



**SENATE**

**2/28/2020**

**Call to Order at 2:30PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Present: 19

Absent: 3

**Adoption of the Agenda**

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Guest Speaker**

## Administrative Address

## Old Business

### 19-20 Bill XV 2020-2021 A&S Budget Bill

#### Question

**Chair Gardner:** At this time, are there any questions for anyone else to contest the first reading? Questions about the bill?

**Senator Williams:** What made you decide not to give anything?

**Vice President Calvert:** We will divert that question to the budget committee.

**Chair Gardner:** SGA has funded multiple of their initiatives, and so, and they do not pay fees towards International Affairs, and they get E&G funding, because they already receive other funding sources.

**President Johnson:** Do international students get other benefits? They have benefits to other student activities, and is it not possible? What are their other funding sources?

**Chair Gardner:** They are a new department, and previously funded without activity and service fee funding, and with international student fees.

**Senator Baptiste:** Also, the budget committee supported global quarter and study abroad programs through other funding opportunities, and SGA provides funding for coffee hour.

**Senator Wilbur:** What is the total dollar amount?

**Chair Gardner:** I will get back to you on the total dollar amount.

**Chair Kennedy:** One-time field maintenance?

**Chair Gardner:** Cover the intramural fields and in previous years in Recplex North and University Park Field for intramurals and that has to be taken care of, and I would like to yield my time to Jeff Schmitt.

**Jeff Schmitt:** Hello everyone! Since 2004, we have been putting money with athletics to put money towards the aforementioned fields, and the fields by Martin Hall fields and those two spaces, and out of our department, we pay 29k towards facilities and that 29k and we take 14.5k out of activity and service fees from the revenue we generate, those two pieces go together and we get 29k for facilities every year for the sports turf contract.

**Chair Kennedy:** What is the total revenue?

**Jeff Schmitt:** We make about 240k at the pool, facility rentals in 50k, we are anticipating making less than 20k because a majority of the money is generated from fieldhouse and that will be closed. In the HLS facility, generate about 55k from guest passes and miscellaneous things.

**Chair Miller:** I did notice that it said one-time funding, what is the strategy or plan for future funding? Assuming that the lawn needs to be cut every year?

**Jeff Schmitt:** Come back every year and ask for that money from SGA.

**Senator Morrison:** The budget committee felt like it was too much to pull from annual funding, and with that, they would be able to hopefully, I know in conversations with you, they could hopefully find additional funding services. Get that lawn mowed, and we can still continue having wonderful intramurals.

**Chair Kennedy:** Was there an allocation made for additional funding for a position in Student Involvement?

**Chair Gardner:** No.

**Vice President Calvert:** Now, are there any additional questions, before we move into debate?

**Chair Kennedy:** As students we also pay an athletics fee, I am curious what the athletics fee covers.

**Jeff Schmitt:** Covers to fund intercollegiate athletics. You can ask Amy Robinson to come in and discuss that with you in future meetings.

**Vice President Calvert:** We are in questions. Now is the time to get your absolute most clarity. So, everyone is crystal and ready to make healthy points of debate? First point of the debate goes to the author.

**Chair Gardner:** Guys, the committee has made a lot of decisions that were ultimately in favor of the student body and university advancement. Activity and service fee can only be used to support the student body, and

hopefully the committee has made the decision to support the student body.

## **Debate**

**Vice President Calvert:** Any points of debate?

**Chair Kennedy:** I just wanted to preface this with no disrespect, and hopefully, in favor with our student organizations. In reviewing the information from last year and this year in regard to student organizations which is far below what other universities have done, and the money overall is going to larger departments. It may be time to reallocate some of that money in other organizations, and so that we can now move on to support our students and as our campus as a whole gets larger. I am debating in favor of not funding the 14k and some additional places to reallocate money to student organizations.

**Senator Rodgers:** I am going to debate in favor to agree on this budget. Three things (1) I don't believe that our students get enough money. This bill needs to be funded because at the end of the day students use that field, and I have friends out there that use those fields. I feel like we should call the question.

**Senator Rodgers:** I motion to call the question.

**Vice President Calvert:** Those in favor, please raise hands.

**Vice President Calvert:** Those opposed.

**Motion Fails**

**Vice President Calvert:** So, we are going to remain into debate. I think this is worthy of more debate.

**Senator Wilbur:** I would like to add to Chair Kennedy and Senator Rodgers to increase the ratio of student funds that are going to student organizations. We very poorly underfund student organizations, and however, I agree with Senator Rodgers that is a large undertaking. I think it should be made a priority to change that in the future.

**Senator Johnson:** I agree with them that it needs to be changed overtime. We do have a lot of departments that rely on activity and service fees.

**Chair Kennedy:** So, to add more, we gathered information here that recreation does generate revenue and it is a substantial amount of money, in excess of 250k and none of that money goes back to students.

**Senator Morrison:** If I am understanding correctly, the university students do not see other revenues that facilities get.

**Chair Kennedy:** Collecting revenue and for us, and collecting an excess, and certainly that revenue can be used to cut the grass for the intramural fields and seems like it should be included in the costs of that. And we need to make a larger impact on our students by giving money back to them, because this is not the best use of funds.

**Senator Morrison:** Yield my time to Jeff Schmitt and Brent to properly give Chair Kennedy context.

**Jeff Schmitt:** Context is money that we generate that you do not have to pay for and you still can use those services, and that is why we have to ask

for more money because we will not have the fieldhouse to generate revenue. My opinion is what we are talking about happens, and before we can raise activity and service fees at the state level, we will be unable to collect the money from elsewhere. The size of the pie is going to be roughly the same size, plus or minus, assuming that we generate the same amount of credit hours. The pie is dependent on credit hours, and if enrollment is going down, that is why we look at where we are going to be at this time of year? We generate money and give back to you all the services.

