



56th Senate Meeting
September 22, 2023

I. Call to Order (2:30 pm)

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

- a. Absent
 - Chair Fess
 - Senator Lewis
 - Senator Wright
 - Senator Sims
 - Senator Zaldana
 - Treasurer Brown

II. Adoption of Agenda

A. September 22, 2023

a. VOTE: PASSES

III. Approval of Minutes

A. September 8th, 2023

B. Motion to amend the minutes

- a. **Vote: PASSES**
- b. Minutes amended
- c. Motion to approve the minutes
- d. **MOTION: PASSES**

IV. Administrative Address

A. None

V. Guest Speaker(s)

A. Joseph C. Smith, Delta Tau Delta

- a. Louisiana graduate, on-campus recruiting for Delta Tau Delta fraternity, restarting chapter, having recruitment events, back on campus, tabling next week in the breezeway of the commons. Thank you for letting me speak here today.

VI. Appointments

A. Freshman Committee

- a. Swearing in
- b. Motion for block swear-in for appointments from here on Senate Pro Tempore Hicks
- c. Seconded by Chair Bell
- d. **MOTION PASSES**

B. D'Juan Wimberly - Vice Chair of the University Affairs Committee

- a. Hello, I represent this university to the best of my ability; my job is to be a helping hand to Chair Fess. Grateful for the opportunity. Change will come
- b. Debate: Chair Bell: Senator Wimberly is easy to count on and good to work with. Please vote for

Senate Pro Tempore Hicks: always here for Senate, dedicated, and will make sure everything is done correctly

Senator McCloskey: in support of this man

- c. Vote: 13
- d. **APPOINTEE PASSES**

C. Veronica Zaldana- Vice Chair of the Student Affairs Committee

- a. Absent

D. Sophia Cohen-Vice Chair of Budgets and Allocations Committee

- a. Majoring in hospitality, love talking to students, and funding projects that further career endeavors, want to serve in leadership aside from Chair Pogreba, promote honesty and tabling
- b. Debate: Chair Pogreba: in favor of Chair Cohen, good ideas, believes she will be best in this position

Senate Pro Tempore Hicks: in favor, she has good ideas for budgets to do more tabling events

Senator Dawson: in favor, big heart, she will do well in this position

- c. Vote: 13

d. APPOINTEE PASSES

E. Stuart Laedlein- Associate Justice

- a. Sophomore in Criminal Justice wanted to understand aspects of the legal system, the Supreme Court, and the university. wanted to be fair and treat everyone equally, will uphold the laws of the university.
- b. Questions for Appointee: Chair Pogreba: What else do you do on campus?

Answer: Club Fencing, Sergeant Arms, Criminal Justice Committee in high school

Question: Chief of Staff Nolan: Have you met any other justices?

Answer: No.

Debate: Chair Bell: In favor, grew up together, good listener, vote in favor of him

- c. Vote: 13

d. APPOINTEE PASSES

F. Jeff Bissainthe- Senator of the Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering

- a. Sophomore, Cab event director, plans events for his fraternity, is business-oriented, and learns to budget.

Question: How would you better the college and SGA?

Answer: I would have the student's best interests at heart and represent well for the school.

- b. Debate: Senator Rogers: In favor, takes what he does seriously, and will do well

Chair Pogreba: in favor, has ambition, wanted to come to meeting before being sworn in,

Time yielded to Director Carapazza by Vice Chair Cohen: handles his time well and is a good person to be around.

Vice President Montoya: shows that he wants to be a part of the SGA

- c. VOTE: 13

d. APPOINTEE PASSES

G. BLOCK SWEAR-In

VII. Unfinished Business

A. None

VIII. New Business

A. Bill III

- a. Chair Fess is absent, and the Senate Pro Tempore is reading
- b. Questions: none
- c. Debate: Acknowledging they are on Senate, for clarification
- d. VOTE: 13
- e. **BILL PASSES**
- f. Motion for second reading of the Bill by Vice Chair Cohen
- g. Seconded by Chair Pogreba
- h. **MOTION PASSES**
- i. Questions: NONE
- j. Debate: Need bill to pass
- k. VOTE: 13
- l. **BILL PASSES**

B. Recommendation II

- a. Chair McCloskey reading
- b. Question: Chair Pogreba: Second recommendation that focuses on trees?

