

# SGA Meeting 9/7/2022

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## SPEAKERS

Senator Peters, Vice President Moss, Unknown Senator, Appointee Talbot, President Charles, Senator Brown, Appointee Davidson, Senator Deffendall, Senator Ricardo, Senator Hymel, Advisor Courseault, Senator Metzler, VPLA Hinnawi, Advisor Gitlin, Election Commissioner Talbot, Senator Mott, Senator Barnes, Senator Plasse, Senator Hunsaker, Senator Duong, Senator Martinez, Senator Nguyen, Senator Sorlin, VPP Mailhes, Senator Davidson

### VPLA Hinnawi 11:07

We're gonna go ahead and get started. I call this meeting to order at 5:04pm. Can everyone hear me? Okay good 5:04pm Are there any nominations for a temporary pro tempore?

### Senator Davidson 11:25

Dylan Davidson, College of Sciences.

### VPLA Hinnawi 11:31

Do I have a second?

### Senator Plasse 11:33

Linda Plasse, College of Liberal Arts, I second the motion.

### VPLA Hinnawi 11:36

Thank you and then is the parliamentarian present? Yeah, Jenna is here. Okay. Now I'll call a roll call vote when I say your name, please try to unmute yourself and say present Rakeen Barnes?

### Senator Barnes 11:55

Present.

### VPLA Hinnawi 11:57

Michael Brown?

### Senator Brown 12:00

Present.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 12:02

Ian Carbo? Ian Carbo? Okay. Max Corcoran? Max Corcoran? Christian Crout?

**Senator Hymel** 12:29

Present by proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 12:30

Thank you Dylan Davidson?

**Senator Davidson** 12:34

Present

**VPLA Hinnawi** 12:36

Lukas Deffendall?

**Senator Deffendall** 12:38

Present

**VPLA Hinnawi** 12:40

Cameron Frederick? Cameron Frederick? Daniel Hunsaker?

**Senator Plasse** 12:54

Present by proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 12:56

Thank you, Jenna Hymel?

**Senator Hymel** 13:00

Present.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 13:01

Cooper Lemons?

**Senator Sorlin** 13:03

Present by Proxy

**VPLA Hinnawi** 13:06

Oscar Martinez?

**Senator Martinez** 13:09

Here

**VPLA Hinnawi** 13:10

Chloe Metzler?

**Senator Metzler** 13:15

Present.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 13:16

Brendan Mott?

**Senator Mott** 13:18

Present.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 13:21

Henry Nguyen?

**Senator Nguyen** 13:23

Here

**VPLA Hinnawi** 13:25

Adam Peters?

**Senator Peters** 13:28

Present.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 13:30

Linda Plasse?

**Senator Plasse** 13:32

Present.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 13:34

Mahaut Sorlin?

**Senator Sorlin** 13:36

Present.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 13:38

Ghazi Raihan? Ghazi Raihan? Matthew Ricardo?

**Senator Ricardo** 13:53

Present.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 13:55

Okay, with 17 members present, we do meet quorum. Are there any agenda? Are there any corrections or changes to today's agenda? No? Okay, I have a correction. I put "athletics: just because I'm so used

to that being a committee. So we're just going to scratch that out of the committee reports. There is no athletics committee. Are there any other corrections or changes to today's agenda? Okay, with no objections to the agenda, it is approved. Are there any corrections or changes to the minutes from last meeting?

**Senator Metzler** 14:40

Chloe Metzeler, Sophomore at Large. Last week, at the end of the meeting, it says that I said that I was an addict myself, and that's not true. I had said that I have "experience with addicts myself."

**VPLA Hinnawi** 14:58

Do you know the time timestamp on that Chloe?

**Senator Metzler** 15:04

Let me grab it. I have the document open. 31:31

**VPLA Hinnawi** 15:21

Thank you. Are there any other corrections or changes to the minutes? All right, with no objections to the minutes they are approved. Are there any senator communications or announcements and just like do the little raise your hand thing? Okay, Brendan?

**Senator Mott** 15:47

So Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts, this might be a little bit long. I'm sorry about that. I don't have time to stay during open forum today. But I just wanted to give a quick little thing because I actually talked to Miss Anne Lockridge, who is the Senior Director of Financial Aid, because a lot of people have been asking questions about refunds, this is going to be very basic, but the main reason that these situations happened with the refunds is that there's actually a lot of stipulations that come in with students getting their aid. And it's also different depending on what type of aid you're getting. If you're getting federal aid, like your federal loans and Pell Grants, it's actually can be done a lot more quickly, because they don't actually require them to do the Census Enrollment Verification. But if you're getting a TOPS scholarship through the state, or a UNO scholarship, they actually have to do an attendance verification. So that's what that "14th day of classes", that's not necessarily the magic day that refunds automatically go in, unfortunately. And sometimes I feel that we've kind of been conditioned to think "14th Day of classes, I'm gonna get my money," but unfortunately, that's not always the case. Um, so I just wanted to bring that to everyone's attention and maybe pass that along, if any students are talking to you about refunds, just because, um, that's very important information for people to know. And then of course, once it gets processed by financial aid, they don't actually give you the money, they actually have to send it to the Bursar, and the school has to get paid first before- before the money can actually hit your account. Thank you.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 17:12

Thank you, Brendan. That actually leads to me to a communication that Cooper asked me to say the Bursar reached out to him and said that this week, they'll be processing the anticipated aid and refunds. Are there any other senator communications or announcements? All right, are there any non-Senator communications or announcements? Okay, we'll move on to report. Do any committees have reports? I

mean, we haven't had any committee meetings yet. But do any of the committee heads have anything they needed to say?

