

Student Government Association
Thursday September 26, 2019
Session Agenda

- I. Call the Meeting to Order 5:06 PM
- II. Roll Call
 - Cannon- Absent
 - Cognevich- Here
 - Heuer- Here
 - Hills- Absent
 - Leblanc- here
 - Melancon- Absent
 - Ngo- Here
 - Owen- Here
 - Pitalo- Here
 - Rollins- Absent
 - Simms- Absent
 - Thamard- Absent
 - Vitali- Here
 - White- Here
 - Williams- Absent
 - Yarbrough- Here

10/17 senators present we meet quorum.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - Leblanc COLA- Change the minutes to the dean of the library is the new CIO.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
- V. Communications and Announcements
 - a. Senators- John Michael White SAL- Unmentionables started today with a preview and opens formally tomorrow night 10 shows , if you are a student it is free with a student ID, it is a comedy and a very nice way to support the film department.
 - Cognevich VPLA- Where is it?
 - John Michael SAL- Nims Theatre in the PAC
 - Madison Owens SoAL- Take back the night October 24th, it is campus wide march on sexual assault, i am speaking, it is at loyola, and im probably going to make announcement again as it comes up.
 - b. Non-Senators
- VI. Committee Reports

- a. Governance- JM White SAL- The governance committee met today and the appointments are approved we usually work on reforms the goal of the committee is for the constitution to be passed by the student body, we will be working on reforms when the things pass
Cognevich VPLA- Can you send me the voting records?
White- Yes
- b. Rules- Leblanc COLA- We did meet and voted to have the bill that was on today not pass we need more time for the bills to remove them
Cognevich VPLA- Can you send me the voting records?
Leblanc COLA- Yes
- c. Finance- Kevin Heuer COB- We did meet voted on the bill to be on the agenda. We agreed on the finances.
Cognevich VPLA- Can you send me the voting records?
Heuer COB- Yes
- d. Student Affairs- no report
- e. Facility Services-no report
- f. On Campus Dining and Housing-no report

VII. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports

- a. President- Bourgeois- I am going to read our mission statement to have a reminder on the things we do and to see our goals.

Mission: The University of New Orleans Student Government Association (SGA) represents all students at UNO. Students are represented through Senators by their college. The Student Government Association wants to ensure that your collegiate experience is the best it can be.

What we Do:

- Express their concern for the welfare of students at the university;
- Develop and disseminate ideas for the improvement of student life and education;
- Contribute to the formation of relevant University policy;
- Control the allocation and budgeting of all Student Self Assessed Fees paid by students;
- Promote cooperation among UNO students, faculty, staff, and administration;
- Protect the rights of the UNO student body;
- Provide official channels through which the opinions and desires of UNO students may be expressed formally;
- Promote the academic freedom, responsibility, excellence, and diversity of UNO students;
- Foster awareness of the UNO student's position and welfare on campus, in the metropolitan area, state, national, and international community;
- Send representatives to the local, state, and national governments to advocate on behalf of the UNO student body and UNO as an institution.

This to me is very powerful and it tells us how powerful our positions actually are and the great things we can do with the position. I hope reading this out loud inspires you and if it doesn't okay, I just want everyone to be aware of why we are here.

Second thing Selina Rollins is someone who wanted to be involved will be representing me for the sodexo contract. She will be giving me information to report back to you all. If you want her contact info email me. Lastly, we passed a gender inclusive compound resolution last semester the authors and sponsors of that resolution were Cory Pitalo, Nicky Cao and Kenady Hills. That was a great move in SGA's mission so the next step is to try to get gender inclusive locker rooms and restrooms in the rec center. Any one wants to be in the committee please let me know. We will meet with Dr. Golz once that is set.

White SAL- What is the name for the girl you said for sodexo?

Bourgeois President- Selina Rollins

White SAL- Why did she get chosen? Did you ask or reach out to any other executives or members of the SGA?

Bourgeois P- I was trying to make our circle wider i know SGA Senators are trying to do a lot. She shows that she is really interested in SGA and has shown commitment and interested in the position.

White SAL- How exactly has she shown commitment?

