

54th Senate Minutes

4/2/21

I. Call to Order: 2:45pm ○ Moment of Silence ○ Roll Call

1. Absent

1. Senator Arnold

II. Adoption of Agenda ○ VP Larkin: We will now move into the adoption of the agenda. Are there any amendments to the agenda? Seeing as there are no amendments to the agenda the agenda is approved as sent.

III. Approval of Minutes ○ VP Larkin: You all received the minutes from last week's Senate meeting via email. Are there any amendments to the minutes? Seeing as there are no additional amendments the minutes are approved as sent.

IV. Administrative Address

○ None

V. Guest Speaker ○ Homecoming Executive Board: Hello this is just me and Tommy that is here today. We just want to say thank you to SGA for the help that they gave, especially with the scavenger hunt, and providing the winners and the scavenger hunt people who participated with the prizes and everything. Thank you for joining us with gamefair they had a lot of success with that and a lot of good reviews and everything and thank you for helping our house with Argofest and making it possible.

○ VP Larkin: Were there any questions for the guest speaker? Sorry Kit were you finished?

○ Homecoming Executive Board: Just a reminder if y'all ever wanted to participate in it the applications for the homecoming executive board for next year are up. It is in the link if you would like to apply to be one of the directors to plan out homecoming this fall.

○ VP Larkin: Awesome were there any questions for kit on the homecoming executive board? Seeing as there are no further questions thank you kit we will now move onto unfinished business.

VI.Unfinished Business

Larkin: For unfinished business we have Bill XV on the floor. We would like to ask chief justice Tommy Judd the chance to give his opinion on this bill. This is the second reading for those of you who are not aware so we wanted to go ahead and give him some time to express his opinions before we allow the author of the bill to come up.

Chief Justice Judd: Absolutely thank you so I did publish the opinion all members of the Senate should have seen it. I don't believe that we need to read through it however I just do want to take the time to point out that it did take some time because one thing the court always wants to make sure of is that we are complying with fairness, and ethicalness no matter what. So definitely no opinion is never meant to sway a decision. It is never meant to make policy; it is simply an opinion that is still looking at the rights of student rights for the student body and the overall interpretation of anything there so I just wanted to make sure that that was noted. that's all I have.

Larkin: thank you so much we will now call the author of this bill to the podium Senator Clendenin.

Senator Clendenin: okay so I guess I will go ahead and read through it all again, and everything that changes. We're going to start off in chapter 400 This first section here at 400 A. There shall be at least four election Commissioners appointed by the supervisor of elections and confirmed by the Senate. Members of the election commission may not be a candidate in any election held throughout the term they were appointed to with the exception of the supervisor of elections seeking re-election. The supervisor of elections must be appointed by the last Senate meeting in November in the event of a vacancy was to occur. the appointment shall be confirmed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Senate. The remainder of the election commission must be appointed by the last Senate meeting in December. The election commission appointees she'll be confirmed by a majority vote of the Senate. Moving forward we have no member of the election commission shall be actively involved with any campaign for elective office in any partisan way or manner during the turn they were appointed for with the exception of the supervisor of elections seeking re-election. If we could scroll to the next section it also adds that it is part of the responsibilities of the Supervisor of elections to actually help promote voting within all student body elections. Then it adds as far as elections that the Supervisor of Elections is an officer that shall be elected. It also changed how senators are elected. Senators will be elected based on representation from each academic college. And academic college refers to the current

college that a student holds an academic major in. In the event of the number of qualified candidates to be placed on the ballot is not equal to the number of apportion positions for each academic college the entirety of the Senate shall be elected at-large based on the full number of seats open in the Senate. A portion of Senate positions for each College will be determined by the supervisor of elections and SGA advisor of at least two weeks prior to filing opening. Then for the election process the spring election shall take place in the first full week that the university is open (on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday) of March. any closure of the University during the election period. Shall result in an extension of the voting equal to the amount of days that the University was closed for. Voting shall begin at 8 a.m. on the first day and end at 8 p.m. on the last day. Moving forward it also states that A runoff election may take place on the Friday that school is in session after the last election day, pending appeals. V online ballot may also not obstruct any candidate or the button to vote for a candidate when accessed from a mobile device. For campaign expenses expenditures of candidates including cash spent, debts incurred, and gifts received shall not exceed \$250.00 per candidate. The Presidential and Vice Presidential ticket may spend up to \$500.00 total. These totals may not be divided up amongst candidates that share resources from expenditures. All candidates must collect student signatures showing support of their candidacy. The number of signatures required shall be equal to 1% of the student population from the previous semester in which the election is held for candidates for the executive branch. For candidates of the legislative branch the number of signatures shall be equal to 0.5% of the student population from the previous semester in which the election is held. The exact number of signatures required shall be provided to candidates by the elections Commission. These signatures must be placed on the official endorsement form. Endorsement forms must be completed by the close of filing for the candidate will be ineligible to run. The deadline for endorsement form shall be extended in the event of a university closure during the filing period equal to the number of days the University was closed. Endorsement forms may be checked by the election commission for authenticity. Any invalid signatures may result in disqualification. Then 4 qualifications for running and holding leadership positions president vice president Treasurer supervisor of elections and chairpersons adds them into the same requirements that they have. I believe that that is it.

