



57th Senate Meeting  
Feb 21, 2025

- I. Call to Order 2:30 pm.
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Roll Call
    1. Chair Toney
    2. Vice Chair McCaskey
    3. Senator Campbell
    4. Senator Cowell
    5. Senator Davis
    6. Senator Dortch
    7. Senator Gilbert
    8. Senator Martin
    9. Senator Smith
    10. Senator Saelzler
- II. Adoption of Agenda
  - A. February 21st, 2025
  - B. Amendment- Add Director Angelique Patterson as a guest speaker
    1. Agenda PASSES
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - A. January 27th, 2025
    1. Minutes PASS
  - B. February 7th, 2025
    1. Minutes PASS
- IV. Administrative Address
  - A. Dr. Gregory Tomso, Vice President of Academic Engagement and Student Affairs
    1. Hi everyone, I am Gregory Tomso. I oversee housing, HLS, health services, honors, etc. Thank you to the budget committee for

handling the budget this year. I try to be as hands-off as I can besides the piece of advice every so often. If you have suggestions about the budget, please let me know. We have gone through a lot as a campus, so I thought now was the right time to come speak. Things are constantly changing from political involvement related to funding to the local board trustees being appointed, so I know there is unrest around that. When I took the job for vice chair for academic engagement and student affairs, my primary goal is to take care of the students. Dr. Woods and I work around the clock to make sure this campus is safe and everyone can thrive no matter their background or political beliefs. So please be respectful and tolerant of the law and the hard conversations yet to come.

- B. Question Pro Tempore Jones- Do you have any advice on how to communicate with students on everything that's going on right now?
    - 1. “When on your account and on your time you can say whatever you want. While you are a senator or a member of the exec, you have a role to play and might not be able to say what you want to be impartial. Recognize the situation and decide which side you are on at the current moment and stick with the facts. Don’t create fear and don’t hide the facts. Don’t lie if you don’t know and don’t regurgitate things you've just heard.
  - C. Chair Schatz “Where is your office located?”
    - 1. My office is in building 11, next to the president's office.
- V. Guest Speaker
- A. Director Patterson
    - 1. Hi, I just wanted to talk about Diversity Week. We have the Black History Month celebration on Monday from 3:30-5:30 PM. So far, we have 4 people signed up, but I would appreciate more help, including senators and FC. On Tuesday we have women’s tea from 3:30-5:30 PM. It's in the galley near the game tables. We have many people signed up, but I also like more help. Wednesday and Thursday are substance abuse and eating disorder awareness. You do not have to be Black or a Woman to attend these events. Please continue to spread the word. Also, if you can use a professional camera and would like to help take pictures, I would appreciate it. Thank you.
- VI. Appointments
- A. None
- VII. Unfinished Business
- A. None
- VIII. New Business

A. Bill IX

1. 1st read
2. Question Senator Belk- "Does this refer to changing colleges?"
  - a) No, this refers more towards gradation. So it's a term until a justice graduates."
3. Debate from Author: "We have had a lot of trouble filling the Supreme Court and decided to adjust the number to reflect that. We reduced it from 5 to 3 so there can still be a tie breaker vote. We added point 600.03 so SGA can find someone to fill their spot in enough time before elections."
4. Debate from Senate: Pro Tempore Jones- I'd like to debate in favor of this bill. For 600.07 I feel like those foster impartiality. As far as SOC being put in, this is a better way to get more student orgs involved and learn how to write a constitution.
5. Vote
6. 2nd read
7. Questions- None
8. Debate from Author: I encourage you to pass this bill since it can be changed later if you wish."
9. Debate from Senate- None
10. Bill PASSES

B. Bill X

1. 1st read
2. Questions
3. Debate from Author: This year, when we were doing our budget analysis, we thought the student organization council should be involved somewhat. There are 70 student organizations to go through and we don't know everyone and SOC is supposed to know every student org. This makes the budget split more fair.
4. Debate from Senate: Pro Tempore Jones- I'd like to debate in favor of this bill. I am the Vice President of SOC and we interact with different student orgs a lot. They don't have any voting power but cos will just help the budget split be a little more fair.
5. Vote
6. 2nd read
7. Questions- None
8. Debate from Author- None
9. Debate from Senate- None
10. Vote
11. Bill PASSES

IX. Executive Addresses

- A. President Brown- Hello everyone, thank you for passing the bill. I want to reiterate that diversity week will be super fun, so please come by and tell your friends. The office of Campus Culture and Access is hosting a Pensacola black history celebration in the Library. I don't have an update about rally in tally. Communication has not been easy. If we do not have an update by next week, then we will not be going. Argos suit up is partnering with JCPenney allowing students to purchase discounted professional clothing. Good luck to all election candidates and have a good weekend.
- B. Vice President Griffin - I sent out the poll for the SGA banquet so please fill that out before it closes tonight.
- C. Chief of Staff Bennett - Hi guys. Thank you guys for the cooperation during composite photos. We're working on alterations but they should be finished soon.
- D. Treasurer Johnson - The budget is currently sitting at \$10,481.44. Diversity is gonna be a lot of fun, so stop by and I hope you all have a great weekend.

X. Legislative Addresses

- A. Senate Pro Tempore Jones - Thank you for being on time. We only have 3 more senates after this and that's it. If you have only questions about the statues, please let me know. Also, if you want to write a bill, I can help you, it's super easy. The rest of the Senate meeting will be in here so dont worry.
- B. Secretary Lucas - No report
- C. Budget & Allocations Committee Chair Schatz - We had a meeting today. We allocated \$4,000 of our travel grant budget. We still have over \$10,000 remaining, and we are out of project grant money. If anyone is taking a trip, please apply, we will be making a post about it soon.
- D. University Affairs Committee Chair Ngafeeson - The DSA is still open, so please fill out a nomination, it's open until the 28th February. Thank you to the people who helped with student ombuds tabling. Our faculty is very appreciative of what we do around campus. We are planning a resource rally before the end of the year.
- E. Student Affairs Committee Chair Thomas- We're working on tailgating for baseball games and intramurals so please sign up for those.
- F. Freshman Committee Vice Chair Miller- Thank your Fc for tabling on Valentine's day.
- G. Senate Addresses - None

XI. Adjournment

- A. Standing Committee Report:
  - a. Treasurer Johnson, Child Development committee- I had a meeting with Child Development. They are super appreciative of what we do

and even invited us out there for a tour. They are gonna be doing renovations to create more space for their kids.

- b. President Brown, Pensacola Museum of Art- We discussed the events we did last semester and what they have planned for this year. They are creating their exhibition with the sculpture artists on the second floor of the museum. They are also hiring someone interested in videography to film for them, so spread the word about that.
- B. Closing Announcements - Chair Ngafesson- I'm the president of Wesley Fellowship and we are hosting an event for National Prayer Day to pray for our campus. You don't have to be part of the church to pray with us.
- C. Public Statements - None
- D. Final Roll Call
  1. Chair Toney
  2. Vice Chair McCaskey
  3. Senator Cowell
  4. Senator Davis
  5. Senator Dortch
  6. Senator Gilbert
  7. Senator Martin
  8. Senator Smith
- E. Adjourn (3:23 pm)
  - Motion to adjourn the meeting by Pro Tempore Jones
  - Seconded by Senator Rojas-Rau
  - Motion PASSES