

Senate

February 21, 2020

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: 19

Absent: 2

Adoption of the Agenda

Senator Rodgers move to move Senator Addresses before New Business

Seconded by Senator Wilber

Debate

Vote

2 Nays

Movement Passes

Senator Rodgers move to move 19-20 Resolution VIII in front of New Business

Seconded by Chair Miller

Debate

Vote

2 Nay

Movement Passes

Senator Rodgers move to move Old business in front of New business

Seconded by Senator Miller

Debate

Senator Rodgers: I'm moving Old Business in front of New Business because Old Business is one of the hard topics for us to talk about so I winna get that out of the way before we do the New Business.

Chair Gardner: I am against because on the New Business we have Budget Bill come up, and we have a lot of people in the back, turn around and see, you mind turning around everybody? They are busy, so I would love to get through them because I know our meeting can go very long.

Senator Morrison: I am also debating against it; moving Old Business in front of New Business for the same reason, and for the fact that in our New Business we are going to have a lot of debate with that, as well. Just because our Old Business is hard doesn't mean New Business wouldn't be just as hard or even potentially be even harder.



Approval of the Minutes

Senator Tran move to, on page 26 where it says President Johnson, to be bolded for the title

Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan: Just for clarification, you don't need an Amendment for grammatical errors.

Administrative Address

Dr. Frye: Good afternoon everybody, I'll be brief. I know that you guys have a robust agenda. I want to start with Dr. LeDuff's regrets for not being here, she is out of the state, but she and I also want to wish you all well and thank you to the Budget & Allocations Committee for all this work you've put in for this very massive bill. In 2014 I helped advise that process directly and I remember those long days and nights and conversation, so I want to thank everyone who've worked through that to put that together. Thanks everybody who came out to the parade on the 13th. It was an exciting event. For a first year, that wasn't too bad. Hopefully conversations will go on to see about the continuation in the future and I'd like to thank everyone. I saw a lot of SGA either in our supporting it. We are close to midterms, so make sure y'all utilize the resources in campus. We are getting close to closing out the 52nd Senate. I encourage you all to finish strong, especially those seniors to solidify your impact that you are going to leave on the Senate.

Senator Addresses

Senator Rodgers: The reason I moved Senator Addresses in front of New Business is because before we get into New Business there are a couple of things I want to address. I believe as Senate we have issues as with one, asking unnecessary questions. I want to say stuff without y'all feeling attacked. One issue we have is, we forget what we're here for. We nit-pick and debate, and there's also no reason six people should debate and say the exact same thing. So, we spend 40-50 minutes on one bill for no reason. I don't believe we should be here until seven o'clock because we're arguing over the same thing and we're just going in circle just like a cat and a mouse. I feel like we don't take the time to thing before we speak, and if we do that more Senate won't last as long because there wouldn't be as many complaints and I don't want y'all to feel like I'm saying y'all are incompetent, y'all aren't thinking. I just want y'all to understand that we have power, but we are not sing it correctly. Another issue I want to bring up is, before we deny or approve, make sure y'all are reading the bills and resolutions before we come into Senate because I feel like a lot of people don't read them, and we just debate and that causes a lot of problem because you aren't fully educated on the topic. And I'm not saying you guys aren't uneducated as an individual, but when it comes to certain topics, people aren't educated when they speak. So, take the time to educate yourself and come with questions before. Also, don't ask pointless questions. I feel like sometimes we ask questions or try to debate just to be seen in Senate and I feel like you can make a change without always having to say something because, to be honest, I don't speak as much in Senate, but when I do speak is of importance on the topic across what I'm speaking on something I feel is genuine a change. Another issue I have, before we start this, we are trying to allocate money to the students, so before we are against something and start nit-picking words or little things, think about the spirit of the bills, the spirit of the resolutions before y'all trying to make change. One issue I have with last Senate is the non-approval of the bill to pay the Vice-Chairs. At the end of the day, not to downplay budget, but we only get \$3.2 million, and that might sound like a lot, but if you think about the work of this University, that's equivalent of your parents giving you \$1 to go buy a pack of gum and y'all spend \$075 on this, and giving \$0.25 in change back to your momma and thinking you've made a change, when you didn't. Think about that. Y'all are here to make a change for the students and every year money is left over and put in reserves and reserves probably has \$500,000 which still Budgets has allocations to. I want y'all to understand that y'all can make a change and y'all can make a difference for the students, not for y'all selves, this is for the students.

Chair Miller: Just a quick thing, one of my committee members, my vice-chair, is getting an interview with the Peace Corps. Only 16% of applicants can actually make it that far. Number two, I mentioned in our Exec chat, but big thanks to Noemi and Kit for complying the now 32 pages of Minutes from last meeting, that's insane. Thank you, guys. Big thanks to the Budgets Committee for all y'all's hard work. Y'all are the real MVP and I hope this goes very smoothly. That's it, thank you all for being here because that is important.

Vice-Chair Mettlach: I just want to say, I hope all of you have a wonderful day. I hope that this Senate goes very well. I know we have a lot to talk about. Again, think about the students, that's all I really wanted to reiterate.

New Business

19-20 Resolution VIII Authored by Senator Rodgers and Director Lyons; Co-Sponsored by Senator Arnold FIRST READING

Question

Freshman Committee Hunter Hill: Would this be kind of presenting an affirmative action strategy, or would it be essentially just promoting diversity.

Senator Rodgers: Essentially, and we say encourage because we don't want people to feel attacked, so it would be encouraging them to make a change, but I guess yes, affirmative action.

Director Lyons: More so, it isn't really saying, do so explicitly, it's just saying we've done good stuff and we can do more to continue that trend upwards, so one we are congratulating them great work and just asking them to keep pushing the needle, so to speak.

Senator Williams (T): What has UWF Admissions say about this, since in the resolution it says you guys will be working with Admissions?

Senator Rodgers: We haven't gotten to work with them, that is why it's in the Resolution. We want to work with them. We are trying to have SGA and Diversity to work with them.

Director Lyons: So, this would be the Resolved.

Senator Morrison: Have you talked to Admissions at all about being able to confirm that you can actually put someone on their committee, or whatever structure they have?

Senator Rodgers: We've never got a chance, actually. We've tried to meet, and they did not have time.

Director Lyons: We have reached out to them probably about four months ago and we've been trying to have a meeting since then. I think Senator Rodgers was finally like, well this session is about to end, and we've researched this for many many months, for like half a year.

Senator Rodgers: We started this in the Fall. I started doing this research in Fall.

