

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

February 26th, 2019, Meeting 2

The Senate President called the Senate meeting to order at 9:13 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 87 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Bond
- Cordover
- Diaz
- Goel
- Longland
- Matei
- Perez
- Portugues
- Weninger
- Wikan

Chief Justice Baker swears in the new senators.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- There were none.

PUBLIC DEBATE:

- There were none.

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SENATE ELECTIONS

There will be a five minute presentation period with followed by a five minute question-and-answer period for the Senate President, Senate President Pro-Tempore and two Members at Large.

Senate President

- Minority Party Leader Grabowski nominates Zachariah Chou.
 - Senator Chou accepts.
- Majority Party Leader Emmett nominates Libby Shaw.
 - Senator Shaw accepts.
- Senator Chou:

- Introduces himself.
- Three-term senator, serving as both Infinity Hall and Murphree Area Senator.
- Describes what he has done on campus.
 - Brought free menstrual hygiene products to library restrooms.
 - Started the free headshot program at Gator Career Closet where anyone can walk in and get a free headshot.
 - Was one of the authors on legislation requiring closed-captioning and transcripts on SG-approved videos.
 - Wrote the successful proposal that brought rentable computer chargers, both Mac and PC, to Marston Science Library.
 - Livestreams weekly meetings as a “service to those who aren’t in the room”.
 - Has successfully acquired meal donations for the Field and Fork Pantry.
- States that he has done many things for the people he represents.
 - Helped to facilitate the purchase of new Wii remotes in Infinity Hall.
 - Mentions the streetlight program that he started.
 - Gives direct email proof that he was the one to facilitate the installment of streetlights in the Infinity Hall area.
 - Replaced old furniture in the Murphree Area.
 - Currently working on getting a hammock that student from Murphree Area can rent out.
 - Working on acquiring a new gaming console for the Murphree Area.
- Senate Executive Team Goals:
 - Normalizing and institutionalizing listserv access for all Senators.
 - Believes every senator should have the ability to directly talk to the people they represent.
 - More Senate Liaisons and having Senate Liaisons report more often.
 - Would like to see Senate Liaisons report more often in Senate meetings.
 - Would like to create new Senate Liaison positions for libraries and Board of Trustees.
 - Revamping absences and constituency.
 - Need to make sure that students, such as graduate students, who have different schedules, can be easily integrated into the Senate culture.
 - Need to ensure that constituency is meaningful.
 - Senate Drive and Facebook Group.
 - Allows for easier collaboration amongst senators.
 - Believes social media platforms should represent Senate as a whole and not in a bipartisan fashion.
 - Reaching out to all Senators for one-on-one help with goals.
- Various Ad-Hoc Committees to ensure “everyone has a seat at the table”.
- Would like to redesign the website and the listserv.
- 5 minutes of question and answer:

- Minority Party Leader Grabowski: Can you highlight how you have actively reached out to the student body to ensure that their voices are incorporated in your terms in Senate?
- Senator Chou: Many people know me as the guy who livestreams the Senate meetings. Believes that writing the Alligator articles helps. Need to be reaching out to the people that we represent. Things like reaching out to people and actively getting out there, like hosting office hours has allowed me to reach the students.
- Chairwoman Hernandez: Can you explain how you could best represent Senate seeing as though you have not held a Senate Executive position thus far?
- Chou: Has not held an executive position, but has served on committees and attended various committee meetings. There is a certain reliance on every member of the team, but that makes for a stronger team. “Every member of the team is necessary.” Happy ensure everyone’s experiences and abilities are fully utilized.
- Senator Gatos: Can you talk about times in which you have worked in a bipartisan manner?
- Chou: Believes the greatest example of this is the closed-captioning. One night after Senate, many senators got together at Wing Zone; we ate and wrote legislation. Making sure everyone has a seat at the table is what it is all about.
- Senator Pearson: Last year, Inspire Party Senator Victorianne said in response to you, “The political baggage you carry is undeniable. I don’t feel you’ve represented the caucus in a professional manner on the Senate floor.” This was stated before you were removed as Inspire Party Leader. If your own party has no faith in you or your leadership, how can we believe that you will effectively lead the Senate Chamber in a professional manner?
- Chou: That was two years. I used to be young, rash and stubborn. Senate is more about how you grow and become a better leader. A lot of what I do now is advocacy work. Think about all the things I want to do, and have done already in cabinet. With my leadership, I will talk to each and every one of you to make sure your visions are accomplished.
- Majority Party Leader Emmett: Can you go over your goals for Senate?
- Chou: Goals are Senate oriented. Wants to make sure everyone can have access to Senate. Wants there to be more advocates and better advocates for the students. It is my duty as Senate President to teach the senators how to become better advocates for the people you serve.
- Chairwoman Jones: Do you like the Senate Facebook page and do you often comment, like, and repost from this page?
- Chou: Yes, I have liked the Senate Facebook page and Instagram page for a long time.
- Senator Shaw:
 - Third year Public Relations student.
 - Has lived in Gainesville since 7th grade.
 - Gives qualifications outside of Senate.
 - Associate Producer of Homecoming and Gator Growl.
 - Had a team of almost 200 people. Gave her leadership experience.
 - Creator and Director of Sister Support Ambassadors.