**Vice Chair Mettlach:** I yield my time to Chair Kennedy.

**Chair Kennedy:** I was not prepared. I still feel like there are areas we can give back to students. We amend the bill that money is reduced from cutting the grass directly to the students.

**Vice President Calvert:** Which line item?

**Chair Gardner:** One Time Funding for Field Maintenance. One Time Funding is exactly what it sounds like, you are only transferring it one time.

**Vice President Calvert:** One Time Funding would be dispersed.

**Angie Schiller:** I kinda work with the fees, and one time funding is just that, they get it one time and if you split it out, and that student org might get 5 more dollars or 10 more dollars and they do not get it again, it's just that, but moreover, typically we sweep tons of money because they do not

spend it, or their student organization goes inactive because they do not meet the criteria to be a registered student organization.

**Vice President Calvert:** Likely that the funds would be swept?

**Angie Schiller:** We are probably going to sweep 12k to 15k out of 63k that was allocated. We have already swept money from registered student organizations that went inactive.

**Senator Rodgers:** One, Senator Kennedy, I agree with you that the students need more money. I think the issue is you are not having enough student organizations being paid, and maybe we should dip into the reserves. This bill is 100% okay, and I think they need the funding for the field. The fieldhouse will be up again.

**Senator Pro Temp Gaytan:** We need to go back to Kennedy's motion.

**Chair Kennedy:** Reduce one-time funding to student organizations and that is my motion.

**Vice President Calvert:** Is there a second?

The motion fails.

**Senator Perkins:** There are opportunities for the organizations to get money during the semester like projects and travel grants, they can always come back to ask for money. I would like to debate in favor of passing the bill.

**Vice President Calvert:** Is there any further debate for Bill XV?

**Vice President Calvert:** Seeing no further debate, we will now move into a vote for the 20-21 Budget bill.



**Vote**

No: 3

Abstention: 0

**Second Reading of 19-20 Bill XV Passes**

**Vice President Calvert:** The bill passes. Love that. Bye to the bill, I am not looking at this again.

**Chair Kennedy motion for a 5-Minute recess.**

**Seconded by Senator Morrison**

**The Ayes Have It**

**Motion Passes**

**19-20 Bill VIII Authored by Chair Kennedy**

**Question**

**Debate**

**Chair Kennedy:** I would like to table my bill.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan Point of Clarification:** Which bill? When making a motion you have to be clear.

**Chair Kennedy:** It has been brought to my attention that there needs to be some serious changes. So, I will like to table my bill indefinitely until the next senate. I think that is what I'm trying to do.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan Point of Information:** Would you like to table it definitely or indefinitely? As there is a difference between the two, postponing definitely will allow you to bring it again at the next senate.

**Chair Kennedy motioned to table Bill VIII Definitely to the next senate until after Spring Break.**

**Seconded by Senator Baptiste**

**Vote**

The Ayes have it

**Movement Passes**

**19-20 Bill IX Authored by Chair Kennedy**

**Vice President Calvert:** Y'all cannot even front, Bill Nye is the best educational programming ever.

**Vice President Calvert:** Sorry I got off the rails.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** Stop the side chatter. This is the second reading for Bill IX for budget transparency act.

**Chair Kennedy:** So, alright, sorry I appreciate you being patient. This is the second reading of the bill, and this is after all of your recommendations from the senate. Chair Kennedy reads the amendments in the bill.

**Question**

**Senator Grant:** 1202.04 What does it mean with an unofficial vs. official meeting?

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** Would you like it to say official meeting? The last thing that was stated was an unofficial meeting.

**Senator Wilbur:** 1202.05 There needs to be a change to the language made with the quorum.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** That is exactly what you all said, and these are the amendments that you all had made.

**Senator Morrison:** Could you remind us with the intent of the bill?

**Chair Kennedy:** It more clearly defines that we are not going to make any decisions without having an official meeting. So, that we have minutes that are taken and with records that we can be accountable for our actions. There was really no ill intent.

**Chair Bare:** So, if an official meeting is a meeting with quorum then why do we need 1202.04?

**Chair Kennedy:** It specifies with specific language regarding summer session votes.

**Chair Gardner:** As 1202.04 reads, the budget and allocation shall only take summer session votes by email and can you tell me that that means only email votes?

**Chair Kennedy:** I think that you guys should have the option to take them by email, and that is certainly okay, and I think we should keep it standard with your student email rather than personal email addresses.

**Chair Miller:** Is it true that the budget committee is working on the A&S manual?

**Chair Gardner:** Yes, that is true.

**Vice President Calvert:** So, everyone is crystal on this debate?

**Senator Morrison:** Did anyone look through the statues and whatever the definition is for an official meeting, and where it defines that?

**Vice President Calvert:** Ruben is looking through. How did y'all conduct the summer email votes, and that was the most convenient one? Would it not be better to say may instead of shall?

**Chief of Staff Negron:** We talked about it a couple senates ago, and nowhere in the statues does it define where an official meeting is.

**Vice President Calvert:** Can someone make a note of that and we need to change that?

**Senator Perkins:** We are still in questions, right? I know this bill and the bill is in regard to the budget committee and can the budget committee comment on their thoughts?

**Vice President Calvert:** That is usually what debate is for. Any other questions before debate?

## **Debate**

**Chair Kennedy:** I would like to amend my bill and make a motion to read “no decisions should be made outside of an official meeting and the

budget and allocations committee may take summer session votes by email” and the rest of it remains the same.

**Chair Kennedy:** Does it have to be a separate one?

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** You can amend the paragraph by saying you are motioning to strike out and insert this.

**Chair Kennedy:** I would like for us to say that first and fix the second part second. I would like it to say the budget committee may take summer session email votes.