Larkin: Yes STP Grant?

STP Grant: I just wanted to clarify that I made a mistake in the past bill from the last Senate the prices for the allocated spending for the senators and president and the Vice president. It is not

\$250.00 and \$500.00 they are the original prices that they originally were. So it is the original ones I can actually put that in here once I pull up the old one, but this does not read properly this is not the bill we passed but it is just this section.

Larkin : If we could just go ahead and fix that right now as we speak that would be awesome.

Are there any questions for the author of the bill? If you have a question drop it in the chat and I will call on your name to keep it organized. Seeing as there are no further questions we will now move into debate. The first point of debate goes to the author.

Senator Clendein: I do want to say that I really like the idea of the bill. I believe that in all aspects that it is reforming how we do elections in a really great way, and it will help all every Argo have an opportunity to really feel as though they can be a part of SGA. Looking over the clarifications from Chief Justice Judd it is fully constitutional just as I thought it was. If anyone disagrees I will save my second point of debate for that then.

Larkin: is there any further debate? Alright seeing as there is no further debate we will move to a vote. Go ahead and send your votes to our STP GRANT just to clarify this is only the 53rd Senate so if you're a new member of the 54th senate this does not relate to you right now.

Larkin: Sydney I just saw your debate. Should we revert back to debate?

STP GRANT: I was going to debate against this bill. I know there were amendments that I had made to this bill last time, but after looking over this bill as it reads with the corrections on it there is a lot to change in this one bill, and I feel like it is too much to change in one bill. If we are going to make these changes they need to be changed in separate bills, but I do not like the way this bill reads right now even though it was passed last senate, but yes I am debating against this bill.

Larkin: Is there any further debate? Seeing there is no other debate please go ahead and send your votes to STP GRANT. Just a reminder this is for the 53rd Senate only. Thank you. STP

GRANT: I am currently missing three votes so if you have not voted yet please send me your vote.: People are saying that some people are in the waiting room but I'm not seeing anybody in waiting rooms right now so they might be in the wrong Senate, or they might be in the wrong zoom. Senator Arnold when you get your audio connected you can just go ahead, and send me a private message of your vote on Bill. Okay so we are still missing one vote. I did private message that person, and they have not responded so we're just going to go ahead with the vote as is that okay?

Larkin: Either that or just call the person out.

Grant: I have received the final vote.

Larkin: The second reading of Bill fifteen has failed. We will now move on to new business.

Okay we have resolution six up, so the author of resolution six you will go ahead and read.

Senator (Kit) ????: Okay so resolution six... Whereas according to the California State University San Bernardino and their study on 16 of the United States largest cities anti-asian hate crimes have spiked 149% since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. This despite overall hate crimes dropping by 7%; and, whereas, according to a study conducted by the University of San Francisco nearly 700,000 tweets containing more than 1 million anti-asian hashtags in the days leading up to and after former President Trump's initial tweet calling coronavirus the Chinese virus and, whereas, on February 19, 2021 an Asian-American woman was assaulted as well as her Store Mama Venezia's Pizzeria robbed by three suspects in Norristown PA and, whereas on March 16, 2021 six Asian American women were shot and killed in Atlanta Georgia and whereas stop AAPI hate reported nearly 3,800 instances of discrimination against asians in the past year and the actual number being possibly higher and whereas, Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander and Hawaiian students make up 3.98% of the University of West Florida's enrolled student body population as of fall 2020. Therefore, be it resolved that the University of West Florida student government Association condemns and denounces all forms of anti-asian sentiment including those related to covid-19 and all manifestations of expression of racism, xenophobia, discrimination, anti-asian sentiment, scapegoating, and ethnic or religious intolerance. NBA it further resolved that the University of West Florida student government Association brings awareness to the anti-asian hate crimes in the country, by joining me #StopAsianHate Movement by observing March 26th as an annual #StopAsianHate national day of action and healing for the AAPI community.

Larkin: Are there any questions for the author of the resolution? Again just please drop it in the chat so I can call on you. Seeing as there's no questions we will now move into debate the first point of debate to the author.

Senator Kit: The anti-asian hate crimes continue to increase every day and we're taking a stand to not only let the student body know but to also let the community know that we officially denounce the acceptance of these hate crimes, and we are in no way tolerating any action that diminishes others based on who they are, and who they choose to be. We don't want any hate crimes they are unacceptable. We write this to encourage others to take part and make stuff that is that we are all here for one another and we want to keep pushing diversity and be one big

community and just be as one. I would like to thank chair Johnson and chair Fridy for helping with this resolution.

