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Appointee Carbo, Senator Carbo, Senator Lemons, Unknown Senator, President Charles, Senator Deffendall, Senator Hymel, Advisor Courseault, Clerk of Senate Lancaster, Brett Fornatoro, Appointee Corcoran, VPLA Hinnawi, Appointee Hunsaker, Advisor Gitlin, Appointee Nata, Chief Justice Crenshaw, Senator Hunter, Appointee Crenshaw, Aaron Jordan, Senator Mott, Senator Crout, Senator Barnes, Senator Plasse, Vice President Moss, Senator Hunsaker, Senator Fredrick, Senator Martinez, Senator Nguyen, Siri, Senator Sorlin, VPP Mailhes, Senator Davidson, Parliamentarian Hinnawi, Senator Raihan

VPLA Hinnawi 00:05

All right, we're gonna go ahead and get started. All right, I call this meeting to order at 5:02pm. Do I have any nominations for the President Pro Tempore for just this meeting.

Senator Mott 00:25

Brendan Mott, I'll do it since I was the former Pro Tempore, and I've done it before. Oh wait, I'm leaving early so nevermind-

VPLA Hinnawi 00:33

Anybody? It's taking time are a stopwatch.. Thank you. That's fine. I'll tell you what times you just keep your stopwatch out and you'll- six times. Okay. Can I get a second?

Senator Hunsaker 00:51

Oh. Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:00

Thank you and can I get a volunteer for Parliamentarian temporarily? Thank you.

Senator Hymel 01:07

Jenna Hymel, College of Liberal Arts, I volunteer myself for Parlimentarian.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:11

Can I get a second?

Senator Martinez 01:12

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences, I second that vote.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:16

Okay, thank you. I will now take a roll call vote. I'm going to ask, just this meeting, when I call your name just stand just so we can get a face with each of your names Okay. Rakeen Barnes?

Senator Barnes 01:38

Here

VPLA Hinnawi 01:40

lan carbo?

Senator Carbo 01:42

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:43

Thank you Christian Crout?

Senator Crout 01:46

Present

VPLA Hinnawi 01:47

Thank You. Dylan Davidson?

Senator Davidson 01:50

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:51

Thank you. Lucas Defendall?

Senator Deffendall 01:53

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:55

Thank you. Cameron Frederick?

Senator Fredrick 01:57

Here

VPLA Hinnawi 02:01

Michael Heur? Michael Huer? Daniel Hunsaker?

Senator Hunsaker 02:12

Here.

VPLA Hinnawi 02:15

Jenna Hymel?

Senator Hymel 02:17

Here.

VPLA Hinnawi 02:18

Thank you Cooper Lemons?

Senator Lemons 02:21

Here

VPLA Hinnawi 02:22

Thank you, Oscar Martinez?

Senator Martinez 02:24

Here.

VPLA Hinnawi 02:27

Chloe Metzler?

Appointee Crenshaw 02:33

She has COVID.

Advisor Gitlin 02:35

Point of order she's online.

VPLA Hinnawi 02:38

Is she here though?

Advisor Gitlin 02:39

Yeah.

Clerk of Senate Lancaster 02:43

No she just sent a message to zoom. "Can you ask someone to proxy for me?"

VPLA Hinnawi 02:47

And she's- okay, Brendan Mott?

Senator Mott 02:54

Present

VPLA Hinnawi 02:56

Henry Nguyen?

Senator Nguyen 02:58

Here.

VPLA Hinnawi 03:00

Linda Plasse?

Senator Plasse 03:02

Present

VPLA Hinnawi 03:02

Thank you. Md. Mohiuddin Sakib? Md. Mohiuddin Sakib? Mahaut Sorlin?

Senator Sorlin 03:15

Here

VPLA Hinnawi 03:15

Thank you. Gazi Raihan?

Senator Raihan 03:19

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 03:23

That was right. That right hand Yeah. Okay. With 16 senators present we do meet quorum.

Advisor Courseault 03:33

Point of Privilege Chloe is back in the Zoom.

VPLA Hinnawi 03:37

Thank you. With 17 senators present we do meet quorum. Are there any corrections or changes to today's agenda? With no objections to the agenda is approved. Are there any corrections or changes to the minutes from last meeting? Moving forward, I'll be attaching that in the email with the agenda just so you can look for it in case you do have any changes you want to make to the minutes, okay? Are there any Senator Communications or Announcements? Are there any non-Senate Communications or Announcements?

Senator Martinez 04:24

Oscar Martinez College of Sciences. Yeah, so basically I just wanted to bring to everyone's attention that in certain areas of the campus there are signs dictating when Senate meetings are. There's one in the chemistry department specifically I was going to take a picture and show you but it shows the wrong

time- shows Tuesday at 4:30pm. So we're actually trying to recruit more people into the Senate, it would probably be best to change those out around campus.

VPLA Hinnawi 04:50

Okay, so that's- that's great. Thank you, Oscar for noticing. Um, we can definitely talk about it more in open forum if anyone wants to make a note of that. Okay, does anyone else have-

Aaron Jordan 04:52

Sorry I'm a non-Senator and I'd like to speak on something

VPLA Hinnawi 05:02

a question? Do you want to stand say your name,

Aaron Jordan 05:07

Sure! My name is Aaron Jordan. I'm a Junior College of Liberal Arts. I came to the last- actually the very last Senate meeting and I wanted to bring this to the attention of the current Senate- is that I have initial order- to bring to your attention concerning indoctrination that's occurring on campus by instructors. This is- it's not a lot of instructors. And what they're doing is they're pushing a certain agenda or a certain party or a certain way of thinking onto their students. They- they're giving you their personal bias and it teaching that class based on their personal bias and I brought this to the attention of UNO's leadership. And I was told that UNO's leadership was actually in favor of it so-

Advisor Courseault 05:53

Point of Privilege, that would not be an announcement that will be in open forum.

Aaron Jordan 05:57

I thought that's what this was.

