

Student Government Association  
Thursday October 17,2019  
Session Agenda

I. Call the meeting to order 5:05 pm

II. Roll Call

Cannon- Here

Heuer- Here

Hills- Absent

Leblanc- Absent

Melancon- Absent

Ngo- Here

Owen- Here by Proxy

Pitalo- Here

Rollins- Absent

Rusnak- Here

Simms- Absent

Thamard- Absent

Vitali- Here

White- Here

Williams- Absent

Yarbrough- Here

Cognevich-Here

10/17 We meet Quorum

III. Approval of the Agenda

White SAL- Nominations and appointments are supposed to be under new business

Cognevich VPLA- They can be but I have the discretion to move it

Ballard- That is in the new rules and procedures

IV. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes are approved

V. Nominations and Appointments

b. Cordell Stewart- I am a finance major in my junior year and i wanted to get involved with sga.

I transferred at dillard, one of my things was to get involved here because I wasn't at dillard.

Rise in support-

Rise in opposition-

Vote:

Cannon- Yes

Heuer- Yes

Ngo- Yes

Owen- Yes by Proxy

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Pitalo- Yes

Rusnak- Yes

Vitali- Yes

White- Abstain

Yarbrough- Yes

Cognevich- Yes

9 yes and 1 abstention he is approved for appointment.

#### VI. Communications and Announcements

a. Senators- none

b. Non-Senators- none

#### VII. Committee Reports

a. Governance- no report

b. Rules- no report

c. Finance-Heuer- met and agrees with all bills on agenda

D. Student Affairs- no report

e. On Campus Dining and Housing- White- we met with both housing and dining, we talked about the exit signs being vandalized and broken, charging who done it not the entire floor, if they would implement it , would be less than 1 dollar a person. We also mentioned better dorm security. With dining we talked to them about their trucks and privateer points and they don't know how long it's going to be, starting a new mobile ordering service, looking for a testing group, any of you eat a lot on campus and are interested please talk to me.

Galatia Jones- The cameras at the dorms have you guys looked into possibly getting public cameras and it could cover a lot of space, or like rearranging the cameras from outside and the police cameras so state police and on campus police are looking incase something happens.

White- are implying moving cameras outside to inside?

Galatia Jones- Yes

White- I don't think we can do that they would still have to rewire things and most of the issues are inside the dorm, I'm not sure that they have outside cameras besides in the front.

Galatia Jones- There are cameras outside the building in the[undetected].. Maybe they removed them since the last time I was there. They have some on the sides.

White- I can bring that up to them they said they looked into multiple options. So that might be an option they already considered.

Motion to be recognized as present- Kenday hills SAL

Second Kevin Heuer

Cognevich- I forgot to vote on Nicky Cao and Kia Jackson, we can still vote on them even though they are not present.

Support-

White Motion to table appointments until they are both present

Kevin Heuer Second.

## VIII. Other Reports

### a. President

Christine Bourgeois- I am Christine Bourgeois, the SGA President I met some of you at lunch today. I hope fall break was good for everyone. I wanted to update last week we had a technology fee committee meeting , it happens once a semester , with student representatives and help with technological things on campus. We have three proposals that were passed if you would like more details you can email me:

1. Updating the AV technology across campus, they will try to do it across campus in different buildings not just one building at a time. Our technology is still from the 80s. So it is exciting that we passed this through. The process will be about 3 years.
2. Upgrading wifi in Liberal Arts, Milneburg and Education building and Fine Arts Building.
3. Getting a global wifi access and ease access of wifi for students travels here and going to other schools.

We are drafting a proposal for students to submit a proposal for the committee.

Anyone can send a proposal through the dean of a college or an organization.

More details to come

Today's lunch went really well with a great turnout but I did want to note RSVPing is really important, especially with a larger senate. If you do not RSVP then the event won't have enough accommodations or seating or food for everyone. I thought we had great discussions I hope we can continue. And the director of catering was very informational, I am glad that went well. Last thing, one of our non obligatory jobs are monitoring our kiosks around campus, we have 4 big blue kiosks around campus, they have to get their posters approved either stamped or signed in the SGA office by any of the student workers, execs or Joy. If you see something that is not approved or hateful you can take it down. Lastly please download the UNO Social APP, SGA partially pays for the app and if we don't use it then it seems like we are paying for things that we don't support ourselves. We have a contract for the next couple of years. We can promote what SGA stands for, which is helping so we can help with questions students may have, simply acknowledging complaints or comments. Also we have had a problem with hate speech, so if 4 people flag a post it gets put away for review. It could come back up if its hate speech the person who monitors takes it down. If everyone here were to do that on the social app it helps monitor. Then we don't have to pay anyone to do that. That was brought up in the last meeting.

