



## **55<sup>th</sup> Senate Meeting January 20th, 2023**

### ***I. Call to order: 2:40 p.m.***

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call
  - a. Absent:
    - i. Vice Chair Fess
    - ii. Senator Brewer
    - iii. Senator Vasquez
    - iv. Senator Allick
    - v. Senator Murphy
    - vi. Senator Cavier
    - vii. Senator Chapman

### ***II. Adoption of the Agenda***

#### *A. January 20th, 2023*

- Motion to include Khuyen Tran, Alecia Mitchell, and Isabella Claussen to the appointments for Election Commissioners and Associate Supreme Court Justice by Senate Pro Tempore Range
  - Seconded by Chair Costa

1. Vote to pass the motion

✓ VOTE

Yay: All  
Nay: No

- Motion PASSES

1. Vote to adopt the agenda

✓ VOTE

Yay: All

Nay: No

- Agenda PASSES

### ***III. Approval of the Minutes***

*A. December 2nd, 2022*

✓ VOTE

Yay: All

Nay: 0

- Minutes PASSES

### ***IV. Administrative Addresses***

A. Dr. Mary Anderson - Dean of Students

- a. Hi everyone, happy to be here for the first-semester
- b. Budget season is underway, the budget committee has been really busy
- c. Our priority this year is to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, we really can't compete with other jobs off campus, so by July 1st to pay \$15 an hour to undergraduate employees– waiting to hear back from administration (grad student) (\$16?)
- d. So we need cuts on the budget side, so they have a really tough job
- e. The second job is elections this semester, we are here to support you this semester
- f. We will be rolling out our new strategic plan this semester, we are finalizing key performance indicators–our strategic priorities, providing for transformational opportunities on campus, academic success, focus on inclusion and civility (civil discourse), health and well-being, staff side(staff development and operations to be effective in division and staff retainment)
- g. Another exciting change is implementing an updated admission application where students can disclose what their preferred gender identity is so that we can build a campus of inclusion
- h. I wanted to mention that if you hear from students for ideas for the football students, where students are engaged and help athletics get the information
- i. I hope all of you have a great semester, I will see you at later Senates
- j. If anyone wants to challenge me at ping pong, only two students have beaten me

### ***V. Guest Speaker***

A. Treasurer Darien Gilbert

- Hello everybody
- Since Dec. 5th - January 19 we have spent 1058 (printing, admin fees, clothing, food for exam jam and tabling)
- If you have any questions about your budget, please don't hesitate to email me

## ***VI. Appointments***

A. Ally Payne - Supervisor of Elections

- a. Hi, my name is Ally Payne, I am a Junior majoring in psychology
- b. I have seen the fantastic work that SGA has don
- c. I wish to continue this with SGA so that everyone's voice is included
- d. I can meditate well, because of my position in my sorority
  - i. Questions: None
  - ii. Debate: None

✓ VOTE

Yay: 16

Nay: 0

- Appointee PASSES

- I. *Please raise your right hand and repeat after me: "I [state your name]; promise to uphold my duties and responsibilities as the state your position in accordance with the University of West Florida student body Constitution and statutes." Congratulations.*

B. Tene Kaminer - Election Commissioner

- a. Good afternoon, thank you for this opportunity
- b. I always wanted to be in an impactful role in my community
- c. I have always wanted to be in SGA
- d. I believe that rules are made to be created and followed
- e. I will ensure there is a sure and fair regulation, and make sure that this election goes well
  - i. Questions: None
  - ii. Debate: President Marshall: I vote in favor, she is a Student Ambassador and has a job outside of school, so I vote in favor of her

✓ VOTE

Yay: 17

Nay: 0

- Appointee PASSES

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- o Motion for block swear-in of Election Commissioners by Senate Pro Tempore Range, Associate Supreme Court Justices, Director of Communications, and Director of Diversity Initiatives
  - Seconded by Chair Costa

✓ VOTE

Yay: All

Nay: None

- Motion PASSES

C. Juleeny Rodriguez - Election Commissioner

- a. Hello everyone I am Juleeny, or call me Ju Ju, I am the grad student in student engagement, I work with first-generation students and first-year students
- b. I work with Family Weekend, I will help with National Panhellenic council
- c. But I am dedicated to getting my Masters through my involvement in undergrad
- d. I have been an SGA Senator, I do have experience helping with elections by being fair and firm, keeping accountability
- e. I have read the statutes so I know what I am stepping into, and continue that voice
  - i. Questions: None
  - ii. Debate: Senator Carrapzza, I work with Juju in Argo first, very great professional and she would be great as an Election Commissioner
    - 1. Treasurer Gilbert: no matter if you're her friend or not, she is fair-will be a great
    - 2. Senator Cavier: I am in favor, she is very impactful, she is articulated, she is meaningful in what she says