Advisor Courseault 05:59

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 05:59

No. So open forums can be at the end of the meeting, and a senator will just yield their time for you to speak. So just hold onto that thought and we'll get to it. Okay. Thank you. Okay. Since we don't have a Pro Tempore or Parlimentarian right now, we're going to skip over reports does the President have report

President Charles 06:20

yes okay Two Minutes to speak. So you want to set the timer for six minutes How y'all doing? If you guys don't know me, I am Angelo. I'm the Student Government Association President of 2022-2023. I just want to really congratulate yourselves for being here and being a part of the Senate. This is a big moment. We are the most important organization on campus and we have a lot of money. And we have a lot of authority and advocacy. So give yourself a round of applause. [applause] So, with that being said, over the summer, our Executive Board has worked tirelessly on working and improving my- our

organization in turn. First, we started with the Constitution, and I want to thank Senator Brett, Brendan and- anybody else if I'm forgetting you- I apologize, but- for helping us work on our Constitution, but I would particularly want to thank our executive board and our advisors for working on this document and moving our SGA for you guys. We'll be getting that soon. And I hope you guys vote yes to it. Our wonderful VPLA Azizah who worked on the Senate Rules and Procedures as well as the Executive Board is looking at that and making so we're moving our organization forward. We were- again we partner with administration, we met with Deans, we met with- in just about any campus figure just to see how we can move this campus forward. As you can see, we're back on an action- students are now on campus. It looks a bit different. So this is the time where you use your tools as a student leader to advocate. Do not fill these seats, I know they have some empty seats, but we've got to fill them but just know that the seat that you're sitting in is very important. So please use that right. Executive Orders, I issue- -a lot. Lot More. I don't want to say more. I'm not comparing myself to other people, but it was a lot within our first thing. So with that being said I called a special session. Unfortunately I apologize for not being able to make it there but it's great to see new faces from all different backgrounds. So congratulations to you who came to the special session and was appointed during that special session. I did another executive order for "Late Night with the Greeks" which will be happening tomorrow. They asked for about \$1,000 for food and funding and I was able to put that event on my budget. I will use my budget and the money I have- I've invested in and voted on by you. Life is returning to the campus so it does anything that a special project that maybe the Senate can do know that I have an executive budget that I am willing to use. What else? I did another one. I'm just working on resolutions for as I move on because I know I got six minutes. How long have I got?

Senator Hunsaker 09:28

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President Charles 09:28

Alright, with that being said my most recent announcement is to nominate a former senator Dewayne J. Crenshaw to the Supreme Court as our Chief Justice. This year will look a bit different for us. Accountability and making sure our internal workings as the organization works efficiently for the students is not going to be like last year so if you were here last year, go ahead and get rid of that mindset. With that being said it was very great to appoint Dwayne to the position and later on I hope you guys do vote for him in this position. With that being said, we met with administration yesterday and we talked about a lot. This year the students will be voting on referendum to get football and another Ladies Baske- No what is it? Soccer rather be the referendum. So with that being said, You're- We have a lot of work to do, towards advocacy, there's different avenues and different things that we're going to be looking at. And I plan on partner with you guys on that. For those of you who this is your first Senate session I always like to end with a quote or some words of affirmation. And today I will leave you with this. Soon as I find it... "There is no better than adversity than every defeat. Every heartbreak, every loss contains its own seed. It's own lesson on how to improve your performance. And the next time" - Malcolm X and that concludes my report. I yield for questions.

VPLA Hinnawi 10:56

There'll now be three minutes for questions.

Senator Hymel 11:00

Do we have a timeframe of when like we're gonna see the new constitution?

President Charles 11:05

Yes, I'm not this I'm gonna say next week. Give me two weeks and I'm here to I can share with you allit's not a secret. Like it's not a secret- this is y'alls government policies too. I can share that as far as I can.

Senator Mott 11:25

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts on last year, we were talking about some things with the election code and the coat of laws, was that ever looked at it all over the summer?

President Charles 11:33

Yes, it was that we're working on that, our Vice President was pioneering the Election Code and looking at that. We did have some issues last year. So we are trying to work on that.

Senator Davidson 11:44

Dylan Davidson, College of Business Administration, for the new senators, what do you want to see us doing?

President Charles 11:52

So when me and Jordan was campaigning together last year, the biggest thing- the issues that- for the SGA is visibility. So I want you guys to be making sure that one: you have a networking relationship with your Dean, and all the- full professors on college and that are tenured, that they know your name, they know my name, but I need to know you. So one- but also surveying the candidates, targeting our students in the UC, the library, the Galley, whatever and buildings you're going to say "hey, what do you see candidates looking like for you" there's a lot of things. So I hope that has answered your question.

Senator Davidson 12:23

Thank you.

President Charles 12:28

Anyone have more questions?

Vice President Moss 12:40

Vice President, my report is not that long, but- is that definitely has some important information For those who don't know, I'm Jordan. I'm super excited for this year and the opportunity we have to change SGA's culture and push on campus, so I'm glad that you guys are here, using your time to serve your campus. The current Senate operating budget is \$22,745, I encourage you all be really particular on what you guys fund, this year because we're not working with as much money we were last year, so I just encourage y'all really look at the bills in detail that comes to the floor before y'all make a decision on which other side. We are going to be super firm on our submission timeframe. So all orders from bills and requests must be submitted 30 days before the event, keep them out under

\$5,000 and 60 days before the event is over \$5000. And I'll make sure to update y'all each time a bill has been submitted and the funds are utilized. Also moving forward anytime a bill is submitted, the SGA bill sponsor will be responsible for communication with the organization when it comes to collecting and returning the items. So- sorry. Okay, so for like example, lights, decorations, and things of that nature, because those are property of SGA so we need those items back, and also make sure that you check in with us on inventory before you put certain things on the bill. As far as like lights and decorations because we have those already and those organizations can use those instead of us wanting more and ordering more. And we'll also make sure we cc the sponsor each bill when Todd and Tiffany are communicating with their own way to pick up their things and items over time. And also last, when committees are formed, change the rules committees, and I'll also be updating y'all on the Senate Retreats soon. They will be mandatory, and you guys will be required to attend one per semester. That is it for my report, I yield the rest of my time for questions.

Appointee Hunsaker 14:55

Daniel Hunsaker, Senator at Large. You mentioned, you know, items that organizations can use. Is there like an inventory list?

Vice President Moss 15:03

So I'm working on that because it's a lot of stuff in our SGA closets. We just have to really go through, like to give each other like a concrete list, you can just like come ask us and we can check it in. Just come by the office.

Senator Mott 15:18

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts I know people ask this like every meeting, but Reserve Account amounts? I know you might not know it and I may have to ask somebody else. But I'm gonna ask if you know it?

President Charles 15:32

So we reached out to Dr. Golz and several administrations about- in regards to the reserve account, which is unfortunatly we did not get enough information about that, but I am working actively to get that. But in the meantime, and within the next two weeks after our meeting with the Vice President of Business Affairs, I want to say- I think we hired that person- but the feeling for them, I am most likely going to start a task force and appoint certain people to this position so we can get more answers. So that's it's very- something very important and I'm gonna make sure at least by the end of this year, and it's my turn that we do get those numbers.

