

# SGA Meeting 10/19 Part 1

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## SPEAKERS

Senator Carbo, Senator Peters, Senator Lemons, President Charles, Senator Brown, Guest Trushyna, Senator Hymel, Senator Metzler, Clerk of Senate Lancaster, Brett Fornatoro, Senator Abadie, VPLA Hinnawi, Advisor Gitlin, Chief Justice Crenshaw, Senator Struiken, Senator Mott, Senator Crout, Senator Barnes, Senator Morales-Ramirez, Senator Plasse, Senator Fredrick, Vice President Moss, Senator Hunsaker, Parliamentarian Hymel, Pro Tempore Davidson, Senator Martinez, Senator Nguyen, Senator Sorlin, VPP Mailhes, Senator René, Senator Wilson, Senator Raihan

### VPLA Hinnawi 00:00

Okay, we're gonna go ahead and get started. Okay, so I know some things are still being printed, but we're not going to let that stop us. So, I call this meeting to order at 5:07pm. The Pro Tempore and the Parliamentarian are both present. So, I will now take roll. When I call your names, please stay present. Daniel Abadie?

### Senator Abadie 00:33

Present.

### VPLA Hinnawi 00:35

Rakeen Barnes?

### Senator Barnes 00:36

Present.

### VPLA Hinnawi 00:39

Michael Brown?

### Senator Brown 00:41

Present.

### VPLA Hinnawi 00:45

Ian Carbo?

**Senator Carbo** 00:46  
Present

**VPLA Hinnawi** 00:48  
Christian Crout?

**Senator Crout** 00:50  
Present.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 00:52  
Dylan Davidson?

**Pro Tempore Davidson** 00:54  
Present.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 00:54  
Cameron Fredrick?

**Pro Tempore Davidson** 00:58  
Present by Proxy

**VPLA Hinnawi** 00:59  
Daniel Hunsaker?

**Senator Hunsaker** 00:59  
Here.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 00:59  
Jenna Hymel?

**Parliamentarian Hymel** 01:02  
Present.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 01:05  
Cooper Lemons?

**Senator Lemons** 01:06  
Present.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 01:06  
Oscar Martinez?

**Senator Martinez** 01:09  
Yup!

**VPLA Hinnawi** 01:09

Chloe Metzler?

**Senator Metzler** 01:10

Present.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 01:12

Gabrielee Morales-Ramirez?

**Senator Morales-Ramirez** 01:16

Present.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 01:16

Brendan Mott?

**Senator Mott** 01:18

Present.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 01:18

Henry Nguyen?

**Senator Nguyen** 01:19

Here.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 01:20

Adam Peters?

**Senator Peters** 01:23

Present.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 01:23

Linda Plasse?

**Senator Plasse** 01:23

Present.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 01:24

Mahaut Sorlin?

**Senator Sorlin** 01:26

Present.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 01:28

Ghazi Raihan?

**VPLA Hinnawi 01:39**

Iniya René?

**Senator René 01:40**

Present.

**VPLA Hinnawi 01:44**

Damaro Strukien?

**Senator Struiken 01:47**

Present.

**VPLA Hinnawi 01:49**

Xavier Wilson?

**Senator Wilson 01:51**

Present.

**VPLA Hinnawi 01:51**

With 22 senators present, we do meet quorum. Are there any corrections or changes to today's agenda?

**Senator Mott 01:58**

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large, the agendas we have don't have the two additional bills. I'd like to motion to add those extra bills that you emailed to the agenda.

**VPLA Hinnawi 02:12**

Thank you Brendan, I was going to motion to do the same. So those are going to be the "Geaux Blue Gaming" Bill and the "Mental Health" Bill. Are there any other corrections to the agenda? With no objections to the agenda, it is approved. Are there any corrections or changes to the minutes from last meeting? With no objections to the minutes, they are approved. Are there any Senator communications or announcements? Are there any non-Senator communications or announcements?

**Senator Plasse 03:18**

Linda Plasse, College of Liberal Arts. So, for the month of October, it is the month of Breast Cancer Awareness month. So, every Wednesday the Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority will be tabling and from the library breezeway handing out pink ribbons, and on November 6, in the ballroom on UNOs campus we're hosting "Think Pink Bingo" to allocate more funds for Breast Cancer Awareness and Education as an event. So, November 6, 7 to 9 PM in the ballroom, there will be food and bingo games for a good cause.

**VPLA Hinnawi 03:48**

Thank you Linda. Jenna?

**Parliamentarian Hymel 03:49**

Jenna Hymel, Parliamentarian, to add onto what Linda is saying, Zeta Tau Alpha is doing the "Think Pink Bingo", it is \$10 a ticket. So with that being said, if you want to attend, you can talk to me or Linda, and we'll get y'all some tickets. Also that event is funded by SGA. So, this is y'all's doing so I really hope to see a lot of y'all at the event.

