

I. Call the meeting to order 5:05 PM

II. Roll Call

Senator Name	Here/Absent/ Proxy
Alford	Here
Billiot	Here
Cannon	Absent
Cao	Here
Crenshaw	Here
Fretz	Here
Jackson	Here by Proxy
Johnson	Absent
Karkoutli	Here
Lair, B	Here
Lair, C	Here
Leblanc	Here
Mott	Here
Owen	Absent** later recognized
Phillips	Absent
Pitalo	Here
Rusnak	Here
Smith, Bradley	Absent
Smith, Brendon	Absent
Stackhouse	Here
Stevenson	Absent

Thamard	Absent
Vitali	Absent
Yarabrough	Here
Cognevich	Here

15 Present 9 Absent and 1 Proxy we meet quorum
16 total present out of 25

Owen- Motion to be recognized
Lair, B- second

17 present out of 25 we meet quorum.

III. Approval of the Agenda

Approved

IV. Approval of the Minutes

Approved both set of minutes from the last 2 previous meetings.

V. Communications and Announcements (from anyone; 3min ea; non-SGA-related)

Cognevich VPLA- I don't know how many professors are doing this if any hopefully none but i wanted to let everyone know it is against the law for any public university to add additional fees to your syllabus or fee bill after the initial one is sent out at the beginning of the semester, so if any of your professors are requiring you to do any services such as proctor U or any other testing services you don't have to use it or pay it. The only way is if they pay for it or the university pays for it but professors cannot make you pay for anything like that. Please pass this along because I heard some professors may be doing that.

VI. Committee Reports (3min + 3min Q&A)

a. Governance- no report

b. Rules- Leblanc COLA- Rules met on 2 occasions to finalize voting on bills and we met quorum and it was an unanimous vote.

c. Finance- Fretz GAL- Finance did meet and it went well and I'm excited to vote on everything later.

d. Student Affairs- no report

VII. Other Reports (6min + 3min Q&A)

a. President- Chirstine Pres- If I drop let me know, my only report is just a couple small things. For the past couple of weeks I have been in communication with Dr. Nicklow in regards to our students not having much of a break or no break at all during this transition to online classes. There are many reasons why we went straight from that practice day to all online classes, but I still consistently got emails about the stress from students. So I drafted and proposed an email and I sent it, with a lot of evidence backing the proposal that we need a break and what we came to the conclusion of an extension of what I'm guessing is considered Easter Break? But

we have friday off next week and he extended it to also Thursday , so that is a win. I'm continuing to email to see hwt about to do with graduation the survey we sent out last week had about 400 responses which is huge to UNO. The results have been forwarded to the parties needed, and the results were not announced publicly yet. But in the faculty senate meeting last week Dr. Nicklow had in his announcements that it will be at the end of the summer so we are trying to have it as soon as possible. They are also seeing what they can do with cancellation for other ceremonies like honors, and other colleges. I am continuing to advocate for better communication for our students, especially those graduating because they still feel in the dark. Still trying to purchase assistance for students on campus like food and stuff, things I can use the executive account for. I am in communication with IT to buy tablets for people to check out not just for now but for future use as well.

b. Vice-President- Roach VP- There is currently \$20,179.18 in the Senate Operating Account. There is currently \$416,675.59 in the Reserve Account. We got 25 total budget requests in, we just had a meeting we got through 5 of them. If you are in the committee and cannot make it please send a proxy so we can vote on these requests.

c. Vice-President of Legislative Affairs- Cognevich- Basically people who need to participate in committee meetings, we have finally got to the point where peoples non participation has caused us harm. We have already removed a couple of people from the roster. This is the time where I wish I would have cracked down on attendance. Tell me ahead of time if you cant show up. It's as simple as that, If you can't we can work something out. No call no show is not acceptable.

d. Vice-President of Programming- Jaylan Johnson- Tomorrow SAC will have 2 virtual chats I believe one of them will be live. Then we have a virtual Trivia Night and it went really well last week. It starts at 6 tomorrow night, but you have to make a Twitch Account and its fun and you win money. April 16th will be SACs last day of programming then we will just be doing engagements through tik toks and social media. Top Model will happen in the fall since its a popular event, if you have any questions reach out.