Senator Williams: So, how can we guarantee maximum effectiveness with this, since we haven't talked to Admissions and they haven't responded in the past four months? If this is resolved, if this is passed, then we are going to require these people with ideas.

Senator Rodgers: That's not how that works. These are the changes we want to make, and we are coming to them with ideas on how to make a difference. Now they decide not to follow it, even SGA is saying this is what we want, there's nothing we can do about that, that's our administration. We are trying to do our part on how we think we can make a change.

Director Lyons: We cannot necessarily come out and compel people to do what we like. The point of it is to say, here's a problem and here's what we want to do to solve that problem. At the end of the day, it really is just a strongly-worded letter.

President Johnson: Just for you all to know, there is a council in Diversity. I remember I sat on it a few years ago that Dr. LeDuff used to spearhead.

Vice President Calvert: Does the student rep exist on the board now?

Dr. Stubbs: Yes.

Senator Tran: Would the student representative, if this were to be passed, be the Director of Diversity Initiatives?

Director Lyons: On University Standing Committees, it varies from committee to committee. It would be possible that Director Ortiz and another person sit on that. I think it would be under the discretion of whoever handles that. I'm not sure how that works.

Debate

Senator Rodgers: Before y'all go on this, I want y'all to understand, think about the spirit of this resolution that we are trying to do and say hey, things have been stagnant, and we just want to see a change. If y'all really think about it, the statistics, and I've found all these statistics online. I found it at a computer. Took me forever. I went back four years: Fall, Spring, and Summer. The numbers are staying at 35% for minorities. I want to go to a school where we're known as multicultural. When somebody talks about UWF, they say PWI. Why can't we be a multicultural organization, such as bigger organizations. Looking as a whole, 35% is not a lot.

Director Lyons: I'd also like to say, in terms of statistics, this mentions that we have around 35% has slightly changed. But what we really wanna do, and this is complicated, is look at the actual statistics of the source that comes here, like Escambia County. Of course, Escambia County is not where everybody comes from. You'll have to look at the whole state, you'll have to look at out-of-state students, and also the international students, so that's why we decided not to include that in the resolution because that's really complicated.

Vote on 19-20 Resolution VIII First Reading

No: 1 Abstention: 1 ASSOCIATION First Reading Passes

Senator Morrison move for a Second Reading

Seconded by Senator Gibbs

Unanimous Ayes

19-20 Resolution VIII Authored by Senator Rodgers and Director Lyons; Co-Sponsored by Senator Arnold SECOND READING

Question

Debate

Vote on the Second Reading of 19-20 Resolution VIII

No: 0

Abstention: 1

Second Reading Passes

Director Lyons: I would really like to commend Senator Rodgers because he came in and he was really passionate about this and put in a lot of work.

19-20 Bill XIII Authored by Senator Wilber FIRST READING

Question

Senator Perkins: I understand not wanting personal devices, but why can't we use it during recess?

Senator Wilber: Reason for that being, during the session when we are making out points of debate in the chamber, I think it is most pertinent to continue making those points of debate in the chamber and to not leave the room and to continue having debate, which is not allowed to be in public records as it is not in the chamber during our meeting. To that point as well, the point of there allowing exceptions to this particular rule is for exactly that reason. If you have a reason to step out of the chamber and use your device during recess, you may ask and it does not specifically say you may not ask the entire chamber be allowed to use their devices during recess, that is allowed, as well and you can make that request to the Senate Chair before going to recess. If you would like to be excused from the chamber, for example for a point of privilege, you may ask the Senate Chair and that would be to their discretion.

Senator Gibbs: How does that affect quorum? When those asked to be seated be in the back, would they be able to vote?

Vice President Calvert: We would lose those votes.

Senator Morrison: What happen when someone have a family emergency?

Senator Wilber: In that particular case, if you have some kind of reason to have your phone, if it is an emergency, then you can ask for that excusal before the meeting starts.

Freshman Committee Emily Sands: Is there a specific reason you left Freshman Committee out?

Senator Wilber: To this point in particular, as Freshman Committee, there is only one voting member for the Senate from the Freshman Committee. However, I also understand that you do not have a say in Senate, a lot of business does not necessarily directly pertain to you, but I love your participation and attention to it. I understand this exception doesn't apply to you, it applies to only voting members.

Vice-Chair Mettlach: In a case that there becomes a Senate where people go on their phones and become non-voting members, what would be a preventative measure?

Senator Wilber: The procedure, as it stands right now, is at the discretion of the Senate Chair, i.e. Vice President Calvert. She is perfectly within her rights to

identify if you are on your device to stop. I know she has done this in the past, in general, to two particular people.

Chief of Staff Negron: Are we violating any rules by removing a voting rights or power from someone who was elected into office?

Senator Wilber: I believe it is also, to the point of being elected and appointed to be here, that you are elected to be paying attention to the bills on the floor, and to vote on them. If you are not paying attention to the content of the bill and debates about it, your vote, in my opinion, is not well-informed. You should pay attention to the debate, to the questions, and to the bill itself and you should be voting on that, that's why you're here. Although, I can perfectly be willing to strike that part of this bill, that you may not be removed and have lose your votes, but I also believe it is highly inappropriate to be on your phone in the first place. I pay attention in the move to try to address this issue so that you may still have accesses to devices when needed and to read the bills. I've requested that the iPads that belong to SGA be used in future meetings. Unfortunately, I requested them to be used today and decisions were made above my head to not do that.

Freshman Committee Ria Davis: You just spoke about Freshman Committee and how it doesn't really pertain to us. As Freshman Committee, we are here. We are a part of SGA. We were interviewed to be here, so to me we have as much rights to be in this room as everybody else. We have every right to be here, we have every right to know what's going on, especially if we want to be in SGA. So, one reason why we need our phone is for a form of communication, so we don't have to mail each other letters. We text Jackson about voting. We text Jamie or Emily if we don't know something about the bill. The Budget Committee need their laptops today, everybody up there need their laptop, so I think to try to take away phones and personal devices could be more particular and specific on what your intentions of the bills are, because right now it sounds like nobody can use their phones. It creates restrictions and feels like a kindergarten.

Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan: Point of Information on the iPads, the drive was not all updated, and we do not have the passwords to do so and not all of them were fully charged, and it didn't seem fair to exclude some people with not having iPads. If we're going to have them out, we're going to have them out for everyone to use.