**VPLA Hinnawi 04:14**

Thank you Jenna. Cooper?

**Senator Lemons 04:17**

Cooper Lemons, College of Liberal Arts. I mentioned it in a chat between some of the Senators but the Biden Student Debt Relief Program- the application opened this past week. You can get up to \$20,000 relieved in loans if you qualify for a Pell Grant or \$10,000 any other way that you have debt, so y'all should look that up. It took less than five minutes.

**VPLA Hinnawi 04:44**

Awesome, thank you so much. Are there any other non-Senator communications or announcements? Does the President Pro Tempore have a report? Do any other committees have a report?

**Parliamentarian Hymel 05:11**

Jenn Hymel, Parliamentarian, good evening everyone, since the last meeting, rules passed- rules passed three bills, which those are the three bills that you see right now on the agenda. I did not have a meeting this week, so please write bills, sponsor bills, look around campus, see what needs to be done so we can have something to do in our meetings. And then on a side note, I do have a shout out to- oh, he's not here- Senator Frederick and Senator Morales-Ramirez for attending the Leadership Retreat with me. And next year I really hope to see- Oh, and Emil. I really hope to see more faces out there. It is a great experience for people who are a little bit unsure about being a leader and like- if you want to get more involved, it's a great- [Audio Error] -Todd and Tiffany were there, they did an amazing job. So can everyone give them a round of applause? [Applause] And that is all I have for my report. Oh, and I yield the rest of my time for questions.

**VPLA Hinnawi 06:32**

Oh, all right. Thank you Jenna. Do any other committees have a report?

**Senator Hunsaker 06:50**

Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large, so I am the Student Affairs Committee head and so basically, I got everything from Jordan, of all the organizations on campus. I created, literally a giant Excel spreadsheet, and I assigned all the delegates, but what I'm doing is putting the assignment into the spreadsheet and all the emails together, everything y'all need to do for my committee, and then from there, all you're going to do just email the organizations and then we're going to be in contact with them to make sure they're still on campus and make sure we're able to tell them about SGA and all that we

offer. Obviously, I was sick with the flu last week, I had to catch up on assignments. I really wanted to get all this stuff into- all this stuff to y'all before this meeting, but obviously that didn't happen. But for that, we're obviously just communicating to all organizations on campus, making sure they know about SGA and that means we need more Senators because when you look at the delegate list, you're gonna be surprised, but some of y'all have like five or six organizations, and that's quite a lot. You know, we can't- we can't actually support that organization if y'all have five or six organizations, y'know? So we obviously need more Senators in the Senate, and that's what we're gonna promote. So the other thing I wanted to talk about was the "Wake the Lake" program. So I've been in contact as the Athletics Delegate, with the marketing director of the "Wake the Lake" Matt Thompson, who works under Tim Duncan, essentially he wants like a- like delegates or like people under his "Wake the Lake" program, where are you going to get like a free T-shirt, be part of tabling events, or informing the student body about the "Wake the Lake" and the vote that's going to happen on Homecoming Day and everything else for that program, you also get to be in like their video and stuff like that. So if anybody is interested, meet with me after the Senate, and I'll send you the Google Form and you fill that out and all that. That's all I have, I yield my time for questions. Jenna?

**Parliamentarian Hymel** 09:03

Jenna Hymel, Parliamentarian, if someone who isn't in the committee, and they are in an organization, can we contacted you to be a delegate for that?

**Senator Hunsaker** 09:13

Yeah, it's fine.

**Vice President Moss** 09:17

Vice President Moss, point of information, the street- the "Wake the Lake" Street Team is for any student who is interested in supporting the-

**Senator Hunsaker** 09:30

So, "Wake the Lake" is essentially like the promotion of voting yes, for a football team and all the other sports teams on campus that raise tuition and that- and essentially, we're like the street team. And so we're just promoting and informing everybody about it. And then there's gonna be like promotional videos and stuff that come out too, you'd be in all that.

**Unknown Speaker** 09:56

Like an ambassador?

**Senator Hunsaker** 09:57

Yeah, an Ambassador. There we go.

**Senator Martinez** 09:59

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences. So things are going well with the "Wake the Lake"? There's no push back or anything?

**Senator Hunsaker** 10:04

Ah, I mean, for me, I haven't really been involved in that besides communicating with the marketing director, he hasn't really told me anything about that. But- But yeah, I mean, like, we're gonna be doing tabling events, I'm sure- I'm sure something's gonna happen. But if y'all want to be part of this whole thing, meet me after Senate, and we'll fill out the form. Any more questions?