e. Advisor- Ballard Adv- If we have any graduating seniors, if you are a graduating senior or know of a graduating senior please email me, i have some records i know who most of you are but some people graduate early or something and SIL is working to shout y'all out. We know that this senior year is not normal and we want to do something special for those people so if you know of an involved graduating senior shoot me an email so that i can help y'all out. mALso SIL has their Leadership Awards open now, so Leadership Recognition Ceremony is in the spring every year we recognize our student organizations for everything they do, but two of those awards have monetary scholarships. We don't want people to lose out on that, you can nominate yourself or someone else just please don't let that money go to waste. We want the awards to be competitive so nominate yourself, your friends, whoever just as long as they are deserving. The link for that is in the link tree which is what i sent all of you the link to get into this meeting. It doesn't take long to nominate people. The University has now given free zoom pro accounts to all faculty, staff and students, so previously if you got a zoom account it had time limits, and so many people in a call, you can now register with the university and get all the zoom perks for free. You just have to go to into the mypps.uno.edu page and click the zoom tab and follow the instructions. The instructions are also on SIL instagram and social media as well

as SGA. So go check it out and get a free zoom pro account. Very SGA related this week i have gotten so many fabulous emails of yall doing so much work and it is great. I know that this is a rough time but it really makes me so happy to see how much you are advocating for students even when things are a little complicated is awesome to me. If you need anything specific from me keep me in the loop, just let me know.

Mott COE- What can we do if we already paid for a zoom pro account and now UNO is offering a free one?

Ballard- I would take that up with Zoom but I will look into it.

Mott COE- Thank you.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business (6min intro + 10min Q&A; 3min Amendments; 3min Opposed + 3min For)

a. SGA Office Computer Bill

Author is Desmond Leblanc , Sponsor Hailey Fretz is the sponsor of the bill. This is something we talked about quite often in the office. The computers we have in the office do not work or are old and slow. Even the advisor is having difficulty with her computers. Since we have the funds and we really dislike the funds going into the reserve account and an influx of funds we need to replace the computers. Technology does tend to need to be replaced every so often. I did want to make a friendly amendment to the amount, I sent an updated amount but I guess the VPLA accidentally sent the original out. The amount is \$10,705 to \$11,464.95, just so everyone is clear. The grand total is on page three on the budget page.

Hailey Fretz GAL- I have something quick to add. I am the sponsor of the bill and although I have not spent as much time in the office, I know it is really important that our student workers, and the advisor have working computers so we can continue to have meetings and work through next year. I would ask to try and support us and i know we have a lot of funds and we are all having trouble coming up with solid ideas right now, but i think this is a perfect opportunity to give back to ourselves so we can continue to give back to the University as an organization.

Questions:

Amendments: Friendly amendment to change the price.

Opposition:

Support:

Leblanc COLA- It is a great time to do this and I hope this passes.

Fretz GAL - Likewise.

Senator Name	Yes/No/Abstain
Alford	Yes
Billiot	Yes
Cao	Yes
Crenshaw	Yes

Fretz	Yes
Jackson	Yes by proxy
Karkoutli	Yes
Lair, B	Yes
Lair, C	yes
Leblanc	yes
Mott	Yes
Owen	Yes
Pitalo	Yes
Rusnak	Yes
Stackhouse	Yes
Yarabrough	Yes
Cognevich	Yes

17 yes 0 no 0 abstentions this bill passes

b. Laser Remount Bill

Clotilde Lair COE- The laser remount bill is a bill to allocate \$535.65 from the Senate Operating Account to assist the College of Engineering in renting a scissors lift to remount a laser on the top of the TRAC building. the laser is necessary to the UNO community because of its displays and educational value;the laser has and will promote campus wide events and students in the College of Engineering; the laser display attracts locals through both the regular night animations and the holiday shows; the laser showcases and identifies the largest building on campus and advertises UNO, the laser signage is used for animation development and to educate students in unique programming. So the students they go and make the animations that are put up on the building, it is very educational.

Questions

Mott COE- Which students make the animations, it is a certain class or COE students?

Lair, C- i am not particularly sure I heard about tit through ?Gevonvich? Im sure he can give me that information, if you want

Mott COE- That would be great thank you so much.

Amendments:

None

Opposition:

Support:

Lair, C COE- The laser has been down a while, it is mainly for the lift to get it back up and it is a very nice display if I may say, it is pretty.