✓ VOTE

Yay: 17

Nay: 0

- Appointee PASSES

D. Charlie McKinley - Election Commissioner

- a. Good afternoon
- b. I am a Junior majoring in Sports Management,
- c. I have been appointed by President Marshall
- d. The election process is important to be executed fairly on
- e. I will take the time out of my schedule to thoroughly explain the rules of the campaign, to rationally evaluate the outcomes, and to speak to the student body
- f. Candidates are adequately advertised, and offering up to date forms
- g. Co-workers will be nonpartisan
  - i. Questions: None

- ii. Debate: I work with him and he was interested in joining other student organizations, and he had read through the statutes thoroughly (?)

✓ VOTE

Yay: 17

Nay: 0

- Appointee PASSES

E. Asriyah Neff - Election Commissioner

- a. Good afternoon, I am a transfer student majoring in Sports Medicine
- b. I want to thank the Senate to allow me to be on team
- c. I want to make sure that SGA runs smoothly
- d. Trustworthy, systematic, and reliable
- e. I look forward to working with you
  - i. Questions: None
  - ii. Debate: President Marshall: I worked with her MLK day, she has lots of experience with SGA at previous institutions, so I vote in favor of her

✓ VOTE

Yay: 17

Nay: 0

- Appointee PASSES

F. Jayden Lewis - Election Commissioner

- a. I am a freshman majoring in IT
- b. I am in no other organizations or clubs, President Marshall referred me, and this was a good opportunity to help the students, and I wanted to thank the Senate for this
  - i. Questions: None
  - ii. Debate: President Marshall: I met him walking around campus, and I mentioned this opportunity, and he wants to be a part of this. I vote in favor of Jayden Lewis
    - ~~1. Senator Hicks: I'm pretty sure he was the one who helped us scrape windows after homecoming, but he is a really nice guy 10/10, and he was really nice and bought flowers~~

✓ VOTE

Yay: 17

Nay: 0

- Appointee PASSES

G. Matthew Sims- Election Commissioner

- a. Good afternoon
- b. I am a freshman majoring in Exercise Science
- c. I wanted to join the Election Committee to ensure fairness
- d. I wanted to join last semester, but I was intimidated
- e. I Was recommended by President Marshall, and thank you for your time
  - i. Questions: None
  - ii. Debate: President Marshall: He caught me, and he wants to be involved, he's all about it, and studying the statutes
    1. Vice Chair Montoya: I met him through Freshman Committee Member Mackey, and he and Jayden have never been in an organization in college, he is putting a first foot in the door, and all about fairness

✓ VOTE

Yay: 17

Nay: 0

- Appointee PASSES

H. Alecia Mitchell - Election Commissioner

- a. Good afternoon, I am a senior in marketing
- b. I am VP of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- c. Once reviewing the regulations, I knew that my skills in time management and communication skills would make me a right fit for this role
- d. I was in SGA in high school, so I understand making sure everyone is aware of rules and regulations
- e. In this position, we will be working with future leaders, so it is important
- f. And I want to be more involved on campus
- g. Thank you for the opportunity today
  - i. Questions: None
  - ii. Debate: President Marshall: I work with Alecia in Recreation she is great at time management, and she wants a smooth transition
    1. Senate range: she is in AKA with me, she is very fair, very open, and good to talk to, and keeps things organized, she got me through my process, and she is a great guide, I will be voting in favor

✓ VOTE

Yay: 17

Nay: 0

- Appointee PASSES

I. Isabella Claussen - Associate Supreme Court Justice

- a. Hi! I go by Izzy
- b. I am a freshman, a Maritime major and a Pre-law major

- c. This is important for me to gain experience, and fit into SGA
  - i. Questions: None
  - ii. Debate: Senator Carrpaazza: She is one of my residents, and I introduced her to this position, and her professionalism, and keen personality. She is a great person to be around, this position will fit her and benefit her

