

57th Senate Meeting Sep 27, 2024

- I. Call to Order 2:32 pm
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. B. Roll Call
    - 1. Senator Belk
    - 2. Senator Gilbert
    - 3. Senator Glover
    - 4. Senator Miller
    - 5. Senator Smith
    - 6. Senator Youngs
- II. Adoption of Agenda
  - A. September 27, 2024
    - 1. Agenda PASSES
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - A. September 6, 2024
    - 1. Minutes PASS
- IV. Administrative Address
  - A. Dr. Lindsey Woods, Director of Student Engagement: "Good afternoon. My name is dr.woods. Our department ensures students have a great experience. We appreciate our relationship with sga. Welcome freshman committee. OUr freshman committee was inspired by the uf freshman council. I need to share an opportunity with you guys. We are encouraging students to participate in a college bowl that connects students with other students like yourself."
- V. Guest Speakers
  - A. Robert Bender, Training and Outreach Specialist, Escambia County Supervisor of Elections Office: "Good afternoon i'm Robert. I just want to talk about voting turnouts. The age 18-25 group is the largest group of

- registered voters . In the primary, age 18-25 was the second lowest turn out. If you want to make a difference, get out and vote."
- B. Abigail Megginson, Office of the President, Director for Government Relations: "" Good afternoon. First of all thank vp griffin and president brown for having me. I wanted to talk about what I do as the director of elections. I work on half of the campus population. I enjoy it because I was a member of SGA and was the director of communications. I would like to go over the main points of my job. The first part is being a liaison between the members in Tallahassee and throughout florida. The second part is money and appropriations. Can anyone guess how big the state budget was? It was \$116 billion. How much money do you think the higher education system got? It was \$4.1billion between colleges and universities. If universities do well, they can earn more money. The third part of my job is tracking policy.
- C. Gabrielle Minter, Homecoming Director: "Hi my name is Gabbrielle. I'm just coming to speak on behalf of homecoming. Homecoming is an event to rally around school spirit and it is a week full of events. Monday is cannon fest, Tuesday is pageant for court nominations and is also the ticket release for colchis. Wednesday is the cardboard boat race, Thursday is the concert and Friday is the argo rally for the volleyball game and Saturday is the tailgate and football game."

# VI. Appointments

- A. Auri McCaskey Vice Chair of Student Affairs Committee: "Hello my name is Auri McCaskey, I am running for the student affairs vice chair. For experiences I spent my summer and the UWF explore camp as a teacher assistant. My entire highschool career I worked with the next step to plan outings to collect donations. Thank you for your time."
  - 1. Debate CHair Thomas "I'd like to debate in favor. I've known Auri for a while now. She supports me as a friend and I know she'll support me as a chair."
  - 2. Debate Senate pro temp jones: "I'd like to debate in favor of senator McCaskey. She did CAB and was on the Freshman Committee. I know she's capable of fulfilling her role."
  - 3. Appointment PASSES
  - 4. Swear In
- B. **Elizabeth Beyer Supreme Court Justice**: "Hello my name is Elizabeth and I just transferred from NWFSC and am a junior in psychology. I would be honored to be the supreme court justice. I am finding ways to get involved since I just transferred here and will take this opportunity to do my best to represent the school."
- C. Questions

- 1. Senator Dortch- "Do you have any previous leadership skills?
  - a) NWFSC didn't have many formal organizations but I did volunteer to teach some classes."
- 2. Debate president brown: "We interviewed her last week and she is very eager to join sga to be involved with the student body. She also has started looking over the student body and statues to be ready for the position."
- 3. Appointment PASSES

### Motion for block swear in

- -Moved by Senate Pro Tempore Jones
- -Second by Chair Progreba
- -Motion PASSES
  - D. Marian Davis Senator: "Hello my name is Marian. I am a sophomore nursing major and a psychology minor. I want to be a senator to be more involved on campus and in the community. At home I did a lot of volunteer service within the community. As far as experience goes, I was involved in clubs in high school and would reach out to others and help them find opportunities. I would love to have a voice in our student campus life."
    - 1. Question Senator Campbell: What year are you?
      - a) I'm a sophomore.
    - 2. Question Chair Ngafeeson: SInce being at UWF, have you gotten involved in any clubs?
      - a) No, I have not.
    - 3. Debate Senator Dortch "I would like to debate in favor of Marian. Although she is shy she is very eager to be involved. She really wants to work with students."
    - 4. Debate Chair Louis "I would like to debate in favor of Marian. I've known her for a couple years. She is very eager to learn so I know she'll get the job done."
    - 5. Debate Senator Glover "I would like to debate in favor of Marian. I have classes with her and she's very confident and always asks me questions about student government."
    - 6. Appointment PASSES
  - E. **Brianna Martin Senator:** "Hi im Brianna and im a senior in nursing. I want this position because I volunteer as a cheer coach and I feel like being in sga would give me more insight into the student body. I feel like it would help me with my leadership and make me a better person."
    - 1. Question Senator Rojas-Rau: Are you involved in anything on campus?
      - a) Yes, I am in CAB.