Vote:

Senator Name	Yes/No/Abstain
Alford	Yes
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Cao	Abstain
Crenshaw	yes
Fretz	Yes
Jackson	Yes by Proxy
Karkoutli	Abstain
Lair, B	Yes
Lair, C	Yes
Leblanc	Yes
Mott	Yes
Owen	Yes
Pitalo	Yes
Rusnak	Yes
Stackhouse	Yes

Yarabrough	Yes
Cognevich	Yes

15 yes 2 abstentions 0 no this bill passes

c. Garden Club Bill

Lair, B COE- Sponsor. This is a bill to allocate \$567.80 from the Senate Operating Account to assist UNO Gardeners in semester garden repairs/bed build which will be hosted on the next club date following supply delivery; the UNO Gardeners are registered with the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership; the bed build is necessary to the UNO community because it will create more community garden space for the campus to grow; the garden repairs will fix our fence and allow us to keep our supplies and plants safe. The gate to the garden got blown off in a wind storm that's why they need that money, and they want to expand how much they can grow. I'm not sure about the specifics. Olivia can talk more about it.

Olivia Bergeron Garden Club Representative: Our gate needs to be fixed because it is right next to the engineering parking lot where a lot of the robberies have happened. So we really need to not have a gate just open for anyone to walk in, we have found evidence of people going in there and smoking not just cigarettes but also weed. I've had to make a police report because people have stolen things from us, and we don't want to be growing food and who knows who is walking about in there. We definitely need to get the gate fixed. The raised beds will allow it not to be on the same level as the weeds. It will be more accessible. We also need to be able to lock our gates once they are fixed to allow the safety.

Questions:

Cao COLA- If we are funding the gate and the lock, how is this accessible and open to everyone?

Olivia- As soon as you join the garden club we will give you access to the padlock. We won't disallow anyone from going in, just ask us so we can let you in and not have whoever is going in.

Cao COLA- POI- I thought if SGA funds things we have to have it accessible to the public

POI Fretz- The club is open to all students which means that this gate is technically open to all students.

Cognevich VPLA- Yes, to answer the question it is a registered student organization which is open to everyone so therefore this bill is open to everyone who joins the clubs.

Cao COLA- So if we fund it is it okay for only the members to have the lock information, because for example for Innovate UNO the food had to be open to everyone, wouldn't that lock information be open to everyone?

Ballard Adv- Just to clarify the rules, it has to be open to students if we fund something as far as events, but whenever it comes to things like tangible items the organization just has to be open to all students.

Olivia- We also are planning events open to everyone and ideally if we can make this club and place beautiful we could love to have organizations have events here, because it is beautiful place, the greenhouse was beautifully decorated until someone stole our string lights.

Ballard Adv- POI- if this bill is passed we must spend the money by the end of the fiscal year which is june 30. Is there a garden club member who lives locally who can get the stuff when campus reopens.

Olivia- I live in the dorms, at least 2 that I know of lives in Pplace, and grace lives in the city so we will have someone.

Rusnak COS- What happens to the produce that you grow?

Olivia- Well we haven't really been able to grow anything yet, but i really would like to donate and partner with the privateer pantry and maybe cooking education classes. A lot of what garden club does is allow a space to grow something you were already going to grow, so if you are like i want to grow this tomato plant you can bring it and allow it to grow at our garden.

Cao COLA- Yall say yall havent been growing, hasn't it been at least a year since our last bill last year?

Olivia- Most of the things we have had to do this year was a lot of cleaning out the greenhouses and stuff. I don't know the whole history buti do know that college of sciences owned the garden and they left everything and it was nasty they had ruined science experiments, degrading plastic, trees were growing inside the greenhouse. Everything was a disaster, we have been cleaning it out and its hazardous with broken glass. Now it is cleaned and we have plants, we have aloe vera, some other succulents, some spinach, now we want ot be able to grow things large scale. This year we had a lot of little seedlings. We do have ?malberries? growing too.

AMendments

Opposition:

Support:

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Cognevich	Yes

17 yes 0 no 0 abstentions this bill passes

X. Nominations and Appointments

XI. Open Forum (12min; for the betterment of SGA)

Leblanc COLA Motion to Adjourn

Owen: Second

XII. Adjournment 5:47 PM