**Seconded by Senator Morrison**

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Debate

**Chair Kennedy:** I think it is wonderful.

**Vice President Calvert:** Good one.

**Chief of Staff Negron:** Point of inquiry this goes to Chair

Kennedy, do you think it would make more sense to strike out: the budget allocations committee may take votes by email and not limit them just to summer sessions because

things can get crazy, do you think it would be beneficial to amend it to just not over the summer but all year round

**Chair Kennedy:** Can I add that to my amendment? I agree that it is a wonderful suggestion, so we can limit our confusion and someone else motions the summer session so that they cannot just take it by email.

**Vice President Calvert:** Additional debate? There being none, we will now move into a vote.

**Vote**

No:3

Abstention:0

**Motion Passes**

**Senator Morrison:** I move to strike out the summer session.

**Vice President Calvert:** Sir, hold on. I want to wait until everyone can read it. Can we get a lazy river?

**Chair Miller:** Just to confirm we are in debate for the bill as a whole. I think that the spirit of this bill is good, and I think it is important that we address this issue, and this bill was made in response to the ad hoc committee to their recommendations. But I think unfortunately the author of this bill is no longer here, and God bless his heart, but I do not think he wrote the bill very well. I think it would be best to work with the budget committee and create good revisions to the bill and there is a lot more that needs to be done, and I think we should move and wait for that bill and I think we can have more concrete and effective work. I do not think we should pass it, I think we should wait.

**McKenna Hoffman point of privilege**

**Senator Morrison motioned to strike out *summer session and only*.**

Seconded by **Senator Wilbur**

**McKenna Hoffman returned**

**Vice President Calvert:** No debate for amendment. We will now move into a vote.

**Vote**

No: 0

Abstention: 0

**Motion Passes**

**Senator Wilbur:** I move to strikeout, out without in 1202.05 I think the intent is that the meetings should have quorum.

**Seconded by Vice Chair Mettlach**

**Debate**

**Vote**

No: 0

Abstention: 0

**Motion Passes**

**Chair Gardner:** I call to previous question.

**Seconded by Chair Miller**

**Vote**

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

**Motion Passes**

**Chief of Staff Negron:** Point of information. As the bill stands, we are missing the definition inside the official meeting and nowhere in the statutes would there need to be minutes taken.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** We have to go straight into a vote due to the motion to call the question. And it passes. No amendments can be made at this time.

**Chair Kennedy:** He is absolutely right, and there is no reason to not vote on this because you guys are senators and can write a bill to change that.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** You are now about to vote on the bill as it please refer to the board to see the changes that were made.

**Senator Wilbur:** Just to clarify, the un was struck out in the unofficial meeting, and should read as official meeting.

**Vote**

No: 10

Abstentions: 0

**Second Reading Fails**

**19-20 Bill X Authored by Chair Kennedy**

**Chair Kennedy:** The next bill is mine, and I motion to table Bill X definitely until the next senate.

**Seconded by Senator Baptiste**

**The Ayes have it**

**Motion Passes**



**19-20 Bill XIV Authored by Director of Internal Affairs Lyons, Sponsor Senator**

**Perkins**

**Questions**

**Director of Internal Governmental Affairs Lyons:** Chapter 207.01, 207.02 and the responsibilities for the office and changing state to elective and in subsection H assist the president and other staff with regards to speechwriting, presentation creation, project research that would help support good external relations. Subsection A, striking and adding E serve as the primary liaison in collaborative efforts and fixing lettering, and changing the title once more and adjusting the stipend and then 7.04 and changing the title once more, and striking one more, changing title, and changing to report directly to external relations and changing stipend for coordinator.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan Point of Information:** We passed the first reading already.

**Chair Gardner:** I had a question and the lettering is off, I do not if this is technical and that is a grammatical thing that Gaytan can fix.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** I can adjust the lettering without the need of an amendment.

**Senator Morrison:** Is there a reason why the person is reporting to the SGA advisor instead of chief of staff?

**Director of Internal Governmental Affairs Lyons:** Supervisor of elections answers to the advisor each year, and given that is the

real arrangement, I wanted the statutes to reflect that. That is something that already exists based on de facto.

**Senator Wilbur:** I think the lettering is still incorrect.

**Senator Tran:** Primary liaison that is anything outside of SGA, does that include asking for collaboration? Does that serve after the primary discussion has been made, would student affairs have to go through this position too?

**Director of Internal Governmental Affairs Lyons:** The intent is not for internal relations that relate to the University, but rather we had an initiative to have an after party after homecoming that is externally focused, like going downtown. May assign projects that they pertain to community relations.

**Chief of Staff Negron:** Point of information is that there is one thing missing in 207.01 we should update the language there.

**Director of Internal Governmental Affairs Lyons:** Governmental affairs being changed to external relations is to give it a broader mandate instead. We often found there were more things to get accomplished. I, as an internal affair, would be given local lobbying. This change would allow for broader things to get accomplished. The point would be that this person would be the go-to researcher and I need you to find statistics on childhood homelessness, and making flashy presentations, just general clerical tasks to assist the president. We found that 16 hours of office hours was too much, with that in mind, we decided that we need to do less

hours and that is reflected in the stipends. The reason this was changed previously is to split the old stipend into internal and external affairs. I believe that is it.

### **Debate**

Chair Miller left, and he did not ask for a point of privilege.

**Senator Morrison:** I move to change...

**Chief of Staff Negrón:** 204.01 subsection A

**Senator Morrison:** I move to change 204.01 subsection A

**Seconded by Vice Chair Rau**

**Debate**

**Director of Internal Governmental Affairs Lyons:** The

reason there would only be a director, and so the goal would be, and only one person in this program area is

reporting up, so there is one less one on one that the chief

of staff would need to do. Only the director would be in the cabinet.

**Senator Morrison:** I would like to yield to Chief of Staff Negrón.

**Chief of Staff Negrón:** 204.01 to keep consistency within the statutes

**Director of Internal Governmental Affairs Lyons:** We need to update it to reflect the cabinet.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** Point of clarification: what should we change?

