



*56th Senate Meeting  
September 29, 2023*

***I. Call to Order 2:34***

- A. Pledge of Allegiance*
- B. Roll Call*

***Absent***

- Senator Dawson
- Senator Lewis
- Senator Wright

***II. Adoption of Agenda***

- A. September 29, 2023*
- B. Agenda PASS*

***III. Approval of Minutes***

- A. September 22, 2023*
- B. Minutes PASS*

***IV. Administrative Address***

- A. Administration*
- B. Dr. Mary Anderson*

- a. It is great to see everyone. Welcome to the freshman committee. Would like to share highlights,
  - Argo Arrival: thanks to SGA and budgets, we were able to bring back the beach bash.
  - We were able to bring back 282 international students. Please help them feel welcome. The largest international student population to date
  - House calls events created.
  - Division of Academic of Student Affairs was able to create a new office, and this includes Title IX.
  - A new FL statute requires all universities to have emergency Narcan in the halls to fight the opioid crisis and

- The division participated in university-wide hurricane preparation
- This October, Housing Residence Life will be hosting a safety week campaign regarding fire, assault, and other emergency protocols
- Commuter Hub has Positive feedback; last year, 3000 check-ins last year
- Thank you for your continued support. SGA provided additional funding for Argo Arrival for new exercise equipment and supporting budget and funding allocations. It will be preparing for the 2024-25 academic year.

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

### ***A. Aurora Osborn: Interim Director, Office of Campus Culture and Access, Student Ombuds***

- a. Motion to stop business when speaker arrives*
- b. MOTION PASSES*
- c. Thank you for having me. I am talking about Civil Discourse today; you cannot talk about these concepts enough. It is important to review these topics, and I hope to leave you with insightful takeaways.
  - Have you ever had a conversation with someone you disagreed with? Today, you will get a few tips on how to handle these conversations.
  - Hopefully, a three-time graduate of UWF, I am interim director of the Office of Campus Culture and Access; we have Title IX, SAR for disabled students,
  - It may not be clear what civil discourse is, learning objectives- the what and why, Growth and learning, constructive conversations, and how to promote helpful conversations.
  - One of today's most important issues is how to have a conversation in a democratic society; people debate, make up their minds, and set a course in their minds. We are confronted every day with uncivil discourse. A successful conversation leaves you understanding new perspectives and that your voice has been heard or that you have found new ground; the conversation should be constructive. civil discourse includes a lack of understanding and a lack of responsibility. you should now feel you have to silence yourself to keep the peace, and it's not about winning or proving others wrong.
  - Your peers have expressed that civil discourse is important; 95% of teens think schools should teach them how to be independent

- thinkers, and 93% of teens believe schools should prepare them to interact with others. You should have a commitment to these goals.
- Civil discourse starts with you. We are influenced by people all the time; differences in values and opinions should make us better. Differences do not have to be barriers.
  - The outcome should be growth and learning. With a commitment to these outcomes, you will thrive.
  - Plan for 2022-2027-to create a culture of inclusion and civility and welcoming to all members of this university. This commitment does not just stop and start at the university.
  - The university is governed by a board of governors. One of the governors highlighted that civil discourse, conducted well, is a part of the First Amendment.
  - How do we engage in Civil Discourse? Keep tips in mind to become a skilled conversationalist. Let go of winning, share your story, and invite others to do the same, ask questions, acknowledge others' emotions, and seek the common good. Facts will never defeat motivated reasoning. We owe it to ourselves as leaders to follow these.
  - Video
  - Compromise is important; think about that when you are navigating your life as a leader on campus.
  - Free Expression Statement opens the conversation and promotes skills to argue with civil discourse respectfully; we should empower and enable one another to speak and recognize that restricting expression is unlawful.
  - Thank you, and Go Argos!

***B. Chip Chism: Director of Parking and Transportation Services***

- a. When I got invited, I was asked to talk about the trolley; the trolley started in 2002, and it is funded through a combination auxiliary fee; there is a permit employee that goes into funding as well, two trolleys-one for town and one for campus-there is a problem with the locator app, soon there will be locators on the trolleys that will work in real time-bus stop, two on campus, trolleys and buses are different, and Nautilus offers 10 bus passes per week.
  - Chair Fess: The trolleys are not there when they are supposed to do not have time points because they are in constant motion; trolleys have real-time monitoring.