Chair Johnson: What really sparked this was seeing the recent uptick in anti-Asian stuff on the internet and I'm real life. I thought it was important to respond to what was happening in the media. When I saw that this was going on I was like yeah definitely stand up like we did for every other situation. We should say how we are not going to stand for this, and that we stand with the AAPI community and we support them in everything. I also think it is important that we also include that we are going to observe March 26th as the day to just stand in solidarity with the community, and stop Asian hate. My sentiments with this are pretty much the same as my sentiments with the other resolutions like George Floyd and Brianna Taylor and Amant Aubrey. We definitely have to come together and support our students. The message is kind of the same: we are going to put our money where our mouth is, and do what needs to be done. I'm thankful for the Senators who helped us write this resolution, I am grateful that this is going to be one of our last contributions as the 53rd Senate. I am definitely in support of this resolution and I hope that it sticks with you all moving forward. The director can put the reasoning for that as well in the chat.

Senator Fridy: I would like to say that it has been an honor to work alongside the director and chair Johnson on creating this resolution. With the spikes in attacks against the Asian Community it really saddens me that people can be so blind and ignorant that they can blame the entire Global pandemic on one race. For example, one of my closest friends back home is Vietnamese without her I wouldn't have pushed myself to become a better person and expect more from myself. In fact without her I probably would not have pushed myself to even join more extracurricular activities and I may not have been sitting here talking to you today or even expecting more out of life so there's a good chance I wouldn't have even been attending this University. I think of great people like her being attacked for reasons outside of their control and it just frustrates me how that stuff is going on and it is still going on. Even since this bill has been sent and authorized by the Senate Pro Temp there have been several more attacks. I saw on the news in New York the other day an old woman was assaulted in a playground for working out. I believe she was 89 years old. This resolution is not a solution, but it is a step in the right path and that is why for me it was important, so I am very appreciative and thankful for the opportunity.

Larkin: Is there any further debate? Seeing as there is no further debate we will now go ahead into a vote.

STP GRANT: One person left the senate floor so I'm going to go ahead and send the vote out as it is right now.

Larkin: Thank you Sydney. Resolution six passes the first reading. Congratulations, guys. Chair Johnson moves to do a second reading vice chair Hoffman seconded. Are there any opposed?

Are there any abstentions? Alright the second reading passes. Kit would you like to reread this?

Kit: I am good but if the other senators would like to read it for themselves and for the floor that is up to them.

Larkin: Okay so no one would like to reread? Just checking twice. I will move into questions.

Are there any questions for the authors of the resolution? Seeing as there are no questions we will now move into debate. The first point of debate goes to the authors.

- No debate
- Moved into a vote with STP Grant.

STP GRANT: I am still waiting on two votes currently. Just kidding, I am waiting on one.

Larkin: The second reading of resolution six has passed. Congratulations. We will now move into appointments. No this is not correct we're going to skip appointments and go straight to the addresses for the 53rd Senate.

STP Grant: I moved it on the agenda but not the powerpoint.

VII.Executive Addresses

President Gardner: This is a sad and bitter sweet moment, but I would love to close this off by saying thank you all for your commitment to the 53rd Senate. I do appreciate your leadership and your dedication to our student body population. I recommend that you keep pushing forward and supporting the student body during your time here at the university if you are not coming back, and if you are coming back hey love to see you again. We will wrap up updates and be done here right now. We are looking at three things. It is the senate bill 86 and senate bill 253 those are very popular right now. All the places are working on...(I have no idea what he says right here) to take a stance on that we will assume an executive order and give our stance on that as well.

That will be all from me. Thank you VP Larkin.

Larkin: Hey everybody again this is a bittersweet moment. I had a lot of fun in this position. I've had a lot of fun like working with you all and we have accomplished a lot. Just overall a bunch of really great people and I just wanted to thank you all for allowing me to be in this position and just kind of helping me out and helping me learn as I go we all know I was kind of thrown in this position very suddenly and it was definitely a learning experience but I'm glad that I had you all helping me out along the way. As far as business goes we had our campus clean up event this week with the freshman committee. That was a blast. We had a lot of fun. I'm going to let Chairman Killion talk more about that but we did clean up 157.5 pounds of trash off campus so that's a really big deal. We were super excited. We had three different locations and a lot of people came out and participated. It was definitely a lot of fun and I wish we could have done more events this semester but with covid that kind of prevented us from doing a lot. This was definitely made up for it so thank you to everybody that participated in this event. Thank you again everybody this has been amazing. We will now pass it off to chief of staff Gaytan.