Answer: Yes, in another recommendation. I have discussed the recommendation with Chip, Head of Parking.

Question: Chair Pogreba, point of information, what is a curb stop?

Answer: cement bars that stop other cars from hitting each other

Question: Chair Cohen: curb stop only obstructing one space?

Answer: Yes, it looks messy and is a tripping hazard

Question: Senate Pro Tempore Hicks, who is working on the second recommendation?

Answer: Chair Pograba and I

Question: President Range: Is Chip paying for this?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Chief of Staff Nolan: Is Chip waiting for us?

Answer: Chip is ensuring that there is enough of a problem and has ready curb stops.

Question: Could we start the process now, or have you already started? as in is this the extra oomph?

Answer: They just need an extra oomph. They are ready to begin and want our support.

- c. Debate: The Department Head just wants our support to fix this simple issue
- d. VOTE: 10
- e. OPPOSED:
- f. RECOUNT
- g. VOTE: 10
- h. NAY: 2
- i. Abstention: 1
- j. BILL PASSES**
- k. Motion for a second reading: Senator Dawson
- l. Seconded by Vice Chair Wimberly
- m. MOTION PASSES**
- n. Questions: Chair Pogreba: What is the delay?

Answer: waiting because of the heat, working currently on parking lot A, and they need to know more about the hanging branches and their location

Question: Chair Pogreba: Knows about it and is working on it. Would you drop a low-hanging branch recommendation?

Answer: The recommendation would help with specific locations and show support for this, the recommendation is being worked on, and is unaware of the recommendation, SGA would give good support

Point of Information: Senate Pro Tempore Hicks: This is in regard to the next recommendation, correct?

Answer: Senate Pro Tempore Hicks: Send recommendations to show support in the two separate matters.

Questions: Vice Chair Cohen: Is this going to get done when it happens or soon?

Answer: That may be an answer for the manager. However, it should not take too long. It is hard to find men, it could be a month or two, the recommendation could speed up a few weeks.

Question: Chair Bell: trying to enforce this, and it's not waiting around, and they have to keep the grounds nice?

Answer: SGA should be able to get things done and fixed quickly.

Question: Vice Chair Cohen: Is this going to affect parking

Answer: Only a particle section of the parking lot should not be affected too much, but should at most cause obstruction, but should not have to close the parking lot fully

Question: Vice President Montoya: Did you state there was not enough parking on campus?

Answer: There is not enough parking in certain places on campus:

Question: Senator Rogers: Funding is not from SGA

Answer: Correct

Question: Senator Claussen: Would this actually speak up for the fixes?

Answer: Yes, this would.

Point of Information: Senate Pro Tempore Hicks: Is this a problem that was brought up at first?

Answer: No, this was brought to the attention of the department by me.

- o. Vice Chair Wimberly: motion to table discussion indefinitely, seconded by Senator Dawson
- p. Debate: this is important and should be solved

Vice Chair Cohen: if this is a serious issue, we could pass this, but if not, we should not

Vice Chair Wimberly: We can pass this recommendation because it is good to have documentation

Chair Pogreba: this is an issue that has been brought to our attention if we say no, this will discourage further recommendations; this for something that is outside our jurisdiction

Senator Rogers: in favor, could we make a bigger area so more recommendations don't have to keep being passed

Senator Claussen: against, the recommendation should be together

Senator McSwain: in favor, all information we need is there

Senator McCloskey: pass the recommendation. Focusing on narrow issues makes it easier to implement

- q. Yay: 9
- r. Nay: 0
- s. Abstention: 2
- t. **RECOMMENDATION PASSES**

C. Bill IV

- a. Senator McCloskey reading
- b. Questions: Senate Pro Tempore Hicks: President agrees in writing

Answer: Writing is fine, it also gives room for vetoing, not necessarily something that will be an issue

Question Chair Pogreba: If this is an option, why is it in legislation?

Answer: Good point, like the clarification if the veto occurs, likes that the President will have reference, got the idea from the government

Question: Vice Chair Wimberly: How will this affect the President? Does this mean we can override a veto?