- Program she and two other women created to help support women who have been victim to sexual assault.
 - Work with victim advocates at UPD.
 - Florida Cicerones.
 - Waitress at Italian restaurant.
- Qualifications inside of Senate:
- Former sophomore senator. Current J-School senator for the past two years.
 - Current Senate President Pro-Tempore
 - Former Judiciary Chair
 - Creator and Director of the Women’s Caucus
 - Replacement and Agenda Committee member through role as Majority Party Leader and Chair.
 - Former Rules & Ethics committee member.
 - Was on the Code Revisions Ad-Hoc Committee.
 - Has been on 4 committees in Senate.
- Gives ideas for each individual Senate Committee:
 - Allocations:
 - Video on Facebook made by previous Allocations Chair outlining the Allocations Committee.
 - Believes it would be a good idea to make videos including senators, outlining descriptions of positions to give people the “how-to” of Senate.
 - Rules and Ethics:
 - In the past, there has been a color-coded constituency calendar. Was very helpful.
 - Would like to start that up again so senators have an easier way of finding out what constituency events count for them.
 - Judiciary:
 - Believes it would be a good idea to start a Google Doc for writing legislation. Sign up and fill out a form.
 - Every week or two, senators would be randomly paired with another senator or a group of senators who want to write legislation. Pairing can be with people from across the aisle or people you have never talked to.
 - Great way to bring the previous idea of Senate pairings into something tangible.
 - Allocations and Budget:
 - Would be nice if the chairs of Allocations and Budget would attend the events put on by the organizations they fund to “bring it home”.
 - Work with I&C due to the fact that the budget and allocations process can be hard for some organizations.
 - Creating videos would be an easy way to give explanations on the how-to.
- Would like to begin paired meetings with women’s caucuses from other organizations on campus. Would like to create a legislative agenda for the caucus.

- Five Minutes of Questions and Answers:
 - Senator Brown: Can you finish your PowerPoint presentation?
 - Shaw:
 - Appreciative of the women in the room.
 - Feels that the culture of Senate in the previous term has not been the best. Would like to change the culture of Senate to encourage senators to truly represent the people they were elected to represent.
 - Believes that party politics are severely hurting the chamber.
 - Hopes that since the presidential election is over, there will not be as much party politics.
 - States that as Senate President, she will not stand for the party politics.
 - Wants the most qualified person for the positions being talked about.
 - Believes senators need to work together to make a positive change.
 - States that senators are elected to make a positive change, not to enhance their own agendas.
 - Minority Party Leader Grabowski: Can you provide an overview of times when you have actively reached across the aisle and can you reference the senators by name?
 - Senator Shaw: Had coffee with Rachel Belinski, a former senator, and talked the culture of Senate. This is where she got the idea of the culture needing to change. Talked about the different things they saw in each party that they did not believe was effective. Great to have the open conversation. States there are ways to disagree without being harmful.
 - Senator Hernandez: Can you talk about how your experiences in the Student Senate have better prepared you for this position?
 - Shaw: Applied to be on the Allocations Committee but did not receive a position. Was then placed on the Rules and Ethics Committee she learned how to become involved in Senate. Later, got a spot on the Judiciary Committee and became Judiciary Chair. Was able to do reapportionment.

