

Call to Order at 2:30 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Roll Call**

Present : 15

Absent : 6

**Adoption of Agenda**  
**Approval of Minutes**

**Senator Wilber:** My name was spelled wrong throughout the minutes, it should be 'er' and not 'ur.' Could that please be corrected?

Seconded by Senator Morrison

**Debate**

**Vote**

Unanimous Ayes

**Movement Passes**

**Senator Arnold:** Change "I would rather this senate fail" to read I would rather this bill fail

Seconded by Senator Morrison

**Debate**

## **Vote**

Unanimous Ayes

## **Movement Passes**

### **Administrative Addresses:**

**Dr. LeDuff:** Thank you for having me today. I would like to congratulate the newly elected officers, but thank you all to those that have served in the last year, and you guys have done awesome things. We are ending the year in a strange way, and we are definitely proud of how our students handled these situations. The president's cabinet is meeting daily, and we are doing our best to get information to you all quickly - check social media, and the website. Please continue to watch the social media, and the website as we are sharing information and please circulate those in places where they need access. We asked students who are living in the residence hall, we asked them to consider finding an alternative location because health and well-being are our primary concerns. Refunds for housing, and for meal plans are in effect. 200 students have been approved to stay, because these students have no other place to go, and are working in the area. In the case a student were to test positive, we have protocols in place. Campus health and safety is our primary concern. Summer school courses are to be online. We made this decision not knowing the timeline, and giving faculty the time to prepare and students time to accumulate to the online system. We will have courses online. We are looking at orientation, and navigating to a virtual orientation platform. To make sure we have a robust orientation program for our students, we are working very hard to ensure the orientation platform will serve students well. We are continuing to recruit, Explore UWF will be happening in a virtual set-up. One of the things - Career Development, Advising, Accessibility Resources, Tutoring and have virtual

opportunities for all of those, and the same for Counseling. Students have access to those services, and you all as student leaders, please let people know. Graduation was canceled, and we are issuing a survey to seniors and offering options for graduations and our hope is to do a ceremony in August, and what students would prefer, in light that people may have to travel, or have jobs, and we will communicate that with you when we have more detail about how we can move forward. As you hear things, please let me know, so we can address those. We want to make sure people are informed and getting the right information. I am happy to answer any questions if you have any.

**Senator Arnold:** Vice President LeDuff with housing being refunded and meal plans and things of that nature will we see issues with funding for services or see issues with upkeep for our buildings and such?

**Dr. LeDuff:** This is going to mean a few things, we are in constant communication of leadership in other institutions. Will it affect upkeep? Not at this point, and it has increased some of our expenses because we have stepped up in cleaning. It does not affect in the immediate budget year, but will require us to make some changes as an institution.

**Senator Arnold:** We appreciate you.

Chair Miller Arrived at 2:45 pm

**Dr. LeDuff:** Thank you, we appreciate the students too.

**Chief of Staff Negron:** If the situation improves at all, will summer housing be open?

**Dr. LeDuff:** There is currently a process to get special permission, at this point, the state is saying that we limit occupancy. It would be towards the end of the summer, if we were able to do that. We are working towards Fall. A lot of the programming that we do during the summer has been canceled at this point, like camps. As soon as we know, we will let our students know.

**Senator Perkins:** Good afternoon, some students have been concerned about getting refunds from Herff-Jones.

**Dr. LeDuff:** As soon as we have more knowledge about how we are going to handle graduation, and since Herff-Jones is a third party vendor to make sure we can keep students in the loop. We are aware of that, and we are working on it. And we will do a video related to graduation, and if we change the date, and students rent their caps and gowns, we will have to work around that, too.

**Vice President Calvert:** Any more questions for LeDuff? Before we move into Old Business. Seeing none, thank you Dr. LeDuff.

**Dr. LeDuff:** Thank you all.

## **Old Business**

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

#### **Question**

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan Point of Information:** Chair Kennedy is in class and is not present to read his bill. Did Chair Kennedy make any arrangement with anyone to serve as his proxy?

**Vice President Calvert:** Carson said not I says the fly

### **Debate**

**Senator Morrison:** The thing about requests approved are registered via email after the 15th of July, that is after our financial cutoff, the fiscal year cuts off the last day of June. I would like to strikeout no later than the 15th of July.

Seconded by **Senator Milor**

### **Debate**

### **Vote**

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Vice Chair Rau Left

### **Amendment Passes**

**Senator Tran:** So, I motion to add in no later than the end of the fiscal year in place of what was struck out.

Seconded by **Senator Wilber**

## **Debate**

**Senator Tran:** Holds the same accountability factor and when those requests are approved and they will be announced at the appropriate time.