**VPLA Hinnawi** 10:27

All right. Thank you so much. Does anyone else have a report? Does the President have a report?

**President Charles** 10:42

Yes. All right, President Angelo Charles. How y'all doing today? Um, my first item on my report is we met with Administr- Administration yesterday, we discussed a few things but the biggest thing that came from that discussion was assignments on break. So most of us, I don't know, in my experience, we did get assigned an assignment on break. That's something I'm totally not in support of. If I'm- If they're going to give me a break, I'm not doing anything. [Laughter] With that being said, I will be meeting with faculty senate next week to discuss writing a resolution so faculty cannot assign an item during break. That is not a guarantee as professors do have total jurisdiction on what is on their syllabi. A resolution is just a formal recommendation. So that is something I'm working on. As you all know, the Inauguration is next week, I'm very excited. For those of you who are newly appointed, who may be appointed today, or those of you who are won your election, you guys will have a formal process to be appointed and take your oath of office, but as well as our current Senators, you guys will have the opportunity to be recognized in a formal way. Dr. Nicklow will be there, as well as a special guest, her name is Charlene Womac. She is a lawyer. Jordan will go into details about- how we're going to do things and the uniform policy. The Executive Board is moving forward with calendar planning, so we're going to focus on the spring semester. We do plan on doing at least one more event as a whole for SGA for the semester, closer towards finals season, but we're just going to calendar plan. We will have a Town Hall in November. Todd correct me if I'm wrong, but it'll be Tuesday, November 1. We'll have a town hall. Speak about our Constitution and the football referendum. This will be a general message as a student government, especially for my executive board, we are here as administrators for this referendum. You guys can individually support, but pleased to not speak on behalf of the entire SGA when it comes to this referendum, because not everyone supports it. So we have to be, you know, cognizant about our role in this process. As far as executive orders, I am signing one later on this week, for the funding of this Inauguration. This is coming out of my account. This is something I, along with my executive board, I would like you all to recognize your silence. I am paying for that. With that being said, this is a legislative body. While we do have bills and we do have money to fund organizations and events, there is also power in resolution and writing. As you know, UNO is not perfect, we walk around campus, there's handles broken, there's bathrooms not being completed, there's negative representation with faculty. Unfortunately, I have not had a black professor in my years of being here until this year. I've been here for four years. There's no diversity on faculty, I'm gonna say it, and this is more things I'm going to be discussing about. So we need to elevate our conversations, we need to elevate our resolutions. This is not a body that anyone in this room will be sitting and stagnant, because if you feel like you've been stagnant, there's other organizations you can do that in. So feel empowered, survey your campus, Milneburg Hall- y'all know about Milneburg Hall [Laughter]. This is not perfect. We are the- We Are the students and we are the Student Government Association who can make Administration move. A bill, that's cool with the finance and have this, but a resolution is longer-

standing and administration legally has to respond to this. With that being said, the student ID resolution was sent to the Administration, and we will be hearing a response. So, with that being said, I'm gonna end off with a quote. "If your voice is high, only a few people will hear but if your thought is high, everyone will hear" so, make sure we hold our thoughts high, and I stand open for questions- [Applause] Oh, one more thing. I forgot to recognize people- don't start the questions. Um, Senator Daniel Hunsaker, Xavier Wilson, Brendan, and Iniya, can y'all stand, please stand. So these people have been working, Daniel and Brendan have been tabling in- where? Pontchartrain Hall, working on getting communication out. Senator Wilson and Iniya have been, you know, communicating things. We've been discussing their plans. This is the future. This is what we want. This is activity. So this is what I'm talking about when I say people are elevating their thoughts, these are the best examples, so can we give them a round of applause. [Applause] Any questions? Alright, thank you.

**VPLA Hinnawi 16:02**

Thank you. Does the Vice President have a report?

**Vice President Moss 16:07**

Vice President Moss, our operating account numbers are \$20,725 our reserve account numbers are \$241,854 and-

**President Charles 16:20**

That's wrong. We aren't reporting the reserve account numbers right now.

**Vice President Moss 16:26**

I take that back, that is not our reserve account numbers. So two reminders, I need you guys to respond to the calendar invite regarding the retreat, because I need to know who will be in attendance and if you won't be in attendance, please submit those documents to SGAVP@uno.edu, and then also we need you guys to respond to the Inauguration invitation. I know there was a mix-up in the emails on the invitation it was listed as my.uno.edu. But I did fix that, so you guys can register with your regular @uno.edu email address. And also regarding the Inauguration, we are going to respectfully enforce the dress code, the dress code is semi formal to formal attire. So we ask that you please come as requested. So if you have any questions regarding the attire or maybe what you can or can't wear, feel free to send me an email, but we will be enforcing your dress code. So, I would hate to turn anyone around, but if I have to, I will. I yield the rest of my time for questions. Yes?