Senator Wilber: To clarify on FC, not to say that you do not have the rights to be here, you have the rights to be here, I would like you to be here. What I meant by that is that this rule in particular addresses Senator; FC is not under that specific terms. FC would not be under this rule, so you would be allowed to have your devices.

Senator Gibbs: Will the Senate Chair be the sole decider of who will be except from certain things, because we do have ADA Senators in this room right now? I would just like to clarify that.

Senator Wilber: Those rules will still have to be followed when it comes to ADA.

Chair Gardner: How do you solve a problem when the Freshman Committee need to communicate with their Chair, because their Chair is not excepting from the rule?

Senator Wilber: That could be added to the exception for that particular case.

Senator Grant: Wouldn't it just make more sense to leave Senate Chair in charge of when people are on their phone to dismiss them from the room instead of creating a whole new section?

Vice President Calvert: I really can't tell who's on their laptop looking at documents or who's on their texting. I cannot police everyone at the same time.

Senator Baptise: With most of the questions that have been asked, there are a lot of things you are saying regarding exceptions, exceptions, exceptions? What is the purpose of the bill if you are going to add a lot of exceptions because it feels as though it is going back and forth?

Senator Wilber: The intent to address that particular point, the default behavior right now is that devices can't be access, with the discretion of the Senate Chair. It can be hard to manage a room of soon-to-be 30 people. If you have a valid reason, you could use your device.

Senator Morrison: In our statute currently, isn't there a clause that says that we are only able to use our devices for fliers and nothing else, so right we are not supposed to be on our devices anyways?

Senator Wilber: I'll defer that to Senate Pro Temp. Gaytan. I'll give her a moment to find that.

Senator Williams (Mary-Sheldon): When I first saw this, the first thing I thought of was when we were in high school and you can't have your phone for like eight in the morning to three in the afternoon. But when you're on high school and there's some form of emergency, there's a contact number to call in case you need it. If we were not allowed to have access to devices in Senate, could we an emergency number for Senate?

Senator Wilber: That is a perfectly valid point. I'd be happy to have that system in place.

Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan: Point of Information, I am looking at the statutes right now and I don't see it. Senator Morrison, do you remember where you've seen that?

Senator Morrison: It was told to me by former Pro Temp. Lobuwiecki.

Director Lyons: Point of Information, I searched device, I searched electronics, I searched phones, and I didn't see any mention of that.

Senator Tran: Would you say it is trivial or not to ask every time, and is there an exception if it is reoccurring?

Senator Wilber: The reason why I worded it is that the Senate Chair has full discretion.

Senator Gibbs move to go into recess

Senator Morrison: Are you saying to have recess now or after debate, or go into recess now?

Senator Gibbs: To clarify, I said to see what people want.

Seconded by Senator Rodgers

Vote

1 Nay

Movement Passes

Recess at 3:22PM

Freshman Committee Abbie Hopper arrived

Freshman Committee Ria Davis left

Freshman Committee Mia Montenaro arrived

Resume at 3:32PM

Debate

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Senator Wilber motion to amend to strike out in a secluded area of the chamber from the point the meeting is convened until it is adjourned

Seconded by Senator Williams (M-S

Unanimous Ayes

Debate

Senator Gibbs: I'd like to be in favor just because it makes it more reasonable.

Director Lyons: For Point of Clarification, if this is my phone, you mean I can sit it here and if my grandma calls, I can ask for a point of privilege?

Senator Wilber: Yes, ask for a point of privilege.

Vote

No: 0

Abstention: 0

Amendment Passes

Senator Morrison: With it being in our view, doesn't that take away the spirit of this bill that we would not see our devices at all? Some people may feel uncomfortable to identify under ADA.

Director Lyons: With the intent of this Bill, we would still have access to devices that would allow them to see it to comply with ADA.

Freshman Committee McKenna Hoffman: I debate against this. Y'all are Senators and y'all are adults elected to do your job and I would hope you would be able to do that without this rule.

Chair Bare Call to Question

Seconded by Chair Gardner

Unanimous Ayes

Vote on the First Reading of 19-20 Bill XIII Authored by Senator Wilber

No: 13

Abstention: 0

Bill Fails

Senator Arnold move to move Director Lyon's Bill until after the Budget Bill

Seconded by Chair Miller

Vote

Unanimous Ayes

19-20 Bill XV Authored by Chair Gardner and the Budget & Allocations Committee FIRST READING

Chair Gardner: This is for the students. This is not for personal gains. The committee has deliberated for 40+ hours. I ask that you make recommendations and not amendments.

Questions for Contested

Active Mind – William Mettlach: Hello, I am here to contest the budget allocation. The reason why I would like to contest is because we are a mental health organization and our main goal is to better the mental health of UWF as a whole. Currently there are 30 students waiting to meet with councilors. As Active Mind, we would like to help with coming up with ways for students to manage their mental health on their own. This money would help with conferences, as well as help us get more involved on campus.

Freshman Committee Hunter Hill: Do you have any events that have gone through to support the request. If not, do you have any ideas?

William Mettlach: We are in collaboration with Housing. We want to get involved in such things such as Mental Health Week. We want to use the money to get our ideas across.

Senator Morrison: Did you know that the money that was allocated to you for this year covers your events and expenses that you presented to the budget committee?

William Mettlach: I did not know that.

Vice-Chair Rau: Is this y'all's first year registered as a student org?

William Mettlach: This is not the first year, but this is the first year that we requested money from the Budget Committee.

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics – UWF Student Branch via Email: No Statement

American Medical Women's Association – Jasiana Edwards: I am the President. We actually requested \$3,000 so I am not sure why it is like that on the bill. We are an organization focused on supporting females who are interested in careers in the health care. We requested the amount because we'd like to offer student as much opportunities as possible to get them to other schools and conferences. The money is pretty much used for travel expenses, food, and speakers.

Senator Williams (T): As far as your club, what is the difference between your club and the one right above it, besides gender?

Jasiana Edwards: Mainly just the gender. We are trying to support female more, so we can narrow that gap.

Senator Morrison: Since December, has y'all spent any of your budget? When we printed out our list in December, at that point, you had not turned in any receipts or spent any of your budget, so I would like to now.

Jasiana Edwards: So far, we've only used- we just used the budget in January for t-shirts. I know we are going to use it for students to go on tours sometimes this semester.

Senator Wilber: So, the organization is listed as *no show*. If no one showed, why contested now?