Answer: Bill will clarify and remove ambiguity and vagueness, providing consistency throughout our documents. Up to the president, if this provides power for Senators to override a veto, will encourage debate, debate stimulate conversation, and make people aware, will bring the most reasonable outcome.

c. Debate: Senator McCloskey: offers clarification and consistency

Senate Pro Tempore Hicks: against, will encourage debate, and make the President harder believes that the veto statutes are already in place, not fair to have bill out out

Senator Wimberly: in favor, the President vetoes, and we should be able to know why something is vetoed

Senate Pro Tempore Hicks: if President were to veto, we stand by that, we are not the real Senate or government

Vice Chair Wimberly: we should do everything to the best of our ability

President Range: If there was to be a veto, the reasons would already be on the floor, this is not a requirement, the reasons come out on the floor

Senator McCloskey: the reasons do come out on the floor, the question to all of you is if the questions do not come out on the floor

Chair Pogreba: against, we do communicate already and we discuss the bills already, we should not include options in the law

Senator Dawson: against, takes away from the President's actions

Vice President Montoya: "may" allows the President to give or not give statements, and this is unclear

- d. Motioned by Senator McCloskey, seconded by Senator McSwain: motion to strike out portion C from the Bill
- e. VOTE: 8
- f. Nay: 2
- g. Abstentions: 2
- h. MOTION PASSES**
- i. Debate on Amended Motion
- j. Senator McCloskey: this is important

Senate Pro Tempore Hicks: against, already in Constitution, this will start a trend of changing, let stay in Constitution.

Vice Chair Wimberly: we should pass if already in the Constitution

Senator McCloskey: reading the Constitution (D.)

Senate Pro Tempore Hicks: since this is the in the Constitution, we do not have to pass this Bill

President Range: Our Constitution trumps the statutes

- k. Vote: 1
- l. Nay: 8
- m. Abstentions: 2
- n. The first reading of Bill DOES NOT PASS**

IX. Executive Addresses

A. President Range

- a. Welcome, thank you to Senators, congratulations to Freshman Committee, thank you for sitting in, congratulations to Chair Carapazza, lots of events coming up, be on the lookout for announcements, Fall Diversity Week, very proud, come tailgate tomorrow.

B. Vice President Montoya

- a. Congratulations to the freshman committee, we are having GFC team. Thank you to Senate Pro Tempore Hicks, congratulations to everyone that got sworn in today, thank you for everything

C. Chief of Staff Nolan

- a. Home tailgate and football game, administration has had a good week, special ceremony at FAMU, President Range was recognized for being one of four female black SGA Presidents, good turn out for tabling, welcome to Freshman Committee

D. Treasurer Brown

- a. Absent

X. *Legislative Addresses*

A. Senate Pro Tempore Hicks

- a. Congratulations to the Freshman Committee, I am very proud of those sworn in today. Senators check emails for reminders of changes of office hours. We are having Senator Social to come in and talk about new ideas on October 2nd, 6 pm-8 pm, discussing Robert's rules, if you have to miss committee meetings, email Chairs first, only email for Senate and mandatory events.

B. Secretary Johnson

- a. No report

C. Budget & Allocations Committee Chair Pogreba

- a. Congratulations to the freshman committee. One individual came in for a project grant. We can hear a presentation for budget if you need one, if you are interested in a travel grant we do give for future travels.

D. University Affairs Committee Chair Fess

- a. Absent
- b. Vice Chair of University Affairs: Welcome to SGA

E. Student Affairs Committee Chair Bell

- a. Welcome, read to the kids today. There were lots of kids, and they did ask us to come back. October is busy, homecoming week, working with the Diversity chair for Diversity Week, and Breast Cancer Walk downtown. If you have any questions, please ask

F. Senate Addresses

- a. Senator McCloskey, thank you for dealing with me

XI. *Senator of the Month*

- A. D’Juan Wimberly

XII. *Adjournment*

A. Standing Committee Report

- a. Chief of Staff: academic misconduct training today went well

B. Closing Announcements

- a. Director Carapazza: please participate in Homecoming

C. Public Statements

- a. None

D. Final Roll Call

- a. Absent
 - Chair Fess
 - Senator Sims
 - Senator Wright
 - Senator Lewis
 - Senator Zaldana
 - Treasurer Brown

E. Adjourn

- a. Motion by Vice Chair Wimberly
- b. Seconded by Senator Franzini
- c. **ADJOURNED at 4:04 pm**