

Student Government Association Senate  
Wednesday, 1/22/2020  
Session Agenda

- I. Call the meeting to order
- II. Roll Call 5:09

Alford	here
Cannon	here
Cao	absent
Crenshaw	here
Fretz	here
Hills	here
Jackson	Present by proxy
Johnson	absent
Jones	absent
Kartoutli	Present by proxy
Lair	here
Leblanc	here
Melancon	absent
Ngo	here
Owen	absent
Phillips	here
Pitalo	here
Rusnak	here
Smith,Bradley	here
Smith, Brendon	here
Stackhouse	here

Stevenson	absent
Stewart	Present by proxy
Thamard	absent
Vitali	here
Williams	absent
Yarbrough	absent
Cognevich	here

Quorum: yes 19/28 senators present

III. Approval of the Agenda- approved

IV. Approval of the Minutes-approved

V. Communications and Announcements

a. Senators-

Kenady Hills SAL- On Janu 30 the study abroad is having a panel event study abroad all black african american students about experiences studying abroad, since we fund programs about study abroad we should attend and support their endeavors on programs they put on.

Leblanc COLA- Tonight's late night with the greeks in the ballroom it starts at 7 or 8 tonight so if you want to come out please do.

b. Non-Senators

VI. Committee Reports

a. Governance- no head no report

b. Rules- no report

c. Finance-no report

d. Student Affairs- no report

VII. Other Reports

a. President- SHe is washington dc for the council of student body conference and has no report

b. Vice-President- Maddie Roach

Anna Rusnak as temporary Pro Tempore

Leblanc Second

Maddie Roach- 22,830.45 in the Operating account as of now.

Alford COLA- Can you repeat the number?

Maddie Roach VP-22,830.45

Cognevich- What about reserve?

Maddei Roach- We have no current numbers for the reserve.

Leblanc COLA- DO we know why we have no final budget?

Maddie Roach VP- Advisor?

Ballard Adv- CFO last day was dec 30th, hopefully the new CFO can give us numbers soon when they start.

c. Vice-President of Legislative Affairs- Cognevich VPLA- I want to apologize for the doodle poll not going out by Thanksgiving break. Not everyone will be able to make the meeting time and that's life. I'm sorry it went out later, classes go first not student government and I was trying to give you all a chance to get your classes first. Tomorrow is the last day to change classes but don't feel obligated to. Majority people responded with this time. I'm sorry it impacts some people negatively. Bills, someone offered to sponsor the two bills, be more proactive more bills means spending more money and we need to spend money. Read every bill, knowing what it is before you come into this room is helpful. If you are interested in the club or something sponsor the bill you don't have to stay within your major.

Hills SenAL- Where did you come up for the meeting times for the Doodle Poll? How were they produced from you?

Cognevich VPLA- Comes from my schedule because I am VPLA so I have to be here

Hills SenAL- When did you make your schedule after Thanksgiving?

Cognevich VPLA- After mostly

Leblanc COLA- Why was there not a choice for Last semesters meeting time onn the doodle poll?

Cognevich VPLA- I absolutely cannot make that time due to family obligations.

Fretz GAL- I thought that we said we should keep the times at one time for consistency.

Cognevich VPLA- Normally times change every semester due to the fact of class times

Fretz GAL- So this is going to change every semester?

TIME

Cannon COS- motion to extend time by 6 minutes

Second DL COLA

Leblanc COLA- No, but if schedules make it difficult to meet quorum then we have to change it.

POInfo Hills-

Cognevich VPLA- No not yet

KH- Why? On what grounds?

Cognevich VPLA- One I have to recognize you and two I have something to say. Senator Fretz from the time I have been here times have changed if not every semester every year. So it does not have to change but it is not unusual if it does.

Hills SenAL- What are your Office Hours?

