



57th Senate Meeting

Nov 1, 2024

- I. Call to Order 2:31 pm.
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 1. Vice Chair McCaskey
 2. Senator Bare
 3. Senator Belk
 4. Senator Campbell
 5. Senator Cowell
 6. Senator Davis
 7. Senator Glover
 8. Senator Martin
 9. Senator Smith
- II. Adoption of Agenda
 - A. October 18th, 2024
 - B. Amendment by Vice-President Griffin “Appointment of Freshman Committee Chairs and adding a resolution.”
 1. Moved by Senate Pro Tempore Jones
 2. Seconded by Chair Pogreba
 3. Amendment PASSES
 4. Agenda PASSES
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. October 18th, 2024
 - B. Minutes PASS
- IV. Administrative Address
 - A. None
- V. Guest Speaker

- A. Chasidy Hobbs—Hello, everyone. First, I want to thank you for all that you do. I have a couple of things to talk about. We have a garden on campus that was founded so that students can have access to fresh food. We get our funding through the green fee for the edible trees and bushes planted around campus and a digital map showing all the edible plants on campus. In the past couple of years, I have taken on multiple roles. My newest role is the Director of Conservation. In the past, UWF wanted to develop the acres of land around the campus. Fortunately, they never did, and now these forest areas are protected and meant to be preserved so students can enjoy them. Argos Conservation Corps will be a way for students and faculty to protect these areas and I believe SGA will be a great place for this program to call home.
1. Question Chair Pogreba “What was the URL for the website you were on?”
 - a) “If you Google Argos edible campus, it will be the first thing you see.”
 2. Question Director Patterson “Is this land no longer being conserved?”
 - a) Our goal is to obtain a conservation easement for this land. Once the land goes into that easement, it can never come out. Because we don't own this land, we need to gather data on why it is important to conserve it and present it in Tallahassee.
 3. Question Director Patterson “Are you looking for student signatures or numerical data? What exactly do you need from the Student government?”
 - a) I need help brainstorming and working together to establish the Argos Conservation Corps.
- B. Sanaya Louis - “Hello, everyone, I'm here today on behalf of Argo Eats. We were able to make Argo Eats a non-profit organization through the IRS, and we would like to celebrate that. Join Argo Eats on November 7th at 6 PM for Pargo Eats, hosted in partnership with UWF Housing & Residence Life!”

VI. Appointments

- A. Victor Lopez-Segura- Supreme Court Justice: “Hello everyone. Some of you met me as part of the voting committee last year. I saw there was an opening and decided to run again. SGA is very special and I wanted to thank you guys for giving me this opportunity. The reason I decided to run for this position is because I appreciate fairness, equality, and integrity. I'm constantly searching for ways to learn things and that's what I would like to do in SGA. I've been a couple of different chairs in my fraternity, and I'm part of the by-law committee and other committees. I understand my position might be

viewed as a chair with fewer responsibilities, but I want to be someone who can be relied on. Thank you.

1. Debate Vice Chair Schatz: "I'd like to debate in favor of Victor. I was able to talk with him, and I could tell he's very hard working and he would take his position seriously. "

2. Appointment PASSES

B. Motion for block swear-in.

1. Moved by Pro Tempore Jones
2. Seconded by Chair Pogreba

C. Gionna Maduro- Supreme Court Justice:" Hello everyone my name is Gionni Maduro, I'm an international student from the Caribbean. I'm a transfer student, and this is my second semester. I heard about this position from a classmate. I made it a point to be more involved this year. I started as the president of the National Society for Leadership and Success. The reason I want this position is that this school does a lot for me, and I want to be able to give back to the school in some way. "

1. Debate Pro Tempore Jones: "I'd like to debate in favor of Gionna. I know her personally. She's so intelligent and passionate about some of the things we talk about here, and she would bring a lot to this table."
2. Debate Senator Dortch: "I like to debate in favor of Gionna. She is always active around campus, and I think that's something we always need to see."
3. Debate Chief of Staff Bennet "I'd like to debate in favor of Gionna. Her interview was amazing. She's very passionate and brought a lot of ideas to the table."
4. Appointment PASSES

D. Christian Gingras- Senator: " Hello everyone. My name is Christian and I'm a senior in the psychology program and also the leadership chair of the student organizational council. I'm here today for this school. This school has done a lot for me personally and professionally. I also love what you guys do for the students on campus. I am currently working on ways to incentivize different ways of transportation on campus. I'm also drafting ideas to further promote diversity and inclusion. Thank you"

1. Debate Pro Tempore Jones "I like to debate in favor of Christian. He's on the Executive Board of SOC with me. He's very good at planning events and has plenty of good ideas. He's very smart and would bring a lot to our senate."