**Senator Hunsaker 17:39**

Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large so I'm kind of confused. Is in- Inauguration, that's next Wednesday?

**Vice President Moss 17:45**

Yes,

**Senator Hunsaker 17:46**

Is that going to take place of the senate meeting?

**Vice President Moss 17:49**

Yes, it's going to take the place of the Senate meeting.

**Parliamentarian Hymel 17:52**

Jenna Hymel, Parliamentarian, if we have, like work, can just send you like our work schedule?

**Vice President Moss 18:01**

Yes.

**Parliamentarian Hymel 18:02**

Thank you.

**Vice President Moss 18:03**

Also, I forgot to mention on behalf of our Clerk of Senate, when you guys are speaking, please don't forget to state your name and college and also, we're going to ask that everyone stand up now when they're speaking just so everything is clear on the system when it's time for them to transcribe. Unless you have submitted reason to not do so. Any more questions? Alright thank you.

**VPLA Hinnawi 18:36**

We will now move on to my report. It's pretty light. The first thing I kind of wanted to talk about was each organization on campus- as homecoming is coming up, we get to nominate two of our members for Homecoming Court, the Exec Board decided to nominate someone, so we're gonna be nominating our VP Jordan, and then I thought for a second nomination, that can be anyone. Would anyone be interested in being on the- from the Senate for Homecoming Court?

**Senator Martinez 19:11**

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences, I'll do it. [Laughter]

**VPLA Hinnawi 19:16**

Is anyone else interested?

**Senator Mott 19:19**

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large, I rise in support of Oscar being on Homecoming Court.

**VPLA Hinnawi 19:24**

Okay, Cool. So moving on, Inauguration is next week. I know we announced that the Senate Meeting is cancelled. So I don't want to cause any confusion. The Senate meeting is canceled, and we will be having Inauguration at 5pm. You guys are usually pretty present for the Senate meetings, so I would hope that you will all RSVP and be present for the Inauguration. And if you have any questions on that, you can email me or Jordan and that is fine. Also, please respond to Jordan's emails about the Retreat. Anyone who sent me a response, I have forwarded them to Jordan, so don't worry about sending those in again. I would also like to say- let my last thing is I'm going to be starting one-on-one meetings with people, and those will be random. So look at your emails. It'll just be me reaching out to connect so that I can do better. I want each and every one of you to feel like you have my full support and that I can be a backbone. So we're going to be doing like little check-ins- it won't be a regular thing. And if you hear

somebody had their meeting and you didn't even get an email yet, I'm like going down the list. So- oh, also I sent out a cute calendar in your email. I didn't print it because October is pretty much over and I'm hoping that going forward, I'll be having a calendar actually ready for you guys before the month starts. So if you are in any organizations, like, for example, the bingo and you want to put it on there, we usually put SGA stuff, SAC stuff, but like we can add on some stuff if you want the Senate's support on that. Just shoot me an email and I can add it on. Any questions?

**Senator Metzler** 21:15

Chloe Metzler, Sophomore at Large. Are you planning on printing out next month's email so I can put it- so we can put it in our binders?

**VPLA Hinnawi** 21:22

The calendar, you mean?

**Senator Metzler** 21:24

Yes,

**VPLA Hinnawi** 21:25

I already have it started. Any other questions? All right. Does the Vice President of Programming have a report?

**VPP Mailhes** 21:38

I do. Hey y'all, next week SAC is hosting a collaboration event with MSA: Muslim Student Association. We'll be having a food fest as the quad, in front of the library, October 25, Tuesday, at 12:30-2:00. Come out, it's gonna be really fun, we're gonna have free drinks, and some free food, and then some food for sale for organizations on campus stuff, come on to support and then on Thursday, October 27. We're going to have an open mic night at the Cove. It's going to be hosted by a local comedian. Starts at 6 PM, have any talents? Come showcase them, love to hear and that's all for our events in October, but like Azizah mentioned, we are still doing Homecoming team so if you're part of any org outside of SGA please nominate them, become a team, it'll be fun and you can nominate two people to be on court, doesn't matter their gender, just two people. So definitely do that. Do I have any questions? Thank y'all!

**VPLA Hinnawi** 22:41

Awesome. Does the judicial have a report?