Cognevich VPLA- I know they are monday and wednesdays, I need to recheck and get back with you.

d. Vice-President of Programming- Jalyn Johnson SAC- Read from Wesley Cognevich- Hello everyone. On behalf of the Student Activities Council I will be submitting weekly reports via

email or by sending another executive member. As of last week, all executive board positions have been filled. Our new Vice President of Membership and Finance is Magdalene (Maggie) Mailhes. Our new Director of Entertainment is Nicholas (Nick) Porter. We have decided to add another paid position back to our executive board. The Director of Special Events was once a paid position in SAC, and because of the increase in workload and the expectations of the DSE we have determined to bring this position back. This chair has been filled by Marlisa Norman. Upcoming/ Recaps of Events Last Thursday we hosted our Glow in The Dark Party, yesterday we had BINGO with SAC. Both of these events had great turnouts and we hope to see everyone at our first General Assembly Meeting this Thursday at 12:30 pm, room 208. We have been working closely with Alums on SUBCAF and will be updating you all as the event approaches. For all questions, comments, or concerns, related to SAC please feel free to email myself. [jsjohns5@uno.edu](mailto:jsjohns5@uno.edu) or our VP [mjmailhe@uno.edu](mailto:mjmailhe@uno.edu).

e. Judicial

f. Advisor Joy Ballard- Welcome back everyone! I hope you are all getting excited for the upcoming semester, and settling into your classes. While you were out, SIL held a Winter Staycation that some SGA students attended. At this retreat we discussed how to recognize and maintain membership, what SGA is doing to meet live up to our Mission Statement, and better ways to promote community in SGA. The game night last week was one of those initiatives and I look forward with working with SGA to bring more of those in the future! If you would like to work on these projects feel free to stop by SGA anytime to discuss! As a quick follow up from my email earlier in the week, please respond as soon as you can so we can get new name plates made that include pronouns. I will not assume anyone's pronouns, so if you do not get back to me before next week, I will just print your name plate without them. My SGA fun fact of the week is on accountability, which is a subject that seems to have been buzzing around my office a lot this week. I love advising student government, and part of what I love about student government is empowering students to advocate for themselves. I believe our actions, or non-actions, are advocating for what we believe in each day. What is sometimes the curse of being the SGA advisor though, is I cannot and will not advocate for you. My door is always open to listen to what you have to say, help you develop action plans to get there, and cheer you on, but I can't do the work, students have too. So when I hear an outcry for "accountability," I know that has to come from you. You as a student body must decide what that looks like and what you will do to get it. I am always happy to guide you through the SGA and University processes, and if you are interested I will even give you my advice, but as a senate you must together decide what you want. I ask that you move with understanding, grace, and good-will for each other, but also upholding the mission and values of SGA. That we have open communication, protect student rights, advocate for student interests, engage with students inclusively, and support our campus life. And that is my weekly fun fact/pep talk. Questions?

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Nominations and Appointments

a. Bessie Lair- Tabled from last meeting- College of Engineering , a Junior , I want to be a senator because there are a lot of engineering students and I want to represent them.

Support:

Fretz GAL- Where are these nominations I cannot find any of them

Cognevich VPLA- In the revised agenda, I forgot to add these senators because of them being tabled in fall.

Fretz GAL- I cannot find them

Cognevich VPLA- I will check with you after about your email

Hills SenAL- She seems nice and we always need representation in other colleges.

Smith Bradley- We do need someone for engineering.

Opposition: No one

Roll call

Aflord- yes

Cannon- abstain

Crenshaw- yes

Fretz- yes

Hills- yes

Jackson- Abstain by proxy

Karkoutli- Yes by proxy

Lair- abstain

Leblanc- abstain

Ngo-yes

Pitalo- yes

Phillips- yes

Rusnak- yes

Smith Brad- yes

Smith Bren- yes

Stackhouse-yes

Stewart- abstain by proxy

Vitali- yes

Cognevich- yes

14 yes, 0 no, 5 abstention

Pitalo slate

Haley oppose on the grounds that only the senators appointments go on a slate not committee head appointments