2. Debate Chief of Staff Bennet "I'd like to debate in favor of Christian. I met him during his interview. He brought ideas to his interview, researched a lot about his position, and asked many questions."
- E. Brianna Toney- Freshman Committee Chair "Hello, everyone my name is Brianna Toney. My major is business, and I'll graduate in 2026. I have been the SGA President and National Honor Society President in my past years. I was also captain of 3 different sports teams and led the homecoming committee in high school
1. Question Chair Pogreba: "What plans do you have for the Freshman committee?"
 - a) I have a spring fling event that I've been thinking of for the spring semester, and I also want to see FC come together more in the future.
 2. Debate Treasurer Johnson: "I like to debate in favor of Brianna. She's a cool person overall, and I think she will make a fantastic leader."
 3. Appointment PASSES
- F. Aubrey Miller- Freshman Committee Vice-Chair "Hello, my name is Aubrey Miller. I'm double majoring in criminal justice and minoring in psychology and honors. I was in 7 clubs in High school, and I worked at the public defender's office and did a program at the Florida House of Representatives and Senate. My main goal is to connect FC more to SGA."
1. Question Chair Pogreba: "How are your time management skills?"
 - a) Time management is such an important skill to me. I plan out every single day and make time for what matters to me, and FC does matter to me.
 2. Question Vice Chair Schatz: "How will you work with SGA more?"
 - a) I want to connect better in general. FC is in the corner so I want to help distinguish ourselves but merge with SGA well.
 3. Debate Chair Ngafesson: "I'd like to debate in favor of Aubrey. I met her in Pace, and she was adamant from the beginning that she wanted to serve in SGA. She's always either doing something she cares about or caring for someone she cares about. Our greatest asset is being accountable and showing up, and I feel like she'd be a great vice chair."
 4. Debate Chief of Staff Bennet: "I'd like to debate in favor of Aubrey. She was at almost all homecoming events, and she was so dedicated to representing the freshman committee."
 5. Appointment PASSES
- G. Maya Linares - Freshman Committee Director of Communications: "Hello, everyone I'm the appointment for director of communications. I am a

nursing major and am apart of Women of Wellness and work in the commons. I'm also on the social media committee, so I'm running the Commons Instagram page. I've had experience running pages in high school, so I'm excited to get to work on our page

1. Question Treasurer Johnson "Do you have any specific plans for the Instagram Page?"
 - a) I plan to promote events and introduce our team.
2. Appointment PASSES

VII. Unfinished Business

- A. None

VIII. New Business

A. Bill 4- Senate Pro Tempore Jones

1. 1st read
2. Question Vice Chair Schatz: "On 409, it says we can't look at another student's ballot. Is that just for electronic ballots or written ballots?"
 - a) Electronic and written ballots are both considered valid in the university's definition, so neither can be looked at.
3. Debate from Author: "One change was to fix the numbering. Most of these are to clear up any confusion that the supervisor of elections needed clarification on last year."
4. Debate from Senate: None
5. 2nd Read
6. Debate from Author: "No debate."
7. Bill PASSES

B. Bill 5- Chair Ngafesson

1. 1st read
2. Question Senator Rojas-Rau "How many nominations are considered insufficient?"
 - a) Insufficient would be if there was no nominee from one College. Then a different staff member from a different college would be chosen.
3. Debate from Author:" This semester, we had no nomination from the College of Business, and others had multiple nominations so we decided to reward the teachers for the students submitting nominations. This is also guidance for chairs after me."
4. Debate from Senate: None
5. 2nd Read
6. Debate from Author: None
7. Bill PASSES

