



UWF SGA
Senate
3/1/19

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

Present: 15
Absent: 7

Adoption of Agenda

- Vote on the adoption of today's agenda:
- Yes: 15
- No: 0
- Abstentions: 0
- Today's agenda is approved unanimously as presented.

Approval of Minutes of Senate from February 22nd, 2019.

1. Chair Negrón

- a. Dr. Stubbs and Senator Miller
- b. Separate the last section "I believe that this will be a" and move it to Sen. Miller's section
- c. Vote:
 - Yes: 15
 - No: 0
 - Abstentions: 0
- d. This is approved unanimously as presented

2. Alby Clendennin

- a. Adoption of Budget Bill V., the votes were denoted as Yes: 16 No: 2, even though this doesn't match the beginning roll call
 - This was due to Matt Allen's point of privilege after the debate bill was voted upon

Guest Speaker: None

Administrative Addresses: None

Appointments

- a. Mr. Jake Iselborn - Supreme Court Justice
 - VP of the Community Garden
 - \$40,000 ADA compliant pathway
 - Herbal tea garden
 - \$9,000 grapevine wall
 - A senior nursing major who will graduate this upcoming May
 - Undergrad research assistant in the Exercise Science program
 - RA in Martin Hall and in 2 subcommittees within housing
 - Budget and Allocations Committee in SGA

Debate

1. Sen. Lyons: Is there a point to having them for only two more months?
 - a. Pres. Malone: There are currently 3 justices including Chief. I do not feel comfortable with only 3 justices if there were to be an appeal during elections. My intent is to appoint some more justices to oversee the elections that will happen next week and then let the next administration appoint their own justices.
2. Sen. Williams: Do our statutes give a number maximum of justices?
 - a. Pres. Malone: 5 Justices.
3. Chair Negron: These are lifetime appointments, until they graduate correct?
 - a. Pres. Malone: Yes, until they graduate unless there are any disciplinary actions involving the University that remove them from this role.
4. Sen. N. Miller: So this is for elections, and elections only, that are literally next week?
 - a. Pres. Malone: Yes.
5. Sen. Lyons: Since he was in SGA does he have any affiliations with anyone running?
6. Sen. Arnold: I've known him since he was a freshman and this would be one of his last opportunities to serve his student body before he graduates. He knows everybody on campus so there are affiliations here, but he sees through a very unbiased lense.

7. Chair Tran: Can you, Pres. Malone walk us through your thought process on this?
 - a. Pres. Malone: I met with my whole staff on recommendations including my executive board, graduate assistants, and Jenny. I then set up the interviews of the candidates.
8. Chair Gardner: Was it just you, Pres. Malone that interviewed these candidates?
 - a. Pres. Malone: Yes.
9. Sen. N. Miller: They will be gone after this May, elections are next week. They will not have as much of a day to day responsibilities with these positions.
10. Dr. Frye: Just a point of information, these appointees would serve on the Student Discipline Committee to sit in on behalf of misconduct hearings
11. Chair Negrón: Point of inquiry. Don't they also look over bills and resolutions that we pass in order to make sure they are compliant with our statutes?
 - a. Jenny: Yes, they do see those.
12. Sen. Morrison: I have known him for a long time and know him to be very fair. He comes into everything with a calm, clear head and I know that he will see both sides.
13. Pres. Malone: Point of information, I am very confident in both of the appointees presented and in the capabilities that they can bring to this court.

Vote:

- Chair Gardner: Are we talking about both candidates right now or just one?
 - Pres. Malone: Just the one candidate.
- Vote
- Yes: 15
- No: 0
- Abstentions: 0
- This appointment passes unanimously.

Sen. Lyons: motion for a block swearing in

- Second: Sen. Merritt
- Yes: 15
- No: 0
- Abstentions: 0

This motion for a block swearing in passes unanimously.

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- b. Mr. Ethan Nunley - Supreme Court Justice

- You guys may recognize me as I used to sit right over there (in Freshmen committee)
- Question by Chair Gardner: Do you confidently say that you know our statutes?
 - Yes, I have read the statutes before and started reading the constitution recently.