Chief of Staff Gaytan: As I mentioned earlier have been working on the group fitness initiative. Except this week I had a meeting with Jennifer and we had a conversation and we just decided that we need to go ahead and cancel the event for the upcoming week. She informed me that the people that were going to help us with it are also working on take back the night and they wouldn't have enough time. We didn't want to put something on that would kind of overshadow that because it is something that is really great and we love to see that again this time around. We are planning to have this initiative back up and running again in the fall so it is not the end of it. It will be back but that you guys for a great year shoutout to my directors they killed it at everything they did, and they made my job so great. That is all I have.

Larkin: Is Treasurer Patterson here? Okay we will move on to Secretary Hill.

Hill: Hey I don't really have an update for you guys.

Chief Justice Judd: Hey everybody you will pretty much will be receiving the current conditions of the judicial branch sometime in the next two minutes. Please read that over it is just something that the judicial branch is supposed to send out to the outgoing and incoming senate during the last meeting. As I told you at the confirmation hearing I definitely want to focus on training, reviewing the constitution of statutes, and membership. Ensuring that we never get into the situation that we were in for the court to be vacant. Current statutes of the count we have the Chief Justice myself we have no association justices but we do have four that have been nominated and are slated for a confirmation hearing at the next senate. With that being said I

want to thank everybody for their support in the legislative and executive branch in the last month. I can't wait to see what's gonna happen here in the future. Thank you.

VIII.Cabinet Addresses

DC lamungkun: it has been a wonderful year. I have had a lot of fun I was not expecting to do online. Definitely had more virtual stuff. We have had a lot more interaction and we have done a lot and I am very proud of this administration and to be a part of this administration. Been in here for four years and kind of sad that I am done and that it is gone but it's been fun.

DEGA LYONS: It has been a great year y'all I think this has been a lot of fun. We got a lot of things done. I am excited to see what the new Senate does. I appreciate all of you thank you for everything you do and I cannot wait to see the new year and hopefully get some of normal back in the fall. I can't imagine a normal normal fall but probably somewhat normal. I think we have a really big opportunity in coming back and getting SGA back to normal activities and so on. Thanks y'all.

DDI MILOR: Hi y'all I don't really have any major updates but I really enjoyed being in this position I learned a lot and it was so great to be in the 53rd Senate I had such a great time. I want nothing but the best for the 54th Senate so congratulations to you all that are going to be appointed.

IX.Legislative Addresses

STP GRANT: Hi guys it has been a crazy semester and a crazy day so I love that for transitions today. I was not expecting to be pro tempore this year but it just kind of got thrown on me over the summer and as much as it had its hardships I wouldn't have changed it for the world so I really appreciate you guys working with me and accepting me this was such a very new position for me. Even me joining the Senate and being in for over a year but other than that I don't have really any updates for you guys but have a good rest of your year.

B&A JOHNSON: We are going out I think the budget committee is going out with the same spirit that we came in with. we literally just gave out a project Grant this week so we were really spending that money until the very end. Just like everyone else said I am super proud of the 53rd

Senate. We didn't think we were going to be virtual all year but everybody, especially the executive committee showed so much resilience and adaptability. We talked about how Progressive the Senate was and how the legislation that we passed was progressive as well. I am super proud of you guys and I can't wait to see what the 54th Senate does. With that being said y'all have a great year coming up.

SA HOPPER: Hi so a few updates. I guess I could reflect on our past year as a student affairs and University Affairs committee. We accomplished a lot more than I thought we would have had we had at least one event or something we were doing per month if not multiple things. We got a lot done with homecoming so we are very thankful for their cooperation and as far as updates go, take back the night is happening in this weird position. And that is something that as student affairs we committed to helping so if anyone 53rd or 54th Senate it doesn't matter if you are interested in forming a group or groups we cannot do more than 10 groups to walk the campus walk a mile in her shoes correct me if I'm wrong but that is anytime next week. Please just reach out to me to text me if you want to do that because it is a very important thing for us to do and for us to promote that as an organization so please reach out to me this weekend if you are interested we can figure out a time or multiple times to do it together. Also I have been working as the SGA representative (I have no idea???)for the spring it on event and I'm really really excited for that happening in 2 weeks but those are my updates. I am really thankful for this past year and these past experiences and I could not be more thankful for the committee that we had.

FE MCKILLION: Hey everyone I just want to start by saying this year with grade I really loved being the chair of freshman committee had a great time had a great committee and as vice-president Larkin said we had our campus clean up event it was great so much fun the community enjoyed it I just want to say thank you to everyone who came out to help pick up trash it was hot but we did it I'm proud of us looking forward to next year.

LARKIN: Are there any senate addresses? Seeing as there are no Senate addresses we will now move on to appointments. **X.Appointments**

transition of the 54th Senate

LARKIN: As the newly elected members assume their positions with the 54th Senate the previous members of the 53rd Senate are relieved from their duties and are dismissed; you may

stay as members of the gallery or leave if you choose. Thank you for your service to this student body. Now I would like to welcome Ruben Gardner Jr. to be sworn in as the 2021-2022 UWF Student Government Association student body president. Ruben if you could please raise your right hand and repeat after me I state your name promise to uphold my duties and responsibilities as the state your position in accordance with the University of West Florida and student body Constitution and statutes. Congratulations.