**Senator Plasse 18:05**

Linda Plasse, College of Liberal Arts, I have a report on behalf of Daniel Hunsaker for the Student Affairs Committee. It reads, "Sorry, I'm not able to attend the meeting today as my fraternity is in rush week. Despite my absence, I am hard at work for determining the overall structure of the committee and its inner workings for the semester. For this committee, I plan on reaching all of the organizations on campus, big or small and using delegates to reach them. I also plan on having delegates for dining, housing and athletics to ensure every student on campus is represented through SGA. Doing this would ensure communication between both SGA and the students of UNO. I'm fired up to get this committee rolling and I'm excited to see who will join me in this committee.

**VPLA Hinnawi 18:48**

Awesome. Thank you, Linda and Daniel, do any other committees have a report? Okay, we will now move to the President's Report. Angelo, do you have a report?

**President Charles 19:06**

I certainly do. As the camera- What's up y'all, I hope everything was good today. This time I really couldn't find a quote. So I'll just make this up, I just want you all to be encouraged. I want you all to be happy about some- find something in your life to be happy about and just really take the time to appreciate- appreciate yourself if you haven't done so already. With that being said, today my report will be just to discuss my appointments. I am appointing Talia Talbot to Election Commissioner. She'll be speaking with you guys soon and Aliyah Boyle to the Supreme Court. And if you have any questions, please ask me about those. As far as executive orders. I have not written any executive orders within the last week week. But I do plan on writing one and that is to initiate a task force in terms of financial- in terms of the financial status of the Student Government and the University, I have reached out to some senators so far to be appointed to this task force. But really the overall goal is One, to get our reserve numbers to access, understand student fees. And there's another thing that I forgot about. But this is really going to be a great opportunity for those of you to really advocate and change the financial circumstances of particularly SGA and students at large. So if you have any questions about that, feel free to ask. And then we're having a "Meet SGA" event which all of you are required to attend, but do not feel like you're [Unintelligible] we are excited about this. The Executive Board has planned this out and we're excited to get you guys introduced and ourselves introduced to the student body, this is a great opportunity to network and just meet our peers and just really have a great time. This event will be on September 20th, 11 to 2 in the UC. Azizah has already sent out communication in regards to setting up times for tabling, there will be some refreshments provided, I am going to- I'm really reserved when it comes to saying something's going to be there because- things be happening. But if it works, we are planning pretzels that, thanks to Jordan, cotton candy, and popcorn just like a little fair-carnival theme just to have something for the kids- I mean students. Sorry, we're not kids, my bad. And with that being said, the executive board is meeting with administration next week. Dr. Nicklow- Thank you, Tiffany because I know you will tell me after this meeting that I say "Nickelow", we meet with Dr. Nicklow and the administration to discuss some things so if you guys need something address, please feel free to reach out to me within- by Friday, don't- don't email me on Monday because I'm not gonna

have time to think about it. So just let me know because we'll be meeting with him next Tuesday, September 13. I am meeting with the chief of UNO police tomorrow to discuss addresses on campus. Again, I said this previously that Lukas was the senator who brought this to our attention. I am meeting with him tomorrow. And hopefully by my next report next Wednesday, I'll be able to discuss what you want you guys about the results of that meeting. As these and I met with the director of auxiliary services, he's his name was Nick. He is pretty much over to UC and some other auxiliary things external things for the campus and we really had a great meeting to discuss moving the campus forward for as dining in music. Yes, music. Well, that being said, I have a lot of words on this paper and I'm very I have to remember- so I met- me and Madeline Mahilhes is our wonderful SAC president met today and we discuss election week. I just want to give a shout out to Maggie for- Magdalene. Sorry, I'm gonna give a shout out to Magdalene for you know, bringing us some awesome ideas and election week is gonna be different this year- is going to be engaged. And we have really exciting stuff. So hopefully by next week, we will deliver all of our plans to you guys so we can see how we're going to get candidates engaged. Who was a pro tempore right now because I'm very bad with time. How many minutes I got? I started talking to myself. I'm so sorry. Um, with that being said, Senator Chloe Metzler has reached out to me and she brought up the the need for sharps containers and medical supplies on campus. Chloe, I actually did receive an email from Dr. Golz with like, in the last 30 minutes, that person's name is David Richardson, but me and you are going to connect to set up an email so we can send and discuss so we can work on getting access to sharps containers, so our students can dispose of their medical equipment properly. With that being said, I am very excited to be your president, even though you're already noticed. I don't know. I'm just happy right now. I yield the rest of my time for questions.

**VPLA Hinnawi 23:55**

Does anyone have any questions for Angelo? Okay, does the Vice President have a report?

