



**56th Senate Meeting  
October 27, 2023**

***I. Call to Order 2:30 pm***

**A. Call to Order**

**B. Roll Call**

- **Chair Bell**
- **Senator Claussen**
- **Senator Dawson**
- **Senator McCloskey**
- **Senator McSwain**
- **Senator Rogers**
- **Senator Wright**
- **Senator Sims**
- **Senator Bissainthe**
- **Chair Wimberly**

***II. Adoption of Agenda***

**A. October 27, 2023**

- **AGENDA PASSES**

***III. Approval of Minutes***

**A. October 13, 2023**

- **MINUTES PASSES**

***IV. Administrative Address***

**A. Dr. Gary Liguori, Ph.D., Provost and Senior Vice President**

- Thank you for having me; I have been here less than one year, and I have enjoyed every minute. Here is some background on the role of a Provost. At every university, there is the President, and the Student affairs side and the Academic side. Dr. Tomso oversees our student affairs, and the provost oversees any academic side. We hire leadership roles and oversee all academics. We did rearrange the colleges a few months ago, and I oversaw that. We do have a gray area, and that is the staff. They work, in theory, under me and Dr. Tomso, but they have HR. From a student

perspective, we would like you not to know the difference. We like you not to learn of the problems we face. We do face many behind-the-scenes issues. We deal significantly with the public and make opportunities for the student body. We have hired Dr. Hartnett, who will be helping students receive employment after graduation.

- Universities across the state are funded differently. In the state of Florida, tuition has not gone up in many years. Other states have gone up to three times their original tuition. We have performance-based metrics, and if we do not meet these, we risk losing funding. There are, in essence, ten metrics. We do have a very high percentage in metric four. We are accountable to the state for metric one as well, which is the success rates of our graduates. This also matches with metric two, the average salary of our graduating students. We also do very well in this metric. We would love to graduate students, but we want to see our students graduate and do well, typically over \$40,000 per year. We have put new people in new places to help achieve our four-year graduation goal. The national four-year graduation rate is 30-40%, and we are just under 50%. We have measures in place to help you achieve this four-year graduation standard. We have one of the best cybersecurity programs in the country. We have a potential partnership in Indiana as well.
- Anytime our faculty is upset, we help to solve the problem. Sometimes, faculty can see the administration as the dark side. However, I was in administration for a long time. I was also a student. Some of you or people you know may face struggles staying in college. If you face these problems, come and talk to us. We can help. Any questions?
- Questions
- Chair Cohen: What would you say your biggest challenge is?
  - Reminding people I don't know everything. People kind of expect me to know everything.
- Senator Montpellier: What's the most fun part of your job?
  - The students, and seeing them be students. I love being around the students and seeing what they are doing.
- Freshman Committee Young: Did you always want this job?
  - I thought I would never be a teacher, but once I became a teacher, I knew I wanted to be a faculty member. The moment I was able to, I leaped at the opportunity.

***V. Guest Speaker***

**A. None**

***VI. Appointments***

**A. Ichelle Jones- Freshman Committee Chair**

- Hi, I am a legal studies major, and I am on the mock trial team. I love people, and I love helping people, and this gives me a great path to do that. Being a leader is about commitment. I held eight leadership positions in martial arts and captained a basketball team. I have many goals for the Freshman Committee: Accessibility, Inclusivity, and Pride.
- Questions
  - Chair Pogreba: How do you plan to raise awareness?
    - Tabling and social media awareness.
- Debate
  - In favor: Senate Pro Tempore Hicks: Before elections, she reached out to ask questions, and she is very proactive and she, has many goals, and is already very organized. She is very dedicated and is the best fit for the position.
  - In favor: Senator McClockey: She is energetic and would be a good fit.
- VOTE- YES: 13 NO: 0
- APPOINTEE PASSES
- Swear-in

**Block Swear-In Motion**

- Motion moved by Vice President Montoya
- Seconded by Chair Pogreba
- MOTION PASSES

**B. Lamb Ngafeeson-Freshman Committee Vice Chair**

- Hello, I am a psychology major. When I looked at the statutes, the Vice Chair's position is to support the Chair, be versatile in any and all roles that I will be playing, and communicate with all of the Freshman Committee.
- Debate
  - In favor, Vice Chair Zaldana: HE is very kind and prepared, and I think he will be a perfect candidate
  - In favor, Senate Pro Tempore Hicks: HE is very proactive and will be a good leader, and he has already set the example for the Freshman Committee
- VOTE- YES: 14 NO: 0
- APPOINTEE PASSES

**C. Andrea Barnhill- Director of Communications**

- Hello, the most essential quality of this position is being able to accept new information and ideas. I have experience running school-related websites. I promise to communicate with my peers and help to open

people's minds to reach out. I took over the social media page for GFC. I promise to be here for you and ready for you.