Kevin Heuer COB- anyone in SGA can approve flyers?

Ballard- No, SGA office staff can approve them not senators, this week something hateful was put on the kiosks. We have students that take things down a few times a week because unfortunately I cannot. If something is obviously hateful please take it down.

Heuer COB- Last meeting we discussed that SGA does not pay for the app fully, who else is funding it?

Bourgeois- It was supposed to be student affairs apparently it is not the case. One of the proposals I was talking about is to have the technology fee fund the App.

Cognevich VPLA- POI- Whenever we had the bill for funding the app wasn't that contingent on the university paying for the remainder of the app?

Ballard- It was and it is in writing with student affairs on it.

Maddie Roach VP- Who would be reviewing each proposal?

Bourgeois P- It is still in the drafting stages so i don't have the details yet, there will be requirements and I will let SGA know who the judges will be.

Anna Rusnak COS- Who reviews the posts on UNO Social?

Ballard- LeeAnne and Dr. Golz.

b. Vice-President

Maddie Roach- I am responsible for finances in SGA and organizing retreats. As a senator you are required to attend one retreat a year our upcoming retreat is November 5th, so it will be a nice introduction for the new senators and there will be lunch. The current amount in the senate operating account is \$20,883.77 which is left for this semester and it will roll over to the spring.. The current amount for the Reserve is 390,779.72 these are for one time expenditures and capital projects. Last year we spent some money on the wheel chair ramp in front of the library.

c. Vice-President of Legislative Affairs- in open forum im going to have all of the new senators introduce themselves

d. Vice-President of Programming

Santana Mitchell VPP- Hello my name is santana mitchell i am the Vice President of Programming or SAC President I have a few reports about what we been focused on this month which is mostly homecoming. The week before November 4th will be the days that students can campaign for homecoming, we have about 15 nominations that came in for court so we are reviewing applications which is required for everyone to be considered for homecoming court. They will be announced next week on monday.

Sunday November 3rd the homecoming committee will decorate the UC for homecoming week.

Monday- November 4th the office of residential life will put on a poster decorating event and a meet and greet with the basketball players. and SAC will have a novelty that day and be giving away prizes for students. Also decorate the UNO student section of the arena. And also greek life is possibly doing a trivia night,

Tuesday- November 5th is the pep rally by SGA from 12:30-1:30 in the UC and a tailgate happening at the Arena. We are talking about food trucks and chartwells catering for different food options and we will be doing giving aways.

Motion to be recognized desmond leblanc

JMW- second.

They will have raffle tickets for people to have in the game for the half court shot at winning \$10,000. You only get one chance. We will announce the court and have the results.

Wednesday Fundraiser with nachos and the money will be used for activities to bring on campus.

Thursday Student involvement and leadership will be organizing Fall Fest which is another fundraiser but for organizations on campus. In the UC Plaza. Then we will have a Paint Party that night it was really successful last year and we are looking to make it a tradition if it continues to be successful.

We will have a video competition for UNO pride with the hashtags UNO Proud and a banner competition.

Kenady Hills SAL- I was wondering now that homecoming is in the fall semester has the alumni been more involved in this process?

Mitchell VPP- The hope was to get alumni and students to do things together but there are no overlapping besides the tailgate.

Galatia Jones- If you get the shot you get \$10,000?

Mitchell VPP- Yes.

e. Judicial- no report we have 8 appointments for the supreme court

f. Advisors

Joy Ballard Advisor- We have to spend money it is the middle of October and we have spent less than \$2,000, it is state money if you don't spend state funds they get skeptical about giving you state money. Come up with ideas to talk to student orgs, go make friends with random people, it is quite a privilege to have so much money all schools do not have this kind of set up and structure like UNO. Last year we ran out of travel money, we give 500 travel grants last year we ran out, we spent 15,000 i got 4 more people tell people we have travel money. The website is updated there is all of last year's bills agendas and minutes and today's agenda was on the website before the meeting. The budget is also up to date now it was finally caught up it will be easier. You got invites for a lunch with Dr. Lassen, they want to start a new student fee committee that has oversight over student fees and look and evaluate how they are spent, they have a presentation on university budgets. Please come I think you will learn a lot and I will feed you. The presentation will be 2 hours but it is worth it. Please RSVP if you do want to come.

