



UWF SGA  
Senate  
1/11/19

Call to Order 2:30 PM  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

Present: 20  
Absent: 3

Adoption of Agenda

- Sen. Lyons motion to add Bill for Candidate Retention Act to the agenda
  - Motion Vote:
  - Yes: 20
  - No: 0
  - Abstentions: 0
  - The motion passes to add Bill 4 to the Agenda today.
  
- Vote to approve the agenda as presented:
  - Yes: 20
  - No: 0
  - Abstentions: 0
  - The motion passes to approve the agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes

- Vote to approve the agenda as presented:
  - Yes: 20
  - No: 0
  - Abstentions: 0
  - The motion passes to approve the meetings of the last Senate as presented.

## Administrative Addresses

- Dr. Ben Stubbs
  - Welcome back from the break!
  - Next Tuesday, during lunch time in the commons auditorium. Possibility for networking and co-op opportunities
  - Blizzard Bash coming up next Wed. on Jan. 16th from 11-1 pm
  - CAB Open Mic Night Speak Your Truth on Thurs. Jan. 17th at 7 pm
  - Saturday, MLK day of service. Sign up through Argopulse 1/19
    - Some students will be going out to Panama City that day to work alongside Habitat for Humanity - See Dr. Ben Stubbs

## New Business

### A. Bill for Candidate Retention - Sen. Lyons

#### a. Questions

##### I. Sen. Williams: What is the reason behind the change?

- To address the retention issue that we have in SGA. People who lose in the election but still have good qualities and interest in SGA can still be a part of SGA at the senator level.
- This would also encourage more candidates and more options for the student body.

II. Sen. Pro Tempore: Since this is not 4 weeks before election filing, this would not go into effect for this election but the election next year, 2020.

##### III. Sen. N Miller: Would you like this to go into effect this year?

- Yes, if this were to be passed I would motion for it to go into effect this year.

#### b. Debate

##### I. Chair Negron

- I am concerned about this in terms of keeping checks and balances in line. We are modeled after the government in the way we operate and, in that sense, elected government officials are not able to run for two positions for that reason

##### II. DComm Clark

- Everyone takes a risk running for these positions and I feel that it is unfair for people to be allocated a safety net because they may be afraid of not being elected in the general election

##### III. Sen. Lyons

- In some instances there are states where you can run for Senate and President together because although you may

not receive enough votes nationally, they may receive respect locally. Many good members may slip through the cracks due to losing an exec position and not being able to aid SGA through any other means

#### IV. Treasurer McCabe

- Maybe if they lose an election and don't work to get back in, they aren't a candidate that we want in SGA.

#### V. COS Calvert

- When discussing a matter of retention, I think of the people that we have in the org rather than obtaining more members from the outside. I think that we should focus on keeping the members that we have rather than worrying about recruiting more people

#### VI. Sen. Williams

- This could be seen as a disadvantage. As a CASH senator, even though there are 5 of us or so, I don't seek that many benefits as it is even though I gained enough votes to be here

#### VII. COS Calvert

- Throughout my time in senate we have still managed to keep senates full. I think that if someone has good ideas and drive to pursue them that there are ways to pursue action even outside of SGA

#### VIII. Sen. Tran

- At the end of the day you do have to put all of your eggs in one basket. You have to chose one position

#### IX. Sen. N Miller

- One solution could be to offer a senate seat further down the line for people who lose an executive election. Senate would be full at that time anyway. This is like a free ticket into SGA and I don't think it is fair.
- Vote:
- Yes: 4 [Sen. Tran, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Lyons, Sen. Arnold]
- No: 14
- Abstentions: 1 [Sen. Allen]

Point of privilege: Pro Temp Lubowiecki

## Executive Addresses

### a. President Malone

- Happy new year and welcome back!

### b. Vice President Johnson

- Law and Your community event - Freshmen committee event
  - Feb. 15th. Please let me know if you would like to help
- Jan. 25th Preliminary Disability Walk
  - This is so that we can survey the area
  - There will be a second walk with faculty so that we can point out what we have found and surveyed

### c. Chief of Staff Calvert

- Hope you guys had a great break!
- Initiative with Aramark and Chick-fil-a
  - Want to sponsor free sandwiches for the first 100 students since people have been patient in waiting for the restaurant opening
  - Survey with ipads for push pins on where we could place more trash cans on campus
    - There will be another sample survey sent to senate so we can work out survey kinks before hand
    - Let me know if you wanna help that day with ipads!

