



57th Senate Meeting
March 7, 2025

- I. Call to Order 2:30 pm.
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 1. Chair Toney
 2. Chair Ngafesson
 3. Vice Chair Lewis
 4. Vice Chair McCaskey
 5. Senator Campbell
 6. Senator Davis
 7. Senator Gilbert
 8. Senator Martin
 9. Senator Smith
- II. Adoption of Agenda
 - A. March 7th, 2025
 1. Agenda PASSES
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. February 21st, 2025
 1. Minutes PASS
- IV. Administrative Address
 - A. None
- V. Guest Speaker
 - A. Christopher Martin - Vice-President of Facilities Management
 1. I appreciate you inviting me to speak. I've been here for 2 years, and I love it here. I retired from the Navy and found this job. Most people don't fully understand what facilities encompass. 100 people work for me and do maintenance, nature care, renovations, etc. The stadium

cost \$8 million, and we will have \$75 million in projects in the next 3 years. Building 50 renovation cost \$7.7 million and was completed in November. The entrance was completed in November and was a \$2.2 million project. Residence halls were built in 1965-66 and stopped being used in 2017. If you have ideas for the open space, let me know. We completed roof replacements, stormwater rehab, and more. Ongoing projects are fire alarm replacements, HVAC replacements, electrical upgrades, and traffic signal replacements. And that's it, thank you.

- B. Question Senator Saelzlar - When is the stadium going to be done?
 - 1. We're trying to start the groundwork on December 26th. Possibly done in 3 years.
- C. Question Senator Rojas-Rau - Do you have an online inbox for green space ideas?
 - 1. No, that's a great idea. I'll talk to our website designer.
- D. Question Public Member - Why are the building numbers not in order, and will you guys change that?
 - 1. They are in order from when they were built. The building will have giant numbers on all sides to make it easier to see, and all maps will have QR codes.
- E. Question FC Member Bertrand- Will you guys renovate the sidewalks to be more accommodating?
 - 1. Making sidewalks isn't cheap, so we try to place them where we know students walk. For example, we've tried to focus on making ramps instead of stairs in the space behind Heritage Hall.
- F. Question, Senator Dortch - Will any more academic buildings be coming?
 - 1. Not at the moment, but building 4 is being expanded to include more office spaces.
- G. Question Secretary Lucas - How were you guys able to wrap up construction so quickly with the constant rain over the summer?
 - 1. We had no choice but to finish - so my project manager was able to wrap it up quickly.
- H. Question Chair Lamb - Where will the new residence hall be?
 - 1. It'll be between the stadium and the visitor's center by the intramural fields.

VI. Appointments

- A. None

VII. Unfinished Business

- A. None

VIII. New Business

A. Bill XI

1. 1st read
2. Question
 - a) Secretary Lucas - Why did people feel the need to request so much money?
 - (1) Their advisor told them to request the whole budget and see how much SGA would cover.
 - b) Director Patterson - What about the clubs who requested money but got nothing?
 - (1) A lot of clubs had no money spent for a couple of years, so we decided to zero-fund them based on their spending history.
3. Debate from Author: We spent 10 hours doing this. We only had 21% of the budget from RSO spent, so we had to cut some of the club's funds. Most clubs got \$700 because that was our baseline allocation. And for clubs that got no money, we requested they apply for a project grant next year.
4. Debate from Student Environmental Action Society (SEAS)
 - a) There was a misunderstanding of how much we could request so we only requested \$500. We would like to ask for \$1,200 because we saw other clubs getting way more money. We help environmental students with their resumes, trail clean up, and building bat houses, and we need more funding for this.
5. Response from Budgets and Allocations Committee
 - a) We went off of what was on their Argo Pulse form. Also, looking back at their spending, they only spent around \$426, not including this year. Also, nowhere on the form does it state that there is a maximum amount to request.
6. Debate From Model UN
 - a) Model UN was allocated \$700, which is the baseline allocation. They are very appreciative of that \$700, but to engage with the student body and be able to travel to conventions, they need more funds. They requested around \$1,000, but any increase would help.
7. Response from budgets and allocations
 - a) \$700 is the baseline allocation for all new committees; even though they aren't new, they were dormant. So we are treating them as a new organization. To make sure everything was fair, we decided this was better than giving a student organization too much money and them not using all of it.

