



55th Senate Meeting November 18, 2022

I. Call to order: 3:36 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

a. Absent:

- Senator Brewer
- Senator Vasquez
- Senator Cohen
- Senator Caviar
- Freshman Committee Chair Hicks

II. Adoption of the Agenda

A. November 18th, 2022

1. Vote to adopt the agenda

✓ VOTE

Aye: All

Nay: None

- Agenda PASSES

III. Approval of the Minutes

A. October 28th, 2022

✓ VOTE

Aye: All

Nay: None

- Minutes PASSES

IV. Administrative Addresses

- Dr. Mary Anderson - Dean of Students
 - The rate increase for housing was approved by the Board of Trustees, and now it will go to the full board next month
 - I am so excited because the Argo Den is now open, thank you for doing that to help the students struggling financially
 - Argo Pantry has a wishlist on Amazon, and we had an amazing donor who bought a refrigerator listed, and we are getting a refrigerator in the spring!
 - CAPS was recredited nationally through 2028
 - Football is heading into the playoff tomorrow - thank you SGA for tabling and showing up
 - Hope you all have a happy and safe Thanksgiving break

V. Guest Speaker

A. Darien Gilbert- Treasurer

- Hello everyone
- Our expenditures were \$5,569.29
 - \$58.80 for the phone bill and \$78.19 for printing and \$416.96 for office supplies
 - \$4,574.84 on shirts for football shirts, and promo
 - \$437 for breast cancer tabling, cards and cookies, homecoming, and Foosacklys
 - Thank you for your time and let me know if you have nay questions

VI. Appointments

A. Elisabetta Savini - FC Vice Chair

- I held many leadership positions in high school
- I joined FC because I love to see ideas come to fruition
- I am an environmental science major, and I like music and baking
- I'm having a great time in FC and we are working on our mental health project for the spring

1. Questions:

- a. Vice Chair Montoya: She came to me for a one-on-one to discuss what Freshman Committee is, and she would be great for this

✓ VOTE

Yay: 18

Nay: 0

Abstentions: 0

- Appointment PASSES

2. 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 and student body Constitution and statutes."

Congratulations.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Bill VIII - Senate Duties and Responsibilities

a. Reading of Bill VIII

i. Questions: None

ii. Debate: Vice Chair Montoya: Bill was written because we want the senators to become more involved in SGA. Executive Committee has done a lot that has burned us out, and we did a dry run in October for sign-up sheets which went well

1. Senator Hicks: Involvement in SGA is voluntary, to mandate another requirement is a lot to ask for. It's better to get volunteers than to force people to participate. And this is bad because they won't like being forced to do something they won't want to do
2. Vice Chair fess: It doesn't need to be voluntary, it should be "hey please come to these events", I already attend most of these events with other organizations. Maybe just heavily saying to please go to these events because it is too much for exec would be better
3. Senator Allick: I haven't really heard about these events (seconded by Senator Dortch)
 - a. Chair Wiktosrki: Everything we send in the GroupMe is events that we ask you to come when we ask you to come you don't come to
 - b. Senator Allick: I didn't know that those events were happening
4. Chair Wiktorksi: I am in favor of this, but I know that some people do already help and have a lot going on, we just ask for help, and we don't get the volunteers that we need if we want to be more than an advocacy organization, I think this a reasonable statute to add, but this isn't that much to ask and won't add too much stress
5. Senator Pogreba: The language is blah and there aren't any exceptions. This won't work with my schedule. How do I get out of it? I can barely attend one event a month