VPLA Hinnawi 16:21

Hello everybody, it's time for my report. I'll speak for six minutes and then I'll have three minutes for questioning. Um, so first off, I hope everyone had a great summer and those great first week and a half of school. I'm just want to say I'm very excited to be VPLA this year, and just bear with me while I'm getting adjusted to this role and learning everyone's names. It might take a while, but we're in this together. And I'm looking forward to see what's going to happen with us this year because I feel like we can make a lot of a difference in SGA this year compared to in the previous years. We on the executive board as Angelo mentioned, and as Jordan has said, we worked a lot over the summer and I did work

on the rules and procedures. So you should be expecting an email tomorrow on rules and procedures and you can just read through it, review it and then next meeting is when we'll vote on how you guys feel about it or if you have any amendments or anything like that. Okay, so just come with that information prepared for next meeting. I'll be giving you about a week to go over it and it's not too long. Another thing that's very important to me is, as you know we're doing Committee Head nominations later on in the meeting and a big thing about our committees is that there's not really a clear guidelines as to what they do and how interactive they are. And sometimes you might just be in the committee and not doing anything. This year, we're going to change that. So I am going to be very involved in each of our Committees and our Committee Heads. So we'll just be talking back and forth on ideas and anything like that that you think your committee can do. Just because I feel like committees are a great place for our senators to really get that communication with their students directly. Also this year, to backup meeting with their Deans, I feel like that direct line of communication is important. And Angelo's been meeting to begin that relationship for you guys, to ask if they're even interested in meeting with some of the senators. And a lot of y'alls Deans are so it could just be as simple as sending it outsending out an email to like say "When are you free to meet?" and then just going in there talking, introducing yourself, and coming up with ideas for your college or for your class level. Another thing that I want to mention this year is I know this is a lot of y'alls first official senate meeting and then it's just for some of you guys you're returning from last year. But one thing that used to happen in the past is that whenever a Senator wants to address the Senate, they would rise before they speak and we're going to re- we're gonna reestablish that and Senate. So every time you speak, stand state your name and your college or your at large title, and then continue like stating what you'd like to say okay? And there's ever like an issue with standing, just raise your hand also make that point. Okay? I yield the rest of the time for questions. Anybody have any questions?

Senator Martinez 19:31

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences, before we sign like- the committees Senator thing- are we going to discuss more in detail about what each committee does?

Parliamentarian Hinnawi 19:38

I can go over it briefly. Like when we're going to do nominations I'll just go over each committee head for each one as we're going down the list, also I sent out like little cheat sheet. I know it wasn't like the most professional verbiage but it's just how I distinguish between them and I thought it could be useful for you guys. And then also like these committees we're kind of starting with a semi-blank plate. Of course you have your official duties, but there's a lot of stuff that we might want to think "hey rules committee should be doing this or this is a good idea" it's definitely like a given take, so as a committee head you kind of have this role with me of creating what this committee will be for further SGA. Okay. Any other questions? All right. Does the vice president of programming have a report? Yes. Yes, six minute.

VPP Mailhes 20:43

Good evening, y'all. I'm Magdalene Mailhes, I'm Vice President of Programs- that means I am President of Student Activities Council we plan on you know, a lot of the events on campus, I- my report's not going to be long, but I do want to say, our first big event, the Welcome Back Block Party, it was a traditional event it did really great this year. We got like over 500 people came and that includes

100- like new first time Freshmen. So that's really good. So when President Angelo talked about visibility, that puts us in a very good light. And no, it's not the same, not as serious but still, I think building that personal relationship with the student body will bring them, you know, make us closer with them and make them come to us for help when they need help- talk to their senators, so show your face, come to our events. They're fun, and they're free, and you paid for them, so you should come. But they are really good. And like I said they've been doing really good. Our Trivia Stream also got like over 70 people, and our Cultural Conversations did really well too. So we are reaching out to those across campuses and we are bringing that life back to campus. And y'all should be involved in that as much you can do. I also want to bring up, we mentioned SGA inventory- SAC did already do an inventory over this summer of all the decorations and stuff. So if you have a look at that for a bill, please come to me. I can share that with you. You can also always come look in our office for any decorations or anything we have and I can let you know. We can always use that as well. And also I just want to emphasize this last point is ask for help. I feel like a lot of problems happen because you get anxious or you get scared, you don't know what to say. But if you ask for help, we can help you. We can steer you in the right direction and just always ask the questions. I think we stay silent too much. So ask the questions, make the statement and I think we'll have a better student body thank you and I yield the rest of my time for questions.

Senator Mott 22:23

Brandan Mott, College of Liberal Arts, this is hypothetical technically because I know the answer but I'm gonna ask anyway. Where is SAC's new office located?

VPP Mailhes 22:31

We are now in the captain's quarters lounge downstairs in the game room. That's our new office location. Thank you

VPLA Hinnawi 22:47

Do the advisors have a report? You all have six minutes.

Advisor Gitlin 23:04

Hey, y'all. We are the SGA advisors. My name is Todd Gitlin

Advisor Courseault 23:07

And I am Tiffany Courseault.

Advisor Gitlin 23:10

I just want to say, this is going to be great. We're so happy that Senate is back in session. This is the first semester in two years that we've been back on campus. We have a great opportunity to rebuild and reshape this organization, to rebuild and reshape campus in a way that best represents UNO. Specifically we have a lot of momentum, in large part due to our wonderful executive board. So can we just show some appreciation to them? [Applause] You know, our office is 236 If y'all need anything, if you have any questions, just anything. Let us so we're here to help you. We're here to support you.

Advisor Courseault 23:58

And again, just adding to Todd is saying I'm so excited about this school year. This is just a different vibe- I mean mindset. Campus is very different. Like every executive saidl, Visibility is of most important- like I have a very strong feeling that we will be able to probably fill all of our Senate Seats for the first time in a very, very long time and hopefully we outgrow this room. People are excited, we actually have over 70 freshmen that have signed up for interest in SGA that our SGA Workers will be reaching out to. So again, guys, I'm super excited. And like, I believe President Charles said, You guys are one of the most powerful organizations on this campus. You really are the voice for students. Our students have had- of like we've had a lot of issues that have come forward already before some even started. So students are aware that SGA is here for them, but not a lot of students are so it's like that catch 22 with you guys, that students are aware of us, but we have got some students that don't know and you guys are in such a unique position to be back on a campus that is coming back. Also, after this report, I'm going to go get your T shirts that I was supposed to get to you last semester. You will leave here today with one of these fine T shirts. Also, these T shirts we will be given to- also to the 70 students that sign up, but you guys will get your own t shirt so I'm giving you this but don't be like "wait a minute you didn't come to Senate meeting. Why do you have a shirt?" It is like our advertising tool. Your exec board is going to be working on getting you polos, I believe. So you will have a polo but just know that what you see this shirt This is our advertising tool to get people to come but I felt like before I pass the shirts out, let me at least let Senate have a shirt, so also adding to what Maggie said. The game room, All the SAC offices are in the game room. The game room is still open. It's just open Monday, Wednesday, Friday. You guys. That's your money, you paid for that to happen. Our office- the hours for the game room on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, will be from 10 to 8. So come if you're part of an organization- organizations can book that space to have an event. So yeah, I think that's it and we yield the rest of our time. For questions.

VPLA Hinnawi 26:27

We have three minutes for questions

Advisor Courseault 26:44

I- I know I have three minutes for questions but I yield my time to An- President Charles cause he has something to say.