**President Charles** 22:45

All right, so I'll be speaking on behalf of the Chief Justice Dewayne Crenshaw, these are not my words. These are his:

**Chief Justice Crenshaw** 23:02

"This is a long report, so get comfortable. Hello Senate, I wanted to start my Official Chief Justice Report off by making myself very clear when I say that no member of the Judiciary Supreme Court is allowed, or will engage in idle gossip, small talk, or any conversation regarding a case, the potential

fruition of a case, or an active case. Any questions that you have about the official process should be directed exclusively to the advisors, as to not impact the impartiality that we as a Judiciary Court operate on. It is very inappropriate for you to text, call, or reach out to any member of Judiciary Court via personal numbers, Instagram, Samsung Smart Refrigerator, etc. I know many of you may have questions and we are more than willing to help in directing you, at a reasonable and appropriate time. I wanted to also take a moment to reiterate some of the major key points that were made regarding the protest of Case #122-1 Judicial Decision, since the dean of students has suddenly taken interest in fairness and order as it pertains to the senate and students. [Read with sarcasm and a smile, please] Senate, a student government association mostly run by unpaid or underpaid volunteers apparently has control over the official SGA Website therefore the agenda is to be posted 24 hours prior to meetings. In the future questioning is to end promptly when time is called, this is nonnegotiable; if anyone wishes to extend time to allow questioning to continue, they may. Before you proceed to the next stage of business VPLA MUST ALWAYS ask if someone would like to motion to extend time before proceeding, even though it is implied, it must be asked by Vice President of Legislative Affairs before moving on ALWAYS. Since Dean of Students has taken it upon themselves to interpret our ambiguous rules it must be clearly stated when executive session has officially ended, common sense would state that an executive session has ended when voting begins, because voting cannot happen in an executive session, but this within many other things are within sparse supply, so an official "motion, second, and a vote is required to begin and end an executive session". Not following this line of actioning could be viewed as voting while in executive session which could potentially negate anything passed or rejected within this time frame. We have also been told that SGA being able to make our own rules is partially true, but we must abide by state law in certain areas, but I guess this doesn't pertain to the part where senators, justices, and other government officials are paid a salary for their labor and services. And since being able to alter financial compensation of individual who in the real eye of the law are paid, it's safe to say the alterations we've made to fit the needs of the student body pale in comparison. The Supreme Court has been very busy since the start of the semester, and we are working around the clock for the betterment of student life. I am currently in the process of revising and cleaning up the Judiciary Rules and Procedures that I will be introducing to senate after it's been reviewed and gone through the proper channel. 'The tragedy of life is no found in failure but complacency' - Benjamin E. Mays"

**President Charles** 26:28

Dwayne- Chief Justice Dwayne E. Crenshaw. I stand open for Dwayne's questions. Thanks.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 26:40

Do the advisors have a report?

**Advisor Gitlin** 26:44

No report. [Laughter]

**VPLA Hinnawi** 26:45

Okay, since there's no old business, we are now moving to new business. Do I hear a motion to hear new business?

**Parliamentarian Hymel 27:02**

Jenna Hymel, Parliamentarian, I motion to hear new business.

**Senator Peters 27:05**

Adam Peters College- Adam Peters, College of Engineering, Second the motion.

**VPLA Hinnawi 27:12**

All right. So first piece of new business is- let's do the Chess Club Bill because I think everyone has a copy right? Everyone has a copy of the Chess Club Bill? Okay, so let's start with that.

**Senator Mott 27:51**

My name is Brendan Mott, I'm a Graduate at Large Senator, and I'm speaking on behalf of the Chess Club, the President of the Chess Club Katie Spetter, who did author most of this bill was unable to attend, but I just wanted to speak on behalf of it. So, the Chess Club is requesting \$130 from the Senate Operating Account to purchase these little chess boards, and if you look at pictures, they may look kind of small but they're actually the ones you can lay on a table, they can be folded really easily taken around campus, and they will have the pieces with them. We actually provided three quotes from three different locations. And when we took a screenshot, there was a sale happening but, in the bill, we did say that "Okay, the sale might not be happening so we asked for the extra money," but as you all already know, the money that is not spent would come back to the SGA. So, if we did end up spending \$11 instead of \$13, you would be given the \$11 and those- those other \$2 would go back to the Senate. And we're asking for this because the Chess Club has actually made tournaments and sometimes these tournaments are not just open to UNO, but open around the state. So, this actually helps to bring people to campus, which helps to improve our University. And it just- it's a really fun thing to be a part of on a night off, and I encourage all of you if you ever want to, come learn how to play chess with the chess club. And I yield my time for questions.

**VPLA Hinnawi 29:08**

Does anyone have any questions for Brendan?

**Senator Wilson 29:12**

Xavier Wilson College of Liberal Arts. Are you a member of the Chess Club?

**Senator Mott 29:15**

I am.

