**SENATE**

**April 10th , 2020**

Call to order at 2:30 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence**

**Roll Call**

Present: 14

Absent: 5

**Adoption of the Agenda**

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Guest Speaker**

**Administrative Addresses**

**Dr. Frye**: Just a few things, I have a couple of updates. I hope you are staying well, and I miss you guys and it’s pretty lonely when students are away and we do have students staying here that have accommodations made and international students. I hope you all are checking the webpage, our University received 6 million dollars for assistance money. A large chunk of that will go to student initiatives. I hope everyone got to see regarding our spring commencement ceremony occurring in August. That is the tentative plan, continue to monitor. Thank you all who filed out the survey from the Provost office, I say that to let you know that SGA’s voice does matter. The pantry is open from 11 - 2 Pm still, and practicing social distancing in getting bags out. If you have a mask, please put it on if you are going to be around other people. If you need other assistance, please check the FAQ page. I know we have a counseling center still working hard to meet the needs of the students. There is a lot of stress out there, and we still are here to assist you. Please shoot me an email if you have any concerns.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**20-21 Bill I : Summer Budget Bill**

**President Negron:** Essentially this bill allows us to spend the money we were allocated to spend money during the summer. When the budget committee allocated money to SGA, this is all the same amount of money. This is the budget bill that the Senate has to pass to allow us to spend money over the summer. The special projects line is 5,000 dollars that can help us facilitate projects - like tampons or programming supplies, and purchasing things during the summertime.

**Treasurer Patterson:** Allocated 3,000 dollars for promotional items.

**President Negron:** Miscellaneous, however with the University not letting people travel, we are putting a miscellaneous tab for any extra suspenses, and/or if travel is allowed. FSA if those meetings do resume, then we do travel to a different University every month. Travel can cost 400-800, we put enough money for one or two trips or extra money. For those who have ordered shirts before, it can be expensive. You are looking at 1,000 or 1,500.

**Treasurer Patterson:** Hopefully we do have leftover, 500 dollars for office supplies because hopefully it won’t be too much.

**President Negron:** Ink cartridges, paper, and phone lines and in total this would add up to 10,000 and in the event that it does not spend this much, it will get swept

**Question**

**Debate**

**Vote**

No : 0

Abstain: 0

First Reading Passes

**Senator Morrison** motioned for a second reading

Seconded by **Senator Hoffman**

**Question**

**Debate**

**Vote**

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Second Reading Passes

**Executive Addresses:**

**President Negron:** I do not have too many things. We had our first formal executive board meeting, we kind of discussed coming into the door. Dr. Frye, we received funding from the government and by the national legislature, and UWF will be getting money in. And the University received a little over 6 million dollars, this is to provide relief for housing, food insecurity and textbooks. Beyond that, applications will be coming out. Then, I had a meeting this week with a civic engagement Vote Together, a party at the polls or registration. Looking to partner with them to get students registered and engaged, we will be working to do platform execution to do as much as we can. I will have a little more updates with you for next week. If anyone has any questions, please reach out, my email is [sgapres@uwf.edu](mailto:sgapres@uwf.edu) and shoot an email or send me a text, that’s it, thank you!

**Vice President Gardner:** I wanted to let everyone know congratulations and it's coming to the end so keep grades up, and please return back. I am working on some community engagement to do community service. You cannot do leadership without community service, please communicate your ideas to me. I would like for you all to know to read statutes and know your rights and responsibilities, and take full advantage of this opportunity. Speak for the voices of the students and the community. Thank you all and you are doing an amazing job.

**Chief of Staff Rau:** Hi everybody! I wanted to let you all know that we will be hiring for new positions. We are looking for a secretary , director of external relations, director of diversity, assistant to the President and Vice President, and opening up applications for senators because we have seats open now. In total, 6 different positions. We are having to work out a few kinks with ArgoPulse, it’s not live yet, and as soon as it is we will let you all know. We will be conducting the interviews two weeks from now, and we are hoping to have some of those positions filled by the 4th of May. Other than that, everyone stays safe and has a good weekend. Are there any questions? Thank you.

**Treasurer Patterson:** I do not have a report, thank you for passing the bill and working hard. SGA Is my favorite part of the week and thank you. My email is [sgatreasurer@uwf.edu](mailto:sgatreasurer@uwf.edu), if you have any questions. Stay motivated and positive and good luck on finals.