President Charles 26:52

Yes, I'm sorry. My report got a lot but we really forgot to mention a lot of things- as far as what we're doing and I spoke to the other senator earlier but we're working on- on looking at proposals that brought to the executive board. There have been some issues with addresses and locations on campus- as far as getting access. Just to get, you know, when you ordering in something or the 911 comes to the campus there's not a specific address code. So we are meeting with administration and then working on that. Not everything we do is a success, but at least we can try. We're working on voter registration drives. So we will be asking you of a lot. But also I want to take this time to think about after this meeting, next week and think about some issues, agenda setting and think about something that you want to advocate for personally or individually because so we can come up with a real agenda so we can work on it. That's all. I apologize.

Advisor Courseault 27:51

And one more thing and that will be our time. Welcome to the Senate. We're so excited for you to be here. Like I'm excited. It's gonna be really great.

VPLA Hinnawi 28:09

Alright, thank you everyone. Um, because we don't have any old business or new business. We're just going to skip down to nominations and appointments. So we'll now hear nominations and appointments. Let me say though this first appointment is not to the Senate. It is as a Justice position. Okay. So just keep that in mind. And will Dwayne Crenshaw, please come forward for nomination as a justice?

President Charles 28:57

I'm appointed him, I think they need to know

VPLA Hinnawi 28:59

Okay. Hold on Dwayne, we'll let-

Advisor Courseault 29:02

Point of Privilege, because it's a judicial appointment. And Angelo is his judicial appointment. You don't-you vote on it as a formality, but it's his appointment. So it will be appointed. But [Laughter] I don't want to sound like that. But, but we do want you to hear out we do want to hear your concerns. And hopefully, and I know President Charles will consider whatever you have to say but he will go first and then Former Senator Crenshaw will come up afterwards.

VPLA Hinnawi 29:33

Okay, before we begin, I just want to remind everyone when you are asking questions to either President Angelo or to Dwayne, just think about your questions before you ask them make sure they're actually like- that's the words. Okay, make sure they have to do with the actual job title and not like his personal life. Okay? And also don't forget to stand to speak. Okay, Angelo.

President Charles 30:07

So just to be brief, I'm just going to read the Executive Order. Whereas Article one Section 15, sub points one through two of the University of New Orleans Student Government Constitution requires the president to make formal announcement of the appointments and judicial vacancy, whereas the Chief Justice of the UNO SGA Supreme Court Damariah Phillips has resigned from the Supreme Court, whereas the President has decided to appoint former Senator Dwayne J. Crenshaw to the UNO, SGA Supreme Court to fill a vacancy, whereas Dwayne J. Crenshaw has exhibited years of service to UNO SGA in a commitment to the betterment of the University of New Orleans student body. While attending, he has advocated for students initiatives such as housing, beautification projects and ultimately- ultimately, he has shown an unyielding commitment to doing what is right. Whereas the way he has demonstrated a wealth of knowledge of the SGA Constitution, Rules, and Procedures and he possesses high integrity and an indomnable- about accord to make him an unquestionable fit for this higher court. Now they're- now therefore I Angelo M. Charles, President of the University of New Orleans Student Government Association, by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of the Student Government of the University of New Orleans do hereby direct the order as

follows. I announce to nominate Dwayne J. Crenshaw to the UNO SGA Supreme Court to fill the vacancy. I will stand open for questions. Daniel Hunsaker, Senator at Large, how many- So we just lost one justice, there's three in total right. This is filling a vacancy. Correct.

Appointee Hunsaker 31:46

And the chief justice is like the main one or are all three?

President Charles 31:50

Correct, so there are- the chief justice is basically the VPLA of the Supreme Court. I am appointing him to fill the vacancy of a Justice position when I want to be- will be nominating two other people at the next Senate meeting. So he's- this person will essentially be the VPLA of the Supreme Court, the presiding officer making sure that all the administrative duties on the court as far as election disputes are- I think they just announced today that they issue parking tickets, and also now- in the future, we will have a demerit system, which you guys will know about that later. As far as accountability, so they will help. Thank you.

VPLA Hinnawi 32:54

You'll have three minutes to introduce yourself and you'll be followed by three minutes of questioning

Appointee Crenshaw 33:05

Okay. Hello, everyone. My name is Dwayne Crenshaw, I have been on Senate for three years and now I'm a senior, and it has been a ride. I have written, sponsored, or have- had an involvement in just about every kind of bill there is to have been written in Senate and I've also been running around and, you know, knocking on every faculty and staff's door for the last three years. In- that's kind of, you know, like the main job of Senate we're supposed to advocate we're supposed to, you know, be the ones to knock on the doors and to call and email and do all that great stuff. And now I am being nominated to be Chief Justice. That was a wonderful speech, but I don't like bragging or being like "oooh look at me" [Laughter] but I- Senate has been me- a part of me for the last three years and it has been a wild time like I said. I want to the Chief Justice because one of the biggest issues as Senator that we face is integrity, and also being able to stand alone in justice and in truth even if there are a million people telling you that you're wrong and often it's very hard to do the right thing. But I can honestly say that I've done a pretty good job the last three years from anyone that I've ever advocated for and now, it is my time to serve as Chief Justice and I will happily answer the call and that is all I have... I yield the rest of my time for questions.

Appointee Carbo 35:15

lan Cabo, College of Business Administration. What are some bills that you are particularly proud of that just stick out in your memory?

Appointee Crenshaw 35:24

Glad you asked that. One of my proudest bills is most definitely the- I've forgot the name because I come up with some very, like, creative names for my bills, because I want them to, I want the President to know like, "Oh, this is Dwayne, because he wrote this." It's like I can tell by the title, but I wrote a bill to have every facility on campus like thorough- thoroughly cleaned after Hurricane Ida, because they

had, you know, that's usually something we wait for the school to do, but they had been dragging their feet for months and months and months. And I was like, this is a problem. I ruined my favorite white Nike hoodie and I'm very upset. And other students were very upset. So I wrote a bill to have- to have every facility on campus like thoroughly clean and it wasn't just like, "oh, please clean up the you know, such and such" it's like I have a background in biology. So I was like, "Okay, you need to use XYZ you need to steam it. You need to disinfect it with antibacterial like, you know, soap and special cleansing products." And I got a very- very interesting response but they got it done. And that's kind of sums up like the last three years like they usually don't like you to tell them to do things. But at the same time, it's just like we're not paying to do nothing. Oh, any other bills? There have been a lot, like it's- it's- a lot has happened within the last three years. I can't remember every single like one of them. But that was, like, probably the main one. And it was a resolution. It was not- like a bill which is different. A resolution as like, you know, this is your responsibility you have to do it, and a bill moreso like "oh, we're spending money to do something that's kind of like you know, not mandatory for you to handle." So yeah. That was the most like memorable Any more questions?