In a roll call vote of 51 to 34, Libby Shaw has been elected Senate President. Chief Justice Baker Swears in Senate President Shaw.

Senate President Pro-Tempore

- Senator Emmett nominates Emily Dunson.
 - Senator Dunson accepts.
- Minority Party Leader Grabowski nominates Felipe Gatos.
 - Senator Gatos accepts.
- Senator Dunson:
 - Thanks the chamber for the nomination for Senate President Pro-Tempore.
 - Hopes to fulfill the greatest purpose as Senate President Pro-Tempore.
 - Describes an experience that changed her and encouraged her to stand before the chamber.
 - Remembers being approved for the Budget and Appropriations committee two days before the Budget Hearings, and was honored to be able to work with organizations' leaders in the budgeting process.

- States that Senate has a great opportunity to represent the students of the University of Florida.
 - While going through this process over three days and a consecutive 30 hours, and sitting face to face with people from hundreds of student organizations, she got to experience what they were truly passionate about.
 - The culmination of the meetings served as a catalyst for time at the university and is the reason as to why she served 3 terms as the Budget and Appropriations Chairwoman, why she believes in student leadership, and why she is standing in front of the chamber today.
 - Is confident in her ability to lead this chamber alongside Senate President Shaw, just as she is confident in each individual's abilities and gifts within the Senate Chamber.
 - Congratulates the new Senators.
 - Claims it is a perfect time to enact positive change throughout this campus.
 - Throughout her three terms as senator, she has shaped her idea of what it means to be a leader through the interactions with various people.
 - In the budgeting process, we have the opportunity to face hundreds of student organizations that serve both large and small groups of students.
 - Has seen the importance, through this process, of representation and inclusion for all people, not only in the Senate chamber, but throughout the University as a whole.
 - The outreach program created as Budget Chairwoman will translate to the entire campus to make sure that every student receives proper representation on this campus.
 - Has grown in organizing events with the hopes of reaching many people.
 - As Special Projects Chair of another organization, has held presentations and events for over 500 members of all 4 Greek councils to bring awareness and support for invisible and visible disabilities, to empower and celebrate women by supporting survivors of human trafficking, and raised funds to provide care packages for veterans.
 - Has worked with election officials to bring official election registration to all students her were involved.
 - States that the reason she wishes to speak on her experience is that it has shaped her passions and she would like to see this happen in the Senate chamber.
 - Another experience that was very important was FSGLI.
- Five Minutes of Question and Answer:
 - Senator Emmett: Can you continue your speech?
 - Senator Dunson:
 - Over the summer, UF hosted the second annual Florida Student Government Institute.
 - As Director of Programming, she created round-table session, presentations and contacted guest speakers.
 - Chose topics that would insight rich discussion topics, in order to spark changes in all universities.

- States that when looking at other student governments, she realized the “unparalleled autonomy” that the University of Florida Student Government has.
 - Plans to spearhead projects that allows students to make their mark on campus.
 - Feels equipped to be unbiased and just as Senate President Pro-Tempore.
 - Currently serves on the Title XI Committee for Intercollegiate Athletics.
 - Gets to sit down with student athletes, coaches and directors multiple times a semester to analyze equity among UF athletics.
 - This position has grown her passion for empowering women across every talent and field.
 - As Senate President Pro-Tempore, she hopes to use her gifts to unify all of our people for the cause that each senator is here for, making UF greater for all Gators.
- Senator Girschick: Can you tell me some of your ideas for the position?
- Dunson: Would like to create outreach programs to ensure there is no gap between student organizations and Student Government. “We are here for students.” Would like to create an outreach program within the R&A Committee, which would compile a schedule of GBMs for both small and large organizations all across campus. Then, R&A committee members and senators would be able go to these meetings and meet with the students to inform them how important it is to have involvement. The purpose of this would be to reach students of all backgrounds across campus. Would also like to start a presentation series during her report. Believes it is important that senators come to Senate meetings prepared and informed on current events and issues on campus. Would like to implement a bridge between applicants for committees and committee chairs. In three terms as Budget Chair, it was noticed that many students would not reach out before applying to the committee. However, there were few students that would meet with me to understand the Budget and Appropriations Committee. Believes these meetings are vital to committee success. Would like to organize time during office hours where applicants for the committees can sit down with committee chairs and understand the expectations for each committee.
- Senator Gatos:
 - Congratulates new senators and states that being part of Student Government is an honor.
 - Introduces himself.
 - Has served as Senate Minority Party Leader for the past several months and has been a senator for two years.
 - Running for two reasons:
 - Believes he is qualified for the position based on his time served on the Replacement and Agenda Committee, his time on the Information and Communication Committee, and his extensive involvement on campus.
 - Second, believes he brings a unique perspective to the committee. A perspective that is of an unbiased and a devotion to ensure that the Senate chamber and Senate committees are composed of the most qualified individuals possible.