6. Senator Hicks: If this bill doesn't need to be done, there is no reason for us to mandate this into our statutes, there is two separate messages on attendance, there is miscommunication about events, Exec is saying two different things, as Senator Pogreba said, I am very busy with 3 jobs, and I can't physically do events sometimes. Our role is to support organizations in an administrative position
7. Chair Costa: Point of Clarification, if you have a valid excuse that is ok, job stuff is ok
8. Senator Pogreba: Is there anything in these statues, does it list what is acceptable as an excuse?
 - a. Senate Pro Tempore Range: It is at the discretion of the Senate Pro Tempore
9. Senator Strickland: Kalya and I worked really hard for Painting the Night Away, and we struggled to find people to table, it is a professional courtesy to let others know ahead of time that you can't attend an event
10. Senator Dortch: To address this schedule, when we were moving into SGA, you told us to make our schedules available for you to see so you know at a glance what our schedules are and as Senator Allick mentioned, we didn't even know what events are taking place until the spreadsheet. Making something mandatory is extreme- if we were to clearly communicate what is clearly available is the first step, not by force, I am arguing against this
11. Senate Pro Tempore Range: Would any of you want to make any amendments to the bill?

- *Motion to amend the bill by Vice Chair Nolan:* To add that Executive Committee must send something out about events 2 weeks in advance

- *Seconded by Chair Costa*

- a. Questions: None
- b. Debate: Vice Chair Nolan: Bill IX will help make our lives easier coming up
 - i. Senator Hicks: It doesn't change the fact that SGA events should be a volunteer organization, if there is good intent it should be voluntary, it adds something else for the senators to have to do - it doesn't really help anything, but I don't think it should be added to this bill

- ii. Senator Allick I think this is giving a step, start with 2 weeks' notice
- iii. Vice Chair Montoya: When you look up on the SGA website, it says that SGA is a voice from the students for the students you are here for the students, it is not a workplace-you volunteer

Vote to pass the Amendment for Bill VIII

✓ VOTE

Yay: 13

Nay: 3

Abstentions: 3

- Amendment PASSES

- iv. Point of Inquiry- Lauren Strickland, I need some clarification, my proposal is that 2 weeks' notice, but 3-4 days

- 12. Vice Chair Nolan: Bill 9 will make this easier because i know that mandatory is scary
- 13. Chair Costa: Chair Wiktorski works really hard to plan these events
- 14. Vice Chair Montoya: Senate Pro Tempore Range will understand if you have other obligations
- 15. Senator Dortch: The notice for ArgoDen is in GroupMe - communication is where we are struggling- can we have emails too?
 - a. Chair Hebert yields time to Senator Strickland: I second what Senator Dortch said, because email confirms the message in writing along with GroupMe, you can confirm the delivered receipt.
- 16. Vice Chair Ellie Savini yields time to Senate Pro Tempore Range: Chair Wiktorski sends a spreadsheet to you all, the whole system is that everything is not through GroupMe, if you have something going on just email me, it goes under the 3 unexcused absences
- 17. Senator Carapazza yields his time to Senator Pogreba: I don't see Argoden in the GroupMe

Motion to vote by Chair Costa

- *Secoded by Senator Hicks*

✓ VOTE

Aye: All

Nay: None

▪ Amendment PASSES

Vote to pass the first reading Bill VIII

- *Secoded by Senator Hicks*

✓ VOTE

Yay: 13

Nay: 5

Abstentions: 1

▪ First reading PASSES

Motion for a second reading by Chair Costa

- *Secoded by Vice Chair Nolan*

i. Questions: Senator Strickland: Thank you for clarifying the unexcused absences

ii. Debate: Senate Pro Tempore Range: Your debate restarts now so if you want to debate more you can

✓ VOTE

Yay: 13

Nay: 5

Abstentions: 1

▪ 2nd Reading PASSES

VIII. New Business

A. Bill IX - Four Unexcused Absences

a. First reading of Bill IX - Vice Chair Nolan

i. Questions: Chair Costa: This is over the course of a semester (what term means)

ii. Debate:

1. Motion to amend the bill to change "term" to "Semester" by Vice Chair Nolan

a. Secoded by Chair Costa

- i. *Questions: None*
- ii. *Debate: None*

✓ VOTE

Yay: 19
Nay: 0
Abstentions: 0

- Amendment PASSES

Questions: None

Debate: Vice Chair Nolan: I made this to balance out the negativeness from Bill VIII