VPLA Hinnawi 37:38

All right, thank you. Dwayne, you want to step into the hallway? Okay, we will now move to discussion. Does anyone rise in support Dwayne's appointment?

Senator Davidson 38:10

Dylan Davidson, College of Sciences, I rise in support of Dwayne Crenshaw's nomination for- for Supreme Chief Justice. [Laughter] Oh, he's been here for three years. He knows what's going on. He's very dedicated and I believe in his integrity. He doesn't waver. He's very passionate.

President Charles 38:34

He does not even when I'm like, he does not. [Laughter]

VPLA Hinnawi 38:43

Does anyone else rise in support? okay, does anyone rise in opposition?

Senator Mott 38:55

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts. I rise in opposition, it is not because of anything specific that happened last year, towards the end of the year. It's actually because his speech he just gave. I personally- that resolution that he wrote, I do not recall him actually having that many details about exactly what was supposed to be done in it. And then furthermore, I felt like he just did not seem as knowledgeable as I would like somebody who would be a Supreme Court Justice.

VPLA Hinnawi 39:21

Thank you. Does anyone else have any comments? Okay, we will now move to roll call vote. When I call your name vote Yes-

Senator Martinez 39:36

I'd like to motion to have a standing vote in the interest of time.

VPLA Hinnawi 39:41

Okay. All right. Does anybody second that motion?

Appointee Carbo 39:46

Ian Carbo, B- College of Business Administration's I would like to second that motion.

VPLA Hinnawi 39:52

Okay. Thank you. All right. I'm all in favor stand on this. [Counting 11 standing Senators] Okay, so 11 Yes. Jenna?

Senator Hymel 40:18

I'm proxying for Chloe Metzler. And she abstains

Clerk of Senate Lancaster 40:32

She- She left before she did anything she just said "Can somebody please proxy for me" and then left the Zoom call

Senator Hymel 40:38

I motion to be Proxy for Chloe Metzler.

VPLA Hinnawi 40:44

okay yes- Okay sit down Will anyone abstain? Okay. All right. So, the yeses, have it so we'll just let them back in. Right got it. Congratulations, Dwayne, you have been apointed! [Applause] Now the next couple of appointments are going to be for Senate. I will say, if you look at your agenda, the first one is Michael Brown, who reached out to me as the meeting was starting and said that they knew- that they would not be able to make it and they will come next meeting. So we're going to skip over that appointment. Okay. Will, Mathieu Ricciardo please come forward for a nomination to Senate?

Advisor Gitlin 42:05

Point of Information. Matthew was at the event last night and he said that he would not be able to make it. He expresses that you move his appointment to the next meeting.

VPLA Hinnawi 42:20

Will Max Corcoran, please come forward for nomination to the Senate. You have three minutes to introduce yourself followed by three minutes questioning also state, like, what college or a large position you are running for.

Appointee Corcoran 42:37

Good evening everybody. My name is Max Corcoran. I'm a senior theater major and I'm asking you to be appointed to the College of Liberal Arts as a Senator. I have had a variety of leadership experiences on campus in terms of qualifications I am the current president of Unity, which is the LGBTQIA+ organization on campus. I have served in other capacities and other organizations as a member. I have also worked with the Senate last year as the previous Clerk and in terms of why I am here, I have seen what senate is capable of in terms of being able to help the student body and make this a genuinely

college experience for everybody involved. And I have things that I would like to see, even if they don't happen before I leave I would like those who come after me be able to enjoy the things that we are able to accomplish as a Senate. And I would just like to focus on improving the quality of life for folks here at UNO my time for questions.

VPLA Hinnawi 43:46

All right, we; II, now begin three minutes for questions. Does anyone have any questions for Max?

44:08

Okay, I was-

Advisor Courseault 44:09

Gonna say Point of Information, a senator could yield their time.

Senator Martinez 44:17

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences, I yield my time to Dwayne Crenshaw for questions

Chief Justice Crenshaw 44:23

Dwayne Crenshaw, Cief Justice. What are some of the interests that you have? Like, if you are appointed? What was the some of the main topics you want to tackle on campus? Um,

Appointee Corcoran 44:38

simply based off the feasibility I'd like to refrain from giving specific examples but pending appointment to the Senate the main focus I would like to have, I am partial to the LGBTQIA+ community on campus and I get a lot of feedback from them in with the position that I'm in. And I have been given many ideas and suggestions on ways to improve the experience of that community here and to build that community because it did kind of fall apart because of COVID with everybody being isolated from one another. So that would be a big focus of mine, but obviously-

Siri 45:13

Okay, I found this on the web for a part because-

Appointee Corcoran 45:17

-to get involved with any project that is involved with the veteran of the student body as a whole

VPLA Hinnawi 45:31

Are there any other questions? Yes.

President Charles 45:34

President Angelo Charles. So how does your experience as Clerk of Senate prepared you will be a Senator.

Appointee Corcoran 45:40

Well, on the one hand, I got the benefit last year of being able to just sit and watch how Senate proceedings run so I'm familiar with the process of Senate in terms of the rules, how to an address, and all the procedural things and also I have an understanding coming into things on- based on the idea that I have what is feasible and what is not feasible. So I just have, I guess for lack of a better term, insider information in terms of how things work, so I will be able to jump right into things and not have to dedicate too much time to learning how things work.

VPLA Hinnawi 46:30

All right. Thank you. We will now move to discussion. Does anyone rise in support for Max's appointment to the Senate

Senator Mott 46:54

Brendan Mott, I rise in support of Max's appointment, because I have seen what Max has- as the Clerk of Senate and also another thing that Max had mentioned is Max has written bills for Unity before so he's worked both processes as well. In addition, I've also talked to Max outside of SGA when we used to work together on campus and he definitely gives his all in everything he wanted to do.

VPLA Hinnawi 47:19

Thank you. Does anyone else?

Appointee Carbo 47:24

lan Carbo, College of Business Administration, Max, when we both were in unity and the outgoing administration- didn't give us a lot of information to work on. Max really like took shots and was able to really pull Unity back together again, under a complete new administration, with very little experience and people to guide him through it. So I feel like he would be a great help because he has that leadership ability and he's proving it to me at least through his actions in Unity.

VPLA Hinnawi 48:10

Does anyone else rise in support of this appointment?

Senator Fredrick 48:14

Cameron Fredrick, College of Business Administration, I rise in support of Max because I met Max over summer, gotten to know him very well. And I've heard that a couple of different stories and I've seen him work on the program you're working on over the summer. And I feel like that he would work will in this next position

VPLA Hinnawi 48:37

Thank you. Does anyone rise in opposition to the appointment? Okay, we will not take a roll call vote. When I call your name vote yes no or abstain. Okay. Rakeen Barnes?

Senator Barnes 49:12

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 49:13

Ian Carbo?

Senator Carbo 49:14

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 49:16

Christian Crout?