Debate

1. Point of information by Ashton Bosso

- a. Freshmen committee didn't really know that Ethan was up for appointment for Supreme Court. He didn't really get involved last semester that he was technically on freshman committee. We just kind of feel blind-sided because he hasn't really been involved with us in freshman committee but now he's up for an appointment.

2. Point of information by Chair Gardner

- a. In a professional manner, he has not been honest in a freshman committee capacity. He stated that he was out of town and couldn't make it to freshman committee meetings but he was seen on campus that same day. I just feel like a Supreme Court Justice needs to be honest and in a professional capacity he has been dishonest.

3. Point of information by Alby Clendennin

- a. I went to the same high school as Ethan and have known him a long time. He is actually a sophomore by credit so he wouldn't be on the Supreme Court for as long as a true freshman would. He has also been working with me on many different projects.

4. Sen. Arnold

- a. I personally don't like appointing Freshmen Committee members to these roles because it creates tension within Freshmen Committee, the future of our campus leadership. I haven't really seen much from this guy. He should have more involvement within SGA to know more on statutes and procedures when it comes to elections rather than just recently starting to read them.

5. Sen. Lyons would there be a tie here that could create a problem?

- a. Dr. Ben Stubbs: There really can't be a tie, there would just be an acquittal, hung jury situation. Just so you are aware, I advise the Supreme Court Board and when looking for characteristics of people to sit on this board, it is heavily relied on critical thinking and being able to truly discern the situation, not necessarily all on statutes.

6. Chair Gardner:

- a. Everybody in here besides seniors are going to be affected by this if he were to be appointed. He will have a hand in many elections to come.

7. Sen. Williams:

- a. Our supreme court is modeled after the real supreme court. I thought the point was to have appointees that would be here to oversee these elections and then graduate, leaving the next administration to appoint the next Supreme Court Justices.

8. Pres. Malone: My intention appointing this younger person on to the court was to have differing opinions and have someone who can learn from the other people on the court. Also, I respect all of these points of debate and want you all to know I am not trying to be hostile, we are just looking out for the future of SGA

9. Alby Clendennin: This would be a chance to earn seniority on the court and be well-prepared for the next supreme court.

10. Sen. N. Miller: Interesting point because if Ethan doesn't go through then there will be no one on the supreme court over the summer. They do important things, but not heavily involved in every senate, every meeting.

11. Sen. Lamungkun: I am for having a fresh perspective, but given what his peers are saying, he doesn't seem like he is fulfilling the qualifications for this job.

12. DComm Clark: Whether he gets appointed or not, he will be learning fresh just like the rest of the supreme court. Listen to Freshmen Committee because they are the ones that have worked with him in here. I just want a person who has SGA's best interest in mind rather than just being here for themselves.

13. Chair Negron: Even if he is new, they are still going to go through training and be under the direction of Dr. Ben Stubbs. It is a pressing matter, but there are still plenty of senates left to have an appointment or two.

14. Sen. Lyons: But if someone appeals the election, what is the timeline for that? Would the supreme court hear it that day?

- a. Jenny: any candidate filing a campaign violation complaint has 24 hours after the end of filing to file a complaint.

15. Sen. Lyons: Theoretically if that were to happen, would we have time to appoint another justice in time?

a. Jenny: possible, can't say for sure

16. Sen. N. Miller: Even if we have 4 justices, you need 3 justices out of 4 votes so that wouldn't make much of a difference. We do still have time to possibly look for another candidate. The President is leaving, but who he appoints will affect us for a long time after he is gone. I know that in real life, sometimes districts can submit names of people that they would like to see appointed and give feedback that way. Perhaps if we were able to submit more names of people we might like to see on the court, we can open up the interviews to a wider demographic.

Motion by Sen Morrison to end debate and move into a vote.

- Second: Sen. Lyons
- Vote:
- Yes: 2 (Arnold, Norris)
- No: 15
- Abstention: 1
 - The appointee is not approved.