## **Vote**

No: 0

Abstain: 0

## **Amendment Passes**

**Senator Gibbs Point of Inquiry:** Typically do cabinet members have the option to sit in on budget hearings?

**Vice President Calvert:** Do you mean SGA cabinet?

**Senator Gibbs Point of Clarification:** Because as it reads in the January section, seeing that they are ex-officio members, they would not be able to sit in on it.

**Vice President Calvert:** Does anyone know the answer to Senator Gibb's question?

**Senator Morrison Point of Information:** Any one is allowed to sit in on committee hearings. Any meeting that

SGA holds anyone is allowed to sit on, and it is up to the discretion of the chair to recognize them.

**Senator Gibbs Point of Inquiry:** Is that explicitly stated in the statutes?

**Chair Gardner Point of Clarification:** That falls under the Roberts Rules, and has to be recognized by the chair.

**Senator Gibbs Point of Inquiry:** Is it in regulations, or is it in the statutes?

**Chair Gardner Point of Clarification:** Any meeting is public.

**Senator Arnold:** Same question as Alex, and the question was not answered.

**Senator Wilber:** I believe that it is saying that they're non-voting members, and that should not be permitted to attend. There are conflicting statements in the statutes, that perhaps Jenny could answer.

**Jenny Hamilton:** All student government associations meeting must be open to the public.

**Senator Arnold:** I would like to motion to strikeout the whole red section under the January and February section

Seconded by **Senator Morrison**

## **Debate**

**Senator Tran Point of Inquiry:** I wanted to ask if it was possible for that section to be changed if someone could bring that portion to the floor to have it worded differently? Is it possible? So, with that being said, something to consider, not being permitted as an ex-officio member. Those members who may be benefitted from would not be permitted to attend for the sake of any, I don't know how to word it, but in that case, I think we could always go back and bring another bill to the table. That's something to consider when voting. It aligns if you guys want to vote yes with this.

**Senator Arnold:** My debate on this amendment is that almost everyone we see in budgets has a conflict of interest so that section really ties our hands

## **Vote**

No: 0

Abstain: 0

## **Amendment Passes**

**Senator Wilber Point of Inquiry:** I am just wondering, is this a public meeting? Any decisions we make in this meeting are no longer valid, if it's not a public meeting.



**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan Point of Clarification:**

Senate remains open to the public but due to the system we are using anyone that wants to join would have to left me know so I can add them to the canvas

**Vice President Calvert:** Any further debate?

**Chair Gardner:** I move to table this bill indefinitely.

Seconded by **Senator Johnson.**

**Debate**

**Vote**

No: 2

Abstain: 0

**Motion Passes**

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

**Question**

**Debate**

**Vote**

No: 2

Abstain:

### Second Reading Passes

## 19-20 Bill XIX Authored by Director of Diversity Initiatives Ortiz

### Question

**Senator Wilber:** Could you explain what this bill is paired with?

**Director of Diversity Initiatives Ortiz:** The other bill is moving Diversity Week to be under Director of Diversity Initiatives.

### Debate

**Director of Diversity Initiatives Ortiz:** So DODI would have a more structured duty during their office, I think DODI should be the main person planning Diversity Week, since this is mainly their whole office.

**Senator Arnold:** How will the person be notified of this because if they do not do it won't they be in violation of our statues and therefore be under removal previsions?

**Director of Diversity Initiatives Ortiz:** So, yes, if the executive person doesn't do their duties, they would be up for removal.

**Senator Arnold:** How will people be reprimanded for not fulfilling the proper duties, and how will they be told what to do?

**Point of information Jenny Hamilton:** Point of information - all exec members sign an onboarding contract and Jordan, Ruben, and advisors are working on an exec contract with attendance and work related agreements for next administration.

**Senator Wilber:** Bill good, vote yes.

**Vote**

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**First Reading Passes**

**Chair Gardner** motioned to have a second reading.

Seconded by **Senator Milor.**

Unanimous Ayes

**Questions**

**Debate**

**Vote**

No: 1

Abstain: 0

Second reading of passes.

**19-20 Bill XX Authored By Director of Diversity Initiatives Ortiz**

**Question  
Debate**

**Chair Gardner:** Move to call to question.

Seconded by **Senator Wilber.**

**Vote**

No: 1

Abstain: 0

**Motion Passes**

**Senator Tran:** Uhm, so, in the past, Diversity Week is usually held once a year, is that specific to the Spring only, or is the person in the position choose to do it in the Fall or the Spring?

