



UWF SGA

Senate

08/14/2020

Call to Order: 2:30 PM

Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Present: 12

Absent:

Adoption of Agenda

- The Agenda is adopted on August 14, 2020

Approval of Minutes

- The Minutes are approved for July 10, 2020

Guest Speakers

- None

Administrative Addresses

Dr. Frye: I am not sure if Dr. LeDuff is on, I know she was in meetings this afternoon. But, Jenny may have some comments you want to give. I know we have the President as well and you may be waiting for quorum for her and I want to be respectful of our President's time. But, we are almost here. Early move in started today, I think we had about forty students coming. Next week starting on Monday we'll begin the almost week-long move in process to ensure campus safety and security. Move in looks a lot different than it has in years past in regards to volunteers and amount of people. It will be

a lot more streamlined in means of check-in in and moving in about 10 students per building to minimize potential exposure risks and issues. I know many of you and faculty, staff, and administrators are worried about coming back to school. Some of you are on the other end of the spectrum and are so excited to get out of your houses that you are doing a happy dance. What I will say is that campus will look different this fall, but that does mean different is bad. You will still have the same instructors teaching your classes. Interaction will look a little different with face coverings and social distancing, but you will still have opportunities to engage. First year and transfer students all got a Argo Arrival pack which will help bring them to their virtual convocation. We need your help making sure we are safe and well and that we are all in this together. Welcome back, Dr. LeDuff or Jenny may want to make additional comments. We are Argonauts and we will be able to manage what comes because you are bright students.

Dr. LeDuff: Hi, I will just jump in. I wanted to welcome everyone back. I echo the same sentiments that Dr. Frye expressed that we are looking to SGA as leaders to set an example for this fall. I also wanted to thank you all for your contributions of masks, I was actually packing masks this morning to make sure we can them to students as they move to campus this week. I am looking forward to working with you all on campus over the course of the year and it is a different year, but we have been successful in light of difficult circumstances and I am looking forward to more of the same so thank you.

Dr. Saunders: I am glad to be with you all today, it is wonderful to see your faces. We have been pretty lonely out here since last March. Things have been sparse as far as population on campus so it is nice to see faces coming back. I do want to compliment your officers for the officer transition happening at an inopportune time on campus and they have very ably transitioned to the new leadership. I am impressed with the platform, I think it is still solid, and I think that they will deliver on the promise and we are here to help in any way that we can. We have spent a lot of time over the summer to make sure this campus is as safe as it possibly can be. I don't want to talk about all of the protocols, you have heard them, you know them. I do ask that you model the behaviors that you hope to see and we will do the same. It will be an unusual year. One thing that is

important to me is that students have as much information as soon as we could get it to them as far as course delivery was going to look this year. By July 1, we took a look at the curriculum to see how it could be offered in the same way. Some of the delivery methods have changed, we have been encouraging students. We keep an update online of FAQs. Make sure your peers take note of face-to-face, hybrid, and online courses. We are honing in on adaptability as people come back and we get adjusted to this new model. We may need to make changes and want you all to know what the changes will be. We are flattening the organizational structure. Don't hesitate to call us to let us know what need to be changed. SGA will be more engaged than ever this year. Typically, students come back for the year and everything is asked and students are not being asked how we should offer this class. You will be the front and center on how we deliver. I can be a burden, but it is a wonderful opportunity. We will be less formal this year in some interactions because the need to make fast questions and get quick feedback. It is going to be a good year in a lot of years. You will have good material for your memoirs, you are the students who got to come back to school in the middle of a pandemic. I can be a good year, we are focusing on remembering why we are here. You are here to get a first rate education. We are here to provide that. That is the point. It is awkward, uncomfortable, but it will be good. Thank you so much for your support.

Appointments

- None

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- 20-21 Bill II
 - o Question- none
 - o Debate- none
 - o Vote

No: 0

Abstain: 0

First Reading Passes

Senator Morrison motioned for a second reading

Seconded by Chair Johnson

- Questions- None
- Debate- None
- Vote

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Second Reading Passes

- 20-21 Bill III

o Question

- Vice President Gardner- What is the term UCSI and why is it being removed?