Bourgeois P- She had a great report from our advisor joy..

Ballard Advisor- Selina is a senator for those who don't know, she has a class during the meeting so she can never make it. She is a woman in STEM which is a great learning experience for her. She really wants to be involved and therefore she was chosen for this committee. Plus our exec board is very busy.

Leblanc COLA- Is this something that the student affairs committee needs to vet her on or no?

Cognevich VPLA- No

Bourgeois P- It was supposed to be myself , and

Ballard- its an outside committee and not a formal committee by SGA,

Bourgeois P- I also wanted to give people opportunities to be involved since it is really hard for me to make the meetings.

Leblanc COLA- This is one of many times folk said they cannot make the meeting because of class conflicts, is the time that we have currently not good for the people who are trying to join the senate and the majority of senators.

Cognevich VPLA- There are 4 people who have class right now out of 17 senators

Bourgeois P- I also want to point out that no matter the time we will always have some who cannot make it. It's what the majority of the senate can make.

b. Vice President- no report

c. Speaker of the Senate- email he sent out this morning. For submitting bills If there is money attached \$5000 or less 30 days in advance, over \$5000 60 days in advance. For a committee to be required to vote on anything I have to receive it the meeting prior. So

anything to be on next week's agenda would have been voted on 4-5 pm today. Committees have to meet 7 days in advance, I can make exceptions but preferably the 7 day mark. The duties of the committees, since we voted and passed rules and procedures: The Finance Committee has to vote on bills that have money attached to it before it is added to the agenda. The Governance Committees has to vote on all nominations and appointments. The Student Affairs committees has to vote on resolutions. Rules has to vote on basically everything. I also need your voting records.

Kevin Heuer COB- Does that include or count copying you into the meeting on an email? Motion to be recognized kenyan cannon COS

Kevin Heuer COB 2nd.

11/17 senators present we still meet quorum.

Cognevich- Yes just copy me onto your email chain.

Anna Rusnak COS- CORrect me if im wrong, I did not see in the Rules and Procedures where it says committees have a certain amount of time to vote on bills and if that is so, we only got 2 business days which is not enough time to vote on anything.

Cognevich VPLA- You were not given 2 business days you got the bill two business days before the meeting.

Anna Rusnak COS- We got the bills on monday and they were due by the end of business hours on Tuesday

Cognevich- No, it was the end of business hours next tuesday.

Leblanc COLA- So i can answer to that.

Cognevich Order Leblanc- Hold on I am speaking

Cognevich- You have to have it in 7 days prior the bill was not in seven days prior.

Rusnak COS- Okay well the Head of Rules closed the--- on tuesday

Cognevich VPLA- Oh I see.

Leblanc COLA- Yes, that was what I was going to say, Due to the constitution saying that we have to have the agenda 48 hours in advance to the call of order that would be 5 pm on tuesday so I was trying to give us enough time to get it sent and voted to the vpla, that's why i said the close of business at 4:30 and I wound up getting all votes with the exception of a few at that time by 4:00 so I sent it to the VPLA of that time at least I thought I did, that's why i wanted it before that time if you could have done it. I knew it wasn't enough time and we should have more time.

Cognevich- You are not expected for the bills sent out monday because they were not in enough time.

White SAL- What section is the \$5000 rule?

Cognevich - Rules and Procedures 4.1.5.1 4.1.5.2

Leblanc COLA- Can you remind us the meaning for the whole 30 and 60 day thing.

Cognevich- Make things easier it is in Joys report. A few senators have expressed the agenda being out 48 hours in advance. The reason it hasn't is because there is nothing to

put on the agenda. And I held it because of waiting on approval of appointments. If y'all wish to let me know opinions, let me know.