8. Motion to amend the bill to increase the SEAS budget to \$1,200 by Senator Belk
 - a) Seconded by Chair Ngafesson
9. Question Senate Pro Temp Jones - Assuming we were to give SEAS extra money, who would you take it from?
 - a) The homecoming budget was probably \$180,000.
10. Question Senator Cowell - Would you guys be willing to agree on the lower allocation?
11. Question Senator Dortch - How many people are in SEAS?
 - a) In the past, we would have about 5 people show up to our meetings, but now it's more like 20 people.
12. Question, Senate Pro Temp Jones - What gave you the impression that you could only request \$500?
 - a) Last year, the SEAS treasurer asked for \$500, so I was under the impression that we could only ask for \$500.
13. Debate from Author - As I said before, as a committee, we didn't allocate any more money than they requested.
14. Debate from Senate
 - a) Senator Belk - I'd like to debate against this bill. I believe SEAS should be allocated more money for all of the physical labor they are doing, such as building houses and cleaning up the trails.
15. Debate Vice Chair Murray - I'd like to debate against this. Even though their engagement points are great, they only spent around \$400 on average every year.
16. Debate Chair Ngafesson - I'd like to debate against this bill. Even though I seconded this amendment, it is what they ask for, so it's just fair.
17. Motion to close debate by Senate Pro Temp Jones
 - a) Seconded by Vice Chair Murray
18. Questions - None
19. Debate - None
20. Vote
 - a) Motion PASSES
21. Vote on amendment
 - a) Amendment FAILS
22. Motion to Propose an amendment to increase SEAS budget to \$800.
 - a) Motion to postpone this amendment indefinitely
 - b) Motion PASSES
23. Debate from Senate

24. Vote
25. 2nd read - Will take place on March 14th
26. Questions:
27. Debate from Author:
28. Debate from the Senate:
29. Bill PASSES

B. Bill X

1. 1st read
2. Questions
 - a) Senator Belk - What is the total amount of money spent on this bill? Is it more or less than what it originally was?
 - b) We got rid of the Marketing Assistant Director position, so we used their \$1,000 plus some from our expenses and wanted the stipend to reflect market rate adjustments.
3. Debate from Author: This reflects market rate adjustment, but it can also be changed later if people think it is unfair.
4. Debate from Senate: None
5. Vote
6. 2nd read
7. Questions - None
8. Debate from Author - I'd appreciate you voting in favor of this bill.
9. Debate from Senate - None
10. Vote
11. Bill PASSES

IX. Executive Addresses

- A. President Brown - Congratulations, Chair Schatz, on the big budget bill. They aren't here anymore, but I wanted to commend the organizations that came out to utilize their right as students to protest. We just wrapped up Diversity Week, so thank you all who came out to that. My initiative, "On the Menu," is happening next Monday, March 10th, so please spread the word to anyone interested. Next week, I am tabling to promote the trolley tracking app, so please stop by. Next is an update on Rally in Tally. I did not receive an official agenda and wouldn't have had enough time to book travel expenses, so I'm sorry about that, but I'll be attending UWF Day at the Capital; so let me know if there's anything you want me to mention. Chip Chism will be speaking next Friday, so please bring questions. Have a nice weekend.
- B. Vice President Griffin - You all should have received a calendar invitation to the banquet, so please accept that. Also, please fill out a nomination for senate awards. Thank you for coming.
- C. Chief of Staff Bennett - No report

- D. Treasurer Johnson- The budget is \$4,019.06, and I hope you all have a great weekend.
 - E. Director of External Affairs Goldberg - Hello, everyone. I did the voting tabling when we had the big presidential election. Well, there is another election going on April 1st, and we are voting for our House Representative. We're hosting an informative event to let people know about the candidates running and how to register and vote.
- X. Legislative Addresses
- A. Senate Pro Tempore Jones - Thanks for being on time. We only have a couple more weeks. We have lots of bills and resolutions to get through. Have a nice weekend.
 - B. Secretary Lucas - I had fun at Senate today. I have a library committee report, but I will hold off on giving it to you at once.
 - C. Budget & Allocations Committee Chair Schatz - Thank you, Marshall, for debating. I'm sorry we couldn't pass the amendment you wanted. As President Brown said, it is important to exercise that right.
 - D. University Affairs Committee Chair Ngafeeson - The DSA nomination period has ended, so we will move on to interviews next week. Vice Chair Lewis and I are working on a rally for resources we think students should know about on Wednesday, so please stop by.
 - E. Student Affairs Committee Chair Thomas - On Monday night, there will be an intramural soccer match, and we will be there with food. Please stop by and support.
 - F. Freshman Committee Vice Chair Miller - Thank you for letting me be part of the Senate today, and have a nice weekend.
 - G. Senate Addresses - None
- XI. Adjournment
- A. Standing Committee Report-
 - a. President Brown- I'm on the international advisory committee. There wasn't much on the agenda, but we just talked about the NSSA survey and people's thoughts about their study abroad trip.
 - B. Closing Announcements -
 - a. Senate Pro Temp Jones - SOC is putting on an event next Monday through Wednesday, and it's a virtual scavenger hunt like during GFC. If you find the items, you will receive a prize of \$100 for your organization.
 - C. Public Statements - None
 - D. Final Roll Call
 - 1. Chair Toney
 - 2. Vice Chair Lewis

3. Vice Chair McCaskey
4. Senator Campbell
5. Senator Cowell
6. Senator Martin
7. Senator Smith

E. Adjourn (4:03 pm)

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Pro Tempore Jones
- Seconded by Chair Schatz
- Motion PASSES