- Chair Fess: Trolley does not stop at Martin Hall- if that happens again, let me know, and we will fix the problem; they are having a hard time getting drivers.
- Senate Pro Tempore Hicks: We do not do a pin-point system; what is a good way to know where the trolley is-should be hitting every stop every five to seven minutes; let me know when this happens so we can get the problem fixed
- Chair Pogreba: If no classes are in operation, buses don't come. Is this still true? Buses will not operate on holidays or on days we are closed.
- Vice President Montoya: How does funding come with a credit fee when you take a class
- Vice President Montoya: how many students use the trolley-a lot of students use this resource, 87 bus tickets
- Fess the parking map was updated in the parking office. Are the signs going to change on the interactive parking map- yes, they will soon; if the sign says open to all permits, it is open to all permits.
- Senator Rogers: Could we get cameras in the parking lots for hit and runs-privacy and expense issues, 46 lots so that it would be very expensive
- Chair Fess: Point of Information-cars stolen out of Martin Hall and end up in other resident halls
- If you ever see anything that needs to be fixed, stop by and let me know
- President Range: Lack of convenience. Is there anything the university is doing on campus? Lot I have not been full 5 years; we cannot build parking in upward areas, and if people do not cross the street, they won't park there; garages and more parking are extremely expensive, and we do not have a lack of parking but of convenient parking.
- Chair Fess: Can I get a temporary parking pass for disabled persons since I cannot get a federal one to come to the office? We will give you two weeks, and more than that, talk more with the office; we can't give handicapped parking passes; permits are happening outside of my jurisdiction, I can meet with someone and discuss this if necessary. However, we can give you a free two weeks.

- Vice Chair Cohen: are you doing any programs to up parking in empty lots-we will take all the help we can get to tell people, but people will do what they want
- FC Member Blecher: could we change the row to make the whole in front of Presidents Hall residents' parking? No, but we have lots that you can park in, and we have lists for you.
- With all permits parking in front of the commons, but faculty parks in all the spots, is there anything we can do is something that can be talked about? It is a balancing act because students also park in the faculty, but we can talk about that.
- Senator McCloskey: A new parking lot/garage would be expensive; any way to get more money is auxiliary and funded by a statute. we are self-funded, and it would be hard to get funding
- Bell Plan for future parking: do we still have to pay for permits? Yes, but they are the same price as before; permits do pay for fixing and costs to repair roads and cut down trees.
- Chair Fess: We cannot back into spots-we have to see your license plate. we are the last school to get rid of back-in parking; we could not get back in until 1980
- Senate Pro Tempore Hicks, when is this going into effect-we thought we would fully implement online parking permits in 2026, with testing next year in 2024.

***C. Ronnie Guison: Homecoming Executive Director***

- a. Hello, a brief rundown of events: homecoming is a league of events that immerse students in the spirit of blue and green, Homecoming starts Monday.
- b. Homecoming is made up of four people.
- c. Cannon Fest- 11 am-1 pm on cannon greens, cookout with games and inclusive environment.
- d. Homecoming Court Pageant-7 pm-9 pm, tickets available on ArgoPulse
- e. Ticket Release party-announcing Homecoming artist
- f. Boat Race-Wednesday 7 pm-9 pm
- g. Colchis-7 pm-9 pm, artist performance, Field House
- h. ArgoRally-volleyball at 6 pm, Argo Rally right after, music and food
- i. Tailgate and Football Game-Saturday, announcing court and who wins GFC
- j. Thank you, SGA, for your support and for allocating funding. We appreciate it very much

***VI. Appointments***

***A. Veronica Zaldana-Vice Chair of Student Affairs***

- a. This position will allow me to advocate for students to increase student involvement, and I want to include other organizations to help SGA and increase student involvement.
- b. Chair Bell: debate in favor- is very excited to work with me in a sorority and vote in favor
- c. VOTE: 16
- d. APPOINTEE PASSES
- e. Appointee swear-in

**B. Freshman Committee**

- a. Appointees swear-in

**VII. Unfinished Business**

*A. None*

**VIII. New Business**

**A. Resolution II**

- a. Authors: Senate Pro Tempore Hicks and Chair Bell reading
- b. Point of Debate: written because they got accredited, and we want to show our gratitude for all of their service. They have worked well with us and have stayed transparent
- c. VOTE: 16
- d. RESOLUTION PASSES
- e. MOTION FOR SECOND READING PASSES
- f. Point of Debate: The authors would like to give this to them next Senate
- g. VOTE: 16
- h. RESOLUTION PASSES