Haley withdraw

SLATE:

b. Cedric Snow- Tabled from last meeting- I am a transfer from LSU in electrical engineering, I was informed by Bessie I was interested because being a bridge between student communication and colleges. I also believe that there is always a benefit for more intuition and eyes on things and things can be stalled and stuck so the more eyes the better. So I really want to be an extra set of eyes.

c. Michael Billiot- Tabled from last meeting- graduate student double major in undergrad, has a law firm a law degree, is a graduate student for urban planning and will soon get an MBA and PhD.

d. Brendan Mott – Senator (CoE)- I am a sophomore in civil engineering, I want to advocate for students who live on campus because we don't have access for resources after school hours and that's not fair, and I want to advocate for them

Support:

Hills- They all are really impressive and have better resumes than me and I would like them as a part of the senate

Fretz- I agree they seem like great additions to the senate

Opposition:

Roll Call

Aflord- yes

Cannon- yes

Crenshaw- yes

Fretz- yes

Hills- yes

Jackson- Abstain by proxy

Karkoutli- Yes by proxy

Lair- yes

Leblanc- yes

Pitalo- yes

Phillips- yes

Rusnak- yes

Stackhouse-yes

Stewart- abstain by proxy

Vitali- yes

Cognevich- yes

14 yes 2 abstentions , 0 no

e. Hailey Fretz – CFO I am GAL I was elected last semester. I was asked to take on head of finance committee and I would love to have that position courtesy of Kevin who just graduated, I am taking a non profit finance class right now so it will be beneficial for me to have this position.

Support:

Lair COE- She is enthusiastic and very good with transitions from when Kevin left.

Opposition:

Roll call

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Fretz- yes

Hills- yes

Jackson- Abstain by proxy

Karkoutli- Yes by proxy

Lair- yes

Leblanc- yes

Pitalo- yes

Phillips- yes

Rusnak- yes

Stackhouse-yes

Stewart- abstain by proxy

Vitali- yes

Cognevich- yes

14 yes 2 abstentions 0 no

Fretz is confirmed

f. Joseph Vitali or Nicky Cao – Pro Tempore

Motion to table until nicky is here KH

Leblanc Opposed

Hand Vote:

This vote determined to table

XI. Open Forum

Ballard- Shoutout to Lair for being sworn in last semester and filling the College of Engineering

\*Applause\*

Hills SenAL- I think accountability is important on all levels of government, especially student government. If there is something going wrong hold people accountable because nothing will change if we all just let things happen.

Leblanc COLA- sorry for objecting, I did not want it to seem like I was opposing Nicky, I just know Senator Vitali really wanted the position and was excited to speak.

Fretz GAL- i didn't think it was anything

Cognevich VPLA- me either, anyone has the opportunity to oppose anything.

Vitali COLA- i don't know the job of pro tempore i am in many things like greek life presidents and a job and this but i could if yall need, but I don't want to spend too much time on other things and not give sga the same effort and I don't know if I can.

Cognevich VPLA- thanks for honesty

Phillips JAL- Thanks for nominating me can i come talk about myself, since I couldn't last time

Cognevich VPLA- sure

Phillips JAL- I am Lamaria Phillips I am a Junior in Liberal Arts, I am excited to be in SGA honestly I was a little scared to join but I am glad I did. I am involved in Peer mentors as the president, I was Homecoming Queen, and active in PBSU.

Hills SenAL- What is your major?

Phillips JAL- Political Science

Cognevich VPLA-We can not end meeting until we nominate someone per the constitution

Ballard Adv.- lets do a recess and vote

Motion to be recognized Jones

Second Leblanc

Recess for 10 minutes until 6:10

Meeting resumes

Cognevich VPLA- I cannot find it in the last ten minutes where it says we have to nominate a pro tempore what should we do parliamentarian?

Leblanc COLA- adjourn , look through the documents and resume the nomination for pro tempore next meeting, we have a week to find what we should do?

Cognevich VPLA- Sounds good because I cant find in a reasonable amount of time. Next week we will have information available for the senate

Rusnak motion to adjourn

Hills Second

XII. Adjournment 6:11 PM