



## **55<sup>th</sup> Senate Meeting September 16, 2022**

### ***I. Call to order: 3:34 p.m.***

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call
  - a. Absent:
    - i. Secretary Brown
    - ii. Senator Brewer
    - iii. Senator Hicks
    - iv. Senator Blackmon
    - v. Senator Strickland
    - vi. Senator Dortch

### ***II. Adoption of the Agenda***

#### *A. September 16, 2022*

- 1. Vote to adopt the agenda
  - ✓ VOTE
  - Yay: 15
  - Nay: 0
  - Abstentions: None
  - Agenda PASSES

### ***III. Approval of the Minutes***

#### *A. September 2, 2022*

- ✓ VOTE
- Yay: 15

Nay: 0

Abstentions: None

- Minutes PASSES

#### ***IV. Administrative Addresses***

A. None

#### ***V. Guest Speaker***

A. Mr. Chip Chism - Director of Parking and Transportation

- Hello, I am in charge of parking and transportation
- I want to congratulate you all; you should be proud of yourself for being in the 55th Senate
- The problem with parking is not the lack of parking spaces, it is the lack of *convenient* parking spaces
- We take a great time in monitoring our parking spaces
- Parking covers a lot more than you think - we help with the roads and lights
- That's all I wanted to say because I am here to answer your questions
- *Senator Fess*: Is there anything to be done about the speed bumps near the residence halls? They seem to be damaging my car, and others too. *Chip Chism*: Please email me later, we'll have the consultant revisit it- the problem is the speed
- *Senator Fess*: There also isn't sufficient lighting in the entryway to Martin Hall. *Chip Chism*: I'll look into that
- The reason for all the speed bumps and rumble bumps is because there were two cases of students getting hit, and we set ourselves up to improve pedestrian safety
- Thank y'all for having me - please feel free to email me

#### ***VI. Appointments***

A. Nyanda Walker Potts - Assistant Director of Communications

- Hey guys, and I am a senior majoring in hospitality management and tourism
- I was usually an online student, so what better time to get involved on campus than during my senior year?
- I'm really grateful to be here and to contribute to SGA and to the campus. That is all.
  1. Questions: None
  2. Debate: *President Marshall*: She is very qualified

✓ VOTE

Yay: 16

Nay: 0

- Appointee PASSES

1. *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.*

B. Andrew Chatterjea - Senator

- Hi everyone, my name is Andrew. I am a sophomore majoring in Political Science
- I've been really passionate about student government, I was historian four times and it was a great time
- I wanted to get involved with SGA, because of my prior good experience
- SGA is a great way for me to get more involved since I've worked with CAB before
  1. Questions: None
  2. Debate: *President Marshall*: He is very involved and has a great reach, He is really passionate.

✓ VOTE

Yay: 16

Nay: 0

▪ Appointee PASSES

- o Motion for block swear-in of Senators by Senate Pro Tempore Range
- o Seconded by Chair Costa

✓ VOTE

Yay: 16

Nay: 0

▪ Motion PASSES

C. Kevin Chapman- Senator

- Good afternoon. My name is Kevin Chapman and I am a junior transfer student from Mobile, Alabama. I am a double major in sports management and communications
- I have an interesting perspective in SGA because I gave tours to prospective students, and one thing I saw is that they want to be a part of diversity and feel like they are a part of the process of connecting people from different backgrounds
- And I feel that this is something that our university can do a better job at interpersonal communication- this is something that I bring to SGA
- Where I can help allocate resources to help accomplish that task
  1. Questions:
  2. Debate: *President Marshall*: He is very passionate about what he wants to

accomplish in SGA. *Senator Carrapazza*: He has a powerful aura and I think he would be a great fit for SGA

✓ VOTE

Yay: 16

Nay: 0

- Appointee PASSES

2. *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.*

D. Freshman Committee:

1. *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.*

## **VII. Unfinished Business**

A. *None*

## **VIII. New Business**

A. *Resolution I - Civil Discourse*

a. *First reading of Resolution I - Senate Pro Tempore Range and Chair Wiktorski*

- i. *Questions: None*
- ii. *Debate: Senate Pro Tempore Range: We were recommended to write this and Eric has endorsed this, but there isn't much to change*

✓ VOTE

Yay: 18

Nay: 0

Abstentions: 0

- 1st Reading PASSES

- b. *Motion for second reading of Resolution by Chair Costa*
  - *Seconded by Vice Chair Fess*

- i. *Questions: None*
  - ii. *Debate: None*

- ✓ VOTE
    - Yay: 18
    - Nay: 0
    - Abstentions: 0

- 2nd Reading PASSES

*B. Resolution II - Reaction to Dobbs (2022) Decision*

- c. *First reading of Resolution II - Director Cassulo, Senate Pro Tempore Range, and Treasurer Gilbert*

- iii. *Questions:*

- *Senator Carrapazza: Is this actually doing anything for the students?*
      - Senate Pro Tempore Range: Point of clarification - a resolution shows recognition, in this case, we recognize the suffering of the student body and stand in support*