**Vice President Moss 24:12**

Yes. Hey, I'm glad y'all can make it on Zoom. The current Senate operating budget is \$22,743.25. Um, thank you to everybody who filled out the form, as far as your availability, I think we only got like 14 responses. So if you didn't fill that form out, Azizah sent it to you guys. So could you please fill that out? And then, some people have questions. So I'm just going to answer those really quickly. As far as what week y'all would be meeting, I don't know that yet. So now that I have you guys' availability, I'm going to reach out to the Deans and get their availability, and then I'll schedule the first initial meeting from there. So, as soon as I get that handled, I'll make sure I let you guys know, and then the other question was, um, what would be a good starting point when meeting with the deans and first, I would say, you know, maybe just like an introduction, and just like a general cons- consensus of what you guys are comfortable with, as far as meeting and discussions, and also what the Deans are comfortable with. So whether that's an opened up- open door policy, or whether it's that- whether that's email communication, or just how you guys would like to communicate moving forward, because once we set up the initial meeting, moving forward, it will be on you guys to continue the communication. So of course, the executive board will check in, you know, answer any questions, and help as best we can. But once we, I guess, get the initial ball rolling with the communication with your Deans, it will be up to y'all from there. And then also, on Monday, at 8:30. I'm meeting with Tim to discuss the Townhall Meetings that they set up regarding the referendum. So, if you guys have any questions y'all want

answered regarding the referendum, please let me know by Friday, because that's what I'm going to do- my agenda for the meeting. So as of now, I'm really just going to ask him general questions, sort of along the lines of how he's- how does he want us to help? And what's his vision for the town halls? Because as you guys know, we don't have much information on it yet. So as soon as I get information, I'll relay that to y'all. And if y'all have any questions y'all want me to ask, let me know. Also, we did use some of the funds, not from our operating account, but from budget requests last year. So PBSU has used some of their funding, their event is the "Back to School Barbecue", on Friday from two to six is going to be in the quad. And then the Society of Hispanic Engineers have also used some of their funding for the meeting with the Shell Corporation and their guest speaker. So the student organizations are using the funds we allotted to them. So yes, hand clap for that. And I yield the rest of my time for questions. Please give me questions to ask Tim. Thank you.

**Senator Mott 27:35**

Point of privilege, Brendan Mott, College Liberal Arts. So if we ask you a question now and you don't know the answer, you could hypothetically say "I'll get back to you on that after talking to Tim."?

**Vice President Moss 27:46**

Yes.

**Senator Mott 27:47**

Okay. So I'm gonna ask, um, so what is the plan to get these students to actually come to the town halls? And are they going to be on Zoom? Are they going to be in person? And if a lot of students don't come, what are some other ways to get students to want to want to actually vote on the referendum? Because a concern I have is that students won't even vote on it at all not that students will vote no.

**Vice President Moss 28:10**

Great question, Brendan, I will get back with you as soon as I get with Tim, and I'll make sure I ask him that.

**Senator Martinez 28:22**

I have a question. Oscar Martinez, the College of Sciences. What if we've already met the Deans of our college?

**Vice President Moss 28:29**

And then if you don't want to attend the initial meeting, it's not mandatory, we would like for you guys to go. But if you kind of have a working relationship with your dean, then, you know,

**Senator Martinez 28:42**

I wouldn't say I have a working relationship, I know Dr. Johnson.

**Vice President Moss 28:47**

I mean, it's up to you. Again, these meetings with the deans aren't mandatory, we just would really like for you guys to attend. So we can, you know, get the ball rolling on it.

**Senator Martinez** 28:57

All right, you talked me into it. [Laughter]

**VPLA Hinnawi** 29:04

Any other questions for Jordan or questions that Jordan can bring to Tim? So that's the-

**Senator Davidson** 29:11

What's his position again, I'm sorry, Dylan Davidson, College of Sciences. What was what's his position?

**Vice President Moss** 29:16

He is the athletic director. Oh, so okay. So for new- the new senators to the SGA, Tim is basically asking for our help with town hall meetings and the town hall meetings are regarding the student referendum which is for an increase in a fee. So there'll be changing the fee from the "Athletic Fee" to the "Student Experience Fee". And it's for an increase in that- that will go allegedly towards football, women's golf, women's soccer, marching band, and the other one was like 1% to student involve- Don't quote me on that- it was another 1% elsewhere. So that's what the townhall meetings are for, to basically get the information to students, because in November, the students will get to vote on whether or not you guys want the increase in fees or not for what they're offering. And I also get the referendum to Azizah, so she can send it out to y'all. So y'all can look over that. And if you have any questions after you read it, then you can just email me by Friday, please.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 30:34