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan Point of Information:** Not to cut you off but because the call to question passed we are no longer

in debate but instead we will now be proceeding to vote on the bill as it stands.

Vote

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**First Reading Passes**

**Senator Morrision** motioned to have a second reading.

Seconded by **Senator Wilber**

**Question**

**Debate**

**Vote**

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**Second Reading Passes**

**Senator Wilber** motioned for a five minute recess

seconded by **Chair Gardner**

**Vote**

Unanimous Ayes

**Vice President Calvert:** Y'all are so annoying.

Recess at 3: 52 pm

Resumed at 3:57 pm

### **19-20 Bill XXI Authored by Senator Arnold**

#### **Question**

**Senator Gibbs:** Are there typos? Why are the positions missing?

**Senator Arnold:** What typos?

**Vice President Calvert:** It just says the Emerald Coast shall receive

**Senator Arnold:** Should say people

**Senator Gibbs:** As it reads, but it says with confirmation with a majority of the senate, and I just wanted to ask.

**Senator Arnold:** It might have been a typo, and just to make it firm, and there are so many things. This is all, and this is crazy

**Senator Gibbs:** Yeah, I getchu.

**Chief of Staff Negrón:** Would you be opposed to adding Emerald Coast senate? What was the reasoning behind calling it a Chief of Staff?

**Senator Arnold:** Yes, this is kinda complicated. Emerald Coast is a smaller campus, and he told me about the different positions. They have a senate president, senate pro tempore, and they do not have those positions right now. I did not want to change the integrity of what they have. The only reason why I am writing this bill. They do not have a senate or a governor, and I have talked to Jenny and I am talking to your President Elect Negrón, and maybe communicating with them to amending their things to make more sense later on.

## **Debate**

**Senator Arnold:** We should change it to Emerald Coast so it is secure. A lot of it is loose right now because they're on the same level of position and we left it open to an application process, and just in case they both wanted to go for the position. Instead of saying that the Chief of Staff gets it. It is not our campus, I would like them to take the initiative to restructure and this is for them to be able to make changes and move forward with their administration.

**Chief of Staff Negron:** Debate in favor of this plan. This is fantastic. Hopefully we are able to get them on board. Thank you, Senator Arnold.

**Senator Wilber:** I am not sure about how to make this most efficient but I motion to amend 902.03 to read "The Emerald Coast Chief of Staff shall receive a stipend of \$300.00, which shall be allocated appropriately throughout the course of their term."

Seconded by **Senator Morrison**

**Senator Arnold:** Can you do a block amendment for the other ones?

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** We have to vote on just this one, and then we can do a block amendment for the other amendments.

### **Debate**

**Senator Wilber:** Amendment is good, we all agree, but yes.

### **Vote**

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**Amendment Passes**



**Senator Wilber:** I motion for block amendment: Amend 903.02 to read "The Emerald Coast Campus Manager shall receive a stipend of \$300.00, which shall be allocated appropriately throughout the course of their term." Amend 901.02 to read "All appointments to the Emerald Coast Governor's cabinet may be made by the Emerald Coast Governor, with confirmation by Majority Vote of the Emerald Coast Senate."

Seconded by **Senator Morrison**

### **Debate**

**Senator Wilber:** We all agree, the amendment is good, vote yes.

### **Vote**

No: 0

Abstain: 1

### **Amendments Pass**

**Senator Arnold:** My last point of debate, thank you to everyone who helped me with this bill. Thanks to Kieth, and Jenny and Vice President Calvert and President Johnson, and especially Noemi and had to format all of this, and that was crazy. It was lengthy, and included a lot of people. I appreciate everyone's help.

**Senator Wilber:** Thank you for your help. Also, maybe we could figure out a way to best account for absenteeism moving forward in virtual online meetings?

**Vote**

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**First reading passes**

**Senator Morrison** moved for a second reading

Seconded by **Senator Tran**

**Vote**

The Ayes Have it

**Question**

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan Point of Information:** You should be able to see the changes live from shared notes, or on the live document that I am sharing with you all

**Debate**

**Vice President Calvert:** Any more debate on billy bill bill?  
Seeing none, we will move into a vote. I will not take credit for that,  
Carson said it.

**Vote**

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**Second Reading Passes**

**Vice President Calvert :** Good job Senator Arnold, I am sure you and all  
of the other people in the Student Government Association will make me  
happy when I am out there creeping from Auburn.