- Debate
  - Yield time to Secretary Johnson- Chair Fess
  - In favor, Secretary Johnson-Andre reached out to me and was very proactive. Everyone receives her with loving arms; she is a great person, eager, has already reached out to chair bell, and will be a fantastic person for this position
  - In favor, Chair Jones: She will do a fantastic job at showing up for her role.
  - In favor, Senate Pro Tempore Hicks: She was always ready to volunteer her own time, and she is always ready to be here and she wants to be here.
- VOTE- YES: 14 NO: 0
- APPOINTEE PASSES

#### **D. Jackson Harman- Programming Officer**

- Hello, I am a business administration major; I am communicative, and I am a significant component of campus involvement. I was blown away by the university when I looked into going here. As a programming officer, I want to help the student government and the student body and enact positive change to help serve the student body and to be involved on campus.
- Questions
  - Senate Pro Tempore Hicks: What ideas do you have?
    - Possibly using the cannon greens a lot more for mixers that are a little more inclusive.
  - Vice Chair Wimberley: What clubs are you involved in?
    - Greek life, and hopefully soon, Student Government Association.
  - Senate Pro Tempore Hicks: How would you boost morale in Student Government Association?
    - Possible weekly dinners.
- Debate
  - In favor, Chief of Staff Nolan: He has expressed great interest in SGA, and he can use this as a stepping stone to get more involved in Student Government. He has a lot of ideas for the student government.
  - In favor, Vice Chair Wimberley: He shows up, and he is hard working.
- VOTE YES: 13 NO: 1

- APPOINTEE PASSES

BLOCK SWEAR IN

**VII. *Unfinished Business***

**A. None**

**VIII. *New Business***

**A. None**

**IX. *Executive Addresses***

**A. President Range**

- Thank you to everyone who has been helping to table; we will be having a visit from Senator Pizzo, and Rally and Tally forms are due on Sunday.

**B. Vice President Montoya**

- Thank you to the Freshman Committee; we have many more events; thank you to the Senators and to the Senate Pro Temp and Secretary.

**C. Chief of Staff Nolan**

- Congratulations to the Programming Officer; we look forward to the rest of the semester and the spring.

**D. Treasurer Brown**

- How much we spent in October, \$4,527.25. We have \$21,407 left in the budget to be allocated to events.

**X. *Legislative Addresses***

**A. Senate Pro Tempore Hicks**

- I added some of the Freshman Committee members to the Blue Light Survey. We will begin to do this now to help the UPD inspect their blue lights. You will get to talk to UPD and the Administration and give ideas to improve campus and vice versa. Please email if you cannot attend.
- I will be in the office on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and these are posted for you all. To make an appointment, you can go into my calendar and make an appointment with me.
- Please be on time for Senate and communicate with me if you will be late or unable to attend.

**B. Secretary Johnson**

- Congratulations to FC and Jackson Harmon for programming officer; please review the minutes! Have a good weekend!

**C. Budget & Allocations Committee Chair Pogreba**

- Congratulations to all appointed. This week, we allocated \$900 for group travel, a total of \$2100 for a group travel grant. We also allocated \$300 for a capstone project. Hopefully, we will have a screening for this short film, and it will be great to support her. We are opening application student organizations on November 1. Make sure to submit annual budget grants,

and the deadline is December 14th. We will be tabling on the 1st and 14th of November.

**D. University Affairs Committee Chair Fess**

- Green Fee: this closes Monday, October 30th for applications. After this, we cannot guarantee that it will be looked at or funded. We are working on a tabling event as well.

**E. Student Affairs Committee Chair Bell**

- Tomorrow we will be tailgating for the football game tomorrow, and we will need people to help. Please check your email for the Google spreadsheet. We will also be doing the Breast Cancer walk in the morning. Please be there 10-15 minutes early. All information for attire is in the spreadsheet.

**F. Freshman Committee Chair Jones**

- Last week, we had elections and discussed resumes. Hope to play kickball next weekend.

**G. Senate Addresses**

- None

**H. SENATOR OF THE MONTH**

- Senator Dawson

**XI. Adjournment**

**A. Standing Committee Report**

- None

**B. Closing Announcements**

- Vice Chair Zaldana: The choir is doing a fundraising event on November 4th at the Pensacola Little Theatre. All the profits will go to the Tyler Robinson Foundation.
- Treasurer Brown: I am hosting a simulation with 10 Ukrainian students and UWF students in the College of Business classrooms.

**C. Public Statements**

- Vice Chair Wimberly: Delta Tau Delta is tailgating with alumni tomorrow.
- Soccer tailgating is tomorrow.
- Flag football is on Tuesdays and Thursdays-please come out

**D. Final Roll Call**

- **Chair Bell**
- **Senator Dawson**
- **Senator Wright**
- **Senator Bissanthe**

**E. Adjourn**

- Motioned by Vice Chair Wimberly

- Seconded by Senate Pro Tempore Hicks
- MOTION PASSES
- **ADJOURNED at 3:35 pm**