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- I. Call to Order at 2:41 PM
 - A. 11 Senators Present
- II. Adoption of the Agenda
 - A. Senator Griego - Moves to add Bree Augustin to the Agenda under Appointments for the Deputy Chief of Staff position.
 1. Second - Chair Smith
 2. Motions Passes 11-0-0
 - B. Senator Griego - Moves to add Financial Literacy Bootcamp under Guest Speakers.
 1. Second Chair Smith
 2. Motion Passes 11-0-0
 - C. Senator Griego - Moves to adopt the currently amended Agenda.
 1. Second - Chair McBurney
 2. Motion Passes 11-0-0
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. Senator Griego - Moves to Approve the minutes as provided.
 1. Second - Chair Smith
 2. 11-0-0
- IV. Guest Speaker
 - A. Career Services - Nathan Ford
 1. Associate Director of Career Services
 2. Spread the word with Career Services-hosted many events over the past couple of weeks, more coming
 3. Mon: Brighthouse Networks from Tampa 6th operator of cable in US
 - a) Jimmy and Brittany - Fall Career Showcase 30 employers in Bldg 4 and College of Business range from internships to co-ops, maybe getting a job.
 - b) Dress professionally, look for opportunities to intern early.
 4. Oct 16 IT students CACI cyber security employer
 5. Diplomat Michael Thurston coming soon.
 - a) Recruiting for full time careers in Foreign Diplomacy coming from FAMU
 - B. Financial Literacy Program - Professor Kevin
 1. Financial Literacy Bootcamp
 2. Talk about managing credit, financial aid issues and loans
 3. Advocate for the event
 4. President Friedland - Urges support for the financial literacy program and receive office hours if in attendance.

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V. Appointments

A. Senator Appointments

1. Chair McBurney - Moves for a block swearing in of the Senator Appointees.
 - a) Second - Senator Vinson
 - b) Motion Passes 11-0-0
2. Alex Francois
 - a) Appointment Passes 11-0-0
3. Senator Griego - Moves to do a block vote of all Senator Appointees.
 - a) Second - Senator Vinson
 - b) Senate President Hebert Advises otherwise, each appointment carries a vote.
 - c) Debate
 - (1) Senator Riley - Pro
 - (2) Chair Smith - Con
 - (3) Chair McBurney - Con
 - (4) Senator Griego - Pro
 - d) Motion Fails - 2-9-0
4. Elizabeth Hewey
 - a) Appointment Passes 11-0-0
5. Matthew Teston
 - a) Appointment Passes 11-0-0
6. Sarah McDaniel
 - a) Appointment Passes 11-0-0
7. Radha Patel
 - a) Appointment Passes 11-0-0
8. Chair Thrasher - Moves to add Koal Yuki to the previously adopted agenda as a final Senator Appointment.
 - a) Second - Senator Griego
 - b) Motion Passes - 11-0-0
9. Koal Yuki
 - a) Appointment Passes 11-0-0
10. Block Swearing in of Alex Francois, Elizabeth Hewey, Matthew Teston, Sarah McDaniel, Radha Patel and Koal Yuki.

B. Freshman Committee

1. Senator Griego - Moves to table the appointment of Ben Minor until the October 10 Senate meeting.

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- a) Second - Senator Vinson
- b) Motion Passes 17-0-0
2. Chair Kendrick - Moves to have a block vote and swearing in of Freshman Committee Appointees.
 - a) Second - Senator Riley
 - b) Motion Passes 17-0-0
3. Appointees - Eric Patton and Vabrice Wilder
 - a) Appointments Pass - 17-0-0
4. Block swearing in of Eric Patton and Vabrice Wilder
- C. Cabinet
 1. Senator Vinson - Moves to adopt position of Deputy Chief of Staff
 - a) Second - Chair Smith
 - b) Motion Passes - 16-1-0
 2. Bree Agustin - Deputy Chief of Staff
 - a) Appointment Passes 17-0-0
- VI. Legislative Addresses
 - A. Senate President Hebert
 1. Homecoming Tailgate is Mandatory
 - a) Director Imperial speaks briefly, google doc sent out
 2. Dr. Hough Statement - Faculty Senate Executive Committee met this morning.
 - a) "The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate supports the appointment of Provost Martha Saunders as **Provost and Executive Vice President** of the University of West Florida. The Faculty Senate is looking forward to working closely with Dr. Bense and Dr. Saunders toward a stronger UWF."
 - B. Budget and Allocations Committee
 1. \$1500 - NIRSA Conference
 2. \$2000 - Handball Tournament
 3. \$600 - Students Against Tobacco
 4. \$150 - Peter Tereszkievicz
 - C. University Outreach Committee
 1. No absences
 2. Welcomes all Senators
 - D. Student Outreach Committee
 1. Welcomes all Senators
 2. Parking