To answer your question, He's the athletic director. Sorry. Are there any other questions for Jordan? Okay, well, I'll move on to my report, my report is, um, kind of small, pretty much, I just want to say that I did separate everyone into committees now based off of your rankings, and then just kind of dividing and seeing how I feel like you guys would really fit. And I'll be sending out a list to each committee head and they will reach out to hopefully sometime. Okay, no, definitely some time before the next meeting. So you'll know what committees you're on. And then just please be like checking your emails and be responsive to them. Also, I'm going to send out a sign-up genius. Hopefully, this is my last form for a while, you guys have been really great about filling them out. This sign-up genius is for September 20. It's for the SGA event. So you guys knew it was coming. It's just to know what shift you want. So I separated them between like little hour shifts. If it's like you can come at 1:30 instead of one. Just put that in the little comment when you submit it. But this is an event that like every senator needs to be at. And you'll see on the sign-up genius, how would that- is going to look and I'll send that out an email. Also, another thing I wanted to mention is, oh, we have a visitor coming to our next meeting that'll be in person. So not next week, the week after Carolyn Golz will be coming and she'll be talking to us. If you want to prepare questions for when Carolyn Golz comes in, please just be mindful that she's just coming to like, introduce herself. And let us know that she is a resource for us, not to like charge at her with a bunch of questions about "why isn't this happening on campus," and like kind of like, surprising her with a whole bunch of questions. You know, that's not what she's coming for. Yeah, and I think I yield the rest of my time for questions. Does anyone have any questions for me?

**President Charles** 32:52

Oh, yes. Who is Carolyn Golz for people who don't know?

**VPLA Hinnawi 32:56**

What's her exact title? Carolyn Golz is the Dean of Students. She's like our, she'd like leads the charge for any student issues. She's our advocate. Does anybody else have any questions? Okay, then we'll move on to does the vice president of programming have a report?

**VPP Mailhes 33:28**

Yes, a small one. Hey, guys. So tomorrow we're having our Hispanic Heritage Month event, our Director of Cultural- cultural- Culture. Um, Alfonso, he's actually from Panama. So we are- he's gonna be teaching us Central and South American dances, traditional ones, and he's also giving a presentation on what they all mean and different costumes that go behind them. And it'll be catered by EmpaNOLA. So you can get some empanadas. It's really good. That's four to six in the student lounge. So, please come by it's just gonna be really fun. Yes, Cultural Tradition, thank you, Todd. It's gonna be- it's gonna be a really fun Event. So please come by if you can. Any questions?

**VPLA Hinnawi 34:15**

Does anyone have any questions for Magdalene? All right. Now we'll move on to the judicial report.

**President Charles 34:34**

Hello, everyone. I will be doing a judicial report as the Chief Justice was unable to make this meeting. So we do have our judicial report. The court has been petitioned, the court docket number is #1-22-1. The court has been partitioned in regards to a dispute within the Senate, pretending to the procedures that was conducted. With that being said, the Senate has been notified of this matter. And this is Unless- I mean- a judicial process, so we must maintain the integrity of that at all times. So you guys are allowed to ask questions, but my response will be limited. And I will go on into how this hearing will take out. So prior to a hearing, a party in action can request to have someone else present before the court. This credit- this request must be submitted to the Clerk of Court at least 48 hours prior to the hearing, it must be in written form. So if you want to speak, or be speaking, on behalf of you must email the Clerk of Court within those timeframes allotted. You can see that on the Judicial Rules and Procedures. Interested parties wishing to speak during our hearing must submit a request at least 24 hours prior to said hearing. This request must be in written form and include the individual's reason for wishing to speak. Just because you submit a request does not mean you will be granted the opportunity to speak. So please keep that in mind. And the last point, the court recommends that the defendant action submit an answer to the complaint, see form CS-002, to the SGA Clerk of Court, any such filing must be made no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled hearing date. So you guys will be notified of this matter soon by the Clerk of Court that you have any questions pertaining to documents and things like that, please reach out to the Clerk of Court. And I do yield the rest of my time for questions.

**Senator Mott 36:21**

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts. So my main question is since this is a complaint against the whole Senate, does the whole Senate have to be present for this for this court appearance?

**President Charles 36:31**

because Azizah is the official representative of the Senate, Azizah will be primarily representing the Senate. If you guys wish to be present at the hearing, please notify the Clerk of Court within the time specified in the judicial rules and procedures.

**Senator Martinez 36:49**

Oscar Martinez College of Sciences, would you recommend that the majority of senators go?

**President Charles 36:54**

Um, so that again, again, that right is up to you if you guys are interested in going you do have to submit the necessary documents to the clerk of court. But I believe in the leader of the Senate, I believe she can hold her own way. But if you guys are pertinent enough to show, please follow the necessary guidelines, I really can't make a recommendation on it. All right. Well, I appreciate all of you and Azizah?

**VPLA Hinnawi 37:28**

thank you, Angelo, to the advisors have a report?

**Advisor Courseault 37:33**

Yes, we do. And it's it's really short. The first thing that I wanted to talk to you all about, is going back to what Jordan said about the referendum. For the new senators, we do have a lot of new students on campus. I just want to stress to you that one of the biggest things that SGA does, you guys advocate and student advocacy that's in your mission and your goals. And so I- I implore you, if you do have any questions for Jordan, please let Jordan know she's meeting with the Athletic Director. Um, just to recap for people that are new. And again, I know that Jordan said Azizah will send out the referendum. But just to recap, the fees will increase if football passes. And so we're talking about I believe, \$600 each semester, if I'm not mistaken, or 300 bucks is 300 to 600 bucks each semester. I'm not sure about the number, but it's the money. I'm sorry, go ahead, Todd.

**Advisor Gitlin 38:26**

I believe the number is \$400 per semester, was subject to change, based on- it can change 5% every year.

