



**56th Senate Meeting
April 5th, 2024**

I. Call to Order 2:39 pm

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

- Senator Montpelier
- Senator Simms
- Senator Pilli
- Senator Franzini
- Senator Bissainthe
- Chair Zaldana
- Senator Lewis
- Senator Wright

II. Adoption of Agenda

A. April 5th, 2024

- Agenda PASSES

III. Approval of Minutes

A. March 15th, 2024

- Minutes PASSES

IV. Administrative Address

A. Administration

- **Dr. Anderson**

-My name is Mary Anderson, and I am the Dean of Students. I wanted to extend my deepest gratitude to the 56th Senate. Under your exemplary leadership, you have focused on experiences that enrich our university students. A special thank you goes out to all of our advisors, senators, and freshman committee members. I also want to comment on the Budget and Allocation committee for allocating almost \$4 million dollars this year. I appreciate your consideration for your university community. We had the highest voting turnout in

university history. Your initiative to bring notable speakers has also been remarkable. You have truly shown that you care about the student body in the speakers you have chosen. You have all maintained attendance and professionalism. To those graduating, your future is very bright! On behalf of the UWF Administration, I want to congratulate the 57th Senate and look forward to an exciting year for you all.

V. Guest Speaker

A.

VI. Appointments

A. None

VII. Unfinished Business

A. None

VIII. New Business

A. None

IX. Executive Addresses

A. President Range

- Thank you so much for the whole year. Thank you for supporting us and for showing up; this year could not have been done without you all. We started a lot of good things, and I hope to see them continue. Please continue to be great. I will be following up with you all, and I'm always here for you. My best advice is to remember your why. Remember why you do this. You do this for your why. Remember to breathe and remember to communicate; sometimes, it isn't that serious. Use the resources and your support team. SGA is a team. Have fun. Be safe. Be great; go on and be better.

B. Vice President Montoya

- Congratulations to all of the 57th Senate. No matter what major you are in, take what you learn from SGA and use it in the future. We are more than just writing bills. It's a lot about writing bills. Always be kind.

C. Chief of Staff Nolan

- We are waiting to hear back from the composite company about the green wall. I'm starting law school in the fall.

D. Treasurer Brown

- Hello, I am very nervous and excited for the future. I have learned so much from the 56th Senate leadership. I don't have the budget right now, but we definitely will next Senate. Thank you again!

X. Legislative Addresses

A. Senate Pro Tempore Hicks

- Hello, I want to thank all of the senators, FC, and all of our advisors. To those who are staying and leaving, always the lessons you learned. Remember, its cause, not the applause. I love you all, and I hope you have a great Senate. And congratulations
- B. Secretary Johnson
 - Thank you to Senate Pro Tempore Hicks, Vice President Montoya, and the leadership of the 56th Senate. I have big shoes to fill as the next treasurer, but I am anticipating a fantastic year for this Senate.
- C. Budget & Allocations Committee Chair Pogreba
 - I am a little emotional, but I want to give a shoutout to the Budget and Allocations committee; we had a very great year. Thank you to the senators for trusting me.
- D. University Affairs Committee Chair Fess
 - Thank you so much. This is my second year in SGA, and ever since I moved in, my roommates wanted to run and I am so grateful to every that has helped me get to where I am. We have gotten so much to get funding for great things on campus.
- E. Student Affairs Committee
 - None
- F. Freshman Committee Chair Jones
 - FC participated in “Take Back the Night,” and we had a great time. FC is still in it for the soccer IM playoffs. I want to thank FC; I love you all. Thank you to our mentors. We want to especially thank VP Montoya for her hard work and dedication.
- G. Senate Addresses
 - Nick McCloskey- it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve with you.

XI. Adjournment

- A. Release of the 56th Senate- you are relieved of your duties. Thank you all.

XII. Appointments

- A. Maggie Brown, President
- B. Carey Griffin, Vice President
- C. Kierra Johnson, Treasurer
- D. College of CASSH Senators
- E. HMSMC Senators

XIII. Installation of Senators

- A. CASSH senators
- B. HMSMC Senators
- C. College of CASSH Senators
- D. HMSMC Senators

E. Usha Kundu, College of Health Senators

XIV. Appointments

A. Senator Kiah Bryant- Hello, I would like to congratulate the current administration. I was able to work closely with AC during Diversity Week, and that made me want to be a senator again. I want to bring people out of their shells and help people be themselves.

- **Questions: None**
- **Debate: Time yielded to Ichelle Jones; in favor, she jumps in to help**
- **APPOINTEE PASSES**
- **Swear-In**

B. Senator, Ichelle Jones- Congratulations to everyone elected, My name is Ichelle, I was the FC chair, I would like to be appointed to Senator to make a difference, I am thankful that I can have a positive impact on those around me.

- **Questions: None**
- **Questions: How do you feel you can use your FC experience as a senator?**
- **I have a lot of experience with SGA and carry it into the position.**
- **Debate: None**
- **APPOINTEE PASSES**
- **Swear-in**

C. DODI, Angelique Patterson-Hello, I would love to be appointed as DODI. I was able to be mentored by AC Hicks, the previous DODI chair. I want to make sure that we are able to be a voice for the students and be a safe place.