**Chief of Staff Negron:** Take 204.01 and put into this bill as an amendment to add more wording to it.

**Senator Wilbur:** How is your day Vice President Calvert?

**Vice President Calvert:** It's a day.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** I will have to type it out because this computer does not have copy and paste capabilities.

Chair Kennedy point of privilege

**Senator Wilbur:** Can you sing while you wait for us?

**Vice President Calvert:** I have the ability to sing.

President Johnson can sing very well.

**Senator Wilbur:** President Johnson will you sing?

**Vice President Calvert:** Elena is a part of UWF singers, she can sing. Keyshawn can sing too and brought the house down with Bohemian Rhapsody.

**Senator Wilbur:** Could you direct a question to Senator Rodgers?

**Senator Rodgers:** I know 75% of the song, and I will need lyrics.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** The amendment is seconded and after you guys debate on this, you will move into a vote.

**Senator Wilbur:** It causes no fiscal impact, and I think it is up to presidential discretion and it was an experiment.

**Vice President Calvert:** We are not voting. We are debating the amendment. Please look at the updated version.

**Vote**

No: 0

Abstention: 0

**Motion Passes**

**Chair Kennedy and Chair Miller returned**

**Chair Miller:** So, I mean the Director of External Affairs position is new this year.

**Director of Internal Governmental Affairs Lyons:** Point of information, two years ago there was a director of governmental affairs and put two people into positions when Johnson came in, and then we have moved it to optimize the experience and now there is a subordinate.

**Chair Miller:** I would not call it a trial position by any means, and now we know what we want, and I think it is important that we make these adjustments to define, and now it is important to make adjustments as

these positions take on more responsibility and I am down. Thank you so much for your work on this.

**Senator Milor:** For your legislative intent, and so now that is not the same exact thing that is happening now. I would make a motion to strikeout Office of Governmental Affairs.

**Jenny Hamilton:** Legislative intent is not a part of the bill, so that part will go away.

**Senator Wilbur:** The legislative intent was actually a full page, and the previous proposal of the bill had an entire essay that very thoroughly went through it

**Director of Internal Governmental Affairs Lyons:** I will meet with Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan later to clarify it.

**Vice President Calvert:** We will now move into a vote being no debate.

**Vote**

No: 2

Abstention: 0

**Seconding Reading Passes**

**19-20 RS IX Authored by Chair Miller**

**Question**

**Debate**

**Vice Chair Mettlach:** Frankly, we came up through these five through debate.

**Chair Miller:** Feel free to ask any questions. The committee I lead worked hard on it. These are the professors that we believe are deserving, however, feel free to change it if you feel like these professors have wronged you.

**Vice President Calvert:** No further debate, we now move into a vote.

**Vote**

No: 2

Abstention: 0

**First Reading Passes**

**Chair Gardner** motioned for a second reading.

**Seconded by Senator Morrison**

**Debate**

**Vote**

No: 1

Abstention: 0

**Motion Passes**

**19-20 Bill VI Authored by Senator Arnold**

**Questions**

**Senator Arnold:** So, for this bill, the only amendment made is that the chairperson shall appoint a vice chair instead of may appoint a vice chair.

**Vice President Calvert:** Any questions? No questions. First point of debate goes to the author.

**Senator Arnold:** This is just a precursor to the vice chair bill, and because they are paid positions, and this is an opportunity for them not to get appointed, it should be mandatory that they are appointed.

**Debate**

**Vote**

No: 2

Abstention: 1

**First Reading Passes**

**Chair Gardner motions for a Second reading**

**Seconded by Vice Chair Rau**

**Motion Passes**

**Debate**

**Vote**

No: 1

Abstentions: 0

**Second Reading Passes**

**19-20 Bill XVII Authored by Senator Arnold**

**Questions**

**Senator Arnold:** An academic college refers to the current college that a student holds an academic major in. This statute will take effect in the 2020 Student Body Elections during the Spring Semester. All senators who filed under a minor will be moved without having to refile again.



**President Johnson:** What made you file this bill?

**Senator Arnold:** I noticed that Alby Clendennin was on the CEPS part of the college and I inquired with the elections commissioner and they do see a flaw in it, but they wanted to change it next year. It was not a student representation of a student should be representative within that college.

**President Johnson:** So, are the last two sentences included so that person could not be moved?

**Vice President Calvert:** He would be moved to the college he belongs to.

**Chair Gardner point of privilege**

**Ria Davis:** Why do you feel this bill should be made? You would be excluding a person from running because of their minor. Why cannot they run under the minor?

**Senator Arnold:** Why? My personal opinion is because we take classes in our college and we interact with students in our college, and because it is important to interact with students and I do not know how you sit in this senate with the college if you are not even a part of that college because you are not going to know the issues of that college.

**Chair Miller:** To my understanding, this is supposed to take effect as soon as the second reading passes?

**Senator Arnold:** Yes.

**Senator Perkins:** Some minors have more than 12 credit hours?

**Senator Arnold:** There are a lot of minors across colleges where you could fulfill in one or two semesters.

**Chair Gardner returned**

**Senator Wilbur:** Due to multiple points of interest, I will abstain from this bill.

**Chair Kennedy:** Is the intent to essentially say will it give everyone a fair chance of running?

**Senator Arnold:** It is a way to put people's major representing their college. You would have to have some sort of major within that college and so the seats are fair to everyone.

**Senator Perkins:** Is there a current statute for people that have dual majors?

**Vice President Calvert:** No, he is wanting to change that there needs to be a major assigned.

**Chair Miller:** I want to be nice. Senator Perkins, for me, I am dual majoring in CEPS and CASSH, and for this upcoming year, I chose one or the other and that is just what I did. Theoretically, I could also run under CASSH if I so chose to. But this person, both of his majors are in CASSH. I am not arguing, I would just like to let everyone know.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** Do they get assigned where they are going if they have two majors or a minor?

**Vice President Calvert:** You pick what you get to file under when you file.

**Jenny Hamilton:** The student self-selects and verify that they are into that college, and I believe that this applies to more than one person. I would like to caution you to not go against one person.

**President Johnson:** How many people would it affect?

**Jenny Hamilton:** I believe 2 or 3

**Senator Arnold:** This is kind of impossible that we would only allow them to run under a certain major, and if you are under dual major, select which college you want to be under.

**Debate**

**Senator Arnold:** I wrote this bill because of Alby Clendennin because I have ran in elections the past 3 years and I have seen the election process, and it's because if you are representing the students, you need to represent the college and the college you spend your time in and for a long enough time where you can represent the college. I filed a Supreme Court case, and I called the Elections Commission, and I changed it seconds ago to say 2020 and I would rather the bill fail then for it to pass and me feel horrible that we let people go on things that I consider unruly morals considering on people moving. I know that Alby moved because it is less contested, and to me that is wrong, and that is not what we stand for.

**Vice President Calvert:** It never came to the elections commission.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** I would like to note that the Elections Commission is working on reviewing the statutes. With that said title 10 is written in our statutes to prevent members of the Senate from using their position to benefit themselves and I believe that is what is happening here. The author of this bill made attacks and personally named Alby Clendennin as the reason he was making this bill.

**Senator Arnold:** I would argue that Alby Clendennin is under the code of ethics for a reason that he wanted to run under an uncontested college and for my own code of ethics, this has nothing to do with me. So, that does not really matter to me. I would argue that though he is not a student government member right now, he is still under the election process and because I contacted Jarred and I asked him that he would update after. The other point gives them two days to run in another college, and voting starts on Monday. Now, we have to run in a contested college where Alby had weeks to run in an uncontested college.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** The sheet was not updated on-time and unfortunately, that is why the students were not informed.

**Chair Gardner:** I believe that you cut him off.

**Senator Arnold:** Alby did file on that Friday and he refiled under CEPS and we were not made aware of this process, and that is their job to post that information as soon as they are made aware and a lot of statutes were broken that the elections commission and now that the elections should

address and see what to do from now because it is not fair to anyone running.

**Chair Miller:** It is unfortunate how this has to go down, clearly, Senator Arnold has used due diligence and reaching out to the election commission and supreme court and it seems like he did not want it to come here. I am a CEPS senator and my personal stake is I want members of that college to represent. If I were to minor in nursing, it would not qualify me to properly and adequately represent them through all the blood and IV injections they have to go through. I feel like I have been studying legal studies for three years, and I have interacted with professors and I have gotten my job through CEPs. My friends are CEPs and I am there and listening to them. I hate that this was made about Alby, and it would be really unfortunate that both of his majors are not in CEPs and they would come in here and think they could represent my college. They can't properly represent the CEPs and it is unfortunate that this is right before elections, but it needs to be done right now. Someone who is not a part of this college will not get a seat, it is possible that a person might not be able to represent our college. It is unfortunate, but it is right and ethical and has no stake in it besides 12 credit hours. My time that I have spent there in three years. We can still be friends, and I am passionate about CEPs and I do a way better job than someone who is not even a part of this college and that is my debate. I know that Matthew Arnold and I have stood and made sure of this.

**President Johnson:** I would not allow it to go immediately because students will see this on the internet. Just because you are not a part of that demographic, I do not think it is fair or right to write legislation that personally penalizes someone. It is because there is a reason that there is a balance of powers, and if the people put in a place, you cannot break a rule that is not there for when students. I think it is disgusting to say that a student should not be allowed to run in the senate because I personally do not like it. Y'all should vote and make it take effect next semester and decided to amend the election statutes, so it did not disqualify for the election. So, really put yourself in the shoes of their students and that they were wrong, and they cannot represent them. I think this is bullying, and you do not need to make an example out of someone to say something in power. I am about to go, and I would hate to see the culture change and I am going to sit down because I am really ticked off.

**Senator Morrison:** I definitely agree with President Johnson that this should not take effect now because it is so close to elections and yes, CEPS should have been notified earlier that they were going to be in a contested race, however, it is just so close to election time and it starts Monday, and it would not give whoever all the people the transition to their major college and proper time and let other their ads and campaigns reflect. So, students could miss out voting on a qualified person because they thought that someone would be in a different college and also, I personally believe that later, not right now, taking effect next year, the

academic college should refer to one's major. I do not feel like I adequately and accurately represent someone if I had a minor in that college and I do not think that minors require so few credit hours and that anyone would be equipped to quite represent that college as well as a college their major falls under. This puts us in a sticky situation, and I think it should take place next year.

**Ria:** So, I agree with President Johnson and Senator Morrison, I feel like the intent behind this bill is malicious. And watching Alby walk out of this room, does not mean that he cannot adequately represent students. Parking analogy, Alby is not here, and you guys blocked him, and now it is being blocked again, and it is malicious, it is not you saying what is best for your students, it is you putting your own personal agenda. If you are serious about becoming a senator, you should run as if it is being contested.

Period. Too bad, you need to try harder and run more, and y'all get what I mean. I think this is important, and the timeline is completely malicious, and it is an attack on my character because it is malicious.

**Vice Chair Mettlach:** I am neutral about this bill, I believe it's the right thing, wrong time. I believe Alby's minor has 18 to 20 credit hours, so, I think that my opinion is it should be taken on a case to case basis and based on the elections commission, and I know that each minor is different than one another and some minors have different credit hours, and I think it should be dependent on the elections commission. So, again, I think we all know that Alby is not your favorite person, he should still be qualified

to run if he so happened to find that technicality, if you could call it that.

All in all, I think it should depend

**Chair Miller:** This bill would not be blocking anyone from running at all, so it would not prevent them from running, it would be placing them in their correct college.

**Vice President Calvert:** They are not getting kicked out.

**Chair Gardner:** Problem is advertising, not them switching college.

**Senator Morrison:** Senator Arnold is out of points of debate.

**Chair Bare:** I move to make a motion of a block amendment. I want to amend 2020 to 2021. I would like to strike out the whole sentence of “All senators who filed under a minor will be moved without having to refile again.”

**Director of Internal Governmental Affairs Lyons:** In the election’s statutes, it says that you cannot make changes regarding filing.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan Point of Information:** Actually, it says You cannot make changes 4 weeks prior filing, and any time after that you can

**Director of Internal Governmental Affairs Lyons:** I may be mistaken, and that amendments made do not affect.

**Jenny Hamilton:** The language does not represent the spirit of the statute and the candidates have been presented these current statutes and any changes need to be made four weeks prior. I understand there is a loophole currently, however, the language does not represent the spirit.



**Chair Bare motioned to make a block amendment to amend 2020 to 2021 and strike out the whole sentence of “All senators who filed under a minor will be moved without having to refile again.”**

**Seconded by Senator Milor**

**Debate**

**Senator Arnold:** I am against this amendment, I brought up Alby in terms of this bill and this is the only person I know that was switching over and Alby was the only one that moved over. I do not know him personally, and when I stood up here, and was running against Pro Temp Gaytan and people brought up my record and I have changed. I thought that Alby was going for things for ego and not for the student body, I do not know about the other people moving around and I know that he said he was moving for a less contested race. I would rather this senate fail, and the election commission and I feel personally disgusted that I went to elections commission and supreme court in terms of legislation that is controversial and that I was not responded back and that is my personal disgust to represent these students on the floor and the supreme court in an unbiased decision. I think it's disgusting that we were informed late, and we do not want to change this amendment, and I still run my campaign when it is

contested or not. Some senators that may have thought they were running uncontested, and that is unfair to them, and I think it is unfair to you all.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** You are out of your points of debate.

Senator Arnold walk ou

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** I understand that he is frustrated but we have to follow what our statues say.

**President Johnson:** I think you all need to understand that Vice President Calvert is in charge of the senate.

**Senator Williams:** I debate in favor, I believe that it keeps the spirit of the bill, but it does not affect people here.

**Senator Morrison:** Those people were notified late in CEPS and these people would be notified even later, and also, Williams it keeps the spirit of what we want to change without harming other people's campaign.

**Chair Bare:** I debate in favor of this amendment, they did find a loophole and it is our loophole to fix and not to enforce it on people, and we need to own up on our mistakes.

**Chair Miller Point of Inquiry:** I think it is important that we understand if there are two points of debate. I understand how everyone feels, and Matthew Arnold and I

care about our college and his cry of outrage is because he cares. I am indifferent, I am not really worried about getting in, please call me out if I do not get in, and we care about what is going on. It would be called CEPS because I know because I talk to my advisers. I see where y'all are coming from, and it seems unfair and it would affect multiple people, so, it seems that the consensus is to make sure it takes effect in 2021. I will not be upset, hopefully, we can update him about getting him informed about what is going on. Matthew Arnold and I want the best for our college and if this does not happen, "it is what it is." This is business, and it is not personal. Business not personal, thank you.

**Senator Rodgers:** I am going to debate against the amendment, I do not know the kid but at the end of the day, your college is here to represent the senate. Half those kids were not in the CASSH college that signed my endorsement sheet, my college pretty sure is contested, and I think it would. I am trying to tell y'all the college issue does not matter, and I am pretty sure we did not campaign for college. I would like to make a motion or call to question, odds are. It does not matter, I call this to question.

**Senator Rodgers motioned to call the questions**

**Seconded by Senator Morrison**

**Vice President Calvert:** Vote on call to question passes. Now, you are voting on Chair Bare's amendment.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** Senator Rodgers motioned to call the question to end debate on Chair Bare's amendment, so now you are voting to end debate on Chair Bare's amendment.

**Vote**

No: 1

Abstention: 0

**Motion Passes**

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan Point of Information:** The

motion to end debate on the amendment passed, we will not be voting on Chair Bare's motion to make his amendment

**Vote**

No: 4

Yes: 1

**Motion Passes**

**Senator Rodgers motioned to call to question on the bill as a whole.**

**Seconded by Chair Miller**

**Vote**

No: 6

Abstention: 1

**Motion Failed**

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan Point of Information:** The motion and debate on the bill failed and now we are back in debate.

**Chair Kennedy:** Are y'all going to put it up there with the amendments? This is a good bill that really goes into effect with no ill intent, and many of you agree that you say that you should represent your major. Good on them for figuring out the loophole and sets us where we need to be. I encourage you to vote it in and pass it.

**Senator Grant:** Honestly, I do not think it would be done if there was not personal affliction against Alby. I am voting in favor of the bill as it reads now because it sets it for the future. I think the debate should be over. This is just business.

**Chair Miller:** What does that mean?

**Senator Grant:** If you only want to do business, you need to be in favor of this bill.

**Senator Tran:** I feel like this is a valid bill, and this is a preventative measure moving forward. I think the loophole was found, and moving

forward, and it sets the tone for the upcoming elections that are happening in the future.

**Vice President Calvert:** No further debate, we will now move into a vote.

**Vote**

No: 4

Abstention: 0

**First Reading Passes**

**Chair Kennedy motioned for a second reading.**

**Seconded by Senator Morrison**

**Vice President Calvert:** First point of debate goes to the author.

**Debate**

**Chair Miller:** I would prefer it originally, but as it currently stands it is fine.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** You are at your points of debate.

**Chair Miller:** I believe you, but I think we should look into that because it seems wonky.

**Vice President Calvert:** No more debate, we will now move into a vote.

**Vote**

No: 4

Abstention: 0

**Second Reading Passes**

## 19-20 Bill XVIII Authored by Senator Arnold

### Questions

**Chair Kennedy:** Does this apply to any student organization?

**Chair Gardner:** This applies to students.

**Chair Kennedy:** If Student Nursing Association applies for a grant, then the organization only exceeds 700 dollars for the fiscal year.

**Chief of Staff Negron:** This is meant for people who do not have an annual budget and students who think of projects.

**Director of Internal Governmental Affairs Lyons:** Does this not affect departments?

**Senator Arnold:** Departments do special funding requests.

**Senator Rodgers point of privilege.**

**Senator Wilbur:** May I ask what the original statute language was? I believe there is an error in statutes because the online is different from what is being presented to us right now.

**Vice President Calvert:** Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan is finding it for you.

**Senator Wilbur:** The language change is what I am referring to. I am trying to clarify.

**Chair Gardner:** It is not supposed to be shall, it should say “one should not exceed.”

**Senator Wilbur:** One of those applications may not exceed 500?

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** You must be called on before speaking.

## Debate

**Senator Arnold:** No points of debate.

**Chief of Staff Negron:** Can we alter the grammar? Organizations may...

**Senator Morrison:** Point of inquiry, organizations that receive no more than fiscal year, as to not

**Chief of Staff Negron:** It might be more concise to say that organizations...

**Chair Gardner:** It is better off for people that we have the capability to give organizations more than 700 dollars because it says may.

**Senator Rodgers:** What is the point of the whole thing?

**Senator Morrison:** So, the intent of this bill is that our baseline is 500 and so, when we look at organizations for annual budget season, we have in previous years, we would want our new baseline to be 700, so it would give students the opportunity to do more stuff and we can give ourselves the cap and wiggle room to do less

**Chief of Staff Negron:** Can you confirm that you cannot allocate for more than 500 dollars right now? Shall is implied in this section correct.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** May and shall, shall is you must, may, you get to have wiggle room.

**Senator Morrison:** Allows only 1 of the times to exceed 500, allowing the may, it allows us overall to give them more than 500.

Vice Chair Rau point of privilege



**Chair Kennedy:** I am really indifferent, and I want to say that and if you guys want to make changes to the statutes, y'all use that time to change to you want to change. This should not be the first time you read thus.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** Do you have a point of debate in regard to this bill Chair Kennedy?

**Jenny Hamilton:** Clarification is that in 2013-2014 they struck out the aggregate sum that the shall will receive and made it not to exceed 3,000 for the year. The intent of this line is that it may give the committee flexibility, so if an organization needs more than the cap, they are able to, but this sets the standard and the committee. We have not gone over the 500 this year?

**Chair Gardner:** We have done it once.

Madeleine Markham point of personal privilege

**Vice President Calvert:** Any more debate on this bill? There being no debate, we will now move into a vote. Kayla please come vote.

McKenna Hoffman and Vice Chair Rau are back.

**Vote**

No: 1

Abstention: 2

**First Reading Passes**

**Senator Morrison** motioned for second reading.

**Seconded by Chair Gardner**

**Debate**

**Chief of Staff Negron:** I implore you to think of the wording, and I do not see a point with the cap. I think this legislation is contradictory as it stands. I understand that it does not technically say shall. To me as a person that interprets legislation, you cannot go over 500, and I do not see the point of giving someone.

**Chair Gardner:** As the current budget chair, I see that it is important to leave things open for a reason, so that students can use the money.

**Senator Rodgers:** He is not saying anything is wrong, and there is no point in it because you can give as much money as you want, and you can give how much money. If you are not going to -put a limit on it, it is useless.

**Director of Internal Governmental Affairs Lyons:** With the ad hoc committee, one of the recommendations was that if any money or a threshold should be presented to the senate? Did that ever come to legislation

**Chief of Staff Negron:** It was never changed into anything.

Senator Wilbur: Can we have the recommendations pulled up from the ad hoc committee?

Senator Williams with the point of personal privilege.

**President Johnson:** The recommendations of the ad hoc committee are not relevant to this discussion as this does not really

apply to special funding requests. This is a completely different process.

**Chief of Staff Negron:** Spirit of project grant, not provide annual funding, that would fall more into the spirit of the special funding request and if you are going to set out a cap, I think the cap should be a special number.

**Senator Morrison:** Intent of this was so that the budget committee if they felt necessary, any organization that needed a little bit of a boost, as we felt this year, one organization needed 35 dollars more than what the baseline cap is, this is not to allow organizations to get thousands upon thousands of dollars more. It is strictly saying that if they are going over it, that it is okay if they go over a smidgen.

**Chair Gardner** motioned *shall* instead of *may*.

**Vice President Calvert:** The amendment passes.

**Chair Gardner:** I want the people to come to be honest.

**Senator Tran:** I would like to add to that to increase to 700. The shall is a good idea because they were only able to go over the 500 once.

**Senator Morrison:** Was it stated that you wanted to increase 700 dollars as well?

**Senator Tran:** As the amendment stands right now, I think that

the cap is good, and the increase is even better, and it gives wiggle room.

**Senator Rodgers:** With the amendment, I would like to call this bill to question.

**Seconded by Senator Wilbur**

**Senator Perkins:** yields time to Senator Morrison

**Senator Morrison:** I am in favor of this shall, I still

believe that we should have the opportunity if need be for

the small instances and needs 10 or 20 dollars more. I know this will benefit so many students.

**Vice President Calvert:** No further debate, we will now vote on this bill.

**Vote**

No: 0

Abstention: 1

**Second Reading Passes**

### **Executive Addresses**

**President Johnson:** Working closely with Dr. Manassah to increase diversity on campus and wants to have a sit-down conversation with people to hire new people and their practices. Want students to feel comfortable. If you are interested, please let Chief of Staff Negron know. Also, NCUR is happening and there will be more meetings in the future and yes, she wants to show off the Pensacola flair.

**Chief of Staff Negron:** 38K is back into the original account that it is from and now that transfer will see through the budget committee and waiting to see some purchase orders and waiting for that.

**Vice President Calvert:** Student Affairs combination with Mental Health Week and free food and free handouts and I am sure Vice Chair Larkin and Chair Kennedy and I think a good number of bills. We have been running kind of long, and if you guys are leaving for uncool reasons and that is a huge disrespect to the people you are representing. This is your job. Change your plans to make sure that you are able to be here in the senate. I will not be here Thursday and Friday next week. I think Kit and I are going to order the t-shirts for the t-shirts swap. If you can think of ways to make t-shirt swap more interactive, let me know. The Safety and Disability walk is happening very soon, and so let's send a little prayer that bipolar Florida wants to bless us with 72-degree weather.

### Legislative Addresses

**Chair Gardner:** Thank you for passing the bill, however, we are working to revise A&S manual and please send recommendations our way.

**Vice Chair Mettlach:** I hope you had a wonderful night. DTA is finished now. DSA is coming up in the next couple of weeks. Have a fabulous weekend.

**Chair Kennedy:** We are coming into elections, and please make this a good event.

March 16th - March 20th, we have a signup sheet for the event on Friday. So, it is coming up on us fast and it can show what it looks like for all of our students. Friday is primarily focused on student organizations and students and we want to bring out and show our support for all of our students. We are going to have some sweet food.

**Senator Morrison:** Could we get calendar invites?

**Chair Bare:** We got our shirts. We want to do an environmental sustainability event and table on Monday from 11-1 on March 30th and turn k cups into compost and give out succulents. We want to go to Starbucks and do some sustainability efforts. I yield my time to McKenna.

**McKenna Hoffman:** I met with OED and I will be meeting with Jade Ortiz to make this event come to life. If you have any ideas, please let me know.

**Ria Davis:** A real one has been going through it, does not mean I do not care about this project. Y'all say you want to help. It has been crickets since then because we need help.

**Vice Chair Mettlach:** We have minutes so never mind.

**Senator Johnson:** Can we get the calendar invites too?

**McKenna Hoffman:** We have not chosen a date yet. We are hoping for it to be around diversity week.

**Vice President Calvert:** Wrong report.

**Chair Gardner:** Good job senate.

**Senator Wilbur:** Ria and Jade, I love your fashion. Looking fresh, Ruben.

**Senator Morrison:** Shout out Freshmen Committee, hope you are senators.

### **Cabinet Addresses**

**Director of Communications Lamungkun:** Sorry about the minutes. If you have the virus, please stay away.

**Director of Internal Governmental Affairs Lyons:** Exploit the people. Rally in tally. Andrew Gillum helps us out with the announcement. Hashtags, I do not know if y'all follow the red trending with education, it was a big thing. #foodforthought

**Director of Diversity Initiatives Ortiz:** March 23rd - 27th and working with Ria and McKenna and that will probably be the first event that I do, and I want to do a sexual assault awareness event with CAPS and I will be reaching out to my committee. Tabling ideas and I want to make an impact and leave something for the next DODI to follow.

### Closing Announcements

**McKenna Hoffman:** Relay team meeting and free Foosackleys on Monday, thank you to Vice President Calvert and thank you to Director Lamungkun

**Elena Patterson:** UWF Singers, we have a huge concert on Tuesday

**Ria Davis:** Programing coordinator for Heritage Hall, y'all can still pull through and if this flop, I am dropping out March 5th at 5 o'clock, drop top

**Senator Rodgers:** CAB is coming back with Field Day and being a kid all over again, come thru.

**Senator Wilbur:** Grad fair 3rd and 4th, alumni foundation is making annual emails and phone calls to give up your money to them, and you can choose to make it in honor or memory of someone.

**Vice Chair Mettlach:** Apparently the music programs just got 150k so yay and also active minds yay.

**Mia Montenegro:** You can give \$20.20 to specific organizations and the etiquette dinner is next Monday. Woo ambassadors.

**Jenny Hamilton:** CAB and Homecoming applications close on March 6th. Y'all need to come to the senate. Also, Student Leadership Awards April 15th 6 - 8 PM.

**Senator Tran:** March 19th, 2021 women in leadership: great experience and buffet and best part about this and this keynote speaker said "Do not fear failure but please be terrified of regret. No matter how many times the door gets slammed in the face, you never let go of that doorknob."

**Senator Wilbur:** NASA scientist died and some space movie that was really awesome

**Senator Arnold:** Letter to the University about my past year in 2019, in that letter I talked about my mental health problems and Arianna Moore passing away. I just wanted to reiterate that if you see anybody or know anybody that is distant and seeing alone in an area and always talk to someone. I stopped going to class, and I did not want to leave my room and I quit my job. I shut down and I called campus police and actually were extremely rude to me on the phone and they realized that I did not have a disability and that I could not find the officer. During those couple weeks, and those people were right, and I am not unfamiliar to the statistic of students that commit suicide. Having Mastro was helpful, I would have been dead, and I would not have come back here, and there are people out here that are going through these things right now and I sat in bed and I had different things on the side of my bed and there were a lot of factors why I did not. But I do not think a lot of people have the light, and Arianna Moore represented an Argonaut and I still miss her. There is a sense of community on campus and doing the right thing, and where she was unhappy, she would always smile and give someone a wave and make



someone else's day better and remember that when you're going through life. Thanks everybody for everything. I do love all of you guys and I think this is the most important room as we make decisions that affect students on this campus. I think congratulations to everyone and thank you.

### **Public Statements**

### **Final Roll Call**

Present: 17

Absent: 4

### **Senator Morrison Motioned for Adjournment**

Seconded by **Chair Kennedy**

**Adjourned at 6:52 PM.**