PRESIDENT GARDNER: I Ruben Gardner Jr. promise to uphold my duties and responsibilities as the Student Body President in accordance with the University of West Florida and student body Constitution and statutes.

LARKIN: I will now let you take over.

GARDNER: So now at this time we would like to welcome Noemi gaytan as the 2021-2022 Student Government Association vice president. Noemi can you please raise your right hand and repeat after me. I state your name promise to uphold my duties and responsibilities as the state your position in accordance with the University of West Florida and student body Constitution and statutes. Congratulations Vice President Gaytan.

VP GAYTAN: I Noemi Gaytan Promise to uphold my duties and responsibilities as the student government association vice president in accordance with the University of West Florida and student body Constitution and statutes. At this time we would like to welcome the senator-elects from the college of arts social sciences and humanities to be sworn in. Nolan Costa Sydney Grant Hunter Hill Ryan Nolan Please unmute raise your right hand and repeat after me. I state your name promise to uphold my duties and responsibilities as the state your position in accordance with the University of West Florida and student body Constitution and statutes.

senators get sworn in Next we would like to welcome the senator-elects from the College of Business to be sworn in. (LOL I have no idea what they're names are need to add that in later)Please unmute, raise your right hand and repeat after me. I state your name promise to uphold my duties and responsibilities as the state your position in accordance with the University of West Florida and student body Constitution and statutes. *senators get sworn in* At this time we would like to welcome the senator-elects from the college of Education and Professional studies to be sworn in. Rylee Buzbee Makenna Hoffman and Abigail Hopper. Please unmute, raise your right hand and repeat after me. I state your name promise to uphold my duties and responsibilities as the state your position in accordance with the University of West Florida and student body Constitution and statutes. *senators get sworn in* At this time we would like to

welcome the senator-elects from the college of Health to be sworn in. Erin Larkin...???Please unmute, raise your right hand and repeat after me. I state your name promise to uphold my duties and responsibilities as the state your position in accordance with the University of West Florida and student body Constitution and statutes. *senators get sworn in* We would like to welcome the senator-elects from the college of Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering to be sworn in. Alexi Cassulo ??? Lindsey Crawford Nickson Montoya Garcia and Hunter Lyons. Please unmute, raise your right hand and repeat after me. I state your name promise to uphold my duties and responsibilities as the state your position in accordance with the University of West Florida and student body Constitution and statutes. *senators get sworn in* I would like to bring our Treasurer elect Marissa Hackett to the floor. Raise your right hand and repeat after me I state your name promise to uphold my duties and responsibilities as the state your position in accordance with the University of West Florida and student body Constitution and statutes. *SGA Treasurer gets sworn in* This is the official 54th Senate. Congratulations everyone.

Moving forward we will now move into appointments At this time we would like to welcome Senator Larkin for the appointment as the chief of staff you will have two minutes to speak the timer will begin as soon as you start.

LARKIN: Hello everyone my name is Erin Larkin. I received the pleasure of being appointed as the 54th Senate chief of staff. To start off I am more than excited to be in this position. I have received the pleasure of serving in multiple positions for this organization all of my three years of being a student here at UWF. While being a member of SGA I have been brought to completing many memorable tasks and accomplishments. I began my time in SGA's 50th freshman committee where I completed a couple of memorable and fun projects alongside my closest friends. Learning both strong leadership and responsibility skills. I've served as the vice chair of the student affairs committee. Later that year I served as the chair of the student affairs committee where we were able to bring together many memorable and amazing events. This past year I was nominated as a student body vice president where I was able to guide initiatives as well as serve on many of the boards. I have Cherished every moment and is she a and taking every opportunity that was available. The students have taught me many skills that I will continue to use throughout my time in this organization. If elected to this position I will continue to do everything I can as I have in the past.

GAYTAN: Any questions for the appointee? Seeing as there are no questions we will move senator larkin to the waiting room.

GRANT: Send all votes to Brooklyn.

GAYTAN: Any points of debate on the appointee?

GRANT: I'm debating in favor OF Senator Larkin because when she was vice president she did so much and stepped into such a big position. Also when she was the student affairs chair before this she did so much and I think she'd be perfect for the position.

GARDNER: *Gives background on Chief of Staff position* I trust Erin with my heart and life. She shows the initiative to uphold the standards of this position, and I ask you all to vote yes on this new appointment.

GAYTAN: Any point of debate? Since there is no point, let's bring back senator larkin. Please personally message me with your votes on the appointment.

- Vote
 - pass

GAYTAN: We have one more appointment if no one moves for a block calling in we will appoint senator larkin.

HOFFMAN: I moved for a block swearing-in.