**Senator Wilson 29:16**

Okay, and also, has the Chess Club done any previous tournaments and what were the outcomes of those tournaments?

**Senator Mott 29:25**

Yes, they have done previous tournaments. They actually do multiple in a calendar year. They actually had one over the summer, I actually used to work as a temporary worker at the University Center. And I have directly, like, seen them book a room for a chess tournament. And it's people from like, all over,

will come to these tournaments. People from- from younger people like to like elderly people will come to these tournaments.

**Senator Peters 29:54**

Adam Peters College of Engineering point of information. These tournaments are like- I forgot what the chess, the official chess league is of the United States, but these are sanctioned tournaments. Like, you get a ranking at those tournaments and you have to participate in those rankings. These are not like- little like- sort of like state or- are they're not little like district level events, these are like state tournaments.

**Senator Mott 30:24**

Does anybody else have any questions?

**VPLA Hinnawi 30:29**

This is the time for questions. Okay, cool.

**Senator Mott 30:33**

Anybody else have any questions?

**VPLA Hinnawi 30:39**

All right, well, then we'll move forward to the debate. The next three minutes be controlled by the principal sponsor of the bill or the first senator to rise in support. So it's up to you if you wish to speak or yield your time to any of the senators.

**Senator Mott 30:52**

I wish to yield my time at any senators who would rise in support.

**Pro Tempore Davidson 30:56**

Dylan Davidson, College of Sciences/Pro Tempore, I don't know the order, but I rise in support because I'm a semi active member of the Chess Club. And the way I got introduced was they held an event in relation with a fraternity. And I went and it was fun. And the only problem was, too many people didn't come but they also only had four chess boards, like just enough for everybody that was there to be able to do it. So, if they have more- if we have more chess boards, more people who come, more people can learn chess, and it's like a you know, instead of like, you know, kickball club or you know, I say sports or anything but you know, it's a way to increase cognitive functioning, which is great for a college student. That's it.

**Senator Peters 31:39**

Yeah, so, I- Adam Peters, College of Engineering. I'm also a member of the Chess Club and currently the issue that we have been having is that we haven't had enough boards for the amount of people that want to play at any given time. So like, it would be really nice impact for trying to find a better space as well to have a larger number of people. But also, the Pricing for these chess boards is a great. These are some of the like best priced chess boards I've ever seen, at \$13 for a decent sized one and with pieces that will not break, so yeah.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 32:24

Okay, any other? Does anyone else rise in support? Does anyone rise in opposition of this bill?

**Senator Metzler** 32:45

Chloe Metzler, Sophomore at Large, I motion to vote.

**Senator Peters** 32:53

Adam Peters, College of Engineering, second to vote.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 32:55

Thank you. Can I also get a show of hands? [Show of Hands] Thank you. We will now move to a roll call vote. When I call your name Please vote yes, no, or abstain. Daniel Abadie?

**Senator Abadie** 33:10

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 33:12

Rakeen Barnes?

**Senator Barnes** 33:12

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 33:14

Michael Brown?

**Senator Brown** 33:15

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 33:16

Ian Carbo?

**Senator Carbo** 33:17

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 33:18

Christian Crout?

**Senator Crout** 33:20

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 33:20

Dylan Davidson?

**Pro Tempore Davidson** 33:22

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 33:22

Cameron Fredrick?

**Pro Tempore Davidson** 33:27

Yes by proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 33:27

Daniel Hunsaker?

**Senator Hunsaker** 33:28

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 33:29

Jenna Hymel?

**Senator Hymel** 33:30

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 33:31

Cooper Lemons.

**Senator Lemons** 33:32

Yes

**VPLA Hinnawi** 33:33

Oscar Martinez?

**Senator Martinez** 33:34

Yep.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 33:35

Chloe Metzler?

**Senator Metzler** 33:36

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 33:38

Gabrielee Morales-Ramirez?

**Senator Morales-Ramirez** 33:39

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 33:40  
Brandon Mott?

**Senator Mott** 33:41  
Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 33:42  
Henry Nguyen?

**Senator Nguyen** 33:43  
Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 33:44  
Adam Peters?

**Senator Peters** 33:45  
Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 33:46  
Linda Plasse?

**Senator Plasse** 33:47  
Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 33:49  
Mahaut Sorlin?

**Senator Sorlin** 33:49  
Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 33:50  
Iniya René?

**Senator René** 33:51  
Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 33:52  
Damario Strukien?

**Senator Struiken** 33:54  
Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 33:55

Xavier Wilson?

**Senator Wilson** 33:56

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 33:59

With 22 yeases, zero nose and zero abstentions, the bill has passed. We will now move on to the next bill. I believe we all have a copy of the mental health bill in front of us. Will the authors and the sponsors of this bill, please come forward and state your name for the record and you will have six minutes to introduce your bill.