**19-20 Bill XXI Authored by Treasurer Tobar**

**Question**

**Senator Arnold:** Are there any carry forward requests right now?

**Jenny Hamilton:** Carry forward requests will have to be  
made with the next budget committee.

**Senator Wilber:** Is this a typical amount of money to be swept?

**Jenny Hamilton:** It's a typical amount, usually we are around 5k, it's a little higher, but not much.

**Senator Wilber:** Why was the DTA/DSA money not swept? I guess I could ask Chair Miller, but I do not believe he is here.

**Jenny Hamilton:** We made the decision not to sweep the money as faculty and staff are still spending those stipends received.

## **Debate**

### **Vote**

No: 0

Abstain: 0

## **First Reading Passes**

**Senator Wilber** motion for a second reading.

Seconded by **Senator Gibbs**.

## **Questions**

### **Debate**

**Chair Gardner:** I am debating in favor of this bill. We need to do some planning, and how they can complete some of their platform ideas, and this could be a great help to the next administration.

**Vote**

No: 0

Abstain: 1

**Second Reading Passes**

**19-20 Bill XXIII Authored by Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan**

**Questions  
Debate**

**Senator Arnold:** What is the intent?

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** Taking into account the circumstances and due to the cancellation of our last senate, transition of the 53rd senate will not happen until the 2nd or 3rd week of April. With this change it will keep transition in the first week of April as it has been done in the past and this change will help if circumstances like this happen again.

**Vote**

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**First Reading Passes**

**Senator Arnold** motioned for second reading  
Seconded by **Senator Milor**

**Question**  
**Debate**  
**Vote**

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**Second Reading Passes**

## **Executive Addresses**

**Vice President Calvert:** Zenani could not be with us today, because she is doing great work for the city, however, she will email her report. As a senior, I have never seen anything in their life, any level, it sucks for everyone, and I appreciate everyone being here, and it means a lot to us, and we are still dedicated. If you have any problems, please let me know, because we want to help you guys. Zenani has been talking with upper administration, and if you have any concerns, please let Jamie and Zenani know so that it can be relayed. I hope your faculty has been responsive, and Kit has been really good at sharing a lot to social media, so if you see anything coming from him, try to share on your social media. The Freshmen Committee is creating a great big document to kind of an usher out, and we are going to be meeting next week. I am going to leave behind blueprints from Ruben. I have my message my mom, "Hi everyone, I hope you

are all doing okay!” She wanted you all to know “If anyone is hungry or bored, you can go to Mr. and Mrs. Calvert’s house and play board games with them.” We are still doing awards, and having a celebratory thing, I have been working with Emily. If you have any suggestions on how to make a celebratory thing better, please let me know, because I had big plans for an in-person thing. If you have any other questions, please let me know. We can ‘hot maybe’ have a reunion in the Fall, but definitely for Homecoming.

**Chief of Staff Negron:** Releasing applications for cabinet; case management positions; plan on bringing people; excited to do some interviews and get some people in and if you know people who are interested in becoming senators, and this will be released via social media, and so keep an eye out for those, and kind of assessing, what can we do virtually for activity and service fees. It has definitely been interesting from a housing perspective, and what ways can we be helpful. Local resources and problem solve for people in need. If you see something big or involving SGA, and maybe pass it along to me. Email me at my students if you have anything.

## **Legislative Addresses**

**Chair Gardner:** Hello, everyone! How are you doing? Congratulations to the seniors, and I am proud of you all, and that is coming from Papa Gardner himself, and SGA is a support system to you, even when you are gone. I wanna thank the 52nd senate and being flexible w administration. I want to commend you on your service. We have a transition binder, to make sure they are moving more effectively. Any recommendations for the Activity and Service manual, please send them to me.

**Chair Miller:** Today the University Affairs committee met for the last time, allegedly, or is that what they said. We had our last meeting today, I am compiling a transition folder that I will leave inside of the Google Drive for the next chair to see, that they might find helpful, and I think it would be cooler to have it in the drive. We are just moving and grooving. Everyone stay safe from Corona.

**Senator Wilber:** Hopefully, we can come up with something that we can meaningful impact students. Other than that, Student Affairs, we do not have much to do. But thank you everyone.

**Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan:** Thank you for playing your part in helping our first online senate session run smoothly. If at any time during senate, you could not vote or where having other technical issues please let me know so I can bring them up to IT, and so we can assess the problem.

**Vice President Calvert:** I would like to commend Noemi for her work to move the senate virtually, a true queen.

**Chair Bare:** On Wednesday, we had our freshmen committee meeting. We wanted to make sure everyone is adjusting well. We also have the sustainability week document that Vice President Calvert referred to, and that is all I have.