- **Questions: none**
- **Debate: Time yielded, Ly Fess, in favor: I have worked with her in multiple events, she is doing so well and she truly just wants to help people.**
- **Kiah Bryant: I was able to see Angelique Patterson in her element and I think she would be a great fit.**
- **Sanaya- I think she would be a great fit**
- **APPOINTEE PASSES**
- **Swear-in**
- **Motion for block swear-in by VP, Pogreba, and Jones PASSES**

D. COS, Trista Bennet: I am confident in my abilities to hold this position. I want to have more travel opportunities for the SGA. Increased travel opportunities would help people get out of their comfort zones. I am thankful for my time in the 56th Senate.

- **Questions: None**

- Debate: Time yielded, Bavarian Hicks, against: The past experience does not allow for good leadership in the Chief of Staff position. I believe she would be well fit for this position.
- President Brown, time yielded in favor: I think she would be well suited for this position. She knows what this position holds.
- Time yielded, Ly Fess, in favor: She would be a fresh voice to the position, and she has had experience in previous SGAs.
- APPOINTEE PASSES

XV. Senate Leadership Elections

A. Senate Pro Tempore- Senator Bryant, nominating Senator Jones, seconded by Senator

- Ichelle Jones- I accept nomination- A great leaders courage to fulfill the vision comes from passion, and I love to be here and I want to fulfill this position well.
- Questions: None
- Debate: Time yielded to me
- Bravian Hicks, in favor , time yielded- She is very passionate about legislation, and she was the first to reach out about writing legislation.
- Senator Ngefeassun: She is very passionate about SGA, she wanted to be Senate Pro Tempore, she would read the statutes for fun and she will do well in this position
- PASSES
- Block swear in motion, moved by Senator Pogreba, seconded by Senator Jones-MOTION PASSES

B. Budget and Allocations Chair

- Questions: none
- Debate: Ly Fess, time yielded: He worked really hard and has done a great job in this position.
- Senator Jones: He is really a no-brainer for this position.
- Sophia Cohen, time yielded: HE really cares and always makes time for the committee, and he is really great with outreach.
- PASSES

C. Student Affairs Chair

- Kiah Bryant: Senate Pro Tempore Jones moved, seconded by Senator Glover: Hi there, I am so excited to be a part of things on campus. I am a marine biology major, and I want to be involved in Student Engagement and Participation. I would love to do one event a month. On the first Monday of every month, we have a cookout for the student body.
- Questions: None

- **Naveah Dorch: Moved by Senator Campbell, seconded by Senate Pro Tempore Jones: I was ambassador for my high school and I learned how to work closely with the students and leadership. I learned how to network there. I fundraised \$26,000 to give back to the students.**
- **Questions: Senate Pro Tempore Jones: do you have an idea?**
- **I would love to see more engagement with athletics.**
- **What is your major: Legal Studies**
- **Debate: Kyanna Montoya, in favor of President Bryant: She has a plan she wants to execute, and I believe she will do it well.**
- **Debate: Bravian Hicks, in favor: Senator Dorsch: She does want to do more with athletics, and with her, she will be able to help you bring in a fresh perspective. She is willing to put in the time.**
- **Senator Lewis, in favor of SENator Dorsch: She spends a lot of time doing community service and engaging in student engagement.**
- **President Brown, in favor, Senator Bryant: She is ready and planned for events and she has great ideas, as she worked alongside previous DODI.**
- **Motion for Blind Vote PASSES**
 - **Blind Vote: Senator Bryant PASSES**

D. University Affairs Chair

- **Sanaya Lewis: Nominated by Senator Dorsch, seconded by Senator Campbell: I want to find a way to help people. I am already an RA, and I help students feel more welcome. I also practice parliamentary law in Florida, using the FFSA procedure. I am very big on service and helping others**
- **Questions: Senator Pogreba: What are your time obligations?**
- **My main time obligation is my RA position, but I don't think that would be a big time constraint that would prevent me from doing this position.**
- **Lamb Ngaffesun: nominated by Senator Bryant, seconded by Senator Oglesby: I am running for University Affairs Chair. I want the environment to be productive and a good environment for the students at the University. I believe that my specific skill set in already working closely with faculty will be good for this position.**
- **Questions: None**
- **Debate: Senate Pro Tempore Jones: He always does the jobs no one wants, and he always rises to the challenge.**
- **Senator Dorsch: Senator Lewis is always learning and helping others. She has passion; she has drive.**

- **Ly Fess, time yielded: Senator Ngaffessun has reached out to me, he knows what it means to speak to faculty and just being able to be connected with faculty and staff.**
- **Blind Vote**
- **Senator Ngaffesun PASSES**
- **BLOCK SWEAR-IN**

XVI. Adjournment

A. Standing Committee Report

- **None**

B. Closing Announcements

- **None**

C. Public Statements

- **Ly Fess: We are very excited to see what you all will do. Good luck.**

D. Final Roll Call

- **Senator Youngs**
- **Senator Belk**
- **Senator Miller**

E. Adjourn 4:15 pm

- **Motion moved by Senate Pro Tempore Jones, seconded by Chair Pogreba**