Pro/Con Debate:**
  - **1st Round of Con:**
    - Senator Ortiz
      - States that an Executive Branch is needed for Senate.
    - Senator Sandifer
      - States that the Minority Party is known for reconsidering questions.
  - **1st Round of Pro:**
    - Senator Lima
      - Stated that the Student Body President wasted the time of applicants as he already had a “hand-picked” list.
    - Senator Stein
      - Calls the approval of these nominations as a “disgrace”.
  - **2nd Round of Con:**
    - Senator Gant
      - Encourages a bipartisan effort to not affirm appointees as a block; to confirm those that are agreed and debate about the ones which are disagreed.
  - **2nd Round of Pro:**
    - Senator Wilson
      - Mentions silence of voting senators
    - Senator Grabowski
      - Mentions removal of block voting to reconsider the minds of the constituents
  - Senator Amrose moves for a roll-call vote. Approved.
    - With a vote of 14 to 48, the motion fails.

- Senator Grabowski motions to recommit the FLC executive chair nomination specifically.
  - **Pro/Con Debate:**
    - **1st Round of Con:**
    - **1st Round of Pro:**
      - Senator Ortiz:
        - Believes senators should take their constituents seriously and vote as a bipartisan effort.
      - Senator Berrocal:
        - States that senators are “blatantly ignoring” the plights of their constituents
    - **2nd Round of Con:**
Senator Gant:
  ○ Believes that by doing this, the other seemingly unqualified applicants may be overlooked.

2nd Round of Pro:
■ Minority Party Leader Grabowski motions for a roll-call vote. Approved.
  ■ With a vote of 25 to 36, the motion fails.

Senator Grabowski motions to reconsider. Approved.
  ○ Senator Amrose motions for a roll-call vote. Approved.
    ■ With a vote of 28-34, the motion fails.

Senator Sandifer motions to approve the Agency Head nominations as a block by a roll-call vote. Seconded.
  ○ Senator Sandifer rescinds his previous motion.

Senator Grabowski challenges Senate President Shaw’s motion. Seconded.
  ○ Senator Grabowski calls for a roll-call vote. Approved.
    ■ With a vote of 14-48, the motion fails.

Senator Morris motions to end Amendments of the Agenda.
  ○ After a vote of 48 to 14, the motion is approved.

Senator Grabowski motions to suspend Rule 3 to vacate the chair. Approved.
  ○ After a vote of 15 to 45, the motion fails.

Senator Lima motions for a quorum check.
  ○ With 62 senators present, quorum is re-established.

Senator Sandifer moves to call the previous question, block approval of Agency Heads.
  ○ After a vote of 46 to 6, the motion is approved.
  ○ Senator Sandifer moves to approve the Agency Head nominations as a block by roll-call vote.
    ■ After a vote of 46 to 6, the motion is approved.

Senator Sandifer moves to call the previous question, block approval of Cabinet Chairs and Directors.
  ○ After a vote of 46 to 5, the motion is approved.

Senator Patel calls for a quorum check.
  ○ With 52 senators present, quorum is re-established.

Senator Sandifer moves to approve the Cabinet Chair and Director nominations as a block by roll-call vote. Seconded.
  ○ After a vote of 47 to 2, the motion is realized to not have quorum.
  ○ A motion is made for the meeting to adjourn.
    ■ After a rising vote, the motion is approved.

REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
There were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- There were none.

FIRST READING
- There were none.

SECOND READING
- There were none.

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BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:
- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- There were none.

ROLL CALL:
- Quorum was not able to be established with 49 senators. Meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT:
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 pm.