Jasiana Edwards: When we got the initial date, it was the same day where we were going to FSU to people for career opportunities. The second date, the weather was bad, and I did not feel comfortable driving in that weather, so I sent the committee an email. I also sent three more emails after that and never received a response.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes via Email: No Statement

Sigma Tau Delta via Email: No Statement

UWF'S Association for Computer Machinery (ACM) - Carson Wilber: Reasoning the ACM would like to contest this particular amount, there is actually a separate organization that existed up until this semester, the AITP. That organization previously received a \$650 budget for this current year. Due to the disbanding of that organization, they are actually collecting essentially into one organization, the ACM. The amount that they saw increased from their total budget from this current year to next year was \$250. Although they understand for not receiving the full amount, they would like to request to receive the difference of that \$400.

Chair Gardner: Could you repeat that number again?

Carson Wilber: \$400

International Affairs – Karen Smith: Good afternoon, I'm Karen Smith. International Affairs is not just a part of campus that focuses on students abroad or international students here on campus. We're actually an outreach to all students on campus. When we have programming on campus, we are opening a window to the student body to understand the global world we are part of. The funding would provide for staff to student staff to graduate assistance.

Senator Wilber: Have these positions previously existed as paid positions, or are they moving into paid positions?

Karen Smith: We actually lost four lines in the program that have not been replaced with professional staff and this past year we've started replacing with student staff. The level of engagement and creativity has truly been a game changer. We would Our students actually come from a variety of majors.

Freshman Committee McKenna Hoffman: Would you say having students working for this organization make a difference in both the international student's experiences, as well as students working with them? Would you say it is life changing?

Karen Smith: I think that, yes, absolutely. It's been incredibly transforming.

Freshman Committee Hunter Hill: So just to confirm, the budget requested is specifically to house student staff?

Karen Smith: That is a component of the budget. The other is for programming.

Senator Arnold: Where does your office currently receiving funding, and why is the office not capable to hold the amount of funding.

Karen Smith: We do not generate fees from students, with the exceptions that we do have small fees for international students coming for orientation. The fee that we do get is a small amount. Our mission is to integrate all students.

Director Lyons: Just to clarify, do you get funding through ENG, state legislature? Where does the funding come from?

Karen Smith: I am not involved at my level in the budgeting process. I will be happy to get the information from my executive director.

Freshman Committee Ria Davis Returned

Chair Gardner: Have you ever gotten funding from SGA?

Karen Smith: I do not know, I apologize.

SGA Pensacola (No Salary) – Chief of Staff Negron representing President Johnson: With the contested amount, she wants to talk about Vice-Chair funding and the travel funding. **Senator Arnold:** Can I suggest leaving this as contested and move into debate when it comes to it?

President Johnson: I want to hear your feedback from you all in regard to whether to accept this amount.

SGA Advisor Jenny: I would think that their opinion on the allocation would come during debate.

Freshman Committee Elena Patterson's Point of Privilege

Facility Operations and Fitness/Wellness – Jeff Schmitt: Good afternoon, my name is Jeff Schmitt. Without the money, we are projecting that we will not be open on Saturdays and Sunday.

Senator Morrison: Would you mind staying in the debate portion?

Jeff Schmitt: Yes.

Senator Arnold: Are you guys currently open on the weekend?

Jeff Schmitt: We are.

Senator Arnold: In your request you said that you guys would be able to operate at the same capacity as this year. We've given you the same funding, so why is it not able to be operating at the same capacity?

Jeff Schmitt: That was not our intent of our presentation.

Senator Morrison: I specifically asked Brent if y'all would be able to saty at the same level if y'all got the same budget and he said yes, so what changed?

Jeff Schmitt: That was not an accurate statement, then. That was part of the confusing of the change.

Senator Arnold: My question, why is that \$150,000 not able to cover it now?

Jeff Schmitt: There's two reasons. One, with the minimum wage going up every year, we cannot provide the same amount of service. We also get revenue from our services. We know next year; the Field House is going to be under renovation and we generate approximately \$30,000 in revenue out of that building that helps support us and that won't be here next year.

Shannon (Public/Fiscal Specialist): I think there might have been confusion with why Brent said yes. The amount that we are asking for is what would sustain us right now.

Senator Wilber: So, if there's a decrease of revenue of approximately \$30,000 coming out of the Field House, why in total does it appears that \$30,000-\$80,000 difference here in the request of that amount of revenue not being provided based on the request that was given? Where is the \$50,000 being requested going to?

Jeff Schmitt: There was two GAs that we won't fund next year that we're currently funding. That is about \$36,000. We knew that going in that we wouldn't be able to sustain that. We also asked for the committee to consider the pay scale change, that was also part of the request. We are trying to ask for a salary compression.

Senator Wilber: Are we moving into debate now?

Vice President Calvert: No, this is now the portion where you ask to question to the budget committee.

Senator Wilber motion for recess

Seconded by Senator Rodgers

Unanimous Ayes

Recess 4:44PM

Resume at 4:50PM

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Questions for Budget Committee

President Johnson: For clarification, when I was on the budget committee, we gave all new student organizations the same amount, and when I was looking at this, they have different amounts. I just want to know the reason as to why they were different?

Chair Gardner: To answer that question, we set a base for new organizations of \$750 and that's based on project grants, which is \$700. \$500 and we put it as \$700. However, some new organizations weren't actually new organizations, they just haven't requested funding before.

Senator Johnson: Also, for anyone who requested more than what they got that was less than \$100 on this bill, there were category issues we couldn't pay for with A&S funding.

Senator Perkins: I know a lot of organizations, a lot of what the money they were asking from is for travel and travel expenses, but it looks like a lot of it wasn't allocated, if that is what the budget was asking for. Is that something that is typically done, they'll give money ahead of time for travel expenses, or was it just something for this year?

Chair Gardner yield to Senator Morrison: It's something that- so the budget committee each year gets to prioritize and choose to look at, so this year our priority was on campus events, because we want to promote a lot more community on campus, an yes traveling to conferences is very important in a well-rounded students, but we decided that travel was lower on our list of things to fund.

Senator Gibbs: So, seeing now that that priority is stated, how is someone submitting travel grants be compared with the same intent as student involvement?

Chair Gardner: That's two separate processes. Travel grants and project grants are two separate things.

Senator Morrison: Point of clarification, if they did get special funding requests, they would have to be sponsored by their department.

Senator Rodgers: I have two questions. First, how much money is left over after you allocated? Was there anything left over?

Chair Gardner: No, it's not a hard no. It is recommended that we set the budget to 3.3 because if you go above that it puts us in a bad predicament for years to come. You can go above it, but I wouldn't recommend it and I don't think the committee recommend it because it puts the committee and SGA into a downfall.