**Advisor Courseault 38:37**

So I just so that's the case, and I'm not here to deny or prove it. I just want you guys to know that you are- you're officers of the- of the student body and as your as being an officer as it is, it's your duty to advocate for the student body. And so, with the town halls if we can have as much presence as possible, or you can just let students know like, "Hey, if you want football, that's cool. But just know that there, it does come as a cost." So again, I just want to implore you, as officers of SGA, it is your duty to advocate for the student body and to inform as many people as you possibly can. And when the opportunities do arise for you to do that, I definitely implore you to attend town hall. Because that's where these conversations, the formal conversations will take place. But you can also have informal conversations, just letting students know about that. And that's pretty much the biggest thing that I have. And I'm going to give the rest to Todd.

**Advisor Gitlin 39:30**

Hey, all hope everybody had a good long weekend. I'm gonna keep this brief. I just wanted to remind you all about decorum, particularly as it pertains to guests, you know, as was said before, please just make sure that you're respectful. If you have questions, you're more than welcome to ask them but please make sure that they're not incendiary or could potentially affect the relationship that SGA has with higher-ups. That's it and I yield any question, or any time for questions all right. Thank you.

**VPLA Hinnawi 40:13**

All right, thank you all. We will now move on straight to nominations and appointment.

**President Charles 40:22**

Can I have a second to speak?

**VPLA Hinnawi 40:27**

Okay, because this is a Supreme Court justice nomination first, Angelo will speak on behalf of his nominee first. Okay. Angelo?

**President Charles 40:39**

Give me one second, she just typed- before I read her statement, I just want to let you I like to notify you guys as to why I make these appointments. So I appointed Aliyah because we have experience within the political science department within- UNO. And we just work together really well. And I just saw her passion for this position. So I appointed her, she said, "my name is Aliyah Boyle and I am a current University of New Orleans senior. Throughout my time at UNO. I have accomplished many goals both personal and academic. I am a peer mentor for the school's first years experience classes. The university is somewhere I consider home and everything I have accomplished and done while I've been here. I truly do attribute to our great school. I have been a part of the Honor Society here at UNO, since I was a freshman and truly have loved all of my experiences I have had the opportunity to do. I'm a former ROTC student and I am super excited to add this to the list of things I was given the opportunity to do. I am a fourth year Political Science major who has always had deep respect for the Student Government Association. I truly believe it is one of the most important instructions we have at UNO. Outside of school I have worked for and continue to work at Capitol Hill in Washington DC. I feel that all of these experiences have prepared me to serve on the university's court. Thank you, Aliyah Boyle." That's it.

**VPLA Hinnawi 42:11**

Okay, thank you. Will you be taking questions?

**President Charles 42:15**

Sure.

**VPLA Hinnawi 42:15**

Okay, are there any questions? Does anyone have any questions about Aliyah Boyle's nomination as a justice?

**Senator Duong** 42:40

Okay, we will now move to discussion then.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 42:45

Does anyone rise in favor of this nomination?

**Senator Davidson** 42:53

Dylan Davidson College of Sciences I rise and nomination of- I forgot her name- but because she has some real world experience like working on Capitol Hill, I feel like she's very qualified to, you know, proceed and do the best you can in this position. Thank you.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 43:15

Thank you, Dylan. Does anyone else have anything to say about a Aliyah's nomination to the justice position? Does anyone rise in opposition to this nomination? Okay, we will now move to a roll call vote. When I call your name just vote yes No. or abstain okay am I unmuted? Rakeen Barnes?

**Senator Barnes** 44:02

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 44:04

Michael Brown?

**Senator Brown** 44:06

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 44:08

Ian's not here. Max is not here- Christian Crout?

**Senator Hymel** 44:14

Yes. by proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 44:16

Thank You Dylan Davidson?

**Senator Davidson** 44:21

Yeah.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 44:23

Lukas Deffendall?

**Senator Deffendall** 44:26

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 44:29

Cameron Frederick is not here. Daniel Hunsaker?

**Senator Plasse** 44:34

abstain by proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 44:36

Thank You Jenna Hymel?

**Senator Hymel** 44:38

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 44:40

Cooper Lemons.

**Senator Sorlin** 44:42

Yes by proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 44:44

Thank You Oscar Martinez?

**Senator Martinez** 44:47

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 44:48

Chloe Metzler?

**Senator Metzler** 44:51

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 44:53

Brendan Mott?

**Senator Mott** 44:56

Yes,

**VPLA Hinnawi** 44:58

Henry Nguyen?

**Senator Nguyen** 45:00

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 45:01

Adam Peters.

**Senator Peters** 45:05

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 45:07

Linda Plasse?

**Senator Plasse** 45:09

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 45:12

Mahaut Sorlin?

**Senator Sorlin** 45:14

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 45:16

Ghazi Raihan? Matthew Ricardo?

**Senator Ricardo** 45:20

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 45:24

Okay with 15 yeses, one no, And one abstention. Aliyah Boyle has been appointed to the Senate. Oh, sorry. I'm sorry to the court. Okay, we will now move on to the next nomination, which is Talia Talbot to the Election Commissioner. And Angelo will be speaking on that again.