o Debate- none

o Vote

No: 0

Abstain: 0

First Reading Passes

Senator Morrison motioned for a second reading

Seconded by Senator Hoffman

- Questions- none
- Debate- none
- Vote

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Second Reading Passes

- 20-21 Bill IV

o Question- none

o Debate- none

o Vote

No: 0

Abstain: 0

First Reading Passes

Senator Morrison motioned for a second reading

Seconded by Chair Johnson

- Questions- none
- Debate- none
- Vote

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Second Reading Passes

Executive Addresses

- a. President Negron-** Hello everyone, Happy Friday. We are moving closer to our opening. I had a good meeting with the President and Provost a few weeks ago about the reopening plan in getting through the first week which will be vital. There is a shared responsibility in making sure we are keeping each other accountable by wearing masks and maintaining social distancing. It is still a risk, but make sure you are taking care of yourselves and that you are taking care of others. We went ahead and approved the mask funding so those are being distributed. We also ordered disposable masks for students who may forget them. We also got hand sanitizer and SGA reusable masks. We have been chopping away and our platforms items and slowly but surely getting things done. I am sure Chief of Staff Gaytan will have more updates. We are working on initiatives with UPD and Counseling and Psychological Services building a good repour with the departments. We are also working with Dr. Stubbs to help with an Argo Arrival initiative. We are gearing up for the year. Start brainstorming on how we can make the year the best it can be. Obviously, it will look different that we are used to. We won't have some of our big signature events in person but we can still do things virtually. Make sure we still build community and Argo Spirit. If anyone needs me, don't

hesitate to reach out via phone call or messages. Take care of yourself and enjoy the fall.

- b. Vice President Gardner-** Freshman committee interest form is out. I had a talk yesterday with Argo Pantry to help spread the word and needing volunteers. We are going to try to work on some ideas with housing. If you want to volunteer, please let me know. Take care of yourself, wear your mask.
- c. Chief of Staff Gaytan-** I want to let you know about Code Blue which we are wanting to host virtually once a semester. Content of the seminar will be put on by UPD and they will be covering campus safety and demonstrating how students can be conscious and aware of their surroundings. We have met with them throughout the whole summer and we are in the final stages. We are waiting for feedback. For Open Mind, we are in contact with CAPS to make the canvas portal for students a reality. If you didn't know, the portal will highlight support for counseling and psychology services on campus. During our recent meetings we present a system to show interest in booking an appointment. We are working with CAPS to make sure the portal is the best for our students. The COVID-19 Taskforce has been formatting Argos Assist. We have met with Financial Aid and given them anything they need. When they are ready, we will begin advertising. It is open to everyone, it is a grant funded through SGA for students to be able to cover things like tuition and housing. Finally, you all received contracts for committee placements which went to your student emails. Please sign and submit or you will not be able to serve on the committee or find out information about meetings. If you didn't get a contract, please let me know.
- d. Treasurer Patterson-** None
- e. Secretary Whitman-** None

Legislative Addresses

- **Senate Pro Tempore-** None
- **Budget & Allocations Chair Johnson-** Quick recap of what we have finished over the summer, we finished our carry forward process, updated A&S Statutes, and

secured funding for Argo Assist. We recently emailed our student orgs about how they will be able to spend their money with COVID restrictions. We are moving forward with the university policy and procedures. We also are opening grants for professional development and virtual conferences since we can't travel. We will still have project grants.

- **University Affairs Committee Chair Sands-** Hello, my committee has been working on Green Fee and DSA. Green fee submission form is open and we are working on marketing for SGA social media and faculty newsletters. DSA nominations will begin the first week of school and will also be marketed.
- **Student Affairs Committee Chair Larkin-** We are switching our events from in person to online. We are working on putting some fun ideas. May include some prizes.
- **Senator Addresses-** None

Cabinet Addresses

- None

Adjournment

I. Standing Committee Report

President Negron: Wrapped up Title IX changings with Dr. Frye. Thank you to COS Gaytan and Senator Hoffman for sitting on that committee. It was a lengthy process, but a necessary one. It may not sounds like a lot, but trust me everyone put a decent amount of work to it. Shoutout to Dr. Frye for getting it together and keeping us part of the process.

II. Closing Announcements

- a. Two new GA introductions: Brookland Gordon and Ricky Jones
- b. Jenny Hamilton: Don't be surprised if you see multiple advisors in your meetings, we are just there to be in the know. It has been a weird summer without you all. I am looking to SGA to guide the students in physical distancing & mask wearing. If you are staying home, we respect your decision. We are excited to engage you during our time of distance. Life doesn't stop because you are not on campus. You are an Argo wherever you are!

III. Public Statements

- o None

IV. Final Role Call

Present: 10

Absent:

V. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Chair Johnson

Seconded by Chair Sands

Meeting Adjourned at 3:51 PM