Senator Crout 49:17

Abstain

Senator Hymel 49:19

Dylan Davidson?

Senator Davidson 49:20

Yes

Senator Hymel 49:21

Lucas Deffendall?.

Senator Deffendall 49:22

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 49:23

Cameron Frederick?

Senator Fredrick 49:24

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 49:25

Daniel Hunsaker?

Senator Hunsaker 49:27

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 49:28

Jenna Hymel?

Senator Hymel 49:29

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 49:30

Cooper Lemons?

Senator Lemons 49:31 Yes. VPLA Hinnawi 49:32 Oscar Martinez? **Senator Martinez** 49:33 Yes. VPLA Hinnawi 49:34 Chloe Metzler? Senator Hymel 49:35 Abstain by Proxy. Brendan Mott? Senator Mott 49:38 Yes. VPLA Hinnawi 49:39 Henry Nguyen? Senator Nguyen 49:40 Yes. VPLA Hinnawi 49:41 Linda Plasse? Senator Plasse 49:42 Yes. VPLA Hinnawi 49:44 Mahaut Sorlin? Senator Sorlin 49:44 Yes. Senator Hymel 49:46

Senator Raihan 49:47

Ghazi Raihan?

Yes.

Yes. Okay. With 15 yeses, zero nos, and two abstentions, Max has been appointed to the Senate. And you can let them back in. Congratulations, you've been appointed to the Senate. Okay, and we'll move on to the next appointment. Will Mitch Nata please come forward for nomination as Senator? we have three minutes to introduce yourself about your minutes for questioning. Brendan?

Senator Mott 50:41

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts, point of privilege. I apologize for the interruption but I must now ask Linda Plasse to be my proxy for the remainder of the meeting.

VPLA Hinnawi 50:51

You have three minutes to introduce yourself and three minutes for questions and make sure you say what you are running for.

Appointee Nata 50:57

Hi, I'm Mitch, and I'm in the College of Liberal Arts. And I'm part of Unity also on the E-Board and I have some similar things like Max. I just wanna make this a better community for LGBT+ students because I just want to make it better campus for people. I don't have much to say. I abstain the rest of my time for questions.

VPLA Hinnawi 51:50

All right, does anyone have any questions for Mitch? Any, at all?

Senator Hunsaker 51:57

Daniel Hunsaker, Senator at Large, What kind of bills do you have? For this- Daniel Hunsaker, Senator at Large, what kind of bills do you have in mind for this year? Similar to Max, I don't want to get all into it right now because obviously I did just want to make this like- like, I don't know really, but I do want to be a part of the community or like help us. I don't have anything else.

VPLA Hinnawi 52:34

Any other questions?

President Charles 52:39

President Angelo Charles. So what is your experience as as a part of Unity or any other organization make you qualified to be a Senator?

Appointee Nata 52:47

Well, I never like to like- I'm really sorry, I'm not good at like public speaking at all-

President Charles 52:53

Look, I'm gonna sit down, if that makes it easier.

Appointee Nata 52:57

I- I get stuff done. Like I'm not someone to like just leave things be. I'm very much go getter like I'll get shit done.

VPLA Hinnawi 53:10

All right. Any other questions? Okay, thank you. You wanna step outside for a second? Okay, we will now move to discussion. Does anyone rise in support for Mitch's appointment? Does anyone rise in opposition for Mitch's appointment? Does anyone want to just move on to the roll call vote? We will do that. When I call your name, state yes, no or abstain. Understand that abstention is like not voting. So that won't do anything. All right. Raquin Barnes?

Senator Barnes 54:08

Abstain.

Senator Crout 54:10

Ian Carbo?

Senator Carbo 54:11

Abstain.

VPLA Hinnawi 54:13

Christian Crout?

Senator Crout 54:14

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 54:15

Dylan Davidson?

Senator Davidson 54:17

Abstain.

VPLA Hinnawi 54:19

Lucas Defendall?

Senator Deffendall 54:20

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 54:21

Cameron Frederick?

Senator Fredrick 54:22

Yes.

Senator Crout 54:23

Daniel Hunsaker?

Senator Hymel 54:27 Jenna Hymel? No. VPLA Hinnawi 54:30 Cooper Lemons? Senator Lemons 54:31 Yes. VPLA Hinnawi 54:34 Oscar Martinez? **Senator Martinez** 54:35 No. Senator Crout 54:37 Chloe Metzler? Senator Hymel 54:38 Abstain by proxy. VPLA Hinnawi 54:40 **Brendon Mott?** Senator Plasse 54:41 Abstain by proxy. VPLA Hinnawi 54:43 Henry Nguyen? Senator Nguyen 54:44 Abstain Senator Hymel 54:46 Linda Plasse? Senator Plasse 54:47 Yes. VPLA Hinnawi 54:49

Mahaut Sorlin?

Senator Hunsaker 54:25

No

Senator Sorlin 54:50

Abstain.

VPLA Hinnawi 54:51

Ghazi Raihan?

Senator Raihan 54:53

Abstain.

VPLA Hinnawi 54:57

Oh, right with five yeses, three nos, and nine abstentions, Mitch is appointed to the Senate. So we can let Mitch back in. Congratulations Mitch, you are appointed to the Senate. [Applause] All right. We will now move on to nominations for committee heads. So just I guess we'll just talk about this process real fast. I'll explain a little bit about the committee head position and then you can either rise and nominate yourself and of course after I awknoweledge you or you can rise and nominate one of your fellow senators for the position and then they would like accepted it, Okay. So do not need it. You can just let go, "I accept or I do not want the position." Okay. We're all good. All right. We'll start with the rules committee. Okay. So being the head of the Rules Committee, you would be Parliamentarian for the Senate. Basically, you know the rules, you know the Constitution. You don't have to have it all memorized. I was parliamentarian. I really didn't. I had them on files and I would like, look through them and just be aware of what's going on in the meeting. Because like at any second if there's a rule issue, you should be able to answer it. Also, bills, every single one of our bills is going to go through the rules committee as a whole. So I will be sending it to the Parlimentarian and you would be in charge of like holding that meeting and discussing with the other people on your committee. What's wrong with the bill? What could you fix for the bill? Just kind of that communication point and just being in charge of that to make sure you're going in the right direction. Outside of that yeah, that's that's really it for the rules committee head I mean, unless as a rules committee head you decided like there's something within your jurisdiction that you and the committee, both sides want to do, like, that's something we can discuss. Okay. Oh, does anyone have any questions before we go into nominations? Does anyone have any nominations? For the Parliamentarian position? Jenna and then Oscar.

Senator Hymel 57:22

Jenna Hymel, College of Liberal Arts, I nominate myself for the Rules Committee.