Vote to pass first reading of Bill IX

✓ VOTE

Yay: 18
Nay: 1
Abstentions: 0

- 1st reading PASSES

Motion for a second reading by Chair Costa

- Seconded by Vice Chair Nolan
 - *Questions: None*
 - *Debate: Vice President Proffitt: The semester is January to April*
 - *Chair Costa: Change it so that there are three absences the first semester and four the second semester*
 - *Senator Hicks: What is currently being debated?*
 - *Senate Pro Tempore Range: On the floor, we are just debating the bill*
 - *Senator Strickland: According to the website...*
 - *Vice Chair Fess: It's just one month, is it really that big of a deal*

1. Motion to close debate by Chair Costa
 - a. Seconded by Vice Chair Nolan

Vote to pass the motion to close debate for Bill IX
Motion approved

✓ VOTE

Yay: 18
Nay: 1
Abstentions: 0

▪ Motion PASSES

B. Bill X - DEXA Responsibilities

a. First reading of Bill X - Chair Wiktorski

iii. Questions: Senator Strickland: What is your relation to Escambia elections?

- 1. Chair Wiktorski: None, I am just a student*
- 2. Vice Chair Savini: The election education would be at the discretion of the Executive branch, it would just be guidelines to follow*

iv. Debate:

- 1. Chair Wiktorski: I wrote this bill with Director Cassulo, and we would be working with Campus Vote. It is with the intention of becoming more knowledgeable about elections. It would be good for future positions, and to clarify, other SGAs have committees dedicated to voter education initiatives. This is just the first step*
- 2. Senator Strickland: I agree with this because it is important to utilize your right to vote, and after 20 years of voting I see it as important for the Director of External Affairs*
 - a. Seconded by Chair Costa*
 - i. Questions: None*
 - ii. Debate: None*

Vote to pass the first reading of Bill X

✓ VOTE

Yay: 18
Nay: 1
Abstention: 0

Motion for a second reading by??

- Seconded by ??*
 - Questions: None*
 - Debate: None*

Vote to pass the second reading of Bill X

✓ VOTE

Yay: 18
Nay: 0
Abstention: 1

C. *Bill XI - Election Statutes*

a. *First reading of Bill XI - Senate Pro Tempore Range*

- v. *Questions: Vice Chair Nolan: Would this mean that they can run under the department of their minor?*
 - 1. *Senate Pro Tempore Range: Yes, it has always been that way*
 - 2. *Senator Dortch: Why is this needed?*
 - a. *Senate Pro Tempore Range: The digital board is controlled by the Commons, so if you don't do it, it is your fault, just so they don't get punished*
 - 3. *Senator Allick: Aren't part of the elections, but there is a polling station for people who don't know*
- vi. *Debate: Senate Pro Tempore Range: This is how we've always done it, and we are just clarifying for future SGA. Digital marketing is just for clarification for the Supervisor of Elections, and active campaigning is the digital board for programming*
 - 1. *Vice Chair Fess: I am voting in favor of this bill, this just makes it much clearer and the act of campaigning and debating is important*
 - 2. *Vice President Proffitt: The digital design thing is in the packet and website, so it is good to clarify*

Vote to pass the first reading of Bill XI

✓ VOTE

Yay: 18

Nay: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion for a second reading by Chair Costa

- *Seconded by Senator Hicks*

- *Questions: None*

- *Debate: None*

Motion for an eight minute recess by Senate Pro Tempore Range

- *Seconded by Chair Costa*

Vote to pass the motion for an eight minute recess

✓ VOTE

Aye: All

Nay: None

● Motion PASSES

D. Resolution IX - International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day

a. First reading of Resolution IX - Vice Chair Fess

- i.* Questions: None
- ii.* Debate: Vice Chair Fess: You guys should pass this because it is really important