**President Charles** 45:52

All right. So Talia is actually here, guys. But I just- like I said, she's right there. Talia, I have been working with her. UNO, I want to say for about two years. But I don't want to lie Talia was my discussion leader in one of my gra- not one of my grad classes, but in the class I had, which is a kind of grade level class. And just watching her leadership and how she was able to make sure we operate in organizational efficiency was is why I appointed her. She has been responsible- She has been more responsive than I have at times asking me about, "hey, what about this election commission position?" So this is something she's really interested in. I won't go into great detail about her because she will tell you about herself because she's here.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 46:34

Thank you, Angelo. Talia, if you'd like you can present yourself now you have three minutes to introduce yourself. And then we'll do three minutes of questioning. Okay. Okay.

**Appointee Talbot** 46:48

My name is Talia Talbot. I have been here at UNO for six years now. I got my undergrad here at UNO. I have a- well my BA is in Political science with a concentration in pre-law. I am now in grad school at UNO. This is my last semester, but it is in the MPA program. So similar to what Angelo was saying. I

have taken multiple leader positions in- in classes as far as roles go as far as really leadership discussion goes and in different groups and group projects. I will say the election- the Election Commissioner position is very interesting to me. Like I said with my background in political science. It is something that I have truly found a very keen interest in and from what I've been told, previous election cycles have been very interesting to say the least. And I look forward to participating in that. And if you guys have any questions please feel free to ask

**VPLA Hinnawi** 48:05

thank you Talia?

**Appointee Talbot** 48:08

Talia

**VPLA Hinnawi** 48:08

Talia. Sorry about that. Thank you Talia. Does anyone have any questions? Are there any questions for Talia?

**Appointee Talbot** 48:31

Feel free to ask

**VPLA Hinnawi** 48:37

okay. Todd, do you know how to put Talia into a meeting room?

**Advisor Gitlin** 48:49

Yeah.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 48:54

Oh, well. I was gonna tell her okay.

**Advisor Gitlin** 48:57

Oh, sorry.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 48:58

It's Okay. Okay. We will now move to discussion. Does anyone rise in favor of total year's appointment as the Election Commissioner?

**Senator Davidson** 49:08

Dylan Davidson, College of Sciences I motion to move to the vote.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 49:23

Is there a second?

**Unknown Senator** 49:26

Seconded

**VPLA Hinnawi** 49:30

Okay. We will move to a roll call vote. When I call your name vote yes no or abstain. Rakeen Barnes?

**Senator Barnes** 49:45

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 49:46

Michael Brown?

**Senator Brown** 49:48

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 49:50

Christian Crout?

**Senator Hymel** 49:51

Yes by proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 49:53

Thank you. Dylan Davidson?

**Senator Davidson** 49:56

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 49:59

Lukas Deffendall? Okay, thank you. Yes. Daniel Hunsaker?

**Senator Plasse** 50:11

abstain by proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 50:13

Jenna Hymel?

**Senator Hymel** 50:15

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 50:17

Cooper Lemons?

**Senator Plasse** 50:18

Abstain by proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 50:21

Oscar Martinez?

**Senator Martinez** 50:23

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 50:25

Chloe Metzler?

**Senator Metzler** 50:29

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 50:31

Brendan Mott?

**Senator Mott** 50:32

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 50:34

Henry Nguyen?

**Senator Nguyen** 50:36

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 50:37

Adam Peters?

**Senator Peters** 50:39

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 50:41

Linda Plasse?

**Senator Plasse** 50:44

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 50:45

Mahaut Sorlin?

**Senator Sorlin** 50:47

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 50:49

Matthew Ricardo.

**Senator Ricardo** 50:52

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 50:55

Okay, with 15 yeses, zero nose and two abstentions, Talia has now been appointed as the Election Commissioner. And we can let her back in to hear those results. Congratulations Talia, you have been elected as the Election Commissioner.

**Election Commissioner Talbot** 51:20

Thank you.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 51:23

Congratulations. And we have one last nomination we're going to hear for the Governance Committee head. And that will be Dylan Davidson, will you please come forward for your nomination?

**Appointee Davidson** 51:44

Dylan Davidson College Sciences. I'm here. I've come forward.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 51:53

Dylan, introduce yourself. Yeah.

**Appointee Davidson** 51:58

Hey, guys. Sorry about that clarification. My name is Dylan Davidson. I'm a sophomore, soon to be junior. I'm a psych major. I was elected to the senatorial position earlier, like a couple weeks ago, and I've already learned a lot. And I feel like this position will allow me to, you know, further my resources and my connections to, you know, bringing the best out of SGA. And as head of the Governance Committee, I want to number one goal for this year is accountability. So I know we typically don't have that much, and the passing of bills and things like that. But I just want to make sure I'm doing everything as I can, as President of the Committee to keep everyone accountable and make sure we're doing our best work. Thank you.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 52:44

Thank you, Dylan. Does anyone have any questions for Dylan?

**Senator Martinez** 52:49

Oscar Martinez College of Sciences? How do you plan to increase accountability from what it already is?

**Appointee Davidson** 52:58

Well, Azizah had told me that, you know, the Governance Committee, we don't have as much, you know, play as other committees do in the actual passing of the bills. So making sure I meet with the people that are on my committee weekly, at the minimum, you know, constant- not correlation, what is it- communication, and actually bring up things that we need to do. As opposed to just like meeting up

saying, "y'all have anything to do," like, I want to make sure I have a topic every week to bring up and, you know, checks and balances, basically.

**Senator Mott 53:39**

I have a question. So Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts, I just want to know, are you aware of what the responsibility of governance committee is? And if so, um, can you describe it a little bit?

**Appointee Davidson 53:54**

Yes, so I'm gonna have to do a lot of correspondence with you, as you, you know, held the position in recent years. So I definitely want to learn more. But the main thing is just, um, what is it called? I'm blanking right now. But impeachments and things like that. Well, that's, that's, like the biggest thing that we do. But besides that, I have to get deeper into the position besides the little description that we had in one of the one of the files so I'll be I'll be talking to you to learn more about what I should be doing. But yeah.

**VPLA Hinnawi 54:29**

Thank you, Brendan. Are there any other questions for Dylan? All right. Do y'all want to plop them in the waiting room? All right, we will now move to discussion. Does anyone rise in support to Dylan's nomination. Am I allowed to say something? Okay, I'll say something.

**Advisor Courseault 55:20**

But give your- Point of privilege. Let somebody who's- temporary Pro Tempore, take it while you speak on his behalf.

**VPLA Hinnawi 55:29**

That's Dylan.

**Senator Mott 55:31**

I got it Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts, Azizah, you can have my speaking privileges.

**VPLA Hinnawi 55:37**

Okay, thank you. I just wanted to say something pretty short because I met with Dylan one-on-one before offering this position, of course. So before I nominated Dylan, we did meet and talk and he is very new to SGA. But he's very willing to like, meet up with Brendan and get to know a lot about the role. I will say, part of the blame for him not, like, fully understanding the role is on me and on the fact that we are trying to like revamp these roles entirely. So I wouldn't put too much on him. But I think a lot of you guys have noticed in the meetings, how he was kind of just thrown into the position of like being our Pro Tempore and like taking the times and like he was very serious and very into it. And I feel like Dylan can do a really good job with this position. He does need a little bit of fine tuning but I think with Brendan's guidance that he can be a really great President Pro Tempore for our Senate that's all I have to say on the matter

**Senator Peters 56:40**

Adam Peters College of Engineering motion to roll call vote

**VPLA Hinnawi** 56:47

Okay, is there a second

**Senator Hymel** 56:49

Jenna Hymel College of Liberal Arts, I second that

**VPLA Hinnawi** 56:52

okay. When I call your name please vote yes no or abstain Rakeen Barnes?

**Senator Barnes** 57:03

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 57:05

Michael Brown

**Senator Brown** 57:07

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 57:08

Christian Crout?

**Senator Hymel** 57:10

yes by proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 57:14

I'm sorry guys. Lukas Deffendall? Thank you. Lucas voted yes in the chat. Daniel Hunsaker?

**Senator Plasse** 57:31

Abstain by proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 57:33

Jenna Hymel?

**Senator Hymel** 57:35

Yes by proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 57:37

Cooper Lemons?

**Senator Sorlin** 57:39

Abstain by proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 57:41

Oscar Martinez?

**Senator Martinez** 57:43

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 57:46

Chloe Metzler?

**Senator Metzler** 57:50

Yes

**VPLA Hinnawi** 57:52

Brendan Mott?

**Senator Mott** 57:54

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 57:57

Henry Nguyen?

**Senator Nguyen** 57:58

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 58:00

Adam Peters?

**Senator Peters** 58:03

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 58:05

Linda Plasse?

**Senator Plasse** 58:07

yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 58:09

Mahaut Sorlin?

**Senator Sorlin** 58:11

yes

**VPLA Hinnawi** 58:14

Matthew Ricardo?

**Senator Ricardo** 58:17

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 58:18

He's now a yes. Let me check the chat real quick Jenna, I think you have to motion for that to be recognized.

**Senator Hymel** 58:36

Even if it was like a miss-step like I misspoken?

**VPLA Hinnawi** 58:41

I think just for the record sake Yeah.

**Senator Hymel** 58:44

What do I motion?

**VPLA Hinnawi** 58:46

So wait, what are you talking about? What- who did you proxy for?

**Senator Hymel** 58:51

I'm proxying for Christian, but for my vote. I said "yes by proxy".

**VPLA Hinnawi** 58:55

Oh, nevermind. Ignore that. Okay. With 13 Yes. Is one no. And two abstentions. Dylan is appointed as the Governance Committee head. So we will let him back in. Congratulations, Dylan, you are now our new governance committee. Okay, and that was our last nomination. We will now we are now moving to open forum. This is where we discuss matters pertaining to the betterment of SGA. If you like to speak, do the little hand thing. And then we'll call on you in order. Jordan.

**Vice President Moss** 59:50

Jordan Moss, vice president, so I got the information from the referendum and I wanted to give it to you guys. So, the current athletic fee for a full time, so 12 or more hours is \$100. For one to three credit hours, it's \$31.94, for four to six credit hours is \$62.34, for seven to nine credit hours is \$78.10. And for 10 To 11 credit hours is \$93.98. And the proposed student experience fee will be a flat fee of \$300 for part time students, and a flat fee of \$400 for full time students, so for full time students is a \$300 increase. And as far as the percentages 90% of the revenue should would go to the athletic department 6% would go to the marching band 1% for student activities, 1% for retention programs and 1% for an intramural and Club program, and then another 1% for student diversity programs.

**President Charles** 1:01:00

And I just want to add, President Angelo Charles, that this is per semester, this is not just a flat fee because this is per semester, that's all.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:01:09

Okay, does anyone Adam, did you have something to say?

**Senator Peters** 1:01:19

Proposed an edit to that. To put more towards, I guess, not athletics to change the percentages a little bit?

**Vice President Moss** 1:01:31

So, correct me President Charles, if I'm wrong on this, but the referendum was already submitted to the board and approved by the ULS board. So the percentages are the percentages unless the student body votes no. Then if they decide they want to revisit it, whenever they do that, yes, but as of like, now, when y'all vote in November, these are the percentages and what it will be

**President Charles** 1:02:01

your correct.

**Senator Mott** 1:02:02

I have- I have an addition to that as well, actually.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:02:07

Okay, Brendan, go ahead.

**Senator Mott** 1:02:09

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts. So um, Jordan, I would say it may perhaps some, and obviously, it's it's up to athletics, but I think it would be a good idea. If we can present, the kind of the things Tim Duncan told us last semester in the old Senate session on exactly like what the presentation had, and like, Why the big focus was on athletics, I think that would help clear some of the understanding.

**Vice President Moss** 1:02:35

So, um, thank you, Brendan, when I go to my meeting with him on Monday, I'll see if he can send that PowerPoint to me again. And then maybe if we have time, during the meeting, I can present some of the important slides or show you all some of the important slides. Or if you just want it, you can email me and I can send it directly to you. But the PowerPoint did have more information on the statistics and things like that, as far as how they pulled their numbers.

**Senator Martinez** 1:03:07

Yeah, so I don't know I kind of was doing the math, as you told me. So basically, it's a 300% increase is what you're saying from the initial

**Vice President Moss** 1:03:20

According to the search algorithm, correct?

**Senator Duong** 1:03:24

I'm Tiffany, did you have something to say?

**Advisor Courseault 1:03:28**

Tiffany, Advisor, I was going to say I can send the PowerPoint to everyone tonight Jordan. I do have it in my email.

**Senator Martinez 1:03:39**

Okay, and also Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences. So I also think that the framing is very important of this the way you put it, like my thing, "oh, a 300% increase in the athletics budget.: Well, that sounds awful. You know what I'm saying? Everybody's like, "Holy, moly. That's pretty significant." But when you frame it, it's like, "oh, you know, we're raising the athletics budget." That's more. I think, if we want to paint it in a more positive way, I think we should just say it's a raise. But I think it all depends on what we want to put out as a group of representatives. Because the percentages were, if I recall correctly, I don't remember the PowerPoint. They didn't have a percent increase in the amount. You had to kind of do the math yourself.

**Vice President Moss 1:04:31**

So as far as us being student advocates, we're not here to paint it in a positive light or a negative light. We're here to present the facts. So after our meeting with Tim, and I know report back to y'all, I guess during the next open forum, we'll discuss the facts of what it is and then I also have more information for y'all how the town halls will work. So maybe if we want to come in we just Snow present the facts, whether we're for it or against it, we have to kind of like remove that because it's going to be up to the students. So the fact is, we're paying more money, it's a 300% increase, regardless of what it's for who it's going towards, your fees will be increased. So-

**Senator Martinez 1:05:21**

Thank you

**VPLA Hinnawi 1:05:21**

Um, Matthew, I seen your hand raised.

**Senator Ricardo 1:05:27**

Yeah, I was just gonna ask if we I know you said in November, but can we have like an actual date that the vote is?

**Vice President Moss 1:05:35**

Miss Tiffany does have to date

**Advisor Gitlin 1:05:38**

Point of information. It's November 7, and it may be November 8, as well.

**Advisor Courseault 1:05:46**

You're gonna vote on it during the same time as you vote for the homecoming court.

**Senator Duong 1:05:54**

Okay, Brendan, did you have a question? I assume your hand raised?

**Senator Mott** 1:05:59

Um, no, I do not.

**Vice President Moss** 1:06:01

And then I also left this out of my report if we're moving away from the referendum. I'm gonna send you guys an email with a link to Bitmoji because I have an idea for our "Meet the SGA" flyer and I need you guys to create a Bitmoji if you already haven't Bitmoji I'll attach my number, I'm giving you guys my number. Please don't, you know, do weird stuff with it. But I will send you guys my number so you can send me your Bitmoji if you want me to put it on the flyer I would like to utilize you guys' Bitmojis on the flyer for my idea for "Meet the SGA" so I'll send you an email with like the link to the Bitmoji app and everything like that

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:06:47

Does anyone else have anything they want to bring up?

**Senator Martinez** 1:06:54

Oscar Martinez college of science, I motion to adjourn the meeting

**Senator Peters** 1:07:02

Adam Peters engineering Second the motion

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:07:07

Okay, um, I adjourn this meeting at 6:00 PM.

**President Charles** 1:07:14

Oh my god is the earliest we have ever ended.