Senator Martinez 57:26

Oscar Martinez, College of Science. I second that nomination

VPLA Hinnawi 57:36

Are there any other nominations for Parliamentarian? We'll move on to Governance then. Okay, so Governance Committee, kind of what's your main job to do? You'd be a President Pro Tempore. So if I'm sick or if I cannot make it to a meeting, you will be my stand-in. You will be temporary VPLA. Do not let that scare you, I have a script. I will write word for word what you say and all you have to do is stand here and read. Okay. It's not scary. But one thing you do have to be very like pay attention during the

meetings because you will be taking time as you've seen this meeting. You'll be taking time throughout the meeting just to make sure everything's going smoothly. Also, for the committee part of it, the Governance Committee. You guys will be paying more attention to like if there's a bill of particulars or if there's any issues in that class or also, for example, SGA funds, a lot of events with other organizations. We give them the funding, they hold the event. They have to kind of promote that SGA funded it. So that goes through the Governance Committee. So you would be in charge of spearheading that committee and making sure like "hey, you guys, we look on social medias. Did we pay attention to followers on campus," just kind of being on top of everything. Okay. Does anyone have any questions? About governance, or President Pro Tempore? Good. Do I have any nominations for this position?

Senator Crout 59:14

Christian Crout, College of Engineering, I nominate Dylan Davidson.

Senator Davidson 59:23

Dylan Davidson, College of Sciences, I accept the nomination.

VPLA Hinnawi 59:29

Are there any other nominations?

Appointee Carbo 59:40

I would like to make a nomination. Ian Carbo, College of Business Administration, I would like to nominate Lukas Defendall for Pro Tempore

Senator Deffendall 59:56

I deny that nomination.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:00:03

Are there any other nominations?

Parliamentarian Hinnawi 1:00:07

Okay, we'll move on. Student Affairs. Okay. Now this one is a fun one because I have a lot of ideas for you. So one of our- not to scare anyone anyway. So one of our past Senators who have just recently graduated came up with the idea of having delegates underneath the Student Affairs position. What this would look like, it'll kind of take away the need for these Ad Hoc committees we used to have. For example, there'd be a Housing Delegate, a Dining Delegate an Athletics Delegate or whatever, what-whatever other delegates we've seen, that, you know, just whatever representative body that we think needs to be there will be there. And what we'll do is just kind of make sure that there's like that communication going on between each organization or lets not say organization- between each body and that Senator and then just kind of get communication flowing that way. Now, bills do not go to the Student Affairs Committee, but they do do kind of like, background checks on our appointments that come up. It's like a territory. We're still trying to figure out in the Constitution, and it's something we would talk about in our meetings. What's the name- Oh the title is technically Chief Communications

Officer. I don't expect you to say that every time you want to speak though, so are there any nominations for Student Affairs Committee Head?

VPLA Hinnawi 1:01:38

Let me so much on you guys. I'm gonna be there. Anybody?

Senator Plasse 1:01:47

Linda Plasse, College of Liberal Arts, I nominate myself.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:01:53

Nice. Does anybody else? Cooper?

Senator Lemons 1:01:57

Cooper Lemons, College of Liberal Arts, I nominate Daniel Hunsaker. [Laughter]

Senator Hunter 1:02:06

Daniel Hunsaker, Senator at Large, I accept the nomination.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:02:11

Are there any other nominations for it? Okay, moving on. Now the last committee is the Finance Committee. Okay, so the Finance Committee it. Each of our bills kind of comes with like a little budget of how much they intend to spend and they're supposed to present receipts and quotes before the vote can be brought to the Senate. The Finance Committee is going to check to make sure it's all in there. Make sure the quotes are correct, and they're using the correct source and through that the advisors will be helping you guys. And also, just to make sure all the numbers on the bills add up. I also want to make sure that the finance committee knows if we pass this bill how much of our budget is going from it just so we have that option? And we know especially getting down into the end of the year, we're gonna be working with a lot less money, and it'll be nice to know like, if we pass this bill, we might not be able to pass this one as well. Okay, because the Vice President will have the numbers for you, but she's not gonna have the numbers after every single bill that's going to come to us okay. She'll have the total. She'll have what we pass. Okay. So the Finance Committee is kind of just like a little stepping stone. So we all know where we're at with every step. Okay. That's pretty much all I got for Finance. You don't really fundraise here. So say so you want to be at this point.

Appointee Hunsaker 1:03:48

Daniel Hunsaker, Senator at Large, I nominate Cooper Lemons.

Senator Lemons 1:03:53 I accept the nomination

Unknown Senator 1:04:02

[Unintelligable] -College of Engineering, I nominate Ian Carbo.

Appointee Carbo 1:04:06

Ian Carbo, College of Business Administration. I accept.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:04:12

Are there any other nominations?

Senator Davidson 1:04:17

Dylan Davidson, If you were nominated for the position, can you also nominate yourself for this?

VPLA Hinnawi 1:04:23

But, don't you want to be on Governance Committee?

Senator Davidson 1:04:25

I rescind my question.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:04:36

All right, thank you for those nominations. Um, everybody who was nominated, just be on the lookout. I'll probably email you Friday. And we'll set up a time with me talk and then next week, I'll come forward with who I want to appoint for the Senate's approval. Okay. That sounds good with everyone? We are now going to move to open forum. This is where we discuss matters pertaining to the betterment of SGA. If there's anyone who wants to speak who might not be a senator, a senator can yield their time to them.

Senator Hunsaker 1:05:16

Daniel Hunsaker, Senator at Large, I yield my time to Aaron.

Aaron Jordan 1:05:21

Aaron Jordan, Jr. College of Liberal Arts, what I wanted to bring before- is I wanted to bring forth to the Senate.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:05:30

Can you remain standing while you speak?

Aaron Jordan 1:05:37

I would like to report to the Senate, to keep in mind about instructors on campus or engaging are in indoctrination it is a very important issue. It's something that a lot of young people don't really notice as happens at the time. A lot of time it starts very, very gradual way but not that into the course. It's it's really to the point where it is unacceptable and it's not indoctrination. The definition of it is basically to accept something without question. There are some instructors on campus who are engaging in political indoctrination. They are advancing one party, one agenda over another. As a student, you're thinking that you have to agree with them in order to pass their class that are totally unacceptable. I've went through this last term, I brought it up to the US leadership. I've spoke with people like Dr. Golz. I've spoken with people like Dr. Day, I've made it up to Dr. Noyes? The the answer that I've gotten from all those people from filling out all these forms and going through their processes is that they are in favor of that- that it's being passed off under the guise of academic freedom. And what I like to call it is

is covert campaigning. So if you have an instructor who was campaigning for a certain party, in their classroom, and passing it off as academic freedom is anything but an academic freedom. It is an institutionalized way of thinking, to where students are being bullied into thinking that they have to agree with a certain agenda, certain party a certain politician in order to pass their class. And so I will yield any further content of questions if anyone has any, I would like to answer them

Senator Hymel 1:07:28

Jenna Hymel, College of Liberal Arts, what department is this in?