### d. Treasurer McCabe

- Diversity Week is being allocated a big sum of funds this month
- Rally in Tally is upcoming and requiring funds

## Legislative Addresses

### A. Budget and Allocations Committee - Chair Negron

- Officially annual budgeting season now
- Allocations going out to organizations listed by Jordan that we will be going over together. Let Jordan know if you have any questions about the orgs/bill prior to them being presented in Senate
- 64 organizations will be involved in the bill
- 2 grant requests today
  - Tabitha Sanfried
    - Research with sea turtles
    - No amount decided as of yet but will be decided tomorrow
- Group of 4 people going to business conference

- Defending their research/methodology in a round table discussion in comparison to other presented projects

- See me after if you have any questions
- Will also be deliberating on allocation amount tomorrow

B. Campus Affairs - Chair Tobar

- Sen. N Miller Tabling for DTA
- Reach out to Mario if you want to be involved
  - Question: Treasurer McCabe
    - What dates will tabling be?
    - I do believe Mon., Wed., Fri.,

C. Student Affairs - Chair King

- Jan. 30th Town hall for students to ask about Malone/Johnson legislative agenda at 6:00 pm
- Feb. 1st Baseball Tailgate

D. Freshmen Committee - Reuben Gardner

- Let's Taco bout Taxes
  - Plan on inviting Beta Alpha Psi to come out and inform students on how to file taxes correctly
  - We will be needing help from about half of senate on Feb. 19th for this please if you are free

Senator Addresses

a. Chair Negron

- There was a situation that occurred last night that I thought should be made aware to the Senate as a whole since it affects the organization as a whole, specifically executive board in particular
- This is not to defame or provoke anyone, but I found this incident to be alarming and thought it deserved to be addressed
- Presentation of images
  - 1. Email including platform items to be addressed today in Senate, sent yesterday
  - 2. Email from Sen. Arnold in reply to email 1.
  - 3. Email from VP Johnson explaining the event date in reply to email 2.
  - 4. Email from Sen. Arnold in reply to email 3.
  - 5. Post from Sen. Arnold on the UWF Students page, posted 1/10/19
- I wanted to bring this to the legislative body to address the concerns of the senator which need to be addressed, but also to

discuss that i think this was misinformation as the event mentioned was something brought up in their original platform.

- VP Johnson: The aim of Chair Negrón's bringing this up is transparency, not attack or personal confrontation

- Questions:

- Sen. Norris: You and Pres. Johnson had already decided that you wanted to do a disability walk prior to the resolution being presented?

- Yes. This was a part of our platform.

- Sen. Allen: Can we get a play by play from the exec board about the timeline of events?

- VP Johnson: One of my jobs is to look out for and advocate for student safety on campus. Last semester we changed the name from Disability walk to Accessibility walk. I planned to get to it last semester, but was able to plan this preliminary walk for Jan. 25th. Changing the date now would just push back the timeline of events for the progression of the project.

- Sen. Williams: Clarification, you stated there will be 2 disability walks? When will the 2nd one be planned?

- VP Johnson: The second walk would be planned for next month once one member of faculty returns back. Doing two walks makes the process smoother for when we take the second walk with faculty/staff/admin.

- Chari Negrón: Point of information

- This is a walk that goes on every year and is an annual event.

- Sen. Miller: What was the purpose of bringing this up today?

- Chair Negrón: Transparency and to transfer this to the statutory review committee

- Sen. Norris: Feminine hygiene product platform item - how far along are we?

- Pres. Malone: Chair Negrón and I are heading this up and meeting with Alicia Cambron next week. This will be to finalize logistics

- Printing services, would this be getting rid of the campus printers?

- VP Johnson: No, this initiative is trying to set up a

- Sen. Lyons: Sidewalk near the business building?

- VP Johnson: Sidewalk with a step that prohibits wheelchair accessibility, looking at gaining funding to redo the sidewalk to make this more accessible

- Sen. Williams: Where would this new location be of a sidewalk with no step?

- VP Johnson: We are bringing in a design team to reconstruct the area so that wheelchair students do not have to use the road when the COB is closed

- Sen. Allen: Point of Privilege

DComm CLark:

- Jan. 25th or Feb. 8th before Senate, we will have professional headshot pictures that you guys can use for future elections/professional reasons
- Farewell video
  - I want to make a compilation video to reflect on the year and everyone's experiences through SGA for seniors/those who will not be returning to SGA
- March is Women's appreciation month
  - photos of women of SGA and around campus to express appreciation/recognition
- Feb. is Black History month- looking to take nominations of African American staff/students on campus that make a difference to showcase them on our page and have other people on our social media besides just us
- "A day in the life"
  - "vlog of senate" and what different SGA members do in senate and on senate days. If you are interested, look for an email from me

DGov Llanera:

- We will begin having meetings to update the members going to Rally and Tally about legislature that will be presented there on Feb. 4th - 6th

Closing announcements

- Emily: Student leadership awards will be opening on Wed.
  - Feel free to nominate yourself or others for awards!
- Sen. Lyons: Smash tournament for gaming club right after senate
- Sen Norris: Outdoor adventures and rec services have good trips and activities coming up if you need to
- Pres Malone: Is anyone interested in forming a Co-ed IM basketball team?

c. Final Roll

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Adjourn

- Motion: Sen. Morrison
- Second: Sen. Williams

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM