



## **SENATE**

**February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Present: 16

Absent: 3

**Adoption of the Agenda**

**Chair Miller move to add University Vice-Chair to February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Agenda**

Seconded by Chair Gardner

**Movement Passes**

**Senate Pro Temp Gaytan move to add a quick presentation right before appointments**

Seconded by Chair Gardner

**Movement Passes**

**Chair Miller move to move Bill XI to the front of New Business**

Seconded by Senator Mettlach

**Movement Passes**

**Chair Kennedy move to move Old Business and New Business before Appointments**

Seconded by Chair Miller

**Chair Miller:** I guess the reason Chair Kennedy would want to move the Bills before *Appointments* is because the new Senators would have no clue what we would be voting on today. I understand his reasonings behind that. They would be very ill-informed.

**Senator Gibbs wave his time to the Public**

**Public Point of Information:** I have read all the Legislations.

**Vice President Calvert Point of Information:** We are going to have recess where no one is leaving the room and no one will have their phones out and you're all going to read the bills. I am willing to bet my life savings that 70% of the room did not read the bills, and that's fine.

**Vote**

No: 10

**Movement Fails**

**Chair Gardner move to strike *Senate Secretary* from *Appointments***

Seconded by Senator Morrison

**Movement Passes**

**Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes approved

**Chair Miller Point of Personal Privilege**

**Guest Speaker**

Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan on Senate Etiquette Presentation

**Chair Miller Returned**

## Administrative Address

### Appointments

**Carson Wilber for Senator:** Afternoon, my name is Carson Wilber. I actually know a lot of familiar faces from around campus. I have not been involved in SGA as I would have liked to have been in my four years here, four-ish. I would really like to get involved to actually affect some changes from an SGA standpoint. For those of you who know me, I work for the campus Cyber Security and Entrepreneurship, in my department as a tutor, and have gone to the University's Day at the Capitol the last few years. I would like to continue to contribute to the advancement of UWF and the students here. I hope to be a faculty here, myself. I'd like to join you guys in voting on some bills and propose some myself.

### Question

**Senator Tran:** What was the draw for you to join SGA?

**Wilber:** Everything that I've done for the University, like Day at the Capitol has encouraged me to create change. SGA is a legitimate body that has the power to do meaningful things.

**Senator Mettlach:** You said you wanted to help with the advancements of SGA, do you have any specific plans right now?

**Wilber:** A lot of students are not involved in SGA. They don't feel like they don't have a voice. A lot of students don't get involved because they didn't know that they can.

### Debate

**Director Lyons:** Obvious I am an unfair bias. Carson is far too humble to actually talk about what he does. Him and Basil started a non-profit. He is an inspiration and a great friend.

### Vote

No: 3

Abstention: 0

Appointment Passes

## Senator Morrison Move for a Block Swearing In

Seconded by Chair Gardner

### Motion Passes

**Kendra Perkins for Senator:** Good afternoon everyone! I am a senior here at UWF. I am a Cybersecurity major and in the Air Force ROTC hoping to graduate as a cyber warfare officer in the Air Force. In ROTC, we learn a lot about management and supervision in leadership. When I went to the UWF Day at the Capitol this January, I got to see a lot the processes of being a representative by listening to people and their issues.

### Question

### Debate

### Vote

No: 1

Abstention: 0

### Appointment Passes

**Alby Clendennin for Senator:** Before I begin, I'd like to thank President Johnson for the opportunity been given forward to me to serve in the 52<sup>nd</sup> Senate. I think it shows great length of her leadership by offering an appointment to her campaign rival. Thank you, Madam President, for the opportunity. For those of you who do not already know me, my name is Alby Clendennin and I'm a sophomore dual majoring in both political science and international studies, with a minor in professional education. Throughout my time here at the university, I've served in various leadership positions on campus, those being this semester as Senior Student Admission Representative, scheduling experiences for the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, the Florida College Democrats, Field Program Director, and UWF College Democrat President. Now, as you might be able to tell, I have a passion for public service. UWF has truly given an opportunity to serve as a leader during my time here. It does not get more fulfilling than helping prospective students see UWF as they start the next chapter of their lives. This leads into why I am seeking to join in your ranks. I really want to help students once they are here and starting their college journey to help them grow into the future leaders I know they can be, just like how President Johnson, Vice President Calvert, and Chief of Staff Negrón helps set the standard for excellence while I was in Freshman Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

## Question

### Debate

**Senator Mettlach:** I am totally for Alby to join Senate. I think he is very much qualify.

**Senator Arnold:** I'd like to debate against Alby. I've worked with him in the past. I do not see Alby as a unifier. I don't think that he would be a good student body representation. I think he has his own agenda.

**President Johnson:** I would like to appoint Alby. He has a lot of ambition to show students on campus. He will bring a different perspective to Senate.

**Director Lyons:** While Alby has engaged in. The point is to give him a chance to fix his mistakes.

### Vote

No: 7

Abstention: 0

### Appointment Fails

**Sydney Grant for Senator:** Hi my name is Sydney Grant. I was never given a chance to be in SGA in high school because I was in softball and other clubs.

## Question

**Senator Morrison:** What specific ideas do you have to bring to SGA?

**Grant:** Global Block Party

### Debate

**FC Ria:** Personally, I would like to debate in favor of Sydney. Getting to know her as a friend, she was one of the people to make me feel comfortable. She will definitely be an asset to SGA.

**FC McKenna:** I debate in favor of Sydney. Her intellect is unmatched. She will be a really good asset to SGA.

**Senator Rodgers:** I am debating in favor of Sydney. As Vice President of CAB. She makes as much time as she can to do what is done. She put her all into her work. She brings her hard work to the table.

**Senator Johnson:** I work very close with Sydney from being her treasurer. She is very passionate for diversity.

**Vote**

No: 0

Abstention: 0

**Appointment Passes**

**Senator Jade Ortiz for Director of Diversity Initiatives:** Hi guys! I am a business management. Diversity is my passion.

**Question**

**Chair Miller:** My committee really that bad, huh?

**Senator Ortiz:** I'll still visit.

**Debate**

**Senator Mettlach:** I am totally for Senator Ortiz. Everything she does she is so hardworking. I know that she will do what she says. She knocks every meeting out of the park.

**Senator Williams (T):** Diversity is something she is passionate about. She was my Splash Guard and I was the only African American in my group and she made me feel like I belong. I know she is perfect for this position.

**Senator Rodgers:** At one point, I wanted the position. I know that Jade was more prepared and organized for this position. I understand how hard Jade fights for diversity. She will be very well prepared for this position.

**Director Lyons:** Jade is more than qualified.

**Vote**

No: 0

Abstention: 1

**Appointment Passes**

**Senator Mettlach for University Affairs Committee Vice-Chair:**

**Question**

## Debate

**FC Emily:** Will is an incredible person and he is an amazing choice.

**FC Elena:** I love that he like to include everybody. He is hardworking, and he takes passion in how students are feeling.

**Senator Williams (T):** I am in favor of Will. He is always progress-progress.

## Vote

No: 0

Abstention: 1

## Appointment Passes

FC Alex Wiggins for Point of Privilege

## Old Business

**19-20 Resolution VII Authored by Director Lyons and Senator Morrison**

### Question

### Debate

### Vote

No: 0

Abstention: 0

## Resolution Passes

**Senator Morrison motion for a 7-minute Recess 3:22PM**

Seconded by Senator Tran

Motion passes

**Senator Morrison move to extend recess for three more minutes from 3:29PM to 3:32PM**

Seconded by Senator Arnold

Movement Passes

FC Elena Patterson's Point of Privilege

## New Business

### 19-20 Bill XI Authored by Chair Miller

Chair Gardner move to just read the addition

Seconded by Senator Gibbs

**Movement Passes**

### Question

**Senator Gibbs:** This is supposed to be a Bill?

**Chair Miller:** This does not need to be a Bill form, it should just be in a Resolution form.

**Chair Gardner:** So, how was it before? What made the change to happen?

**Chair Miller:** What would happen before is that the committee would meet and do the observations and that would be it. As of right now, thanks to Miss Ortiz, we only have three voting members. To say that only three voting members in this committee is making the decision is silly. I want you guys to have the power. We're

**Senator Tran:** You mention that it should be in a Resolution form, will we get a list of finalists to see who we are voting on?

**Chair Miller:** Essentially yes. The Resolution will have the names. I kind of want to leave it very open so it would not constrict future committee members.

**Senator Wilber:** Are there plans to include a fallback time in case the nominee gets rejected.

**Chair Miller:** There can be. I hope that you trust the committee and our judgement. Thank you for bringing that to my attention.

**Director Lyons:** When will they know?

**Chair Miller:** I notify Jenny and we present the award to them. They will not know until the ceremony.

**FC Ria:** Will you try to transfer the power back to the committee when the committee gets bigger?

**Chair Miller:** I think it is important to keep it like this, even if the committee is huge. I want the committee to be able to do all the



work and perform evaluations, then give recommendations to the Senate.

### Debate

**Chair Miller move to amend Section P. After all the interviews and student evaluation.**

Seconded by Senator Arnold

**Movement Passes**

**Chair Miller move to Amend subsection B**

Seconded by Senator Mettlach

### Debate

**Director Lyons:** I think this is really nice. As Chair Miller said, it is a very nice check on power to bring it to Senate.

**Chair Kennedy:** I am in favor of this.

**Senator Williams:** I am in favor as we are students and someone in Senate may have had the teacher being nominated.

### Vote

No: 0

Abstention: 0

**Movement Passes**

**Chair Miller move for a second reading**

Seconded by Senator Tran

### Question

### Debate

**Senator Wilber:** I would like to receive a follow-up date of the Resolutions.

## Vote

No: 0

Abstention: 0

## Second Reading Passes

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

#### Question

**Senator Wilber:** Why is the Vice-Chair of Budget & Allocations Committee allocated \$1,000 while the other Vice-Chairs are receiving only \$750?

**Senator Arnold:** We did this based on how the chairs are paid, the Budget chair gets a little bit more. Because they are here for a month and a half for Budgets & Allocations season and we have committee meetings every single week.

**Senator Milor:** Is this an increase in pay or will they be getting paid for the first time?

**Senator Arnold:** No, there was no pay before, so these are all additions.

**Senator Wilber:** Where is the money coming from, and when will this start?

**Senator Arnold:** This will take effect next year and it will come from the budget. Depending on how the Budget & Allocations committee votes, which you will see in the budget bill that these requests have already been asked for in the budget bill for SGA

**Chair Miller:** I know you mentioned that you want these stipends to take effect next term, are you going to add that it will take effect next year?

**Senator Arnold:** It does take effect now, but all stipends either raises or as amounts go if we do not have it in the budget, we do not fund it. Right now, we do not have the money in the budget to pay these positions so next year we will look into paying those positions if it's passed

**Chair Miller:** If that is the case if we cannot pay them now, then wouldn't that be in violation of our statutes?

**Senator Arnold:** I don't believe so these are not paid now and the issue is if we don't pass this bill now it is going to be hard for us to

request money within our budget bill and not even have positions that need a stipend for that.

**Senator Morrison Point of Information:** Last year the budget request for the DODI position occurred before we even passed it.

**Chair Negron Point of Clarification:** If we do pass this, we do have to implement this. Meaning these they are going to start getting paid now and they would get paid the full allocation of \$1000, \$750, and \$750 starting now . I recommend that if you do pass this bill, add a revision that this shall take effect after this date at this point in time.

**Senator Wilber:** Since there is not a certainty that the Budgets committee would approve the allocation should this not be tabled until the Budgets committee has had the opportunity to approve the request and then the bill be passed?

**Senator Arnold:** We could the only issue with that is Senate attendance generally declines as we go in the semester, so if we do table it may not have enough votes in the future. We could do a second reading later on and table the second reading until we have the Budget Bill.

**Senator Tran:** Per statute 304.05 it states, “The Chairperson of each Senate Committee may, at their discretion, appoint a Vice-Chairperson...” With that being said where would that money go if the budget for that Vice-Chair position was not used because of vacancy?

**Chief Negron:** We are able to allocate that money to committee projects or Senator projects.

**FC Ria:** Is the money that the Chairs and the Exec Board allocated from the budget from A&S fees or that a different index entirely.

**Chief of Staff Negron:** That is A&S money. There is a salary/stipend line inside the SGA request. Since we are a department so a line request for salaries, for special projects, for travel, so there is a salary to ensure we get paid for SGA.

### Chair Miller Point of Personal Privilege

#### Debate

**Senator Arnold:** I worked with Vice-Chair Rau and I see that she does a lot. We are not like every committee we have to meet because we have presentations. And we have to be in budgets for a month and a half which is every Friday and Saturday we are there almost 10 hours including deliberations. [Vice Chair Rau] doesn't get paid, she takes minutes for everything. So, I think it is only fair she gets paid. Another thing I would like to say is if you are feeling uneasy about the bill, I ask that you table it

for the first reading, so we do not shoot it down and cannot bring it back to the senate.

### Chair Miller Returned

**Senator Morrison:** As a former Budget & Allocations committee chair myself, I am against this version of this bill because I do believe that the Vice-Chair deserves a stipend because they are now going to Exec meetings and their role as Vice-Chair has tremendously expanded.

**Senator Rodgers:** I debate in favor of this Bill. I completely understand why the Budget & Allocations Vice-Chair would be paid more after hearing what they have to go through. But also, because no matter what happens in the past, looking forward they will forever have these responsibilities. As they move forward in time, their jobs only got harder and I don't believe that in the future it is going to get easier. I think they are going to get even more responsibilities, since SGA has not declined but only improved each year. As it improves more work is created, people deserve the pay.

**Senator Gibbs:** I am against this version of the Bill. There are openings and holes that need to be locked up. I believe in airtight legislation to where there are no loopholes as well as the fact that there is no specificity and while I do believe the intention of this bill and it is necessary I believe as well that there needs to be specificity to determine this is what this Vice-Chair's responsibilities are this is what is going to be in effect, this is their job description essentially. That specificity is necessary in order to make sure all that while we are paying these people, we are paying them responsibly. As it stands, I do not support this bill in its entirety

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan Point of Information:** A bunch of the exec positions have their job responsibilities listed in the statutes and the stipends that are listed for them are not broken down into their responsibilities because it is already stated.

**President Johnson:** I am a proponent for people getting paid. SGA is only going to get better and it is important for our Vice-Chair to get paid. I would like to point out that legislation is intended to be broad, yet not too specific as to not restrict future chairs.

**Senator Wilber:** First, I'd like to agree with Senator Gibbs and his point on agreeing with the intents but not the bill in its entirety. I believe that due to statute constraints and pending approval from the Budget & Allocation committee, I believe it is in the best interest to remove this bill or table it until another time until we can clarify.

### **Senator Wilber motion to table Bill VI**

Seconded by Vice-Chair Mettlach

## Questions

### Debate

**Senator Rodgers:** We have the issue of putting off an issue, this is an issue that if we keep putting it off it would not only affect present Vice-Chairs but also the Vice-Chairs in the 53rd senate. I think this is an issue that we as a unit can handle with now.

**Senator Gibbs:** While I do agree that this legislation does get passed and I agree with the sentiment in the room that the Vice-Chairs should get paid for what they do, there is a lot of missteps in the process of how this works. It is important to know where at least where the money is coming from and to know exactly how to track it from beginning to end to prevent issues that may arise, because the legislation could use a little more work. Not to say it is a bad piece of legislation I believe in order for it to be more effective it needs to be more intentional.

**Chief of Staff Negron Point of Information:** If you don't want to table it you can also make an amendment right now to change a section, so you can handle this immediately.

**Senator Arnold:** I would like to go off what Chief of Staff Negron said, we could do an amendment right now to change it so if you want to add on it take effect next year, so we are not paying them now you can amend that right now. I think another important topic is that legislation like President Johnson said it is supposed to be a little open-ended we have all of our positions like that. And to go off what Pro Temp Gaytan said, this bill will not confine what the positions could do, you cannot add them to the list that is on here you would have to add other points on here which we can do at a later date. If you want to amend it, you can do that but we are at the end of the year and nobody has brought a piece of legislation regarding this so I would like to go against this tabling and just amend it now so that the next year is over and if you want to fix this section itself I would recommend writing another bill.

### FC Abbie Hopper's Point of Privilege

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan Point of Information:** Both Senator Rodgers and Senator Gibbs have reached their two points of debate.

### Chief of Staff Negron Point of Privilege

**Vote to Table Bill VI**

No: 9

Abstention: 1

**Motion Fails**

Chair Gardner's Point of Privilege

Chair Miller's Point of Privilege

**Debate:**

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** I would like just like to say that part of my responsibilities is to meet with the committee chairs, and by doing that I have heard positive feedback about what the Vice-Chairs do and I have also seen the Vice-Chairs take up projects, lead initiatives, and not necessarily do things because the Chairs cannot but because there are stepping up in the absence of their committee chair. With that said I would like to motion to amend the bill to add a line that states the stipends will go into effect starting the fiscal year of 20-21 after each section regarding the stipends for the Vice-Chairs.

Seconded by Senator Milor

FC McKenna Hoffman's Point of Privilege

Chair Gardner return

Chief of Staff Negrón return

**Debate:**

**Senator Wilber:** I would like to waive my time to senator Rodgers

**Senator Rodgers:** I am debating in favor of this amendment, I think that passing this bill with the amendment will only do good for the Vice-Chairs, but I also see that an issue that everyone keeps bringing up is there not being enough of a specification to what the Vice-Chairs have to do. But one I think adding the specificity that everyone wants will be affecting the Vice-Chairs as they will now only see they would have to do what is broken down for them in the statutes and they have never done the bare-minimum.

Adding specifications will limit them but I think adding this amendment will be fine.

**Senator Morrison:** I am still in disagreement with this bill, on the point that it should be more defined So that the Vice-Chair is not just held to A, B, and C but to A, C, and whatever else should be covered therefore i want to have an outline of their specifications.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan Point of Information:** Senator Morrison you have used up your two points of debate.

**Senator Rodgers Point of Inquiry:** Didn't Senate Pro Temp. Gaytan say that it is already stated in the statutes the rules of the vice chairs, so the specificity they are asking for is already stated.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan Point of Clarification:** That is correct, the responsibilities of the vice chairs are stated in the statutes, and it is statute 305.01. They are also pulled up on the screen in front of you.

**Senator Tran:** I would like to echo senator Morrison sentiments, I am against this bill as it stands because if we are going based off the current statutes then it should be noted that there is only one chapter that says they serve A, B, and C responsibilities. The does not seem justifiable unless it has been specified especially for the Budget & Allocations vice chairs who will be getting paid more than the other vice chairs. So, as it stands, I am against this bill.

**Senator Johnson waved her time to Senator Morrison**

**Senator Morrison:** The Chair's positions are defined more individually, so I would like to see the Vice-Chair's positions more defined.

**Senator Arnold:** I would like to say for 305.01 the section where talk about the vice chairs duties which is very short right now,

if you want to add more specificity i would suggest writing another bill for that and the other thing for it is that the Budget & Allocations Vice-Chairperson stipend is at a high amount because the responsibilities are higher than the other vice chairs, not saying the other vice chairs don't do anything but your Budget & Allocations chair also gets a higher amount then the other two chairs. So, if you would want to amend the allocations of the vice chairs you may also want to amend the allocations of the chair. I started at \$250 for the chairs not realizing what the pay was for the chairs, the numbers were made off rational not just something I came up with.

**Vice President Calvert Point of**

**Information:** When someone is having a point of debate I don't want to see or hear chatter or see people exchanging looks with each other. If you want to say something you need to say it in front of everyone.

**Chief of Staff Negron Point of**

**Information:** In statute 305 there are Chair-Person responsibilities outlined in specific, if you update the vice chairs.

**Director Ortiz:** I want to request a Senator make a motion to amend the bill, so we are stop circling around and around.

**SGA Advisor Jenny Point of Information:**

You can pass the first reading with the amendment made and hold off for the second reading

**Senator Wilber motion to move into a vote**

Seconded by Vice-Chair Mettlach

**Vote to Pass First Reading of Bill VI with amendment made**

No: 2

Abstention: 1

**First Reading of Bill VI Passes**



**Senator Arnold motion to withdraw Bill VII**

Seconded by Senator Morrison

**19-20 Bill VIII Authored by Chair Kennedy and Director Sharpsteen**

**Question**

**Chair Gardner:** If we go to the September section where it reads as, "...the A&S manual and review procedures on applying for and spending allocated funds", can you tell me what exactly is the effect that?

**Chair Kennedy:** Yes, so essentially an email will be sent to RSO's and Small Departments that gets awarded an annual budget, so the beginning section is already in here. All I'm looking for is to change from "for spending funds" to essential reminding them on how to apply for it.

**Senator Gibbs:** Do these ex-officio members, as well as faculty members, have opportunities to debate in these meetings or are they just attending?

**Chair Gardner:** No, they have no say-so in voting and deliberation. Since we are not professionals, she gives us points of information.

**Senator Johnson:** In this ex-officio area, you are saying they are not allowed to attend our meetings at all?

**Chair Kennedy:** Not exactly. Essentially, this is saying that if you are an ex-officio member that you may not attend a meeting that you may have a conflict of interest.

**Director Lyons Point of Clarification:** Ex-officials are like me and Director Ortiz. We do not have voting rights, we just chime in.

**Senator Wilber:** What is meant by members, SGA or University Administration members?

**Chair Kennedy:** It is intended for University administrations.

**Senator Wilber:** Is Director Sharpsteen still the author?

**Vice-President Calvert:** We will need to strike it.

**Chief of Staff Negron Point of Clarification:** All SGA meetings must be open to the public. We cannot have close meetings as this will go against our statute.

**FC Ria:** What is the intention of this Bill?

**Chair Kennedy:** The intention is to make it clearer for students reading our statute and for SGA members on who is or who isn't holding what position.

**FC Ria:** Is this saying members of an organization cannot come if they are affiliated?

**Chief of Staff Negron:** There is a statute that says that if you are affiliated you cannot vote or do anything that benefits that organization.

**Senator Gibbs:** For April and June, what was the reasoning behind that time frame?

**Chair Kennedy:** It is more clearly defined when you should be receiving contact.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** How did you come up with the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, and why?

**Chair Kennedy:** It was determined that it was a reasonable date. It is in the middle of the month, so it gives a reasonable time zone.

**Chair Gardner Point of Clarification:** All of this should be done by June 30th.

#### Debate

**Chair Kennedy:** This bill is to clarify the statute more clearly to students. This is to protect us in the future. Leaving ourselves open and vulnerable is not good. It is not expressing illicit attempt.

**Chair Miller move to table this Bill until the end of New Business**

Seconded by Senator Wilber

**Movement Passes**

**Vote**

No: 4

Abstention: 0

**Movement Passes**

**Senator Rodgers' Point of Privilege**

**Senator William's (Mary-Sheldon) Point of Privilege**

## 19-20 Bill IX Authored by Chair Kennedy and Director Sharpsteen

### Question

**Chair Gardner:** Can you clarify regularly scheduled meetings?

**Chair Kennedy:** A meeting you schedule with your team.

**Senator Morrison:** When do you consider the summer session starting?

**Chair Kennedy:** When the summer term begins for summer course work.

**Director Lyons:** Per academic calendar.

**Chief of Staff Negron:** Can student emails be public records?

**SGA Advisor Jenny:** I am not sure.

**Vice President Calvert:** I think it depends on the degree of what you investigate.

**Senator Wilber:** The statute regards the Sunshine Law.

**Chair Miller Point of Information:** It doesn't really matter. Our rules do not override the university rules.

**Senator Johnson:** If our Chair calls an emergency meeting, does it count as a regularly scheduled meeting?

**Chair Kennedy:** I think it is broad enough to understand.

**Senator Wilber:** It could be more convenient to have the minutes to show official documentation.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** For regular meetings, how will that work during deliberation time because that is not something they regularly do?

**Chair Kennedy:** Don't they make a determination, then hold those meetings?

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** But that is not a regularly scheduled thing.

**Chair Kennedy:** That wording can be changed.

**Senator Tran:** Are we in Question or Debate?

**Vice President Calvert:** Question.

**Chair Gardner:** You cannot make a motion in Question.

### Debate

**Chair Miller moved to amend this Amendment to say *no decision to be made by the Budget Committee outside an unofficial meeting instead of regularly scheduled.***

Seconded by Vice-Chair Mettlach

**Question**

**Senator Morrison:** What is the definition of official?

**Chair Miller:** As Chair Kennedy said, I think that would be broad enough to be made by the discretion of the committee.

**Senator Arnold Points of Information:** There's a statute that specify what official meetings are for the committee.

**Senator Williams (T) Point of Privilege**

**Senator Milor Point of Privilege**

**Senator Gibbs:** Point of Inquiry, are we still on questions?

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan Point of Information:** We are still on Question on the motion made by Chair Miller to change the wording.

**Senator Tran motion to move to debate**

Seconded by Chair Gardner

**Motion Passes**

**Senator Milor returned**

**Senator Williams (T) returned**

**Debate**

**Senator Gibbs move to strike the current wording and have it say *no decisions shall be made by the Budget & Allocations Committee outside of meetings without quorum as defined by the statute.***

Seconded by Senator Milor

**Movement Passes**

**Senator Gibbs move to end debate**

Seconded by Senator Mettlach

**Vote**

No: 0

Abstention: 2

**Movement Passes**

**Chief of Staff Negron:** If you are going to add what a regular meeting is, then you should define it in the statute, as well.

**FC Gray Freer Point of Privilege**

**Senator Gibbs:** Are meetings without quorum not have minutes taken?

**Chair Gardner:** Meetings shall have minutes taken.

**Chief of Staff Negron:** It is not required, but we do anyways to show proof.

**Senator Wilber motion to table Bill IX and request clarifications to be made.**

Seconded by Senator Morrison

**Debate**

**Senator Gibbs:** We just need more clarification on this.

**Chair Gardner motion to table this Bill until it has met with Budget & Allocations Committee**

Seconded by Senator Williams (T)

**Debate**

**Chair Kennedy:** I am against this tabling. We need to be effective in what we are doing. I suggest that you take Chief Negron's suggestion. We should not table it.

**Director Lyons Point of Privilege**

**Senator Arnold:** Let's just pass the first reading today so we can amend it by the second reading.

**Senator Williams (T):** I debate in favor so that the Budget Committee can look over this.

**Senator Wilber motion to fail my previous motion and to pass the first reading of this Bill.**

Seconded by Senator Arnold

**Vote**

No: 2

Abstention: 0

**First Reading Passes**

**Director Lyons returned**

Recess at 5:10PM

Senate Resumes at 5:15PM

## 19-20 Bill X Authored by Chair Kennedy and Director Sharpsteen

### Question

**FC McKenna:** Will there be an exclusion for the Freshman Committee Chair?

**Vice President Calvert:** They have voting rights in the Senate, not in Budgets.

**Chair Gardner:** Do you mean one for the whole year, what about if they are absent?

**Chair Kennedy:** There's provisions in our statutes for proxy voting if they are absent.

**Chair Gardner:** What provision is that?

**Chair Kennedy:** I cannot find it, but when I do, I will let you know.

**Chief of Staff Negron:** Would putting in *offices* rather than each position better benefit in case we add new positions?

**Chair Kennedy:** Section G states that clearly that only one can be there, it does not exempt someone from being in there and taking notes.

**Senator Morrison:** Why is DODI not included?

**Chair Kennedy:** It was just a mistake.

### Debate

**Senator Milor motion to insert *the Student Body President, the Student Body Vice President, the Chief of Staff, the Office of Internal Affairs, Office of External Affairs, Director of Diversity Initiatives, Director of Communications, Treasurer, the Freshman Committee excluding the Freshman Committee Chair, and the Graduate Student Association President shall be ex-officio non-voting members of the Senate.***

**Chief of Staff Negron:** The offices are defined as the Office of Governmental Affairs, the Office of Equity and Diversity, and the Office of Communications.

**Senator Milor motion to have it restated to say their proper offices.**

Seconded by Senator Wilber

**Senator Gibbs:** Could we not just say “members of the President’s Cabinet and then have it included with the exceptions.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan Point of Information:** Since it is a different motion, we will have to vote on Senator Milor’s, first.

**Debate**

**Senator Tran:** I think having it be under Cabinet would be better because the names of the offices might change.

**Senator Morrison:** What would happen if Senator Milor withdrew her amendment?

**Senator Milor Withdrew her Amendment.**

**Senator Gibbs move to strike the positions listed after Vice President and have it say *President’s Cabinet*.**

Seconded by Senator Johnson

**Debate**

**Vote**

No: 1

Abstention: 0

**Movement Passes**

**Senator Morrison:** In section G, having both Angie and Jenny or Ben or whoever be in there to advise us during budgets makes our lives easier. They are knowledgeable about what we do not know.

**Senator Tran move to strike *more than one***

Seconded by Senator Wilber

**Debate**

**Chair Miller:** How many advisors do we have?

**Vice President Calvert yield to Jenny:** SGA Advisor is in my job description. In all aspects, there is advising happening from around campus.

**Chair Miller:** Wouldn’t Dr. Stubbs and Dr. Frye not fall under faculty? Will this bill still not affect that at all?

**SG Advisor Jenny:** None of us are faculty, we are staff.

**Chief of Staff Negron:** No one is allowed to do anything that benefits their committee or organization.

**Senator Gibbs:** If I understand correctly, they would still be considered ex-officio.

**Chair Kennedy:** I debate against Thanh's motion to strike. Saying no more than one protects us. Putting this provision in here essentially allows us to put on protection for the future. It does not say that they can't come, it just says that they are not ex-officio.

**Chair Gardner:** Chair Kennedy just said that it does not include them from coming to the meeting at all, so what is the purpose of this Bill? Because they can still be there no matter what. I move in favor of not this.

### Senator Perkins Privilege

#### Senator Morrison Call the Question

Seconded by Senator Gibbs

#### Vote

No: 4

Abstention: 1

**Amendment Fails**

**Senator Wilber:** In following what Chair Gardner stated, I would like to strike the entire change to the Subsection per just adding *Student Government Association Advisors may be ex-officio, non-voting committee member.*

Seconded by Senator Morrison

#### Vote

No: 1

Abstention: 0

**Movement Passes**

#### Debate

**Chair Kennedy:** Section G protects us as students. We had a little bit of an issue there with \$38,000 and it was all because we had some mis-advising and had some things happen. Having 10 people advising a group of six students is crazy because we are leaving ourselves vulnerable by the same people mis-advising us. I'm just being realistic about that.



**Chief of Staff Negron:** We were not mis-advised in any way, shape, or form. At no point in time did the people in the back had malicious intent. It is a miscommunication. At no point in time do they have malicious intent.

**Senator Wilber:** To reinforce that point, I believe the emphasis is on the committee and the Chair and the Vice-Chair to catch these mis-advising. I believe that it is a lesson-learned and I believe that this should be revised as I quote, to leave it as the status quo, take the lesson-learned and in the future, if need be, introduce a separate bill.

**Senator Gibbs:** The bill as it reads in red does not do anything in particular anyways. They are already ex-officio members.

**Senator Arnold:** I am part of the Budget committee. My biggest concern is not the voting from bias, but it is that they may overstep their bounds as advisors. I even sent an email, that is part of the university's records if anyone wants to request it, to Dr. Stubbs stating that I appreciate him staying out of committee debates and I appreciate him staying out of things that are not- the only time they would ever really spoke is when we ask them to please clarify things on points in terms of numbers, or university statutes, or different groups. I was on that side of vey much oppose to there being advisors, like Dr. Stubbs who runs the Commons and Student Involvement during our meetings, now I am kind of on the other side of things.

**Senator Mettlach Yield to Senator Wilber:** The purpose of changing it to *may* will defer to the Chair and Vice-Chair's responsibilities to remove a member of an ex-officio, if they do so choose.

**Senator Williams (T):** I believe that, as students, we should listen to our peers and hear what the Budget committee has to say.

#### **Vote**

No: 4

Abstention: 0

### Movement Passes

**Senator Miller:** I think we should pass the first reading, but clearly it needs to be ironed out first.

### Vote

No: 2

Abstention: 0

### First Reading Passes

## 19-20 Bill XII Authored by Senator Arnold

### Question

**Senator Gibbs:** What was the intent behind the new Section H?

**Senator Arnold:** I have been in the Senate for the past three years and I think the Senate should have the power to suspend debate.

**Vice President Calvert:** Who suspended debate?

President Johnson: Me

**Senator Wilber:** Why is it being changed from Senate President to Senate Chair?

**Senator Arnold:** It will make sense later on with a future bill.

**Chief of Staff Negron:** The reason that it says Senate Chair is that if the Vice President is not present during Senate, then Senate Pro Temp. Gaytan would preside over the Senate. This is intended like that. Everywhere else the Vice President serves as the Senate President, which is in the statute. Those two things are consistent. Senate Pro Temp. Gaytan is not the Senate President, so she wouldn't be able to preside.

**FC Ria:** Are you saying that you want only senators to suspend debate?

**Senator Arnold:** Only senators can suspend debate.

**FC Ria:** Maybe you could consider having Senate and Exec be able to.

**Senator Arnold:** We are in the Senate, so the senators should hold the power to suspend debate. Execs do not vote, so they should give senators their time.

**Senator Johnson:** Will this be a new position?

**Vice President Calvert:** No. This is to clarify the position.

**Chief of Staff Negron:** The Senate Chair positions is for operating and procedures. The Senate President is a title the Vice President holds.

**Senator Wilber:** Would it not be appropriate to withdraw the other bill?

**Senator Arnold:** As it is written, we must have the Vice President to be in the Senate. This change will make it that incase the Vice President cannot be at Senate; the line of succession will occur.

**Senator Morrison:** You want only Senators to be able to suspend the rules, but would it not do the opposite of what you want it to do by saying the Senate Chair shall not suspend debate to any Senator, so that would mean the Senator receiving the suspension and that wouldn't be allowed?

**Senator Arnold:** I would say maybe writing to just say suspend debate, rather than any Senator.

**President Johnson:** I think it is based off of the discretion of the person.

**FC McKenna:** Being Senate Chair falls under the Vice President's responsibility correct?

**Vice President Calvert:** Correct

**FC McKenna:** So, wouldn't you have the right to suspend your Senate?

**Senator Arnold:** Technically no. There are a lot more Senate members than there are Exec members.

**Vice President Calvert:** I don't have to call on everyone, but I do. Each one of you represents 400 or 500 people. Your voice is powerful. You guys still have the power. It is still up to my discretion.

**President Johnson:** I don't think this is necessary.

**Senator Wilber:** What is the purpose of having the Senate Chair if they are not chair of the Senate?

**Vice President Calvert:** There wouldn't be.

**FC Ethan Richardson Point of Privilege**

**Chair Miller motion to move to Debate**

Seconded by Senator Morrison

Nay: 1

## Debate

**Senator Arnold:** The senator needs to be the one to motion to end discussion. I do not think that Jamie or Zenani has done a bad job this year, but future leaders may not do the same. We are voting for the people that we represent.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** If Vice President Calvert wants to suspend debate, she still needs two-third votes.