GAYTAN: Is there a second?

GRANT: Second

GAYTAN: We would like to welcome Stephen ??? for the appointment of senator. Please unmute and the timer will begin as soon as you start.

STEPHEN: My name is Steven I'm a freshman here at the University of West Florida this past year I served on the SGA freshman committee that was a lot of fun I learned a lot about how the process works I also currently serve as the pace Hall representative with in residence hall Association and that position is taught me a lot of leadership skills is taught me a lot about the residents here and how to create I could sense Community I also serve as the president of National residence hall honorary we do projects that recognizes students who to go above and beyond as well as running community service and I feel that this combination skills makes me a good fit.

GAYTAN: Any questions for the appointee? Seeing as there are no questions we will move into debate will Brooklyn please place Stephen in the waiting room.

HOPPER: Stephen was my mentee and I only have positive things to say about him. I am so happy he decided to be a potential appointee. He is kind, sweet, and has all the skills we need in this senate.

MCKILLION: I want to second everything that Abbi said Stephen is great and would make a great senator.

GAYTAN: Any point of debate?

LARKIN: I have had the pleasure of working with Steven this past few months. He is literally a shining star. He has the best ideas and is very creative. He's very involved and a great person overall. I think he would make a great senator.

GAYTAN: Since there is no point of debate. Please personally message me with your votes on the appointment.

LARKIN: Since I have not been sworn in yet do I still have voting rights since I am technically a senator?

GAYTAN: Yes.

- Vote
 - pass

GAYTAN: We will now be moving into the swearing-in portion If I could have both of the appointees unmute, raise their right hand and repeat after me. I state your name to uphold my duties and responsibilities as the state your position in accordance with the University of West Florida student body Constitution and statutes. We will now move into Senate leadership elections that include the Senate pro-tempore, Budget and allocations chair, Student affairs chair and, University Affairs chair. As we consider each position I will ask for nominations from the floor self nominations are also allowed. After nominations are closed Each candidate will have two minutes to introduce themselves and explain why they're interested in the position. We will then move into debate and then a final vote. Because each candidate is a member of the voting Senate they will have the right to vote. We are now taking nominations for Senate pro tempore. Senator Grant has been nominated. Seconded by Senator Lyons. Are there any further nominations? At this point we would like to invite Senator Grant to speak for 2 minutes. The timer will start once you begin talking.

GRANT: Thank you for the nomination. I appreciate it. I think I would be good for this position because I just got out of it. To be serious about it it did take a minute to get used to everything being virtual and having to do everything through zoom. I struggled a little bit with it at the beginning but I think that now since I have the hang of it I can do an even better job than I did last senate. It is such a different environment going from doing things in person to everything being online. I really hope that you guys have the same faith in me that you did last time.

GAYTAN: Any questions for the nominee? Seeing as there are no questions Brooklyn would you please place the nominee in the waiting room. We will now move into debate. Is there any debate for the nominee? First point of debate goes to Senator Hoffman.

HOFFMAN: I adore Senator Grant. I think she did awesome as the Senate pro tempore last Senate. She was one of the many who got thrown into her job and she and she picked up and ran with it. She did a great job and even helped me write a couple pieces of legislation that I would not even have the confidence to do without her.

CHIEF OF STAFF LARKIN: I'm debating in favor of Senator Grant. I had the pleasure of working with her during my time as the vice president. We went back and forth on a lot of things. She helped me with a lot of things he went above and beyond. She did things that were even out of her position. She guided me, she assisted me and I am absolutely in favor of her as Senate pro tempore.

GAYTAN: Any further debate on the nominee? Seeing if there is no further debate we will bring back Senator Grant. Moving into a vote.

- Vote

- pass

HOFFMAN: I move for a block swearing in.

GRANT: second

GAYTAN: We will now move into the elections of the Legislative committee chairs. Before we begin I would like to welcome SGA Advisor Jenny Hamilton to further explain each position and their role. *jenny explains each role*

GAYTAN: Any questions? Seeing as there are no questions we will not accept nominations for the Student affairs committee chair. First nomination is by Senator Hopper. Seconded by Senator Hoffman. Any other nominations for student affairs committee chair? Senator Lyons has been nominated; is there a second? Seconded by Senator Hill. Are there any other nominations? At this time we would like to welcome Senator Hopper to speak for 2 minutes. The timer will begin as soon as you start.

HOPPER: I'm entering my third year of SGA. I spent my first year on the freshman committee. My second year under Erin when she was student affairs chair and I served as her Vice chair until she moved up and I acted as the chair. I then got elected to be the chair of the student affairs committee which then became the University student affairs committee. I've had a very unique experience which has given me a lot of skills as well as connections across campus that will help

me to continue to work on this committee. Just like Jenny said we are the voice of the students and this year especially I got to work on building surveys to help get the voice of the students out to those apartments on campus. As far as my programming goes I have a lot of experience with that as well. I've been able to dabble in various organizations across campus with both programming and student Outreach practice. I think that I would be a good chair. Thank you so much for my nomination.