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- a) Trolley GPS trackers are live
- b) Southside spaces not used are being converted to Commuter Spaces on Mon Oct 6
- c) 3,590 Commuters, 966 Residents
- d) President Friedland
 - (1) How much \$\$ reported on tickets?
 - (2) How many remote parking passes are in affect - 24 sold, many returned
- 3. International Student Involvement
 - a) Other places of worship to pray
- E. Rules and Statutes
 - 1. New Senate manual/packet
- VII. Executive Addresses
 - A. President Friedland
 - 1. President Bense Response:

“ It is my pleasure to respond to your list of questions and I look forward to continued dialogue with the SGA. Thank you for all you do to serve the students of the University of West Florida.

1. Why do you believe the faculty senate passed a vote of no confidence for President Bense?

Universities are unique institutions because they rely on shared governance. Faculty senate offers an opportunity for the faculty to voice their opinions. Anytime faculty members communicate concerns to me, I take them very seriously. The faculty are the lifeblood of the institution and I value their work, input and insight. I myself served on the faculty of UWF for more than 30 years.

Recently the United Faculty of Florida (the faculty union at UWF) declared an impasse regarding salary increases in our contract negotiations. Impasse is a process in which one of the parties in collective bargaining believe that there is no more opportunity for progress in negotiations.

While the Faculty Senate action taken did not site specific concerns, one of the main discussions during my meetings with faculty has been salary. I want to spend some more time with the faculty senate and faculty throughout the university to resolve whatever gap in communication exists, as it is always important for me to go and listen.

2. How does this vote impact student life and the UWF academic experience?

The President, faculty, and staff are all here to work with students. While we may be working out our administrative differences in other contexts, our collective dedication to serving the students of this university and the student experience should not and will not be impacted by that process.

As President, I am constantly working with campus and community leaders to find ways to make the university better. The vote prompted a conversation between me and faculty leaders throughout the campus. Naming our Provost (Chief Academic Officer), Dr. Martha Saunders, to the additional role of Executive Vice President is one of the results of that conversation and I, along with the faculty, believe that is an enhancement for UWF. We will

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continue to talk, listen and work on matters relevant to faculty/administration. This is the same type of dialogue that exists on college campuses throughout the country. While it is an important process for the faculty and administration, it is not one that carries a role for students. The faculty and administration need to be able to continue to discuss and debate issues while preserving the student experience.

3. Why should students have confidence in President Bense?

Since I have taken office as President, UWF has become more visible in and critical to Northwest Florida. The increased visibility resulted in more student coming to UWF as a 1st choice institution. We have substantially raised our academic and athletic profiles through the addition of key academic programs and the launch of UWF Football (among other sports), as well as the enhancement and continued support of existing academic and athletic programs. We have launched a multitude of partnerships with state colleges and other universities to enhance access to UWF and provide students new degree opportunities for UWF students including the Doctorate of Nursing Practice, Doctorate of Physical Therapy, Center for Cyber Security, 3+3 with the Stetson Law School, Innovation Institute and mechanical engineering program to name a few.

Additionally, we've added much needed modern student housing and academic facilities and dramatically enhanced student life, as we continue to implement the UWF Campus Master Plan.

Additionally, I have remained committed to students, including assisting with Move-in; speaking at Orientation, Explore UWF, and Family Weekend; travelling to athletic events locally and nationally; chatting with students and taking selfies with them during Welcome Week; and, attending the SGA strategic planning conference as well as SGA

meetings and events on both main and Emerald Coast campuses. All of these activities are there to ensure that I am available to student leaders and open for questions.

The recent growth of the university is evidence that our efforts have been effective, but we aren't done yet. I wake up every morning ready to work hard to move this university forward so that we can improve and enhance the experience for students now and in the future.

4. How does the expansion of the University (football, University Park, etc.) affect our focus on academics?

UWF is an academic institution with a central mission that is academic in nature. Nothing will steer us off that course.