Fun Fact: Order: We now have 31 senators that is the most we have had since I have been here, meetings run longer things will take longer, it also makes it more important to read things before you come, also it makes it harder for Julianne to guess who is talking, so

say your name and don't forget it. Before you say something say your title and then name. Also we will be back in assigned seats to make everyone's jobs easier.

White- When will the newly approved R&P and Code of Laws when will they be put on the website?

Ballard- Tomorrow ; sorry that slipped my mind.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

a. InnovateUNO Catering Bill

Desmond Leblanc COLA- Sorry for being late CBD traffic. This event has always been supported by SGA and has been vital to keeping it going. It is asking us to allocate 4,591.05 in the innovate uno event on november the 19th- 21st in the first and 4th floors of the UNO Library.

Julie Landry- Office manager for Research; Liz Stiegler wrote the bill every year we put on this annual research symposium. Undergraduates, graduates, faculty and staff are eligible to compete. Students are all eligible for prizes we have students from highschool as well, everything that you can think to present you can winners get to go to the uls summit it is a 3 day event with 350 people all together when you put the days together, we serve breakfast lunch and a snack. SGA has sponsored in the past and has been a great help and we would like to continue the help.

Opposition-

Support- Kenady Hills SAL- this event has great turnout everyone benefits and i have participated and it has been beneficial.

Amendments,

Vote

Cannon- Yes

Heuer- Yes

Hills- Yes

Leblanc- Yes

Ngo-Yes

Owen- Yes by proxy

Pitalo-Yes

Rusnak-Yes

Vitali- Yes

White- Yes

Yarbrough- Yes

Cognevich- Yes

Bill passes

b. PBSU Trunk or Treat Bill

John Michael White SAL-Motion to suspend robert's rules to discuss both PBSU bills at once and vote separately

Second Kevin Heuer COB

Jalyn Johnson- Trunk or Treat for kids to safely come to campus and come trick or treat it is a lot safer than on actually day of Halloween and there will be security. We are expecting 300-500 kids on top of everyone else we have invited. We are going to local elementary schools to give exposure. We will be having a best costume contest. We are asking money for Bouncy House, Snoballs, Popcorn and a DJ.

Leblanc- COLA- has this happened before?

Jalyn- This will be PBSUs first time hosting an event like this.

Hills- How do people register their cars ?

Jalyn- UNO Community only you go to our instagram for the link

White SAL- Where is this?

Jalyn- HPC Parking lot

Bourgeois POI- I am also going to send out an email

Jalyn- If you are apart of greek life you can put your letters up. We can table also and all departments are invited to participate and

Cannon-you can donate candy

Hills- How many people are signed up to be the trunks?

Jalyn- I do not have the numbers the president does but a lot of people have donated candy and have said they wanted to be a part of this, so I think it will be a lot of people.

Support

John Michael White SAL- I yield my time for Dewayne Crenshaw to rise in support.

Dewayne Crenshaw- I am in support because throughout the years the community hasn't seen UNO interact with the people and it tends to make people sway away from UNO, this gives UNO a chance to be in the community.

Opposition-

AMendments

Cannon- Yes

Heuer-Yes

Hills-Yes

Leblanc-Yes

Melancon-

Ngo-Yes

Owen-Yes by proxy

Pitalo-Yes

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Rusnak-Yes  
Vitali-Yes  
White-Yes  
Yarbrough-Yes  
COgnevich- Yes  
approved

c. PBSU Trunk or Treat – Snoballs Bill

Cannon- Yes  
Heuer-Yes  
Hills-Yes  
Leblanc-Yes  
Ngo-Yes  
Owen-Yes by proxy  
Pitalo-Yes  
Rusnak-Yes  
Vitali-Yes  
White-Yes  
Yarbrough-Yes  
Cognevich- Yes  
Passes

d. Bike Rack Bill

Rusnak COS- the bill speaks for itself there are no bike racks by the math building and liberal arts. So let's put a bike rack in between the both buildings. It has 12 slots it is drilled into the ground, galvanized steel, it is a better solution to people chaining their bikes to the stairs or sides of buildings.

Leblanc COLA- Have you counted the amount of bikes are actually in that area?

Rusnak- I walked by there are at least 4 by the math building stairs and there can be about 5 or 7 chained in places.

Hills SAL- Did the administration come to you to sponsor the bill?

Rusnak COS- NO admin were not happy about math building so I went look and then I realize there is also not one by liberal arts, so I decided to make a bill for one in the middle, so it was equal concern between me and the administration.