C. Bill 6- Senate Pro Tempore Jones

1. 1st read
2. Question Chair Pogreba: "Why did you use he/her pronouns at the end when you have been using neutral pronouns otherwise?"
3. Question Senator Cowell: "What would be considered an excused absence?
 - a) Anything like academic commitments or health appointments. As long as you let me know 2 days in advance, I'll approve your absence.
4. Debate from Author: "The main purpose of this bill is to fix the current process of removing a senator from the Senate. This bill kinda creates a way for their removal to go on behind closed doors. Elected officials are those of us who get paid to do our job. For us, it should be up to the Advisor to remove us if we're not doing our job.
5. Debate from Senate: None
6. 2nd read
7. Debate from Author: None
8. Debate from Senate: None
9. Bill PASSES

D. Resolution II

1. 1st read
2. Debate from Author:" We spent about 3 weeks doing the distinguished teaching award process, which was supposed to be longer. I'm thankful to my committee members for helping get this done."
3. Debate from Senate: None
4. 2nd read
5. Debate from Author: None
6. Debate from Senate: None
7. Resolution PASSES

IX. Executive Addresses

- A. President Brown *Absent, Chief of Staff Bennet* "Congratulations to all new appointees. I'm attending a research conference, so I'm sorry I can't be there in person. We're looking for a supervisor of elections and election commissioners for next year's elections. If you know anyone interested, please have them fill out the form on Argo Pulse. Thank you, Director Goldberg, for hosting Votes and Treats and Director Patterson for a successful Diversity Week. Thank you to all partners who helped out with this event. Lastly, Rally in tally is Jan 21st-22nd. Members of SGA will debate and vote on bills that are up in the legislature. An interest for will be sent out next week."

- B. Vice President Griffin - "Congratulations to all new appointments and Director Patterson for a great diversity week. Please finish this year out strong."
 - C. Chief of Staff Bennett - "Congrats to all new appointees. Thank you, guys, for a great Diversity Week."
 - D. Treasurer Johnson - Hey guys \$16,111.92 left in the budget. Congratulations to all new appointments and to Director Patterson for a great Diversity Week. There is an expenditure for all chairs, executive members, and senators in argo pulse. If you need items just fill out the form and email me. Some things we order take a while to come in, so we need to plan ahead. If you have any questions, please let me know."
 - E. Director Patterson: "On Day of Pride, we had 260 people and last year we had 30 or 40. For Hispanic Heritage Day, we had 160 people come out. It's important to see people out there and get along. Our partnerships and campus collaborations showed how we work well with other organizations. One thing I'd change is to have more people show up to help clean. Spring Diversity Week will see black history month celebrations, women's tea party along with eating disorders, and substance abuse recognition. That'll be super fun, so please come and help out.
- X. Legislative Addresses
- A. Senate Pro Tempore Jones -" Congrats to all appointees. Thank you, guys for being here and showing up to all the events this month. Thank you, guys, for effective communication, I often joke about it, but meeting a quorum is important "
 - B. Secretary Lucas - "No report"
 - C. Budget & Allocations Committee Chair Pogreba - " We approved a new process for approving allocation projects and travel grants. Since the last senate I was here for, we allocated \$2,000 for project grants and \$2,800 for travel grants. My committee will start tabling soon, and if you are involved in any clubs, remind them of the annual budget applications. Please attend committee meetings if you want to get more involved."
 - D. University Affairs Committee Chair Ngafeeson - "Congrats to all appointees. Next week I will be out of town, so Vice Chair Louis will be leading the meeting. I want to thank everyone for your hard work, and I appreciate you guys so much."
 - E. Student Affairs Committee Chair Thomas - "To my committee members, please check your emails. I'll have to change the meeting times again since some of you can't make it. Good luck on finals."
 - F. Freshman Committee Chair Toney- "No report"
 - G. Senate Addresses - None

XI. Adjournment

- A. Standing Committee Report - None
- B. Closing Announcements - None
- C. Public Statements - None
- D. Final Roll Call
 - Vice Chair McCaskey
 - Senator Bare
 - Senator Belk
 - Senator Campbell
 - Senator Davis
 - Senator Martin
 - Senator Smith
- E. Adjourn (3:51 pm)
 - Motion to adjourn the meeting
 - Moved by Pro Tempore Jones
 - Seconded by Chair Pogrba
 - MOTION PASSES