Vote to pass the first reading of Resolution IX

✓ VOTE

Yay: 17

Nay: 0

Abstentions: 0

- First reading PASSES

Motion for a second reading of Resolution IX by Vice Chair Nolan

- Seconded by Chair Costa

✓ VOTE

Yay: 17

Nay: 0

Abstentions: 0

- 1.* Questions: None
- 2.* Debate: None

- Motion PASSES

Vote to pass the second reading of Resolution IX

✓ VOTE

Yay: 17

Nay: 0

Abstentions: 0

- Second reading PASSES

E. Resolution X - National Veterans and Military Family Month 2022

a. First reading of Resolution X - Senator Strickland

- i.* Questions: None
- ii.* Debate: Senator Strickland: I think it is important to increase awareness of this, and it is near and dear to my heart because most of my family are veterans

Motion to amend the Resolution X by Senator Hicks:

- Seconded by Senator Strickland (would only be a yearly appreciation post)*
 - Questions: None
 - Debate: None

Vote to pass the amendment to Resolution X

✓ VOTE

Yay: All

Nay: 0

- Amendment PASSES

Vote to pass the first reading of Resolution X

✓ VOTE

Yay: 17

Nay: 0

Abstentions: 0

- First reading PASSES

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Motion for a second reading of Resolution X by FC Vice Chair Savini

- *Seconded by Vice Chair Nolan*

Vote to pass the motion for a second reading

✓ VOTE

Yay: 17

Nay: 0

Abstentions: 0

- Motion PASSES

Second reading of Resolution X

- Questions: Vice Chair Montoya: What is the Veterans Association?
- Debate: Vice Chair Fess: The first line says

Motion to amend Resolution X by Senator Strickland

- *Seconded by Vice Chair Fess*

✓ VOTE

Yay: 17

Nay: 0

Abstentions: 0

- Motion PASSES

- *Questions: None*

- *Debate: None*

- *Second reading is dead*

Motion for a second reading by Chair Costa

- Seconded by Vice Chair Nolan

✓ VOTE

Yay: 17
Nay: 0
Abstentions: 0

- Motion PASSES

Second reading of Resolution X

- *Questions: None*
- *Debate: None*

Vote to pass the second reading of Resolution X

✓ VOTE

Yay: 17
Nay: 0
Abstentions: 0

- Second reading PASSES

F. Resolution XI - Native American Heritage Month

a. First reading of Resolution XI - FC Vice Chair Savini

- i. Questions: None*
- ii. Debate: FC Vice Chair Savini: This is really important, and I did a piece on this topic*

Vote to pass the first reading of Resolution XI

✓ VOTE

Yay: 17
Nay: 0
Abstentions: 0

- First reading PASSES

Motion for a second reading of Resolution XI by Chair Costa

- *Seconded by Senator Hicks*
 - *Questions: None*
 - *Debate: None*

✓ VOTE

Yay: 17
Nay: 0
Abstentions: 0

- Motion PASSES

b. Second reading of Resolution XI

- i. Questions: None*
- ii. Debate: Senator Strickland: I support this because it shows that every group is represented*

1. Vote to pass the second reading of Resolution XI

✓ VOTE

Yay: 17
Nay: 0

Abstentions: 0

- Second reading PASSES

VIII. Executive Addresses

A. President Marshall

- *First, congratulations to Ellie for swearing-in. I know she will do an amazing job within her role. I apologize for my absence at the Senate today; I had things come up. If you do not have any plans tomorrow, please attend the many athletic events happening on campus. Have an amazing and safe weekend.*

B. Vice President Proffit

- *I hope everyone has good and safe Thanksgiving*
- *Congrats Ellie!*
- *Don't be discouraged!*