✓ VOTE

Yay: 17

Nay: 0

a. Appointee PASSES

J. Khuyen Tran - Associate Supreme Court Justice

- a. Hello my name is Khuyen Tran in majoring Biomedical Sciences and I volunteer at Health and Hope Clinic, its a place that treats all patients that don't have health insurance, because of this I work with people of diverse backgrounds
- b. And an important thing is to understand people from all perspectives, I hope these experiences will transfer well as an associate supreme court justice in SGA
  - i. Questions: None
  - ii. Debate: Senator Hicks: I love Khuyen, she is the greatest person ever, she is so sweet, she is really smart, she is the kind of person where her work, she is so gentle

✓ VOTE

Yay: 16

Nay: 0

▪ Appointee PASSES

K. Nyanda Walker Potts- Director of Communications

- a. Good afternoon!
- b. I was appointed as assistant DCOM, but I am super excited boat director
- c. I am graduating in May, and I am a transfer student, and I am mostly online
  - i. Questions: None
  - ii. Debate: President Marshall: I spoke with her over break after the Director of Communications resigned, and about how to make the spring more smooth and market SGA to the students, she will do great

✓ VOTE

Yay: 17

Nay: 0

▪ Appointee PASSES

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L. Lauren Strickland- Director of Diversity Initiatives

- a. Happy Friday
- b. I have dedicated myself to researching diversity, this is a way to set off my year with a bang, and Patrick brought his position to me
- c. So this is a perfect way for me to prepare for my continued education at FSU, thank you
  - i. Questions: None
  - ii. Debate: Chair Costa: She is the most passionate
    1. Senator Hicks, Point of Inquiry: Why wasn't this made public for those who might have been interested in it
      - a. President Marshall: Kayla graduated, and Chief of Staff Harris and Kayla made a recommendation for Lauren, and that is why we offered her the position, this is the quickest way to get everybody in
    2. Vice Chair Montoya: When President Marshall and Vice President Proffitt, whenever Senator Strickland came up, and I feel like when it comes to diversity, military, and mental health, her ideas of diversity don't really fit with what SGA is offering, and I think there is someone else who would be a better fit
    3. Chair Costa: Where did she mention veterans, I also don't think military and domestic violence are a bad diversity topic
    4. Senate pro tempore range: Point of clarification: Chair Montoya is pointing to Senator's Strickland resolution from last semester on domestic violence and veterans
    5. Senator Hicks: To contrast with Chair costa, the position is focused on diversity, the position should be focusing on diversity stuff not understanding the goal of minorities, who are well rehearsed with that territory
    6. Chair Costa: Didn't she say she had a research background in diversity?
    7. Vice Chair Montoya: Diversity is more than just studies, you can learn facts and history, what are you going to do, she didn't say what events and projects she wants to do, I am not a history major just because I study history
    8. Senate Pro Tempore Range: Do we want to bring Lauren back in so we can question her?
      - a. Motion to bring Lauren back into questioning by Vice Chair Montoya
        - i. Seconded by Senate Pro Tempore Range
  - iii. Questions:
    1. Chair Costa; What plans do you have for this semester?
      - a. Stikclaln: I plan on a diversity panel, Dr. Harnette, STEM panels women in stem, panels have faculty and community members so that we can honor you



2. Senator Hicks: You didn't answer chair costa's questions do you have any other ideas for diversity week, what are you going to do?
  - a. Senator Strickland: The panel is something that I and Kayla set up, me and Kayla had no help
  - b. Senator Hicks: What are you planning?
  - c. Senator Strickland: We had a fashion show planned, and now we have time to plan events
3. Senator Pogreba: I am on the Diversity Committee, are we actually going to have meetings, we only had a few meetings – we are busy, but there's no communication to help or propose ideas
  - a. Senator Strickland: I apologize for any miscommunication, and I will have mandatory meetings, that was the prior leadership
4. Senate Pro Tempore Range: What do you define as diversity?
  - i. Senator Strickland: I am 36, my dad was a drug addict, I grew up in a bad place, and I have been researching DEI, I have a passion for food insecurity, and I am looking forward to sharing my passion with you guys
5. Vice Chair Montoya: What does your research show?
  - i. Senator Strickland: It showed that people like me that didn't fit traditionally, people that couldn't stand up for themselves, and that people of color and people like me are being disregarded in higher education. What is happening in law, we are not fitting in. We need to make sure that everyone is accepted, and research shows that it will get better but only if we are putting in the work, this is a big deal for me, this is the only place that I have felt accepted, and here I am trying to be better, I also would like to help MGC orgs, where is diversity at, stats are not near POC or older people

iv. Debate:

- a. Senator Hicks: She didn't answer the questions we asked, and she was upset at me for answering them, and she got angry, and communication in a positive manner is one of the most important things as a diversity leader-she didn't give good answers about diversity and initiatives
- b. Vice Chair Montoya: As a POC, it is hard to be in the norm, I know that you can know that, but we had project grants, and we need to find a solution not address the problem, those examples don't hit LGBTQ, and POC, and she does not fit the mission that we are going for
- c. Senator Nelson: I didn't have much doubt about Senator Strickland, but raised the concern, is that Senator Pogreba, at the actual organization, and how timely they are about

meetings, another side of the issue that needs to be addressed, leadership faulty, didn't feel the most comforting, so if Senator Pogreba should shed some light and be more assured

- d. Senator Pogreba: I have a lot of respect for Senator Strickland, I want someone who is a minority and from my background, because I'm gay and I wish there was more than that, I want to look up to someone who isn't an everyday person, I wish we could have opened this up to everyone so that this wouldn't be happening
  - e. Chair Costa: Point of Inquiry: What is the process if she doesn't get it?
    - i. Senate Pro Tempore Range; It is at the discretion of COS Harris and President Marshall to choose the next person
- Motion for a blind vote by Senate Pro Tempore Range:
    - Seconded by chair Costa
      - Questions: None
      - Debate: None

✓ VOTE

Yay: All  
Nay: None

- Motion PASSES

1. Vote to approve Senator Strickland's appointment for Director of Diversity Initiatives

✓ VOTE

Yay: 2  
Nay: 15

- Appointee FAILS

## ***VII. Unfinished Business***

A. *None*

## ***VIII. New Business***

A. *None*

## ***VIII. Executive Addresses***

A. *President Marshall*

- *Congratulations to those who joined us today*

- *Have a safe weekend*

**B. Vice President Proffit:**

- *I hope you are having a good second semester, and those who are helping with elections*

**C. Chief of Staff Harris:**

- *None*

**D. Treasurer Gilbert:**

- *None*

## **IX. Legislative Addresses**

**A. Senate Pro Tempore Range:**

- *Welcome back, what an eventful Senate*
- *Congratulations to those who were appointed*
- *There is a Senate February 3rd, please bring resolutions and bills*
- *Shoutout to FC for MLK Day of Service*

**B. Secretary Brown**

- *No report*

**C. Budget and Allocations Committee Chair Costa:**

- *We are in the middle of budget season, and two really long days*
- *Next, we have departments*
- *Budget bill and done with the stressful part of the year*
- *Shoutout to Vice Chair Montoya and everyone on my committee*
- *We've noticed that clubs don't really use their money so USE your budget*
- *Have a lovely second semester*

**D. University Affairs Committee Chair Hebert:**

- *We are currently working on DTA and DSA, we have tabling dates, February 9th, and 16th 12:30 -2:30 PM, please vote for your favorite teacher/staff*

**E. Student Affairs Committee Chair Wiktorski:**

- *We just had our first meeting*
- *Feb 27th is Picnic on the Cannon Green-putting a lot of money into it so please show up and support and help*
- *Sending out a volunteer sheet*
- *Appreciate your work*

**F. Freshman Committee Chair Hicks:**

- *Working on Black History Month banner*
- *March Mindfulness*
- *Have a great weekend!*

*F. Senate Addresses:*

- None

***X. Adjournment***

*A. Standing Committee Report*

- None

*B. Closing Announcements*

- *Dierre: Welcome Election Commission (please stay after)*
  - *SGA is neutral, we don't talk about it in the SGA office (campaign-free zone)*
  - *SGA events are available to any students on campus*
  - *Senators and Fc are still responsible for your duties, your term ends on April 7th*
  - *You must still be active*
  - *Let me know if you have any questions*
- *President Marshall: Treasurer Gilbert is working with new ArgoEats, helping fight food insecurity*

*C. Public Statements*

- None

*D. Final Roll Call*

1. Absent-
  - a. Vice Chair Fess
  - b. Senator Brewer
  - c. Senator Vasquez
  - d. Senator Allick
  - e. Senator Murphy
  - f. Senator Chapman
  - g. Senator Strickland

*E. Adjournment*

- A. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chair Costa*
- B. Seconded by Chair Hebert*

✓ VOTE

Yay: 16  
Nay: 0

- Adjournment PASSES
- **Adjournment: 4:07 p.m.**