- 2. Debate Pro Tempore Jones: "I would like to debate in favor of Brianna. She had a great interview and she seems very motivated to get involved."
- 3. Debate Director Wolfenden: "I would like to debate in favor of Brianna. When we posted the ad for new senators she was the first one to reach out and she asked lots of questions. She seems very curious and eager."
- 4. Appointment PASSES
- F. Aliana Murry Senator: "My name is Aliana and I'm a legal studies major with a minor in Criminal justice and Business. I'm interested in capital cases and people who were wrongly accused. I am a part of a mock trial but I want more experience in the more political side of Law. When I was in High school I was on the cheer team and flag football team along with multiple leadership positions. I was also a manager at a previous job. I am currently a server at a new restaurant."
  - 1. Question Treasurer Johnson: What organizations are you a part of at UWF?
    - a) I am currently just a part of mock trial.
  - 2. Debate Senator Dortch:: "I would like to debate in favor of Aliana. We are both legal studies majors. SHe is very strong minded and will bring new and fresh ideas to the table."
  - 3. Debate Pro temp Jones: "I would like to debate in favor of Aliana. I've been on a mock trial with her for a year now. She is a hard worker and is very driven.
  - 4. Appointment PASSES"
- G. Block swear in.
- H. Freshman Committee
  - 1. Swear in

Motion for 5 minutes recess 3:41pm

Moved by Vice Chair Griffin Sended my Chair Louis

**Motion PASSES** 

#### VII. Unfinished Business

A. None

#### VIII. New Business

A. Bill I

- 1. Read by Author
- 2. Questions
  - a) Senator Campbell "Who is the senate president? Is it the Senate Pro Temp?

- (1) Senate president in the Vice President.
- b) Senator Rojas-Rau "Has the senator appointed by the senate already been chosen?"
  - (1) They have not been chosen. It will be done later, maybe next senate.
- c) Senator Dortch "Is there a number of adsense appeals can be granted"
  - (1) It's a case by case basis.
- d) Chair Ngafeeson "Will there be any meetings outside of when there is an appeal?"
  - (1) Meetings will be reactive. If something needs to be discussed, we will meet.
- 3. Debate by Author "This committee is just a combination of the two committees. I know there have been issues with senators showing up so I'd like a stronger system for that.
- 4. 2nd read by Author
- 5. Questions
  - a) none
- 6. Debate by author
  - a) No debate
- 7. The bill passes

# B. Bill II

- 1. Read by author
- 2. Questions
  - a) CHair Ngafeeson "Can the chair of a committee be notified or does it have to go through the senate?"
    - (1) If they are missing the senate that goes through me, if they are missing a committee meeting that goes through the chair.
  - b) Senator Rojas-Rau "WHat is there is an emergency?
    - (1) An emergency would be on a case by case basis.
  - c) Chair Louis" what if there are religious reasons?
    - (1) Those would be excused
  - d) Senator campbell "Are doctors appointments excused?"
    - (1) Thoses would be excused. I want to focus more on the 48 hours in advance
- 3. Debate by author
  - a) The only difference is the number of absences allowed
- 4. 2nd Read
- 5. Questions

- 6. Debate from Author: "No debate."
- 7. Bill

# C. Bill III

- 1. Read
- 2. Questions
- 3. Debate
- 4. Vote
- 5. 2nd read:
- 6. Questions?
- 7. Debate from Author "No debate."
- 8. Vote
- 9. Bill PASSES

### D. Resolution I

- 1. Read
- 2. Questions
- 3. Debate from Author
- 4. Debate from senate
- 5. Vote
- 6. 2nd read
- 7. Questions
- 8. Debate
- 9. Debate from Senate
- 10. Vote
- 11. Resolution Passes

### IX. Executive Addresses

- A. President Brown- "Congratulations to all freshman committees and senators who were appointed. Thank you for everyone who worked at the tailgates and anxiety busters this week. You all received an email about argo rally "
- B. Vice president Griffin- "COngratulations to freshman committee. SIlent set is tonight and you should attend."
- C. Chief of Staff Bennett-
- D. Treasurer Johnson- Hey guys congrats \$25,384.59. We are close to homecoming, argo rally, diversity week and multiple tailgated
- E. Director of comms wolfenden "congrats to appointees"

# X. Legislative Addresses

- A. Senate Pro Tempore Jones- "hey guess. I hope you all have a great weekend, keep checking your emails and congrats to all appointees."
- B. Secretary Lucas- "No report."

- C. Budget & Allocations Committee Chair Pogreba- "2 project grants of \$1,210 for both kpop appreciation club and "
- D. University Affairs Committee Chair Ngafeeson- ""
- E. Student Affairs Committee Chair Thomas-
- F. Senate Addresses- Chair Ngafeeson

# XI. Adjournment

- A. Standing Committee Report- None
- B. Closing Announcements- None
- C. Public Statements- None
- D. Final Roll Call
  - Senator Belk
  - Senator Gilbert
  - Senator Miller
  - Senator Smith
  - Senator Youngs
  - Senator Saelzar
  - Vice Chair McCaskey
- E. Adjourn (4:23 pm)
  - Motion to adjourn the meeting
  - MOTION PASSES