Aaron Jordan 1:07:32

Well, I've noticed that in several- the most glaring I've noticed that it was in Anthropology, by the actually- find the Dean of Anthropology. And when I brought it up to the Dean of Liberal Arts Dean Kim Long, she engaged with the entire thing about victim blaming. I tried to assert that because I'm bringing this issue up, I have some type of hidden agenda. My only agenda is not to allow professors to engage in indoctrination in the classroom to push any personal platform party or any type of politician should not be pushing their classroom under the guise of academic freedoms.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:08:19

If I can just ask you a question. You say you went to all these people already can you ask- that like let us know what you want us to do about it just so like we can see what we can do? What are you asking from SGA

Aaron Jordan 1:08:32

SGA should first be aware of in case any other students brings this issue up. I would personally like to see either if it's not a formal bill, but if you could be an- what was the other thing? Oh, yes, stating that, you know, such indoctrination is not welcomed by the SGA that the student body does not want it because the- let me just say the UNO's leadership is totally in favor of

Senator Lemons 1:09:11

Cooper Lemons, College of Liberal Arts, have you heard any similar complaints from any other students in your classes or department? That you've had these issues with?

Aaron Jordan 1:09:21

Well, the people who are in my immediate class take some issue with it, but they did voice it because they were afraid of failing this class or being labeled a troublemaker or- you know, having some type of retribution taken against them academically, and I can certainly understand that. Over returning students- it really doesn't matter if they you know, try to do it towards me but you know, a very young impressionable student of course, is not going to, you know, not wanting to take that risk. And I can understand.

Appointee Carbo 1:09:55

lan Carbo, College of Business Administration, you mentioned that the person was actively campaigning towards certain indoctrination- indoctrinating ideas. I was wondering, would you mind

giving like an example of something they might have said just so that we'd have a basis of what we're working with? Yep. So

Aaron Jordan 1:10:20

What it is- there is a bylaw that an instructor cannot actively campaign on campus that means that they can't say "go out and vote for John Smith or Mary Jane." But what they do is what some of them do is engaged in a covert way of doing it. So for example, there was last term, there was a state bill in Florida. It was labeled in the- the "Don't Say Gay bill". It was to where the Governor and some GOP lawmakers of Florida wanted to take out sexual education for students who were younger than a certain grade level. This instructor brought it up and said that "These Republican lawmakers hate gay and trans kids". No! That is a way of indoctrination- indoctrination- indoctornation to where his total, you know, point is, is that, you know, the "GOP is bad and that the DNC is a good." There was another example where there was a former GOP congressperson who gave an interview about how much he enjoys ethnic food. Mexican food was the topic and then this instructor turned around, "but he voted in favor of funding a border wall, so he must hate Mexicans, "you know, clearly that type of speech. That is not that is not a fact that is spin that is being taught in the classroom for a political purpose that has no- no place in it. And it should not be passed off as, "Well, this is part of this instructors academic freedom." It's not academic freedom it is covert campaigning on campus.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:12:02

Okay, Well, thank you for bringing that to our attention. And I remember you coming last semester as well. And what I will say is, because we do have like a timing thing for each person speaking, I will say drop- like send me an email to the VPLA- Do you have the VPLA email account? Oh, I haven't given okay- Do you have my email? Okay, so after the meeting, or whatever, I'll get you my email or you can look it up on the SGA website. And you can just send me an email, kind of just like specifically saying, and then I can see what we can do from there. We'll speak to administration on my part and see how I can help you okay? Just because this is an issue that you have brought up multiple times. So obviously, nothing's being fixed. Okay. Thank you for speaking with us today. Does anyone else have anything they want to mention an open forum?

President Charles 1:13:05

If you see a wrong sign, just take it down

Senator Fredrick 1:13:09

Cameron Fredrick, College of Business Administration, I want to ask you about the Atudent Affairs position. You mentioned there will be different subsets underneath that position regarding different aspects in University. I wanted to see where we go from there if you want to join or propose a different group of people.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:13:27

You just reminded me of something. Okay. Thank you. In the email I sent out with the agenda. I don't know if you guys read it. I know like six of you did, because I can see that. There is a link and in there, there's a Google Form and in that Google Form is where you'll rank which committees you would prefer, from most preferred to least preferred. A lot of times figure out how to do, but I'd appreciate

filling out the Google Form also. Now that's not saying if everyone goes to Student Affairs- it's not gonna happen. I'm just gonna put it somewhere. Okay, so let's just rank accordingly. The Student Affairs Committee. Technically, every person in it will be a Senate delegate. So like, that's how that will come about. If you really want to be in the Student Affairs Committee, and didn't run for committee head. Yes, just put it in your number one. We'll see. I mean, so far, it's been pretty evened out with everyone's preferences anyways, so I wouldn't be too worried about it. And you can always get involved with another committee after your home committee. And you can go. Does anyone else have anything to say? Oh, I'm sorry. We're gonna talk about abstentions just in case anyone doesn't know where to abstain means, an abstain basically means you're not voting. So say a bill comes on and they're asking for all of our money, and everyone abstains, except for one person who might say yes, maybe they want them to get all our money. They're gonna get all our money, because everybody decided not to vote. Okay, so if you feel passionate about something, vote yes or no. Just in general, okay. It's just kind of a rule of thumb. You really only abstain, if you really, really, really don't understand what is in front of you- what's what's being presented to you okay, and that's what the questioning periods for. Okay. Anyone else have anything that says? Does anyone want to yield their time to Brett to speak?

Appointee Carbo 1:15:38

lan Carbo, College of Business Administration, I yield my time to read Brett Fornatoro.

Brett Fornatoro 1:15:48

Brett Fornatoro, Student. Can you talk more about the rules and procedures?

VPLA Hinnawi 1:15:55

Yes, I can. So um, basically what happened is we had a rules and procedures last year and it was just a lot of it was either- I don't want to say outdated but just not formatted properly and then a lot of stuff in there just didn't really make sense to how we actually run Senate meetings. Or there was just a lot of vaugeness. So what I went through- is- I spent my summer reading the rules and procedures and just thinking about our past experiences and including stuff that we might have not had outlined before. To a lot of the new Senators, you won't recognize the differences probably you'll see like, "Oh, it's a rules and procedures," but our old Senators, you'll notice certain things in there that just might not been there before. I wouldn't say I did anything too crazy to it. So it's not like it'll be a completely new document. I used the old one kind of as a backbone. And all of our Senators will be seeing that tomorrow. Anyone else have any questions about the rules and procedures? All right. Anyone who was appointed today needs to stay after but does anyone want a motion to adjourn?

Senator Martinez 1:17:08

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences, I motion to adjourn the meeting.

Senator Hymel 1:17:13

Jenna Hymel, College of Liberal Arts, I second that.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:17:15

Alright, this meeting is adjourned at 6:19 PM.