**Senator Carbo** 34:59

Ian Carbo, College of Business Administration. So the reason I sponsored this Bill for Mental Health training from Metropolitan Human Services is because during one of my Health Management Administration classes, we had a guest speaker, Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham, who was the first African American Assistant Secretary and Medical Director for the State's Office of Behavioral Health in Louisiana. She came to speak about the class, about this rising issue, not only across the American public but specifically amongst college students, which is mental health and college students are shown to be a risk- a very significant risk factor when it comes to mental health due to the pressures that they are under, including school and many people also after work. So I sponsored this bill because I felt that Mental Health First Aid Training is necessary to the UNO Community, because college students have been shown to be at a higher risk when it comes to mental health crises and other Mental Health First Aid Training will help the UNO community recognize the signs of a Mental Health Crisis and more appropriately respond.

**Brett Fornatoro** 36:13

I was approached by Senator Carbo to help him write this bill, which is why I'm listed as- under authors. Brett Fornatoro- I'm yet to be inaugurated, I'm still technically a student- So Senator Carbo approached me to write this bill seeking help, kind of putting everything together and whatnot. And when he kind of illustrated what the bill would be about, I was very eager to help out. Mental health is something that I've struggled with, I've seen other people struggle, and it's something that needs to be addressed. And I think this gives SGA an opportunity to speak up about mental health.

**Senator Carbo** 37:05

I yield my time for any questions. Senator Martinez?

**Senator Martinez** 37:10

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences. So, I see that you have the Mental Health First Aid training supplies. What comprises these packages? And why do you need 20 of them?

**Senator Carbo** 37:23

So, 20 would be for each particular student. It's a \$25 fee per student for the supplies needed. This would consist about two-hour in-house training that you do prior to the Mental Health Training event, and then it would be at five hour in-person training event. I have worked with Metropolitan Human

Services, which would be the organization doing the training and I was in contact with Director Zimmerman, who is the Director of the Healthcare Management Program here at UNO. And He also voiced a lot of support and has been helping me with work with the College of Business Administration on getting this program through. Senator Davidson?

**Pro Tempore Davidson 38:18**

Dylan Davidson, Pro Tempore/College of Sciences, so it says it will, the training will help UNO, community recognize the signs of a Mental Health Crisis. So, will it more be directed as students or teachers or like everyone whomever wants to come?

**Senator Carbo 38:33**

So, it's more directed towards students. In the bill, it says that all students, regardless of college are invited to attend. And this would be to help people just really- when someone's going through a crisis, and you need to be able to- to respond and time is of the essence. A lot of us- I know myself- don't really know how to respond in those situations and I've been found in those situations on a multitude of times, whether it be car crashes, or people feeling down and depressed about different things happening in life. And I feel like with this training, I will know the steps that are appropriate and the steps that are encouraged by the mental health professionals. Senator Mott?

**Senator Mott 39:29**

I have a question, It is more of a Parliamentary inquiry, so everyone else can ask their questions first.

**Senator Carbo 39:36**

Senator Metzler?

**Senator Metzler 39:38**

What is your expected outcome on this event?

**Senator Carbo 39:41**

So currently, we do have a pretty decent list of people who are interested. There were about four from my Healthcare Management class who said they were very interested in attending this training, which were- provided some support for me to go ahead and push this through SGA. I know a few of the members of my fraternity are also interested in, because being in college there are a lot of risk factors, and it would be to have- good to have a few people who are trained in mental health first aid.

**Senator Metzler 40:19**

So, numbers wise, what are you expecting?

**Senator Carbo 40:23**

We're expecting RSVP for 20 people since each- Since the money is a limited amount, we can only have 20 people. So, it'd be first come, first serve. We would hope to have that list into Metropolitan by November 1st. Senator Sorlin?

**Senator Sorlin 40:45**

Mahaut Sorlin, College of Sciences, have you reached out to Counseling Services? Because I know they do provide workshops and I don't know if they could do those kind of things, but that could be something to expand on this.

**Senator Carbo** 40:59

I know that Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham had explained that originally these trainings cost about \$175 per person, but because we are an organization of many college students, they would make the supply fee only \$25 Because it's going towards a good cause. And it's many of the other organizations that contract Metropolitan for these trainings are companies and different business.

**Brett Fornatoro** 41:34

If I may, from what I understand this is like a very specialized training.

**Senator Carbo** 41:40

Vice President Moss?

**Vice President Moss** 41:43

Do you have a formal quote from the company, and do you know if they're willing to accept a purchase order?

