Senate Minutes Friday, March 28, 2014

I. Call to Order
Meeting called to order by Senate President Self at 2:40pm
A. Pledge of Allegiance
B. Roll Call - 16 present
   Absent: Senators McBurney, Hartzog, Hinsch, Stoker, Arias, Denny, Shepherd.

II. Adoption of Agenda
Senator Wilson motioned to add Courtney Miller and Janice Welch under appointments for Election Commissioners, seconded by Senator McCaffery. Motion passes 16-0-0

III. Approval of Minutes
A. March 21th, 2014
Minutes approved

IV. Guest Speaker
Blab TV: New TV talk show with 5 women panelists to reach out to different aspects of the community.

V. Appointments
Election Commissioner Appointments

   Courtney Miller – 19-0-0
   Janice Welch- 18-0-1

VI. Legislative Addresses
a. Senate President Self
   - Banquet on April 11th from 11-1, transitions afterward
b. Rules & Statutes Committee
   - No Report
c. University Outreach Committee
   - Distinguished Staff Awards are been decided. 1 absence.
   - Distinguished Teacher Awards are presented on April 4 at 11
   - Staff Awards are presented on April 25th
   - Two of the Deans have RSVP'd to meet with students, on April 18th
d. Student Outreach Committee
   - Trolley Survey is in action. Student outreach BBQ on April 7th from 11-1 on Cannon Greens. 4 absences
   - Need people to sign up to help
e. Budget and Allocations
   - 1 absence. Awarded 6 organizations:
     - Reviewed communication arts awarded $0
- Residence Halls Association $495
- Math Association $300
- Health Leisure and Exercise Science $0
- Society of Physics $0
- Association for Information Systems $1,500
- Nicole Perdomo $0

VII. **Executive Addresses**

a. President Hill
- Chalk Your Pride was a success.
- Dr. Bense and Chris office hours went well, a couple of students came by to ask a few questions.
- Some students have been using e-Cigarettes in classrooms, smoking policies will be moving forward
- The Rally in Talley was a huge success, we need to reach out to our local media to make sure they know about it
- The Undocumented students bill is going to pass in the House but there will be problems with it in Senate so we need to call our Senators and let them know that we do not want to raise tuition
- Commissioner Putnam came and swept the Rally off the floor, he is trying to push for an electricity tax to help PECO funding
- The textbook affordability act is holding professors accountable for text books they choose and how long they choose them.
- On the way back from Talley, we went to FSU’s inauguration, there was buffet and student organizations came out to witness it.
- Turbo vote came to FSA, the $1000 gets it available on our technology. FIU backed out of turbo vote because it was not worth it. Turbo vote would not benefit our student body and would not work for our campus.
- We have Teacher Assessments in our office for the students who want to check them out.
- Good luck to all the candidates running for elections.

b. Vice President Wood
- Leadership development Symposium is April 12th begins at 10:30 am, SGA needs to come out.
- Dining advisory committee mentioned how well the sushi is doing. Only complaint is the smell and the students want the place out. Dinning will try to filter the smell out of the building.
- There has been complaints about the market not having gluten free food, but they now have that option.
- Exec committee will be moved to 10 am next week.

c. Chief of Staff Sosa
- Spirit week went well.
- Paint your pride was a huge success.
- The exec committee held a vote this morning to advise the budget and allocations committee to continue supporting WEPA. SGA had given over 6 mil. Pages this year alone.
- Last extended cabinet meetings was today, all cabinet members have done a great job all year.

d. Freshmen Committee Chair Harris
- Freshmen committee went over the month presentation for the High Schools and worked on improving it.
- They will be discussing the difference between High School SGA and UWF SGA.

VIII. **Administrative Address**

a. Vice-President of Student Affairs- Dr. Kevin Baily
- No Report
IX. **Removals**
   a. Rules and Statutes Committee
      i. No Removals.

X. **Old Business**

XI. **New Business**

13-14 B XIII – Sweeping Bill 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
Motion to forego reading of the bill by Senator McCaffery
   - Seconded by Senator Crawford
   - No opposition, Motion Passes
   - Bill Passes 19-0-0

13-14 B IX- Budget Sweeping Bill 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
Motion to forego reading of the bill by Senator McCaffery
   - Seconded by Chair McBurney
   - No opposition, Motion passes
   - Bill Passes 19-0-0

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:
Sweeping Bill 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
Motion to forego reading of the bill by Senator Wright
   - Seconded by Senator McCaffery
   - No opposition, Motion Passes
   - Bill Passes 19-0-0

XII. **Adjournment**

A. Standing Committee Report:
   Chair McBurney: faculty senate and from meeting with Dr. Bense
   - Financial Aid presented to Faculty Senate about policy changes happening in July dealing with the regulations on excess hours.
   - Policies: after 90 hours student won’t be able to change their major, after 96 hours students cannot add a minor, students will be limited to two major changes, having teacher doing required attendance and report to the financial aid office regarding attendance.
   - QEP meetings feedback:
     o [www.uwf.edu/qualityenhancement](http://www.uwf.edu/qualityenhancement)
     o Oral and written communication will apply to upperclassmen

B. Closing Announcements:
   - VP Wood: why aren’t students returning to UWF? What ways can we encourage students to return?
   - SGA will take part in the “I Want You Back” Campaign.
   - Elections are March 31<sup>st</sup>-April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Don’t forget to vote
   - Take Back the Night is April 2<sup>nd</sup>, come out and support.
   - Phi Beta Sigma has their reveal tomorrow 3/29/14)

C. Final Roll Call:
   - 19 senators present
   - Absent: Senators Hartzog, Arias, Denny, Shepherd

D. Adjourn
   Motion to adjourn the meeting by Senator McCaffery, second by Senator Write at 4:04 p.m.
No debate, no opposition, motion passes 16-0-0
Meeting adjourned by Senate President Self at 4:11pm
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