GAYTAN: Any questions for the nominee? Seeing as there are no questions we would like to welcome Senator Lyons to speak for 2 minutes the timer will begin as soon as you start.

LYONS: I appreciate the nomination. I wasn't sure if Senator Hopper was going to run again but I think that she did great last year so I would like to reject the nomination. I support her. I think she will do great.

GAYTAN: Can you reject a nomination from the floor?

GARDNER: The nomination must first be accepted before it can be moved to nomination in general.

GAYTAN: We will now move into debate. Brooklyn please move Senator Hopper into the waiting room. First point of debate goes to Chief of Staff Larkin.

LARKIN: I wanted to debate in favor of Senator Hopper. I had the pleasure of working with her very closely. When I was the chair of the student affairs committee she always went above and beyond. She has been asked to be the representative for SGA for multiple things already. She takes on several things with passion and does a great job at all of them. I have a lot of respect for her and I think she is very fit for the position.

LASNOON???: I wanted to debate in favor of Senator Hopper. When I was in the 53rd senate as University Affairs we lost our chair and I had to move to student affairs and Senator Hopper made that very easy for me. We still got to do a bunch and partake in a bunch of activities and I got to get that SGA experienced that I really wasn't getting when we lost our chair in the Affairs but I just really want to be in favor because like Chief of staff Larkin says she truly does do a lot and she gets it done on time and perfectly.

STEPHEN???: I wanted to debate in favor of Senator Hopper. She has been my mentor for the past year and she has taught me alot about how SGA works. I can personally comment on the passion she has to serve and there is no one more qualified for the position so I really want to debate in favor of her.

CASSULO: When I joined her committee for rounds she was super welcoming and I when we were supposed to have our break off because there was no Affairs for university I joined anyway and she was so ecstatic she's also very driven she's told everyone counts of times how much she really loves her job and honestly I couldn't see anyone else doing she's very experienced and I honestly trust her with it.

GAYTAN: Any further debate? Seeing as there is no further debate we will bring back the nominee. While we wait for her to join us if everyone could please send me their votes.

- Vote
 - pass

GAYTAN: At this moment we would like to accept nominations for budget and allocations chair.

Senator Hoffman has been nominated; is there a second? Seconded by senator cassulo. Senator Hoffman, do you accept the nomination?

HOFFMAN: Yes I do.

GAYTAN: Are there any further nominations? At this time we would like to welcome Senator Hoffman to speak for 2 minutes once you begin the timer will start.

HOFFMAN: Most of you know me but just in case you don't I am Makenna Hoffman and I'm running as a candidate for the budgets and allocations committee chair. When I was in the freshman committee going on two years ago now I shadowed budgets and I instantly knew that this was the committee for me. I knew I wanted to be in budgets and allocations so badly that this ended up being the only committee I shadowed. My first year as Senator I earned the privilege to serve as the vice chair of the budget and allocations committee under former chair Johnson. We allocated over 3.1 million dollars to the students body. Being the vice chair especially in the middle of a pandemic has taught me alot about leadership and good decision making. There were several times I had to chair the committee in the absence of former chair Johnson due to scheduling issues. I got to see just a bit of the work being done during these committee meetings. Between shadowing budgets during a normal year, and being vice chair I have developed a thorough understanding of the several parts of budget. Outside of SGA I work at the office of international affairs where I get to communicate with students from a variety of backgrounds about their extracurriculars. This gives me first hand knowledge of how this money affects students on a daily basis. This only fuels my passion for the committee.

GAYTAN: Are there any questions for the nominee? Seeing as there are no questions we will now move the nominee into the waiting room. Is there any debate?

BUZBEE: I'm debating in favor of McKenna or Senator Hoffman, one of the sweetest people I know and I cannot imagine anybody feeling in big shoes that chair Johnson just left.

GAYTAN: Are there any other points of debate? Seeing as there are no points of debate please bring the nominee back. Everyone go ahead and send me their votes.

- Vote

- pass

GAYTAN: At this moment we would like to accept nominations for University affairs committee chair. Senator Fridy has been nominated. Is there a second? Seconded by senator Hoffman. Senator Cassulo is nominated. Is there a second? Seconded by senator Hopper. Senator Hill has been nominated and it has been seconded by senator Nolan.

All nominee's accept the nomination

At this time we would like to welcome senator Fridy to speak for two minutes once you begin the timer will start.