- Sen. Arnold: Can we move to appoint someone else today?
- Sen. N Miller: I think that Pres. Malone is the one that has to appoint and I don't think he is prepared to appoint someone on the fly today.
- DComm Clark: I will be sure to have the links once I get them in the social media bios for more appointee candidates. Hearing the opinions today, I think it would be good for you guys to advertise this and come to sit in on the interviews. This way, there won't be as much surprise in Senate.
- Pres Malone: Yes, I am very uncomfortable with appointing someone in on the fly today. I have heard your suggestions and will look to hear more of your opinions moving forward.

The swearing in of Jake Iselborn.

Unfinished Business

- Treasurer McCabe: You guys don't have to stand due to the awkward desks. 2 points of debate will be kept via tally. Anyone can ask questions, but for debate you have to yield your time to someone to speak from the floor.

- a. 18-19 Bill V
 1. \$8400 contested by Rec under "Fitness and Wellness" index 121007
 - Met with Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Heely from Rec and Wellness
 - \$8400 would be for a GA to cover their tuition expense, they get half of their tuition covered up to 9 credit hours in order to give incentive to have high quality students applying for these opportunities
 - The Budget Committee voted unanimously to keep their allocated amount the same as presented in the first reading
 2. Homecoming budget was contested, but the committee was unanimously voted to stay the same as allocated and accepted by Student Involvement.
 - Voted to stay the same
 3. Argo gaming requested an increase. Reviewed the request. Voted unanimously to keep the same.
 - There are no new recommendations to change the amount.
- Point of information Sen. Lyons:
 - Any equipment purchased by the gaming club would be donated to the library so that anyone could check it out. The equipment would be used to serve all students and gaming club would check it out for meetings
- Point of information Sen. Morrison:
 - The galley is looking to have a gaming center for the galley space soon.
- DComm Clark:
 - Could we get the equipment funded be branded in the same way that we have the stickers for the books we donated to the library?
 - Chair Negrón:
- Sen. Nick Norris to Schmidt:
 - If you were to not get the 8400, would that GA position go away?
 - Mr. Schmidt: it would not.

Debate

1. Chair Negrón:
 - We voted to keep everything the same across the board. We felt that it wouldn't make sense to give people more money if they already received extra from what they received last year, unless there was a severe change of leadership or events that an org has done. This was to be fair across the board for all requests received.

Vote:

- Yes: 16
- No: 2 (norris and N. Miller)
- Abstentions: 0

The second reading of the 18-19 Bill V has passed as presented.

Sen. N. Miller point of privilege.

New Business

Executive Addresses

- President Malone
- Vice President Johnson
- Chief of Staff Calvert
- Treasurer McCabe
 - This was fun. Sorry if I messed up your name!
 - Working on getting February's updated expense report to you next Senate.

Legislative Addresses

- Budget and Allocations Committee - Chair Negron
 - Travel grant proposal from UNICEF today
 - Attending a conference, 8 people
 - Requested to help with lodging and extra fee
 - Allocated the max amount of groups 3 or more with \$1,000
- Campus Affairs - Chair Tobar
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- Student Affairs - Chair King
 - Finalized last Write it out Wed., March 27th
 - Started talking about Exam Jam which will be the week before finals
 - If you have any ideas of foods that you would like to see at this event, please let me know!
 - Diversity week - still looking for other cultural orgs to get involved with the week!
- Freshmen Committee - Ruben Gardner

- Let's Taco Bout Taxes event was last Tuesday
- Good event! Not many came out, but we will work harder on it next time
- Thank you freshman committee for all of your hard work this semester! Proud of you all.