- iv. *Debate:*

- *Chair Cassulo: When this was passed over the summer, I thought that it would be a great idea for SGA to cover this because I was living on campus, and I was able to see the effects it had on campus. We have the opportunity to stand with the students. This resolution is controversial, but it is neutral. This is in line with civil discourse*

- ✓ VOTE
    - Yay: 18
    - Nay: 0
    - Abstentions: 0

- 1st Reading PASSES

- d. *Motion for second reading of Resolution II by Vice Chair Nolan*
  - *Seconded by Vice Chair Fess*

- i. *Questions: None*
  - ii. *Debate: None*

- ✓ VOTE
    - Yay: 18
    - Nay: 0

Abstentions: 0

- 2nd Reading PASSES

*C. Resolution III - Florida Board of Governors*

*e. First reading of Resolution III - Senate Pro Tempore Range, President Marshall*

v. *Questions:*

- *President Marshall: I did attend the Board of Governors Meeting*

vi. *Debate: None*

✓ VOTE

Yay: 18

Nay: 0

Abstentions: 0

- 1st Reading PASSES

*f. Motion for second reading of Resolution III by Chair Costa*

- *Seconded by Vice Chair Fess*

*i. Questions: None*

*Ii. Debate: None*

✓ VOTE

Yay: 18

Nay: 0

Abstentions: 0

- 2nd Reading PASSES

*D. Resolution IV - Hispanic Heritage Month*

*g. First reading of Resolution IV - Vice Chair Montoya, Senator Vazquez and Senate Pro Tempore Range*

vii. *Questions: None*

viii. *Debate:*

- *Vice Chair Montoya: The theme encourages us to ensure that every voice is represented and welcomed to build stronger communities and with this a stronger nation. Hispanics in the United States are a diverse group who bring a rich combination of language, culture, educational background, and experience to the great American Experiment. This diverse background brings with it a wealth of ideas and perspectives, the prime uniting factor within our hispanic community is our desire to be included*

*and represented in all aspects of American society. This has been proven when different voices are sitting at the metaphorical table and included in key decisions, the entire community benefits from greater solutions that address the concerns from all people.*

- *Senate Pro Tempore Range: Vice Chair Montoya brought this to my attention to write a resolution because we usually write them for months of diversity and I think that this is especially important because we realized that the banner that we typically hung is not culturally appropriate, so this is a great way to improve and grow*

✓ VOTE

Yay: 18

Nay: 0

Abstentions: 0

- 1st Reading PASSES

*h. Motion for second reading of Resolution IV by Chair Costa*

- *Seconded by Vice Chair Fess*

*i. Questions: None*

*Ii. Debate: None*

✓ VOTE

Yay: 18

Nay: 0

Abstentions: 0

- 2nd Reading PASSES

1. Motion for a five minute recess by Senate Pro Tempore Range

- Seconded by Chair Costa

✓ VOTE

Yay: 18

Nay: 0

Abstentions: 0

- Motion PASSES

## ***VIII. Executive Addresses***

### ***A. President Marshall***

- *Congratulations to those who swore in and I'm excited for the year ahead.*
- *Please stay after Senate for a 5-minute meeting*

*B. Vice President Proffit*

- *Congratulations to those who swore in today*
- *We will be making sure the Agenda is out on time from now on.*

*C. Chief of Staff Harris*

- *Excited for the year to come*

*D. Treasurer Gilbert*

- *(left early)*

***IX. Legislative Addresses***

*A. Senate Pro Tempore Range*

- *Congratulations to FC! Excited for the year ahead*

*B. Secretary Brown*

- *Absent*

*C. Budget and Allocations Committee Chair Costa:*

- *Congratulations to FC*
- *Funded SAGE RSO earlier this week*

*D. University Affairs Committee Chair Hebert:*

- *(Left early)*
- *Vice Chair Fess- Congratulations FC. Green Fee is closing in exactly two weeks. I encourage you all to apply online*

*E. Student Affairs Committee Chair Wiktorski:*

- *Congratulations new FC*
- *Shoutout to those helping with tabling and everything SA does. The first tailgate is next Saturday during Parent's weekend. (swing by and see us!)*

*F. Senate Addresses:*

- *None*

***X. Adjournment***

*A. Standing Committee Report*

- *None*

*B. Closing Announcements*



- *Vice Chair Nolan:* Dance Marathon
- *Director Cassulo:* Introduces herself as DEXA. Congratulations to FC. Currently Needs Voting fellow that will help Chair Wiktorski
- *Vice Chair Montoya:* “ Rocky Horror is tomorrow night please come out- Senator Vazquez
- *Vice Chair Fess:* SAGE’s first meeting is Tuesday, September 27 in Building 37
- Senator Allick- PeerEd Condom Fashion Show — @UWFPEERED

*C. Public Statements*

- *None*

*D. Final Roll Call*

1. Absent-
  - a. Secretary Brown
  - b. Senator Brewer
  - c. Senator Hicks
  - d. Senator Blackmon
  - e. Senator Strickland

*E. Adjournment*

- A. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chair Costa*
- B. Seconded by Senator Carrapazza*

✓ VOTE

Yay: 18  
Nay: 0

- Adjournment PASSES
- **Adjournment: 4:40 PM**