**Senator Gibbs:** I am in favor of Part [Section] B, but am not in favor of Part H.

**Senator Milor:** I disagree with Section H.

**FC McKenna:** I agree with B and striking out the old H, but I do not agree with the new H.

**Senator Morrison motion to strike out the first line of the new H.**

Seconded by Chair Miller

**Vote**

No: 2

Abstention: 0

**Motion Passes**

## Debate

**Senator Gibbs:** We already have that right. I demonstrated it earlier. We do not need this amendment necessarily.

**Chair Gardner move to Call the Question**

Seconded by Senator Morrison

**Vote**

No: 6

Abstention: 0

**Movement Fails**

**Senator Gibbs motion to strike the new H**

Seconded by Senator Williams (T)

Nay: 1

**Vote**

No: 5

Abstention: 0

**Motion Passes**

**Senator Wilber move to Call the Question**

Seconded by Senator Morrison

**Vote**

No: 1

Abstention: 0

**Movement Passes**

**Vote**

No: 5

Abstention: 0

**First Reading Passes**

**Senator Arnold Move for a second reading**

Seconded by Chair Gardner

**Debate**

**Chair Miller:** This bill is pointless. I want to kill this bill.

**Senator Wilber:** I am in favor of the bill.

**Senator Gibbs:** I am in favor of this bill so that the Senate can continue to run if Jamie is not here. We have a responsibility to the students. We don't want to be here, I don't want to be here.

**Chair Kennedy:** Maybe we should just follow the rules as the former Senate has created.

**Chair Miller:** I feel like a lot of our problems could be solved if it were written down. It will reduce the amount of debate we have. I feel like we should write it down.

**Senator Wilber:** Nobody wants to be here any longer. If this stay, it needs to be followed. If it needs to be kept, then it needs to be followed.

**Senator Morrison Move to Call the Question**

Seconded by Senator Wilber

**Movement Passes**

**Vote**

No: 3

Abstention: 0

**Second Reading Passes**

**Senator Wilber motion to table 19-20 Bill VIII until the next Senate, as it is pertinent to Bill IX**

Seconded by Senator Morrison

**Debate**

**Chair Kennedy Call the Question**

Seconded by Senator Wilber

**Vote**

No: 1

Abstention: 0

**Motion Passes**

**Chair Miller Point of Privilege**

**Chair Kennedy Point of Privilege**

**Executive Address**

**President Johnson:** Mardi Gras is next week. President's Luncheon starts Monday.

**Vice President Calvert:** March 16<sup>th</sup> is the Health Fair.

**Chief of Staff Negron:** Congratulations to the new people. You will be receiving committee placements pretty soon. We are working to order more hygiene products and tablecloths.

**Legislative Address**

**Chair Gardner:** We are currently in our last round of deliberation. Money Talks is on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Congrats to all new Senators

**Vice-Chair Mettlach:** DSA and DTA finalists are picked. Congrats to the new Senators.

**Chair Bare:** Shirts are ordered. In Living Color project is underway.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** Money Talks is coming up. February 11<sup>th</sup> is the first Coffee on the Quads. New Senators please see me.

**Senator Addresses**

**Senator Milor:** I have finalized on the talks with the Community Garden to present to Aramark. Please come see me after if you want to get SCOOP certified to help transport compost.

**Senator Williams (T):** Mental Health Week is in full swing.

**Senator Wilber:** Thank you for allowing me to be in the Senate. I know that everyone wants to go, but I appreciate all of you.

**Vice President Calvert:** You probably came in on possibly the most intense Senate.

### **Cabinet Address**

**Director Lamungkun:** Freshman shirts are ordered. Mardi Gras beads will arrive this Monday.

**Director Lyons:** I know today was really long, but it helps us explore what is necessary. Things need to be hammered out. As the university is elevating itself, it is important that we take steps to promote that.

**Director Ortiz:** Nuri needs CEPS Professors. I want to start Black History event ASAP.

### **Adjournment**

### **Standing Committee Report**

### **Closing Announcement**

**Senator Milor:** There is a chocolate tasting on February 20<sup>th</sup>. \$15 for one person, \$25 for two.

**Senator Gibbs:** CABS will be having our Game Night this Wednesday. Cabbies are hosting a pajama party on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Senator Mettlach:** February 13<sup>th</sup>, Active Mind will be handing out self-care goodie bags 11am-1pm.

**Jenny:** Leadership application closes February 14<sup>th</sup>. Argos Suit Up is coming up.

**Director Lyons:** Chocolate tasting is very bougie and worth it, and it also helps the honors program.

**FC Ria:** Give me some connection for In Living Colors.

**FC McKenna:** If you know anyone who would love to come and participate or just want to help, please let us know.

### **Public Statement**

**Final Roll Call**

Present: 13

Absent: 8

**Motion for Adjournment**

No Quorum

**Senate Adjourned at 7:07PM**