**Legislative Addresses**

**Chair Johnson:** My committee members will be hearing from me very soon, and I ask everyone to keep their eye out on their emails. Stay safe and get ready for finals. Do not let your mental health deteriorate, we are all family here, feel free to reach out.

**Chair Grant:** My committee had the first meeting today, and if they had any expectations of me and expectations of them. Stay safe, and stay ahead of your schoolwork. We only have a few more weeks left, and that is all I have for you all today.

**Chair Larkin:** We will meet sometime next week, and I sent out a doodle poll to the committee to see when you all are available.

**Vice President Gardner:** Thank you chairs, you are doing a good job!

**Cabinet Addresses**

**Director of Communications Lamungkun:** Committee presentations of who is on what committee. Thank you for passing the bill, and I am going to reach out and get shirts sizes. Polo shirts, and I am planning on getting us SGA shirts for more casual business like Exam Jam and Write it out Wednesdays. I am not going to be harassing you all too much, and then I guess you all are not going to get a shirt if you don’t respond. A special message is on Instagram, and you all made this for someone special, so share it.

**Appointments**

**Swearing in the remaining 53rd senate:**

* Keyshawn Rodgers

**Adjournment**

**Closing Announcements**

**President Negron:** I will be doing rounds to check in with legislative committees, and the next thing is the Senate meetings. Obviously we need to bring in more senators, and we can appoint people as interim. We will call another Senate meeting over the Summer, and extend the Senate into the summer. Making the requirement to attend, and allow us to get some work done from the summer. UF and FSU are all different from each other, and some and most work over the Summer, and effect more change. People have more free time. Please ask any questions, and the Senate thing is more of a contingency thing, and I wanted to put it on everyone’s radar.

**Senator Rodgers:** Would it be possible for SGA to put together scholarships or a little things to add an extra 5o dollars to take off some of people’s housing costs? I know a lot of students lost jobs, and this COVID-19 is hurting people financially, and adding to Argobucks or their meal plan.

**President Negron:** So, Senator Rodgers, are you talking about students across the board or SGA students?

**Senator Rodgers:** Students across the board, and we can give them money if they fill out the form if they seem to have a reasonable situation.

**President Negron:** So, right now, there is an office that extends support to that. Please refer students to Case Management, and Case Management does have funding services to provide resources to students. Financial Aid also does provide students with a loan, and the conditions are a little bit different. We have about 3 million dollars from federal money, I assume that money will be distributed through the Deans of Students office. Please reach out to Dr. Frye or Dawn Rockey to give you more information. If they need more sources of funding, they can definitely come to SGA. They have not reached out yet. I hope that answers your questions.

**Dr. Frye**: So, President Negron is correct. There are reimbursements going to students who have moved out of Housing, and don’t qualify for the reimbursement if you are still living in the housing. We are working with Betsy Bowers and the Bursar’s office, or the students aid package or the cashier office. A lot of that stuff is still fluid. Our food service provider for rolling reimbursements and meal plans too. The president is correct, and a lot of stimulus money will be deferring those costs. Dawn Rockey can assist with students, her and Jasmine are managing and helping students with hardships.

**Senator Rodgers:** Any way we can market on social media?

**Vice President Gardner:** We can set up a meeting with OIC, and Director  Lamungkun. That was a great idea, thank you.

**Director Lamungkun:** I want you all to be excited for Homecoming, and it’s going to be boujee and extra because Kayla and I are back. We really want your opinion on who you want to perform, and would you like to see? Our budget is not a million dollars. We want everyone to come back and experience college again and have fun and get back into the Argo Spirit.

**Vice President Gardner:** Last year’s homecoming was magnificent, and I cannot wait for this year's Homecoming. We will now move into a final roll call. Challenges make you discover things yourself, that you never really knew. She is a famous actress across many movies. What I interpret from this quote, I know with the corona going on, this is more of a time than ever to discover yourself, and I push you all to have the mindset, and become the past people that you are.

**Final Roll Call**

Present: 15

Absent: 5

**Senator Morrison motioned to adjourn**

Seconded by **Senator Montenaro**

**Senate Adjourned at 3:19 PM**