E. Senate Addresses

- Sen. Arnold: In regards to my earlier point, I don't think we should appoint anyone besides a senior when we do appoint another Supreme Court Justice. We will be crunched for time with spring break if we try to appoint someone still this semester, but I believe we should take out time with this decision
- Chair Negrón: Budget and allocations committee haven't seen a lot of project grants. Currently sitting at \$13,000 that we could allocate to projects. Trying to increase allocations to travel grants (the max for one person right now is \$300 per person), but in this we would have to increase money allocated for groups as well. An increase in this could be dangerous because most of our budget could be expended just to one group.
 - Sen. Iamungkun: I think \$500 allocations would be appropriate and then we could increase again if needed
 - Sen Lyons: A bill that if it is later in the semester give more money?
 - Treasurer McCabe: This may not be fair to people who came earlier on in the semester
 - Sen. Williams: \$300 is not much to get you all across the country. Even driving on some trips I've taken before as a group took thousands of dollars.
 - Chair Negrón: Even though you can look at cheap flights online, most of the time you can't pick and choose when these people travel to these things, they are on set dates. This means we are having to pay full price travel tickets and not even starting to cover registration.
 - Dr. Stubbs: None of these are statutory constraints. The committee is out their own discretion for these things. Student Involvement and Pam Marg processes all of these allocations and students state that the process to get these student allocated funds is pretty demanding. Perhaps worth thinking about the students' experience, maybe a quick survey of the students who received grants this year?
 - Hunter McCabe: This may be good to look at. We can hash this out at a later time. We may want to

reduce the amount of project grants and putting it into travel if that will benefit the students further.

- Sen. Meritt: Would it be possible to look at averages for projects in the past year to see if it would be a good idea to transfer these funds over to travel?
- Sen. Lyons: I recently got the opportunity to travel with student ambassadors to a regional conference that gave me skills I will use throughout my college experience and life. These opportunities are giving students tools to be more successful which is very important.
- Sen. Tran: I appreciate you guys taking the time to look at these allocations and examining the supply and demand of students now.
- Chair Negrón: We can keep allocating the same way that we are now, but this may just give us the flexibility to grow up rather than having to decrease.

Cabinet Addresses

A. Director of Communications Clark

- If you are a senior or are not returning to SGA, please see me after Senate

Adjournment

A. Standing Committee Reports

B. Closing Announcements

- DComm CLark:
 - Baseball and softball tonight at 6
 - Double headers for both baseball and softball tomorrow
 - Tuesday at 6 first round of GSC Conference for women's basketball, they are ranked nationally
- Pres. Malone:
 - Mardi Gras weekend! Please stay safe and reach out to me/your networks if you get into a situation where you need help.
- Sen. Morrison:
 - Tuesday CAB game night with gaming club with tacos! 7-9 in the Galley
- Sen. Tran:
 - Shoutout to Sen. Merritt and her mock trial team. I have seen her work so hard and the work that she has down

along with the UWF mock trial team is a big accomplishment for our school!

- Sen. Arnold
 - emailing tonight the bill for Diversity Chair to Pro Temp Lubowiecki
 - Let me know if you have anything you want to see in there
- Pres. Malone:
 - Just to let you guys know, when I snap in Senate it is me agreeing with what is being said rather than taking the time to say "I agree with you"
- Jenny:
 - Elections and voting next week! Continue to run clean campaigns!
 - Wednesday, 9 PM in the Great Hall we will be having the Winner Announcement
- Dr. Stubbs:
 - Congrats to Budget and Allocations committee! They have done a great job.
 - Good job on debate today and for your input
 - Nice job Brandon working collaboratively with his appointments
 - Thank you Virginia for calling for a vote
 - CAB and Homecoming Exec board applications open!
 - CAB looking at where we are going next and what the future will hold for the next exec board
 - Alternative Spring Break registration closes today
 - Congrats to everyone who applied for and interviewed for Student Leadership Awards this week!
 - Congrats on the Law and Your Community event and Taxes event!
 - CAB exec apps close Monday, the 4th at 11:59 pm.
 - These are actually paid positions!
- Jenny:
 - Temptation to skip class to campaign, but you have to maintain GPA to maintain in your positions
- DComm Clark:
 - next thursday, spirit night at boneheads! Come out and say you are here for DM!
 - March 8th, last day to register at \$15 before it goes to \$20

- Sen. Lyons:
 - If you haven't gotten involved yet, gaming club monthly meeting in an hour
 - Free pizza!

C. Public Statements

D. Final Roll Call

E. Adjourn

Closing announcements

c. Final Roll

i. _17_ present

Adjourn

- Motion: Sen. Morrison

- Second: Chair Gardener

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 PM