FRIDY: Hello everyone this has been such a great time working with all of this year as a part of the 53rd senate. What once began as me just asking for more ways to get involved in University expanded it something I could have never imagined I'm so grateful for being involved in student government although my time here has been brief in comparison to many of you I am thankful for it and I am looking forward to what the future brings in the 54th Senate I believe I would be a good fit for the University affairs chairperson position as I love this University and I believe by being a University representative for the faculty meetings and acting as the bridge between the students in the university is a great honor I would also ensure that the voices of the student body are heard also that our representatives needs are addressed accordingly even though I've only been an argo for about a year now it's been one of the best years of my life despite the limitations of the pandemic I want every UWF student to have the chance to experience what I have since arriving on campus thank you.

GAYTAN: Any questions for the nominee? Seeing as there are none we would like to welcome Senator Cassulo. You will have two minutes and the timer will start once you begin talking.

CASSULO: Hello I was previously on freshman committee so I am very excited to have the pleasure being nominated for the University of affairs with my major be Environmental Management I feel like this position will not only be an amazing opportunity for me to grow but

allow me to apply my skills that I have acquired to my classes I also have a wide range of leadership skills from lifeguarding for 3 years and I've learned how to run a team work a team I also not only served as SGA freshman committee but I also served as (???) chairperson in my senior year of high school these experience opportunities allowed me to not only gain knowledge on how to properly run an organization but it also gave me experience working with staff to set of events and express the opinions of the group. Having worked with both adults and students along with my major will help me fulfill this position and its full potential. Thank you.

GAYTAN: Were there any questions for Senator Cassullo? Seeing there are no questions at this time we would like to call Senator Hill. You will have two minutes to speak the timer will begin once you start.

HILL: My name is Hunter Hill and I'm running as a candidate for the University affairs chair having been involved in SGA since my freshman year I've always been interested in the University affairs committee I was sadly never able to join it and when it ended up becoming absorbed into the student affairs committee this year I was a bit sad because I think the work that they do is exceptionally important and I don't think a lot of its purpose has been able to be served this year and as an RA on campus and somebody who runs on coffee trying to get through these classes I think a healthy relationship between students and faculty especially on the academic side is extremely important and so being a liaison between the students in the talking to you is something that I would love to do I hold it near and dear to my heart but that in mind I would love to be the one reviving the committee this year and make some new additions to it in terms of updating if you process and hopefully streamlining the Green fee and a little bit of that DTA process thank you for your time

GAYTAN: Are there any questions for Senator Hill? Seeing as there are no questions we will now move all three nominees into the waiting room. We will now move into debate. Is there any debate? First up we have Senator Hoffman.

HOFFMAN: I think this is a really hard one is all I can say and I think everybody agrees because I adore every one of these senators I most recently spoke with senator Fridy I talked with him about his Passions and what he wanted to do in SGA and he really wants to be the face of the students to faculty with that being said I think Senator Hill is also great choice they're all great but if I had to choose I'm going to be in favor of senator Fridy

GRANT: I follow with what newly-appointed budgets chair Hoffman is saying 100% It is very strange it is a very weird this is very tough personally I'm not debating against anyone but I will

be debating in favor of senator Cassulo because she and I have been speaking about it recently and with this being her major and there is so much that she wants to see done in University affairs and with me being the old University Affairs chair I was able to give her some insight into what it would be like and what she would have to prepare for and we have talked about it I think that she is 100% prepared for this position and I think that she could run this position as perfectly as situations will allow her to so I am debating in favor of her.

MCKILLION: Also debating in favor of senator Cassulo she was on my freshman committee it was a great time she did a good job she's a great person I really believe she would be great in this position and I would love to see someone for my committee and a chair position so she has my vote

LARKIN: I agree with chair Hoffman this is a very difficult situation I love each of the Senators I have had the opportunity to work closely with all of them I think that if I were to debate in favor of somebody it would be Hunter Hill I think that comes from working with him in the past his experience in SGA from the Freshman committee he also has student affairs under his belt along with University affairs he's had both of those committees and he is worked on things already that make him pretty qualified to take the initiative for this as far as everyone else goes I think that any one of these Senators would be a great option for this position but if I were to debate in favor of somebody it would be Senator Hill

GAYTAN: Is there any other debate? Seeing there is no further debate we will go ahead and bring back the nominees. Please go ahead and send me the name of the senator that you will be voting for.

HOPPER: May I have point of privilege?

GAYTAN: go ahead Abbi

- Vote
 - Senator Hill wins the vote

GAYTAN: At this time if we could have Senator Grant for Senate pro tempore, Senator Hoffman for Budget and allocations chair, and Senator Hill for University chair. If you could all come to the floor by turning on your mic's and raising your right hand. I state your name promise to uphold my duties and responsibilities as the state your position in accordance with the University of West Florida student body Constitution and statutes. Our Senators will be assigned to a legislative committee for the 54th Senate term pro-temp Grant will send out the link for the

survey to get your ranking and will be assigning this at the next Senate which will be April 16th.
We will now be moving on to adjournment

XI.Adjournment

- Standing committee report
- closing announcements
- public statements ● final roll call
 - Adjournment: 4:45pm