- In his time at UF, Senator Gatos has served as the President of the Brazilian Student Association. Has served as an ambassador for the Student Activities and Involvement Department.
- Currently serves as the head of the SAI team where he is responsible for leading a team of 35 involvement advisors and ambassadors.
- Has managed large events, such as the Involvement Awards Ceremony and Student Organization Fairs.
- Currently serves as a staff manager for Newell Hall, managing over 100 student assistants.
- With his various positions, Senator Gatos has gained leadership, parliamentary, and interviewing experience. Has interviewed many senators for committee seats, various students for Senate seats, and over 100 students for involvement.
- Speaks on personal history. Believes it is relevant for the position.
- Born and raised in Brazil, and has experienced defining moments in his time in the country.
- Brazil has suffered from systematic corruption and has personally experienced the effects of a corrupt government, such as violence.
- When Senator Gatos moved to the United States, he was excited to be in a country of such honorable values, which led to wanting to be a part of Student Government.
- Joined Student Government in order to serve the students with respect, representing them fairly and adequately.
- Has not seen these qualities held by the United States reflected in the Replacement and Agenda Committee.
- Has seen objectively qualified candidates dismissed and unqualified candidates voted for.
- Would like to change what he has seen in the past.
- Not afraid to speak up for a candidate that he believes is qualified for the position.
- Has voted on candidates from both parties, based on qualifications.
- Believes we owe the student body fairness and appropriate representation.
- Believes as senators and as gators, we can do better.
- 5 Minutes of Question and Answer:
 - Minority Party Leader Grabowski: Can you speak on instances in which you worked in a bipartisan fashion while in Senate?
 - Gatos: Has tried numerous times to work bipartisan, especially in the Replacement and Agenda Committee. Recalls himself authoring his first resolution regarding more funding for international students, in which bill was passed and recognized by President Fuchs. Notes it as one of his most proud moments. States that most everything he has done, he has attempted to reach across the aisle. Believes in transparency.
 - Senator Jones: Will you be taking classes in Gainesville over the Summer?
 - Gatos: Will not be taking classes in the Summer. Understands it is a hindrance, however the commitment has been in place for months.
 - Senator Zelin: Can you explain qualifications you might be looking for when interviewing candidates?

- Gatos: A trend seen in the past is that R&A has not given much thought to candidates that have written legislation in the past. Being in Senate has a steep learning curve. Believes writing legislation is vital. Prioritizes student involvement and believes it is a vital qualification for students who are interested in replacement positions. Overall interest in helping students would be a number one priority. Would look for candidates with specific goals or ideas for Student Senate. Believes specificity is key to being successful in Senate
- Majority Party Leader Emmett: Why should we vote for based on the fact that you are going to be gone for this summer?
- Gatos: There is still work to be done before the summer semester. Believes his interviewing experiences and leadership experiences would be well enough of a reason to vote for Gatos.
- Senator Calvin: What are your ideas for increase in collaboration within the Senate chamber?
- Gatos: Politics must be put aside. Utilizing various caucuses is also a great way to increase collaboration.

In a roll call vote of 50 to 36, Senator Dunson has been elected Senate President Pro-Tempore. Chief Justice Baker swears in Senate President Pro-Tempore Dunson.