Senator Arnold: Point of information, these are projections that the University does based on enrollment.

Chair Miller: I've been here for a while and in years-past, we've had separate allocations for project and travel grants, usually about 15 or 10 thousand. , I did not see it in this one, is it in this? Are we including project grants in this or?

SGA Advisor Jenny: That money actually comes from the non-recurring account where money that is left from organization that gets swept years after year and we do special funding grants that'll come from the non-recurring account.

Chair Miller: What are the amounts? In years past we've had line items saying 15 or 10, i forget what they were, so what are the amounts going to be this year? The cap amount? And who gets to decide that?

Chair Gardner: It will be decided through the A&S Manual, we do have the caps that gives the line accounts.

Freshman Committee Hunter Hill's Point of Privilege

Senator Wilber: To follow up on Chair Miller's question, you said the previous group allocated \$20,000 for travel and \$10,000 for project, so what is being allocated, what is the cap for this year?

SGA Advisor Jenny: The committee hasn't decided that yet. We've got that \$30,000 for this year's grant. That's something they'll do probably after Spring Break before the new administration.

Chair Miller: If we are not deciding it here, then the committee will be siding them out, where in years past the Senate sided it out.

Dr. Stubbs: It depends on if the funds are available.

Senator Rodgers: So, do you know how much money- so money is allocated at the end, but we don't know the amount, yet so you guys use this round number, and whatever is left you guys finalize it, correct?

Dr. Stubbs: We sort of anticipated this question so I'm going to do my best to answer this full. I will say, the task in front of us right now is to review and

either approve or deny it. Each year, near the end of the Fall semester, the A&S budget manager works with the Budget & Allocations Committee chair and advisors to review the previous year's A&S collections, or the revenue, along with how it is going the current year. The purpose is to anticipate or project the total amount that would be collected during the year the budget is proposed. So we don't know how much money will end up being collected until the year is over. However, we try to do our best and use the data to make the best guess possible. If the amount that we've allocated ends up being more than we bring in, we'll be at a deficit. The SGA could either draw from the Reserved Index that exists exactly for this purpose, or if the shortfall is noticed early enough, the funded department could reduce funding, if needed.

Chair Miller: So, it is mentioned that the A&S revenue index is subject to like the legislative process and nothing could be spent unless it is decided here. So, if the projections are smaller than what we actually get in revenue, are those excess funds still under the legislative process?

Chair Gardner: Yes.

Chair Miller: Would we have to vote on those excess funds?

Chair Gardner: It will have to come out of the budget bill.

Senator Wilber: If there is a target number projected, is there any amount of flexibility left in the amount that has been allocated that we are still under that projections that a few items may receive more funding, or be funded at all, or have you?

Chair Gardner: I'm going to say yes to that, but I'll hand that over to Jenny.

SGA Advisor Jenny: Anything above this is risky. Any drastic changes to that total becomes risky, but that's not to say the budget committee can't go back and review it.

Chair Miller: So, bouncing off of what Carson was saying, if we want to add more money from index, we'll probably have to pull from somewhere, correct? And the point of coming to the Senate is to look at it, amend it. Does the committee have any recommendations of where we would pull the money from if we want to add more money elsewhere?

Chair Gardner: We'll save it for debate.

Senator Rodgers: If y'all get more money at the end of the year, would you guys be able to allocate that towards the orgs?

Chair Gardner: That question is similar to one earlier. Let me clarify, money that hasn't been spent and scuffed down to the reserve account-

Dr. Stubbs: Just to clarify, we won't know until the end of the Fiscal Year 20-21 how accurate these number was. In June/July 20-21 what we'll know if it was over or under and we'll keep an eye on it, but the fact of the matter is the only way that money will come out is via the budget bill.

Chair Miller: So, there's a lot of talk about these reserves and non-recurring accounts, how many accounts do we have?

Chair Gardner: That question is not aimed at the Budget Committee right now, so we'll move on from that question.

Freshman Committee Hunter Hill Returned

Debate

Chair Gardner: Senators, I want to tell you that these Senators before you have worked countless hours; 40+ hours, weekends and nights. They are committed to this position. They are committed to this job. They give their hard-earned time to us, so I think that when you are looking through this bill and wanting to make changes, realize that these guys put their thoughts and mind and personals aside and that takes a lot for a human being to do. If you want to make any changes, I first want to hear recommendations before this, instead of amendments. Once you take from something, you gotta pull from somewhere else.

Senator Arnold: Point of information, why do we ask that you do recommendation instead of amendments? Because if you amend the bill and you vote to amend it, then we're set on what we have to do for that.

President Johnson: Just to make sure, we are in debate?

Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan: Yes.

President Johnson: I think that AMWA being here speaks volume. I really think that we should consider funding them. She is here. I think we should fund them and consider what she said. I'll yield my time to her.

Jasiana Edwards: I appreciate it. Thank you, guys. We do our own funding, as well but we can only raise so much. We thank you guys and anything is greatly appreciated.

Senator Wilber: I very much agree with what President Johnson said. AMWA as an organization is incredibly effective and important. I've seen its impactfulness in other universities and colleges that I've been to. To address the no-show that I asked in being they were doing relevant activities on the day that they were assigned their first budget hearing is all the more reason to at least provide some of that funding, if not fully requested.

Senator Williams (T): I argue in favor of the bill with these recommendations. I would recommend that we do increase their funding for the rec. As the man mentioned, there would be a \$30,000 revenue loss.

Vice President Calvert: You need to give a recommended number amount.

Senator Williams (T): I recommend an additional \$40,000. Around \$30,000-\$40,000 to recreation, like he mentioned, the Field House will be under renovation, which will be the loss of \$30,000, as well as the minimum wage increase. Also, as Student Government for this University, what we do like to prioritize is diversity and what we zero funding towards International Affairs.

Chair Gardner: So, you're saying \$40,000? And Fitness has contested?

Jeff Schmitt: Yes

Senator Williams (T): Since you're asking for specific numbers, for facility I'll say \$20,000, for International Affairs, \$20,000.

Senator Wilber: I'm clarifying the amount because I believe specific amounts were previously mentioned and the difference in the indexes to the two items that were underfunded, I would like to question/if you would be kind to clarify what the numbers were for the two indexes?

Jeff Schmitt: \$13,815 is Facility OPS \$12,548 is Fitness OPS.