Motion to be recognized Hills

Second Heuer

12/17 quorum

- d. Vice President of Programming- no
- e. Judicial- no
- f. Advisors-

Joy Ballard- Let me explain the 30 and 60 day timeline. the afro caribbean dance hall bill, this is the second bill this semester we try to pass things the week before it happens, and we can't pay back, I skirted university policies before to help, however i am now getting fire from accounts payable for my paper work. Not bending the rules and submit bills under \$5000 30 days in advance, gives you two weeks to figure out how to vote, and two weeks to pay them. Over \$5000 it has to get special approval telephone quotes for university, you still get two weeks to talk about it but i still get a month to get those quotes. SGA has always been last minute with accounts payable and i have overstayed my welcome with the. Please start submitting things so we can start doing things. We have a lot of money and the university is having budget issues and with that being said you have to spend the money you're given. Brainstorm, my door is always open as long as within we are in state guidelines. 15 people on the ballot for elections, that is a lot and our constitution is up, thank you for people who is volunteering. If you have free time next week handed out really cool "I voted" stickers, come hang out with me in the breeze way. The SGA Volunteer Center is having a service fair on october 3rd, 10 non profits , coming to talk about their volunteer opportunities. If you volunteer with us it goes on your transcript.

Kevin Heuer COB- From what i seen the majority of involvement of events happen in the first 3 weeks of the academic year with that 30 day rule sand SGA doesn't meet the first week, that means the bills for an event during the first 3 weeks should be sent out last academic year?

Cognevich VPLA- POI You get elected and sworn in May.

Ballard- We can do special sessions in the summer, so the first 3 weeks of school i can spend under \$1000 easily, but over that is hard.

White SAL- Because we join in may but we can't spend money until july , they could just do the budget committee because it is pressed for time and it's the most reliable way to get money.

Leblanc COLA- If we were to do an amendment saying \$1000 and under in addition? Can we lower that 30 day threshold.

Ballard- I would recommend not to, because that is only for certain goods and under \$5000 is university policy.

Cognevich VPLA- Just note we can always make special-----

X. Nominations and Appointments

XI. Open Forum

Hills SAL- My afro caribbean bill granted, The sponsor of the bill was difficult to communicate with, but he did contact your email a long time ago and he had to come to SGA himself to get a senator because there was no response. So In his defense it was on time, but we could not help him because it was “too late” which sucks because his event is tonight and we couldn’t fund it. So in the future if you could just email back in time then this might not happen.

Cognevich- So for a long time I didn't have access to the email and now that I have it, I can't get it forwarded to my phone so I only check emails during office hours on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Hills SAL- You don’t have a computer at home?

Cognevich- I do but I have no use for it I do everything on my phone, plus my office hours are guaranteed. I have also said to copy my personal email onto the emails to the VPLA email so I can get it faster. There also was enough time to get this bill in

Hills SAL- Because there was no invoice in time, it was difficult, plus no response back from you was an added frustration on the sponsors part. In his defense he did come to you way ahead of time. And I don’t want the process of coming to SGA to be stressful.

Bourgeois- Sustainability Circle-- Its Faculty staff and students and they are passionate about being a sustainable campus. Dr.Golz is the co-chair. There are 4 subgroups and you chose the group you are interested in. It is a very effective way to get things done.

Leblanc COLA- For those who are heads of the committees, do you have a deadline for the voting record or before the 48 hour rule.

Cognevich- The meeting prior is a good rule of thumb, but I will make exceptions.

Leblanc COLA- I’m working with innovate UNO they have been having issues with chartwells trying to get estimates. Since we are going through that 30 and 60 day rule. I just wanted to let the senate know I have a bill coming it is just taking longer than usual to get things done with chartwells. The person I am working with is very frustrated.

Hills SAL- When are your office hours? And you only do SGA related things during office hours?

Cognevich- If you send it to my personal email I will see it but I do not see my VPLA email outside of my office hours. My office hours are: Monday Wednesday Friday 10a-12p Monday 2-4 Wednesday 4-6.

White SAL- I also could not get the email to my phone I started to get people to CC it on my phone.

Bourgeois- I sent out the doodle for lunch times please respond back with lunch availability.

Hills SAL- Is that the lunch etiquette?

Bourgeois- We are looking to tie that into it but someone is coming to give us tips for the professional world, but I didn't want to add that it because I don't have details

Heuer- What etiquette thing?

Ballard- Yes we will have an etiquette lunch.

White motion to adjourn

Hills second

XII. Adjournment 5:45 PM