Member at Large

- Majority Party Leader Emmett nominates Steven Singleton.
 - Senator Singleton accepts.
- Minority Party Leader Grabowski nominates Senator Espinoza.
 - Senator Espinoza accepts.
- Senator Singleton:
 - Serving as a senator for the CALS.
 - Congratulates the senators recently elected.
 - “This is where change happens.”
 - Looking forward to collaborating with everyone to make change throughout the University.
 - Throughout life, service has always been important to Senator Singleton.
 - Being a transfer student, it bothered him that he would have a shorter amount of time to create change.
 - Throughout the first months in the chamber, was able to learn about the day-to-day workings of the Student Senate.
 - In his time in Senate so far, he has aided in writing legislation that works to bring complete inclusivity to campus.
 - “I have seen that we are all different.”
 - There is one way that we are all the same: “Our love for the Gator Nation.”
 - It is this passion that is driving Senator Singleton to run for Member at Large.
 - If given the opportunity to serve as Member-at-Large, he promises to maintain a positive, unbiased and transparent with the Replacement and Agenda Committee.
 - Knows how hard it is to find qualified candidates.
 - Promises to unselfishly serve this university.

- Five Minutes of Question and Answer:
 - Senator Pearson: The Replacement and Agenda Committee is tasked with selecting senators and committee seats to serve this campus. Can you touch on how you plan to be unbiased in this process?
 - Singleton: Every situation is different. Shares his experience interviewing for the open CALS seat. Had the opportunity to represent 23,000 students from Pensacola to Miami. Did have previous experience working with either parties. Wants to take the mindset of an applicant to a seat within the Replacement and Agenda Committee. The CALS also is a very diverse college, and Senator Singleton can give a view on this diversity within the college.
 - Senator Hernandez: Can you talk about any previous experience you have interviewing while remaining both professional and unbiased?
 - Singleton: Was an active member in the National FFA organization, and served as his chapter's Vice-President. Many of the people he was screening were very close friends. Was forced to think of the most qualified candidate when dealing with very close friends in an interviewing process. Also served as a state officer for the Florida FFA, where he served as a voting delegate at the national convention. With this task, Senator Singleton had lots of committee work to do and was forced to talk to other states on controversial topics, such as raising dues.
 - Senator Zelin: Currently each of the standing committees are disproportionately made up of the majority party. Do you think there should be more representation for the students that did not vote for the majority party, and could you elaborate on this?
 - Singleton: Asks to step away from party politics. Wants to look at the person, rather than the party. With that, like said earlier, every situation is different.
- Senator Espinoza:
 - Expresses that it is an honor to be speaking with the chamber tonight.
 - Second year criminology and economics major with a minor in Latin American studies.
 - The first thing she sought out when she arrived at UF was a community.
 - These organizations fostered a welcoming environment for herself, and allowed her to grow.
 - Serves on the cabinet for Hispanic Student Association, in the Office of Political Affairs.
 - Part of the Executive Board of the Mexican American Student Association, reelected as the Community Engagement Chair.
 - One project dear to her heart was organizing a hygiene care package drive for local farmers in Alachua County.
 - Shares her most important and valuable experience for serving on the Replacement and Agenda Committee: working with the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program, as a student assistant.
 - The cornerstone of oral history is the interview process.
 - Conducted numerous interviews with individuals of various communities.
 - During time as an interviewer, it is her responsibility to put aside bias and document this individual's history.