Freshman Committee Abbie Hopper: Point of clarification, if you don't give a recommendation from where you take that money from, would that not arise more recommendation?

Vice President Calvert: Yea, cause if you're recommending money for somewhere else, you'll have to take from somewhere else.

Chair Gardner: If you give to someone, you'll have to take from someone.

Freshman Committee Emily Sands' Point of Personal Privilege

President Johnson: Just for point of inquiry, I did ask y'all if you had any feedback on whether SGA should accept the budget.

Senator Arnold: I do think SGA should contest that amount. I know the committee decided on this amount, but we were pretty split by one vote on this amount. My personal thought on it, while looking at the University of Florida and the University of Central Florida and FSU, I think we need to up our budget to kind of further impact within the next couple of years. My personal recommendation is to fund the rest of it. I don't remember where it was, with the exception of \$500, whatever the difference was, minus the \$500, which I don't have on me right now. That's my personal recommendation, only because most universities fund a majority of their percentage of the budget to their own budget line, and that's because they can use that money and heavily impact what is happening on campus, especially this year. Under the Johnson-Calvert Administration, we've seen a lot of initiatives go through, we've seen us going to Tallahassee, and we've seen us passing bills. Those are important things that we need to keep on doing.

Senator Wilber: To clarify, so you said operations was up by two-ten, could the budget committee clarify what the previous budget was?

Chair Gardner: So, you ask for University Commons operation, it was \$104,509 in the previous years.

Senator Wilber: I find it astonishing. You said the budget nearly doubled in that case.

Chair Gardner: What I was going to say is that they have decreased the majority of their budget from last year, so when you compare it you don't see that.

Dr. Stubbs: The entire department the total was \$225,747. That's a total of a little under \$6,000.

Senator Morrison: So, SGA, it did increase by 10% from what we allocated from last year, actually a little over 10% and yes, the committee was split. We decided that we

would increase the OPS line to get more money or create a funding pot for some positions, like the vice-chair positions. We also increased the travel by \$3,000 so that we could allocate what the President gave to us last year. But when presenting the budget, President Johnson said that the first position not receiving money would be the vice-chairs.

Senator Arnold: I will say on the point of vice-chairs, when presenting for SGA they did bring up that they will kind of go to the top and try to fund down cause there's different raises they did for different positions and a different presentation for vice-chairs.

Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan: Point of clarification, Senator Arnold, you have used up your two-points of debate.

Senator Wilber Call to Question

Seconded by Senator Arnold

Vote	
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Motion Fails	

Senator Baptiste: If we're going to recommend a pay increase or fund these things, we also have to look at the budget committee as well, as opposed to we spend countless hours reviewing each line and we are not getting paid for it and that's not something we complain about. We did this because this is the committee, we want to be a part of because we wanted to make a difference for the students.

Senator Rodgers: I recommend adding \$4,500 to SGA, \$3,000 to vice-chair positions with the last \$1,500 going to the Exec board so they can get paid more.



Vote

No: 1

Abstention: 0

First Reading Passes

19-20 Bill XIV Authored by Director Lyons; Sponsored by Senator Perkins FIRST READING

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Question

Senator Wilber: So, to clarify, this essentially destroys the role you are presently in and instead creates an assistant to what would essentially be the Director of External Relations.

Director Lyons: Yea and a bunch of other stuff.

Vice President Calvert: Will this go into effect this administration, or the next one?

Director Lyons: Personally, I like this title better because when I introduce myself at the Director of Internal Governmental Affairs people don't know what I mean I would like to just be Director of Internal Relations if this passes. As for the stipend I would request some motion to change that stipend to next semester.

Vice President Calvert: Would that mean you would have to be reappointed as that role?

Director Lyons: Jenny shakes her head no.

Vice President Calvert: So, no he would just automatically bounce into that?

Chair Gardner: Point of clarification, to answer your question, Vice President Calvert, this would take place now when the bill passes. The pay will also take place now and he would have to go for reelection because this is now a new position. By statues it has to be confirmed by the senate and this position is now new which means it has to be confirmed by the senate.

Director Lyons: So, while the statues do say it takes immediate effect in regard to the stipend that is why I ask a senator motion to not begin this pay increase until the next term. As for the role thing, if I need to get reappointed then yea.

Senator Morrison: Did you know that under 207.02 D, that the original way is grammatically correct.

Director Lyons: Is it?

Senator Morrison: Yes, why wasn't the letter fixed on the other portion?

Vice President Calvert: That can be fixed by the Senate Pro Temp.

Chair Gardner: How effective do you think this will be?

Director Lyons: Very much, there's a lot of rational on that I would be happy to go into that now, but I think that would be used during my first point of debate.

Senator Tran: In subsection H, were these tasks something that President Johnson specifically asked you, and that you figured this will be beneficial in the future? Because in passing this, this would be the specific skills that the Director of Internal Relations would ideally need to have unless it is general enough like clerical stuff that can vary from president to president.

Director Lyons: Yea, so the reasoning in this is that these are many things that I have helped President Johnson with throughout the year. Due to the nature of my role a lot of my work kinda finished and then I had a great deal of free time. I made 100-200 not even exaggerating presentations for Zenani and helped her write speeches for graduation.

Senator Tran: I want to quickly follow up, so you would confirm that these tasks would essentially set a really successful office for the longevity, I guess.

Director Lyons: Yea, the point would really be to support the Student Body President.

Senator Perkins: Would it be profitable to give the President an assistant.

Director Lyons: So, there is a position in the statutes for a President's assistant, however it is an unpaid position and that is why President Johnson opted not to appoint anyone because if she is going to have someone, she wants to make sure they are paid. If we add pay to that the assailant could fulfil the same duties required, in that case we could relook at this again, but this is the solution I came up with for now.

Debate

Director Lyons: Here's my rationale. So, in the Office of Governmental Affairs we have two directors, which is highly unusual because in the office you have a leader and subordinate. For example, we have the Office of Communications led by Director Lamungkun. In the statute we've often opted to not hire these positions, but in the statute the Director of Communications may hire a Social Media Specialist and a Graphic Designer. So, Director Sharpsteen and I talked about how if two people don't get along, there could be problems because there is no clear decision maker.

President Johnson: I would like to speak in favor of this, the Director of Internal and External Affairs got put into this position this year. That was a new position this year and we wanted to try something different beforehand we had a Director of Governmental Affairs.

Senator Wilber: Simple change, makes sense. Makes sense to kind of restructure this role in the way that he is proposing.