C. Chief of Staff Harris

- *None*

D. Treasurer Gilbert

- *None*

E. Director Cassulo

- *Currently will be having a meeting with campus vote 12/2 with chair Wiktorski. Waiting on a list of individuals who will attend rally in tally so I can start planning. If anyone is interested in being a fellow next semester please let me know also we are looking for ideas to increase voter registration on campus please email me and Steven we would love to hear them. Have a great thanksgiving everyone!*

F. Director of Communications Garner:

- *I have been working behind the scenes with Patrick on SGA stoles for graduation. We have a lot of promo items that need to be given away. Anything is up for grabs at this point besides Kayla's mental health balls and stickers for her mental health days. I also would like to address the hierarchy between me and Nyanada. Nyanda is in charge of social media. She has more than enough experience and capability to run our social media. I am there to help her when she needs help and to guide her. So when you need social media posts made and posted please reach out directly to Nyanda. She will reach out to me if she has any questions or concerns about the guidelines. I am in charge of making flyers, promo items, and anything that is heavy on the design side. I also am the one uploading stuff to argopulse, but with that being said. I am going to create two forms on argopulse for people to fill out regarding social media post requests and promo item requests. This will go into effect on Monday, Nov. 21st. Please give us a 2-week notice per request.*

IX. Legislative Addresses

A. Senate Pro Tempore Range

- *The more we actually interact and use Robert's rules is how we can do better in Senate*
- *For the resolutions, if you're going to write one, please align it with dubs up or diversity*
- *Make sure that what we recognize new ideas, like suicide loss, and be intentional about your resolutions and what we are bringing to the table*
- *Congratulations to Ellie, and for FC for staying (you can debate but no vote)*
- *Have a great and safe Thanksgiving weekend*

C. Budget and Allocations Committee Chair Costa:

- *Congrats Ellie and FC on resolution*
- *Finalized budget schedule and budget season sent invites to departments*
- *Finish in late January and present in February*
- *Budget season is open until December 15th 11:59 PM - it is on ArgoPulse*
- *Have a safe Thanksgiving, hope to see you at the football game tomorrow*
- *Let me know if you have any questions*

D. Vice Chair Fess:

- *Green fee is closed, talked with SEAS, should start DSA soon*
- *Have an amazing and safe holiday*

E. Student Affairs Committee Chair Wiktorski:

- *Congratulate you all for the debate, it was inspiring, we should disagree on stuff, shows different views*
- *Work: happy to announce ARGO Den is open, started last year and finished this year*
- *Encourage others to fill out SGA survey now posted on instagram and on the next ARGO NOTE, and what they want SGA wants to fund*
- *Campfire Cooldown was rescheduled because of rain for December 6th*
- *Exam Jam on the 5th in the library give back to the student body*

F. Freshman Committee Vice Chair Savini and Chair Hicks

- *Mental health project, collaborate with CAPS and Active Minds, and local resources, activities to destress*
- *Have a good break*
- *Do good on finals*

G. Senate Addresses:

- *None*

X. Adjournment

A. Standing Committee Report

- *None*

B. Closing Announcements

Senator Chapman: On behalf of Javion Khan, we are holding an annual service week, campus cleanup

- *We are hosting a food drive through December 2 for you to drop off food set up at HLS and the library*
- *We are giving service hours for this*
- *We have a sign up sheet if you want to sign after Senate*

Senate Pro Tempore Range: FSL, AKA we are having a feminine health and hygiene products drive, giving back to the local pensacola community do an array on December 3rd, due by November 30th

- *We also have a girls day to chill out*

Freshman Committee Member Zaldana: I am Veronica, the choir has a performance on Tuesday night at 7:30 PM

C. Public Statements

- *None*

D. Final Roll Call

1. Absent -
 - a. Chair Hebert
 - b. Senator Brewer
 - c. Senator Vazquez
 - d. Senator Cohen
 - e. Senator Allick
 - f. Senator Cavier
 - g. Freshman Committee Chair Hicks

E. Adjournment

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

✓ VOTE

Yay: 17
Nay: 0

- Adjournment PASSES

- **Adjournment: 5:24 PM**