We have been building buildings, the athletic program and a variety of other aspects of the university that support student life for a long time. Football is getting a lot of attention because a lot of people are interested in football. However, construction and program development do not in any way diminish our academic priorities.

These projects and programs are important to the future of the university. We cannot grow as an institution unless we continue to nurture and grow who and what we are as a university. These projects and programs are a strategic and essential components of that effort.

5. What are the next steps in resolving this situation?

I am working harder to streamline communication with faculty and encourage faculty to continue addressing their concerns, opinions and ideas with our administration. While I cannot speak for the faculty senate, I believe that Provost Saunders' appointment to Executive Vice President will create even more avenues for dialogue throughout the campus community. "

- a) Any action by SGA at this point would be unnecessary.

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2. Respond to email communication faster, especially calendar invites.
- B. Vice President Wilson absent
- C. Chief of Staff Sosa
 1. Student Life
 - a) Write it out wednesday @ 2 locations
 - b) Student org liaison position vacant
 2. Gov Affairs
 - a) Review of candidate forum
 - b) Allee Millsap on Green Fee, sent out fliers
 - c) Supervisor of Elections position vacant
 - d) Amendment 2 Debate on October 29.
 3. Communications
 - a) Two Marketing Coordinator Positions open
 - b) Press Secretary to be up for appointment soon
 - (1) Senator Greigo - Where does it fall under: Office of Communications
 - (2) Senator Griego - Does Director Rolle-Polk want the position?
 - (3) Director Rolle-Polk - My assistant already handles these responsibilities: No, it is redundant.

VIII. Administrative Address

- A. Dr. Kevin Bailey, VP of Student Affairs
 1. Happy to be here!
 2. Address from Dr. Bense on appointment of Dr. Saunders as Provost and Executive VP
 - a) Will free up Dr. Bense in terms of letting her fundraise and attend to governmental affairs more.
 3. Student Campus Safety Walk
 4. Famous "Legacy Speech"

IX. Unfinished Business

X. New Business

- A. 14-15 Bill II - 14-15 Operating Budget Bill
 1. \$64,726
 2. Senator Vinson - FSA \$\$ and hosting it here?
 - a) BOG hosted recently, and again in February, not FSA
 3. Bill made without President's Fund \$8000.
 - a) Confident we will receive those funds

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4. First Reading - Pass 15-0-0

XI. Adjournment

A. Standing Committee Reports - none

B. Closing Announcements

1. Legacy Party meeting following Senate

2. Anthony Franklin - Staff Senate President, Black Employee Association

a) Great to see young people getting business done and being organized

3. Oct 7 - Web University Committee

4. Dr. Frye - Appreciation, introduces his son

C. Final Roll Call

1. 15 Senators Present

a) Absent: Chair McBurney, Senator Perkins

D. Adjourn

1. Senator Riley - Moves to Adjourn

a) Second - Chair Smith

b) Motion Passes 15-0-0

c) Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 PM

Q#	Votes By Question	Yes	No	Abstain
1	Appointment: Alex Francois	11	0	0
2	Appointment: Elizabeth Hewey	11	0	0
3	Appointment: Matthew Teston	11	0	0
4	Appointment: Sarah McDaniel	11	0	0
5	Appointment: Radha Patel	11	0	0
6	Appointment: Koal Yuki	11	0	0
7	Appointment: Freshman Committee - Eric Patton and Vabrice Wilder	17	0	0

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Q#	Votes By Question	Yes	No	Abstain
8	Deputy Chief of Staff: Adoption	16	1	0
9	Appointment: Deputy Chief of Staff - Bree Agustin	17	0	0
10	14-15 Bill II: First Reading	15	0	0

Votes by Member, Q#	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Edwards	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Riley	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Thrasher	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Smith	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Alanazi	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Griego	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Vinson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kendrick	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Denny	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Perkins	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	x
McBurney	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	x
Teston	x	x	x	x	x	x	Y	N	Y	Y
Hewey	x	x	x	x	x	x	Y	Y	Y	Y
Francois	x	x	x	x	x	x	Y	Y	Y	Y
Patel	x	x	x	x	x	x	Y	Y	Y	Y
Yuki	x	x	x	x	x	x	Y	Y	Y	Y
McDaniel	x	x	x	x	x	x	Y	Y	Y	Y