Chair Gardner Call to Question

Seconded by Senator Wilber

Unanimous Ayes

Vote for the First Reading of 19-20 Bill XIV Authored by Director Lyons; Sponsored by Senator Perkins

No: 0

Abstention: 0

First Reading Passes

19-20 Bill XIV Authored by Director Lyons; Sponsored by Senator Perkins SECOND READING

Question

Debate

Chair Gardner moved to amend that to happen to the next fiscal year, Fiscal 20-21.

Seconded by Senator Morrison

Question

Debate

Vote

No: 13

Abstention: 0

Amendment Fails

Senator Arnold: My debate is that I don't even know if we need to move the stipend to next year. It makes sense if there's not money there, but obviously the money is already allocated there, so might as well leave it, so we don't have to play around with these words all day.

SGA Advisor Jenny: Point of information, there actually is some remaining stipend from how long the DODI position was open.

Director Lamungkun: There's also that \$250 from the Secretary position.

Chief of Staff Negron: Director Lyons is \$1,000 and Director Sharpsteen is \$1,000. I want to make sure because we threw out \$750 a lot.

SGA Advisor Jenny: If you start it in that fiscal year, that won't start until July.

Chair Gardner: I suggest we hold on and don't move for a second reading, yet because one, a lot of the Senators are not here, and two, two of our Chairs are not here and I don't think we should make a bill concerning SGA in the future and not have their opinion on it. I move that we table this into next Senate

Seconded by Vice-Chair Rau	72
Vote	

Unanimous Ayes

Second Reading of 19-20 Bill XIV Authored by Director Lyons; Sponsored by Senator Perkins is TABLED

Old Business

Senator Morrison move to table Bill X

Chief of Staff Negron: Will he be here since his schedule is recurring every single week? Would it make a difference?

Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan: Follow up on that point, his schedule is not set, so we don't know whether he would be here or not.

Senator Wilber: Point of information, although I am not a co-author for this bill right now, I will speak with Chair Kennedy on representing him to the Senate at the next session for this particular bill so that the bill can be defended.

Chair Gardner: Point of inquiry, so if the person is not here, does that mean that the bill is unable to be defended and be moved to the next session?

SGA Advisor Jenny: There's no rules saying that the author has to be here, it's just for consideration.

Senator Morrison: Could we table these bills so that we could ask Chair Kennedy for someone to represent him? I know he has good intentions.

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Seconded by Senator Tran

Vote

Unanimous Ayes

Motion Passes

Senator Morrison motion to table Bill VIII

Seconded by Senator Williams (Mary-Sheldon)

Vote

Unanimous Ayes

Motion Passes

Senator Morrison motion to table Bill IX

Seconded by Senator Baptiste

Vote

Unanimous Ayes

Motion Passes

Senator Perkins' Point of Privilege

Freshman Committee Ethan Richardson Point of Privilege

Senator Wilber motioned for a 10-minute Recess

Seconded by Vice-Chair Rau

Vote

No: 0

Abstention: 0

Motion Passes

Recess at 6:24PM

Senator Perkins Returned

Resume at 6:38PM

19-20 Bill VI Authored by Senator Arnold

Question

Senator Gibbs: Would the Vice-Chairs stay during the summer?

Chief of Staff Negron: I think this form might be ok.

SGA Advisor Jenny: Often, Vice-Chairs aren't elected until the Fall.

Senator Tran: Could you give us a refresher on how you got the numbers?

Senator Arnold: Actually, this is a lower number than what was requested by the Exec Board. Exec Board came to us asking for \$3,000. Currently, the stipends are staggered. The budget vice-chair is more because we have to meet every Friday and other days.

Chair Gardner: Point of information, I get paid \$3,500.

ASSOCIATION

Debate

Chair Gardner: Point of clarification, the money has not been allocated, yet.

Senator Rodger Call to Question

NOT SECONDED

Vice-Chair Rau: What is the reasoning for this stipend not taking effect until year 20-21?

Senator Arnold: It will be really tight to cover it this year.

Chief of Staff Negron: We could do it this year. If we did, it would be pulled from non-recurring. So, it is possible, but in order to protect our internal budget, we decided to do it next year.

Senator Johnson's Point of Privilege

Vice-Chair Rau: Point of clarification, I'm confused. You said we don't have any more wiggle room, but then?

Chief of Staff Negron: We have an internal operating budget for stipend pay or special projects.

Vice-Chair Rau: Point of inquiry, technically we have it-

President Johnson: So, the \$750 gets disbursed out for the full year, you wouldn't get the full \$750, you'll just get it for the time you worked?

SGA Advisor Jenny: Yes

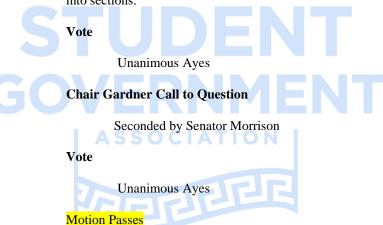
Freshman Committee Ria Davis: For people being appointed in, like Vice-Chair Mettlach, how would their pay get dispersed? Or they get the money for the amount of time they worked?

Chair Gardner: That's exactly what President Johnson just said. They'll only get the time they worked.

Chair Gardner: I'm in support of this bill.

Senator Arnold moved to amend Section 305.01 - The Vice-Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson in any duties deemed necessary.

Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan: Point of information, on the right side is what he wants to do, on the left side is as it stands right now. What Senator Arnold is trying to do, he's trying to take Chapter 305.01 and break it individually down into sections.



Director Lyons' Point of Privilege

Senator Morrison motion to add more points of debate

Seconded by Vice-Chair Rau

Vote

Unanimous Ayes

Motion Passes

Senator Arnold motion to amend 305.02 The Vice-Chairperson shall serve as exofficio member on all subcommittees.

Seconded by Senator Morrison

Vote

Unanimous Ayes

Chair Gardner: Why does it say they may serve as ex-officio members?

Senator Arnold: I don't know, it was already in the statute.

SGA Advisor Jenny: That just says that if the budget committee gets split up into the Travel Grant Committee and the Project Grant Committee, the Vice-Chair will serve on those committees automatically.

Freshman Committee Hunter Hill's Point of Privilege

Debate	
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Motion Passes	
Senator Arnold moved to amend 305.03 - The Vice-Chairperson shall preside ov meetings in the absence of the Chairperson.	er
Seconded by Senator Morrison	
Vote	
Unanimous Ayes	
Question Debate	
Vote	
No: 0	
Abstention: 0	

Motion Passes

Senator Arnold moved to amend 305.04 The Vice-Chairperson shall serve as subcommittee coordinator and be prepared to assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson.