- Active listening, probing questioning, and understanding communities are all transferable skill that came with this program.
 - Believes that these skills are indispensable when dealing with interviews in the R/A Committee.
 - Previous experiences have equipped her with the tools needed to effectively serve on the Replacement and Agenda Committee.
 - Would like to recognize the fact that she is a newly elected senator.
 - But if elected, will be more than capable to hold this position.
 - Important to strive for a more diverse, inclusive and representative Student Government.
 - An important aspect of applicants is being able to open dialogue for marginalized students on campus.
 - It is vital to understand when to make space for communities of marginalized communities.
 - Believes that she will be more than competent if elected to this position.
- Five Minutes of Question and Answer:
 - Senator Lima: What would be your priorities as a member of the Replacement and Agenda Committee?
 - Espinoza: Priorities would be to listen without bias, to ensure that all candidates are both a good fit for the position and qualified to serve the Gator Nation. Wants to focus on ensuring diversity and inclusivity.
 - Senator Hernandez: Can you state all of the standing committees and the seats on those committees?
 - Espinoza: I cannot, but will familiarize myself if elected.
 - Senator Gatos: What are some of the initiatives you are excited to work on?
 - Espinoza: Wants to focus on marginalized students. One of the problems on this campus include lack of materials for GRU, MCAT and LSAT exams. Believes that as a university that is striving to be Top 5, these materials should be readily accessible.
 - Senator Pearson: Can you state what the R/A Committee stands for, and what are the standing members on the committee?
 - Espinoza: R&A stands for the Replacement and Agenda Committee. The standing members are the President Pro-Tempore, the Minority and Majority Party Leaders, and the two Members-at-Large.
 - Senator Wilson: Can you go more into detail about your previous experiences and your positions held?
 - Espinoza: A position that I want to focus on is my experience conducting oral history. Many times, have been faced with people I completely disagree with, and elected to throw away bias and understand their stories.
 - Majority Party Leader Emmett: This being your first day in senate, how do you think you are qualified for this position?
 - Espinoza: Although this is my first day, my outside engagement and experience has deemed me qualified, along with the chamber's help.
 - Minority Party Leader Grabowski: How do you plan on ensuring that all students have fair and equal opportunities?

- Espinoza: Outreach is a very important topic to cover, it is something that Student Government needs to work. Reaching missed communities will be helpful.
- Senator Amrose: Do you believe that students that lost in the election recent election should be considered for replacement positions by the Replacement and Agenda Committee?
- Espinoza: I believe that candidates should be considered on their qualifications and whether they are fit for the position, not only on the fact that they may have lost in the recent election.

In a roll call vote of 51 to 33, Senator Singleton has been elected as the first Member at Large.

Member at Large

- Majority Party Leader Emmett nominates Tyler Kendrick.
 - Senator Kendrick accepts.
- Minority Party Leader Grabowski nominates Olin Calvin.
 - Senator Calvin accepts.
- Senator Kendrick:
 - Would like to congratulate and welcome all newly elected senators.
 - As public servants, we are committed to the highest degree of integrity.
 - In the chamber, senators have the honor to create ideas that can turn into action.
 - It may be the reason why many people want to be Florida Gators.
 - One of his favorite principles is selflessness.
 - Quotes one of his favorite scriptures from the Bible: Philippians 2:4.
 - Let's this concept of servant leadership lead him to all of his decisions.
 - An avid believer that servant leadership has no party.
 - Nobody is truly worthy of their seat if the students elected cannot make their constituents the priority, and instead chose to make a party a priority.
 - John Wooden is one who exudes the essence of what it means to be a servant leader
 - Mentions that Wooden would sweep his own gym floor after every practice and game.
 - Since the first time he walked on campus, he knew he wanted to make a difference. If there was any way he could make this difference on the campus, he would be a part of it.
 - "If I want to make a difference, I would have to find my broom."
 - Has had the privilege to meet many driven individuals who have taught me so much about the chambers.
 - As judicial liaison, I have learned more about the cooperation between the Legislative and Judiciary Branches.
 - As a member of the Black Caucus, has learned about the importance of bipartisanship in order to achieve interests.
 - "We have all made a common discovery. We are in an arena where real change can happen."
 - "The orange and blue blood that unites us is thicker than the parties that divides us."