**B. Resolution III**

- a. Author: Chair Fess reading
- b. Point of Debate: written last year, we would love to be involved in suicide prevention, It is also great for campus outreach
- c. Point of Information: Lindsey Woods- amendment on the floor for moving, whereas
- d. VOTE: 16
- e. RESOLUTION PASSES
- f. MOTION FOR SECOND READING by Chair Wimberly
- g. MOTION PASSES
- h. Questions: Senate Pro Tempore Hicks: would SGA be funding
- i. No
- j. Chair Bell: IS there a design?
- k. We will design, and SGA can be included in the creation of the banner
- l. Point of Debate: needs to pass
- m. VOTE: 16

- n. RESOLUTION PASSES
- o. MOTION for Recess by Senator Tempore Hicks
- p. Motion seconded by Senator McSwain
- q. YAY:9
- r. NAY:4
- s. MOTION PASSES

## **IX. Executive Addresses**

### **A. President Range**

- a. SGA Diversity Week-week after Homecoming week
  - Greek Drive: FSLs will be working to collect donations for their choice-help needed tabling
  - Monday: wear orange for Indigenous People Day; help needed tabling
  - Tuesday: World Mental Health-tabling help needed
  - Wednesday: Coming Out Day, SGA took over coming out day, handing out food and drink, come as you please, playing Paris is burning
  - Thursday: Hispanic Heritage, Cannon Greens need help tabling
  - Friday: Passing out disaster packs, help needed tabling
  - Big tabling week, posting this weekend, and please repost
- b. Argo Rally is next Friday; volleyball starts at 6:00 pm, quiet until 8th point for hearing disability awareness, go outside for food and drinks, DJ with music, you can tie-dye a shirt and wear it to the game, 8-10, after going to Latin night at Mamas and Papas-sending all information out
- c. Made a speech in front of faculty and staff yesterday, went very well

### **B. Vice President Montoya**

- a. Congratulations to FC for swearing in; thank you to all, and have a safe weekend.

### **C. Chief of Staff Nolan**

- a. Get involved.

### **D. Treasurer Brown**

- a. Given by President Range: Hello, the Monthly report is \$1,103 for promotional items, September \$2,153 for events, and we have \$23,000+ for more events and budgeting; ask her if you have any questions.

## **X. Legislative Addresses**

### **A. Senate Pro Tempore Hicks**

- a. We got a green light for a safety walk, partnering with UPD, and will get more updates as they come, Monday will be Senator Social from 6-8 pm, talk and ask questions about legislation and socialize, updating civil discourse legislation if anyone wants to work with me, talk to me.

**B. Secretary Johnson**

- a. No report

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

- a. Meeting: one project grant for \$375. Be mindful when submitting grants, money remaining for project grants of \$3000+

**D. University Affairs Committee Chair Fess**

- a. In the meeting, we planned staff appreciation for November, the week before Thanksgiving. Interested in helping? Let me know if anyone can apply for the green fee. make a project proposal if you are interested

**E. Student Affairs Committee Chair Bell**

- a. October will be busy, Homecoming is next week, FC is more than welcome to sign up for Homecoming week and other events in October; reach out if you need anything.

**F. Senate Addresses**

- a. None

**XI. Adjournment 4:30 pm**

**A. Standing Committee Report**

- a. None

**B. Closing Announcements**

- a. Senator Rogers: My fraternity is hosting a donation drive for the homeless
- b. Dr. Woods-Director of Student Engagement, hazing can happen everywhere; it is National Hazing Prevention Week, Monday, October 9th-Kathleen Wyatt will be speaking from 6-7 pm in the Commons Auditorium
- c. Chair Fess: The walk to end Alzheimer's is on Sunday
- d. Senator McSwain: The entrepreneurship club is hosting an event with Sandy Sansing

**C. Public Statements**

- a. None

**D. Final Roll Call**

- Vice Chair Cohen
- Senator Lewis
- Senator Wright
- Senator Pilli

**E. Adjournment 4:30 pm**

- a. Chair Fess motioned to adjourn
- b. Seconded by Vice Chair Wimberly
- c. MOTION PASSES