Seconded by Vice Chair Rau

Question

Vice President Calvert: Subcommittee coordinator, is that the same as the example that Jenny gave?

Chair Gardner: Yea

Senator Gibbs: Does the chairperson not do that already?

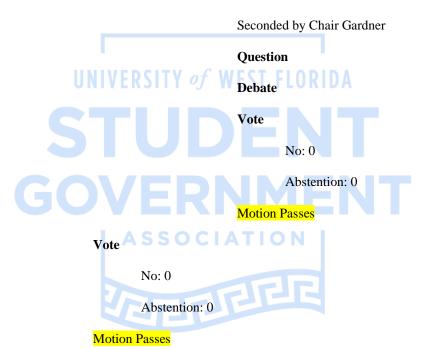
Chair Gardner: No.

Debate

Senator Gibbs: I think we should change *shall* to *may*.

Vice President Calvert: Is that a motion?

Senator Gibbs: Yes.



Vice-Chair Rau: I move to strike from Section 305.02, year 2020-2021 and insert 2019-2020.

Seconded by Senator Morrison

Vote

Unanimous Ayes

Question

Debate

Vice-Chair Rau move to add a friendly amendment that it readswe're striking 20-21 and inserting 19-20, and that is a block friendly amendment for section 305.02, 305.03, and 305.04 Seconded by Vice-Chair Larkin

Vote

Unanimous Ayes

Question

Debate

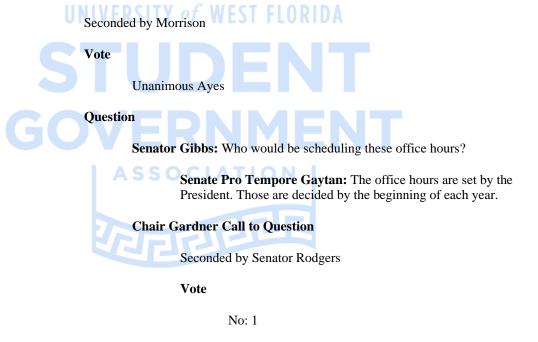
Vote

No: 0

Abstention: 0

Friendly Amendment Passes

Senator Arnold moved to amend 305.08 The Vice-Chairpersons shall hold regularly scheduled office hours.



Abstention: 0

Motion Passes

Senator Arnold moved to amend 305.09 The Vice-Chairpersons shall attend all regularly scheduled Executive Board Meetings along with their Chairperson.

Seconded by Vice-Chair Mettlach

Vote

Unanimous Ayes

Question

Senator Williams (T): My question is, if now you're going to make the vice-chairperson do all of this, would now they be considered underpaid as they already are since you're adding more to their plate?

Senator Arnold: The reason for this amendment is for a couple of reasons. In future years if the Chair decides not to have their vice-chair go to Exec meetings, they have statutory rights to be there, and everybody is underpaid.

Debate

Vote

No: 0

Abstention: 1

Motion Passes

Senator Morrison: Now that we've changed all of this, I am in full support of the bill. I would like to see more description so what each vice-chair does and maybe relook at what the chairs do so that there's more clarification.

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Senator Arnold: Just to respond to what she said, the reason I did not put that in there is because the chairperson is also very vague on what they do. I think it would be critical to have a meeting where the chairs and vice-chairs are there to review this.

Vote on the Second Reading of 19-20 Bill VI Authored by Senator Arnold

ASSOCIATION

Abstention: 0

No: 0

Second Reading of 19-20 Bill VI Authored by Senator Arnold Passes

19-20 Bill VIII Authored by Chair Kennedy -TABLED

19-20 Bill IX Authored by Chair Kennedy - TABLED

19-20 Bill X Authored by Chair Kennedy - TABLED

Executive Addresses

Chief of Staff Negron: We are working to complete platform stuff. Now that all of this is done, I will be working with Jade and Vice-Chair Mettlach.

Vice President Calvert: Election is coming up, so please keep it out of the office. Campus Safety Walk is finally happening. Erin and Dierre, my main points of people, along with Senator Arnold, as well. Once I get the schedule from Senator Johnson, we can find the time. Mardi Gras is this weekend, don't cut up.

President Johnson: Hi everybody. I just wanted to say that you guys are doing great work. These are the longest Senate, but these are the most interactive. I just want y'all to know that it is my passion to have SGA being paid. We'll be doing a Rally in Tally Part II.

Legislative Addresses

Chair Gardner: Hello everybody! If you would like to speak during Money Talks, we would love to have you there.

Vice-Chair Mettlach: Hi! Honestly, we've just picked our three candidates for DTA and we'll be finalizing it next week.

Vice-Chair Larkin: We went through the feedback for Write It Out Wednesday and we're stil going through it and figuring out what we could do next semester. Mental Health Week is coming up. It's going to be Monday, March 16th through the 20th.

Chair Bare: Currently, I just need to reach out to the Freshman Committee about their project to see how that's going. I'm waiting on a reply from Dining Services about the coffee grounds to see how we can get coffee grounds from the library Starbucks.

Cabinet Addresses

Director Lamungkun: We have the day for the shirts. Freshman, you will get your shirts on the 13th. We just had a little bit of problems getting the logo approved. Election posts for Senators will start next week. I started the Executive Tickets today. Me and Noemi came up with a check-out system for office supplies because we've been having problems with things not being in return. Earlier this week, Senator Rodgers and Vice-Chair Rau are on the Argo Arrival Committee.



Adjournment

Standing Committee Report

Chief of Staff Negron: All new people, could you please see me after the Senate.

Closing Announcements

Vice-Chair Mettlach: Hey y'all Active Mind is going to have another event. It's going to be February 26th, so that's a Wednesday.

SGA Advisor Jenny: Just a reminder, the Candidate Forum is on Wednesday.

SGA GA Emily: Jamie kind of casually mentioned this herself, but congratulations to Jamie for getting accepted to grad school.

Senator Gibbs: So, it is that time. Next Thursday. CAB After Dark is on April 17th from 7-10PM. There are going to be a lot of food options.

Vice President Calvert: Are y'all going to have that spinny thing?

Senator Gibbs: We are looking at it.

Chair Gardner: Thank you guys for being a wonderful Senate. Your time is coming to an end, but your time is not over, yet.

Senator Rodgers: I just want y'all to know. We don't have to make it as long as we do.

Public Statements