Leblanc COLA- How many racks?

Rusnak COS- One with 12 slots

Hills SAL- Does this include the concrete slab?

Rusnak COS- UNO will pay for that it is just for the bike rack.

White SAL- But we are still paying for the labor and the concrete?

Rusnak- No only the bike rack?

White SAL- Do we know how much concrete will cost them?

Rusnak COS- No I couldn't imagine it would be expensive.

Advisor POI- The concrete crossover ramp that we paid for last year was only \$900 for the concrete and this is a much smaller slab of concrete.

Support-

Opposition-

Amendments

Cannon-Yes

Heuer-Yes

Hills-abs

Leblanc-Yes

Ngo-Yes

Owen-Yes by Proxy

Pitalo-Yes

Rusnak-Yes

Vitali-Yes

White-Yes

Yarbrough-Yes

Cognevich- Yes

11 y 0 no 1 abs this bill passes

XI. Open Forum

Cognevich- New senators let's introduce yourselves just name and college.

William walford- College of Liberal Arts political science

Galatia Jones- Marketing and a senator for the College of business

Clotilde Lair- College of Engineering Senator and Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering Major

Haley Fretz- Arts Administration and a Graduate Senator

Megan Stackhouse- Freshmen at large senator and a Theater major

Cordell Stewart- finance and college of business senator

Dewayne Crenshaw- Pre med and college of sciences senator

Sarah Johnson- Senator for Liberal Arts.

Cognevich- Welcome everyone

Hills SAL- I just turned in a bill for MLK Day of Service to wesley probably yesterday so we have been doing it for a long time , we are honoring MLK by doing a day of service.

Heuer COB- I had a lot of orgs about funding their meetings for food, in my time in sga we have not done this, but do we?

Ballard- No, because it is a meeting and not considered open to the student body, unless everyone is welcomed to the meeting

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White SAL- Since the last meeting and this meeting things seem contradictory about the UNO Social, so are we tasked with monitoring are we doing something about this? For clarification for the new senators there was a situation on the Social App where students said derogatory things and racial slurs and Dr. Golz had came to us about a solution. In christines report she said hate speech is taken down but from my understanding if it is non threatening it gets put back up because that is considered free speech. Do we create a rule, do we change things?

Bourgeois- Golz came to us to see if we wanted to do something with the senators who stayed it seemed like we did not come up with a conclusion. Doctor D wants to bring programs on campus to have inclusion programs sponsored , so that way we can fix this. But we weren't tasked with coming up with a solution and we don't have to we just pay for it so she wanted input. We could be relaxed monitors, or we could create a position or a proposal.

White SAL-Since it was a non public space and requires a uno password, does free speech not apply legally?

Ballard- Free speech applies , we however can set standards since it is a UNO thing but we still have to set standards that align with state law, nothing has changed since the last meeting.

Leblanc COLA- So we will be tasked with finding oversight? Will we have to supply the money to hire someone?

Cognevich VPLA- POI- we are not the only ones paying for it, but we were asked not tasked to do something about it. Not required.

Leblanc COLA- Do we pay a portion of the app?

Ballard- Yes we pay for a portion , all these meetings are on the record and some things can be left out, maybe not in the record or open forum but if you want to discuss then discuss.

Bourgeois- I just want to clarify it was just a suggestion to monitor but we do not have to.

Galatia Jones- How active is the app and students are actively using it not just freshmen all classifications? How beneficial is it? Is it a social media platform , or for actual questions? Are we wasting money that is not beneficial for our students?

Ballard- I don't have data at the moment but I can pull it for next meeting.

Kenyatte COS- I deleted the app from notifications but i can see why students find it useful because things can be sold or used to find classes or information about classes, but of course we do have those trolls that misuse the app?

White SAL- We have already paid for the app and cannot not pay for the app unless there is a breach of contract, so i think the focus in the discussion of the social app shouldn't be worth the payment it should be how will we monitor something that we allocated money for and that we thought would be useful to the student body.

Cognevich VPLA- If we so choose it is not an obligation to monitor

Bourgeois P- As a SIL worker we see activity weekly and there has been growth every year, it used to be just freshmen.

Leblanc COLA- It has been beneficial for Privateer plunge and registering for events. Things were also beneficial for marketing for my open forum.

Motion to extend time Leblanc by 12 minutes?

No second

Motion to adjourn Kenady Hills

Kevin Heuer Second

XII. Adjournment 6:08 PM