- I promise to remain dedicated to the student body, and stay unambiguous, and unbiased to find the hardest working students this campus has to offer.
- Five minutes of Question and Answer:
 - Majority Party Leader Emmett: Can you further describe your qualifications that make you fit for this position?
 - Kendrick: The member at large position is someone who can think objectively and unbiased. Being a non-voting member of the judicial committee, have been able to witness the procedures and caliber of some of the student leaders we have here. The procedures seen will help Senator Kendrick interview others for seats. Also being a part of FLC and interview workshops has allowed Kendrick to learn about active listening.
 - Senator Brown: As a member-at-large, how will you remain unbiased and think objectively?
 - Kendrick: Thinking objectively is to stray away from bias and preconceived notions and not letting us distort our judgement, which is something he is confident to do.
 - Senator Witte: As the presumptive Member-at-Large, how will you communicate with everyone within the chamber to ensure everyone is receiving information regarding Senate and Student Government?
 - Kendrick: Would love to work with the Information and Communications Committee to make sure we have more graphics and that everyone is aware of open seats. Would also like to work with IRHA to make these open seats known.
 - Senator Hernandez: Can you speak on any other ideas you may have to increase camaraderie within Senate?
 - Kendrick: Wants to have a stronger presence in the organizations that we have. Would like to do this with the college councils, for example. Many do not know that there are seats available to represent their peers. Wants senators to come to general body meetings. Repeats Senate Pro-Tempore Dunson's comments on going to various general body meetings for councils, in order to talk to constituents.
- Senator Calvin:
 - In spring of 2017, he received his Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering.
 - In fall 2017, started working towards a PHD in Nuclear Engineering.
 - As a graduate student, he is employed as a graduate research assistant. Also works with the Graduate Assistants United, a union of the graduate assistants on UF's campus.
 - Was an intern at Idaho National Lab last summer.
 - Has directed 7 committee competitions that are UF team hosted.
 - Applied as a Graduate Senator two years ago, and has been reelected twice now.
 - In his years as a senator, has proposed legislation numerous times, and has even presented at a district level.
 - Says that appointing a graduate student would balance the committee, due to the majority of undergraduates present.
 - Believes that graduates are vastly unrepresented in the student body.
 - Many graduate students do not even know that Student Government exists, let alone that it does so much.

- Many said that they did not even vote in the past election.
 - Wants to be a graduate student that represents graduate students.
 - As member at large, would pledge to make sure that the replacements are the most qualified and represented of the student body.
- Five minutes of questions:
 - Senator Lima: Can you talk about some of you initiatives you have worked on?
 - Calvin: Cannot name everything that he has worked on, due to the sheer amount of projects. Mentions the passing of the livestreaming bill, regarding livestreaming Student Senate Meetings. This past week he met with the director of Baby Gator, the on-campus childcare service. When speaking to the director, he discovered a plethora of issues encountered by students, both graduate and undergraduate students, when searching for care for dependents, due to funding constraints and other issues. The director stated it had been over a year since someone in Student Government has reached out to talk to her. Uses this evidence as just one of the initiatives Senator Calvin has worked on.
 - Senator Wilson: Can you speak about your experiences as a graduate student.
 - Calvin: I know a lot about how to reach graduate students with Student Government. Thinks that using emails, not Facebook, is more useful. Mentions the vacancy of a Graduate and Family Housing seat.
 - Senator Hernandez: Can you talk about any of your qualifications that would prepare you for your role in Replacement and Agenda Committee, from interviewing to selecting students for positions.
 - Calvin: Will be interviewing lots of undergraduates. Mentions the presidency of the organization Delta Nu Delta. Worked on interviewing and appointing positions for this club.

In a roll call vote of 55 to 29, Senator Kendrick has been elected as the second Member-At-Large.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Asks those with reports to be quick based on room reservations.
- All chairs will be due on Friday, March 8th at 12:00pm.
 - All Budget Seats will be due Friday, March 8th at 12:00pm as well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Be prepared for an email regarding the Budget seats and Committee Chairs.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Senator Brown welcomes senators.
- Budgets are due tomorrow, February 27th.

ALLOCATIONS:

- No Report.

JUDICIARY:

- Senator Pearson welcomes the senators.
- Legislation will be due after Spring Break.
- If interested in applying for the Judiciary Committee, Please Reach Out.

RULES & ETHICS:

- No report.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:

- New Senator Orientation will be next Senate Meeting, March 12th at 7:00pm.

FIRST READING:

- There were none.

SECOND READING:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURES:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senate President Shaw:
 - Asks senators to clean up after the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

- A motion to use voting records for final roll call by unanimous consent. Approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 PM