**Chair Gardner:** I would like to give a shoutout to Pro Temp Gaytan and Vice President Calvert. They are working diligently with canvas, and give us the opportunity to meet in these times, and check in with us when we are away.

**Senator Wilber:** I think we can take this down time and this summer to review our constitution and statutes and make sure we are the most up to date with how



we actually practice senate. I would also like to shoutout to Kit for minutes. Also, check in on your advisers they are also experiencing change at this time, too.

**Vice President Calvert:** Thank you Director Lyons and Noemi for working on this to make it all possible.

### **Cabinet Addresses**

**Director of Diversity Initiatives:** Thanks for supporting me, and apply to be DODI, if you are interested. I am leaving transition documents in the DODI google drive, and keep pushing through. And if you are interested, reach out to me.

**Dr. Stubbs:** Jade, do you want to tell the senate about your summer plans?

**Director of Diversity Initiatives:** I accepted an internship in Orientation at Texas A&M University, however, due to the virus, I may have to stay here and work remotely. I know in these times of Higher Education, it is a great learning opportunity, and I know I can still do things, even from afar.

**Vice President Calvert:** Jade, I know you will. Higher Education will be better because of you.

**Director of Internal Governmental Affairs Lyons:** Hi y'all. This was a really productive year and I enjoyed working with all of you. I know this term has a bit of time left, but we're at the bell-end, and I just wanted to say it was a pleasure working with each of you. Shoutout especially to the best mentee in the world Jackson -- makes me very proud & happy to see everything you guys are

doing & handling, even with all of this lockdown and everything else that has transpired. Excited to see what the future of SGA holds.

## **Adjournment**

**Vice President Calvert:** Y'all are driving me crazy, but I miss and love you guys.

## **Closing Announcements**

**SGA Advisor Hamilton:** Just as a heads up on how Pass/Fall, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grades will impact your GPA. This is published on the website, but want to make sure as you select how you proceed that you do so carefully. Those returning to SGA STILL have to maintain a cumulative 2.5 UWF GPA or at least a 2.5 Spring semester GPA. Satisfactory - no number assigned so no impact on your GPA Unsatisfactory - 0.0, so it WILL hurt your GPA  
<https://catalog.uwf.edu/undergraduate/grades/>

**Vice President Calvert:** Does not happen automatically, and you still need to participate in the class.

**Senator Gibbs:** The email says May 1st is the deadline

**McKenna Hoffman:** Wednesdays is a gaming night at discord, and you can play games and talk to other UWF students, and virtual coffee hour for Global Quarter, and check out other student orgs who is trying to provide virtual platforms

**Senator Arnold:** More just for my organization which is now Trident disabilities, we had some senators and Samantha Luboweicki, Ruben, Arianna,

and we are now a Florida non-profit and working to be tax exempt. Working with Basil Kuloba, and we are looking for some board members.

**Senator Gibbs:** It is the time again, we are still going strong online, and we have transitioned online and have a lot of events coming through off of there. Go follow uwfcab, and we are going to do a couple of competitions, and actively on specific days, whether that be Instagram or Twitter, and definitely Facebook. Please stay safe.

**Jenny Hamilton:** Leadership Awards will be presented virtually: check uwfsi insta for videos daily the last week in April and a live video on April 24 for all the named awards.

**Ria Davis:** Please stay home everyone, I really want to go back to school! Remember to occupy yourselves with things, having to stay inside can be damaging to mental health but please remember you are loved and appreciated. Reach out and participate in trends and learn new hobbies. There can be light in the dark.

**Senator Wilber:** I can't see y'all but from what I can hear/read your fashion is on point today

**Ria Davis:** Sleep well and see y'all again soon

**Emily Sands:** Love you Ria.

**Senator Milor:** Thanks, Ria.

**Director of Diversity Initiatives Ortiz:** Yachty for Homecoming or Lil Uzi

**Vice President Calvert:** I'm Uzi, have you seen me and Uzi in the same room?  
No cause I'm Uzi.

**Ria Davis:** Add me on Switch

**Mia Montenaro:** Me too

**Senator Wilber:** Hope I made some laughs today. love y'all

**Jenny Hamilton:** Quorum you know is important so please come to senate, so we can install our new officers.

## **Public Statements**

## **Final roll call**

Present: 14

Absent: 7

## **Senator Wilber Motioned to Adjourn**

Seconded by **Senator Morrison**

## **Vote**

Unanimous Ayes

**Senate adjourned at 5:34 PM**