**Senator Carbo** 41:50

I do have a formal quote from the company. I have emails between me and the- our contact of Metropolitan Human Services and emails, connecting them with the Budgeting Director of the College of Business Administration.

**Vice President Moss** 42:11

Okay, and then I do have a follow up question, since the cap would be for twenty students, but it says all students are invited in the bill, what measures are you going to take in marketing the event, so that all stu- will be first come first serve, that all students across campus have equal opportunity to sign up over just Business Administration Students?

**Senator Carbo** 42:33

Yes, so we will be publicizing the event via fliers all over campus in the UC, the Library, a lot of big major foot-traffic areas. We will also be posting this to various social medias and through the UNO Healthcare Management programs media channels. We will also be sending it to email to any of the advisors who might want to push it out to their specific colleges, of interest and it would be a email where people could respond that saying- that they are very interested and that they can RSVP that they will be able to make it November 12th, from 12-5. Yes, President Angelo Charles?

**President Charles** 43:22

Did you say people already are RSVP-ing?

**Senator Carbo** 43:25

No one has RSVPed as of this moment. Senator Wilson?

**Senator Wilson** 43:32

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts. Would it be possible to amend this bill to only support for 19 people since to my knowledge if it's over \$500 That requires a 30 day notice. A thousand? Okay.

**Senator Carbo** 43:51

Senator Martinez?

**Senator Martinez** 43:54

Just- never mind, I rescind my question.

**Senator Carbo** 43:59

Senator Abadie?

**Senator Abadie** 44:01

Daniel Abadie, College of Liberal Arts, has the College of Business Administration ever organized an event like this before?

**Senator Carbo** 44:09

So, the College of Business Administration has definitely organized many workshops of different trainings and stuff. This would be the first time that they hosted a training for something health related, but because of the Healthcare Management Program is spearheading this program with the help of Director Zimmerman, this would be the first time that it's very- health- a health-related workshop. Senator Lemons?

**Senator Lemons** 44:42

Cooper Lemons, College of Liberal Arts, so with that, and the fact that it says "to the assisting College of Business Administration in hosting this, is the college doing anything beyond just operating out of Kirschman or are they endorsing it and supporting the actual training?

**Senator Carbo** 45:01

So, Director Zimmerman is actively supporting this program. He will be using some of the Business- of the College of Business Administration, the Healthcare Management funds to also help support this event by providing food and helping with media and advertising.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 45:22

Thank you and that's time on questions, unless anyone wishes to extend. Brendan?

**Senator Mott** 45:29

Do I have to extend to-?

**VPLA Hinnawi** 45:30

It'd be a motion to extend for six minutes.

**Senator Mott** 45:33

Okay. Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large, I motion to extend for six minutes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 45:38

is there a second?

**Senator Metzler** 45:41

Chloe Metzler, Sophomore at Large. I motion to- I second the motion.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 45:44

Okay. Alright. You can continue

**Senator Carbo** 45:47

Are there any other questions? Senator Hunsaker?

**Senator Hunsaker** 45:52

Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large. Say I'm a student and I RSVP, sign up for everything, go to the event, what exactly happens?

**Senator Carbo** 46:02

So, once all of the names would be sent into Metropolitan November 1st, and they would send you a link to a two-hour in-house training that you would do before the event. Once that had been completed, you will be all set to go for the in-person training, which would be hosted at Kirschman Hall. The- Senator Zimmerman is working with Metropolitan on connecting the technology. They would bring their laptop and give the demonstration. It would just be, basically, one of the lectures that you would see as any other workshops that you might find in another college, and once it had been completed, you will get a certification that you have completed the Mental Health First Aid Training. I know that with my organization, Phi Kappa Sigma, afterwards we would be interested in volunteering since we would now be trained in Mental Health First Aid Training.

**Vice President Moss** 47:12

Vice President Moss, point of information, we can fund this event, if the Senate chooses to do so however, the Metropolitan, they would have to be willing to accept a purchase order. So-

**Senator Carbo** 47:25

Yeah, I will definitely let them know that right away and I will also get in contact with the Director of- the Budget Director over at the College of Business Administration.

**Vice President Moss** 47:38

When you contact them, will you just cc me onto that?

**Senator Abadie** 47:41

Yeah, of course. Senator Mott?

**Senator Mott** 47:45

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large, I have a parliamentary inquiry for this bill. Can we pass a bill without having to vote on the bill because historically we could not?

**VPLA Hinnawi** 47:54

Like the actual quote?

**Senator Mott** 47:55

Yeah, like an actual like quote from the company-

**VPLA Hinnawi** 47:58

So, technically, the budget portion of the bill that you see here. That is how it is usually formatted. The quote though, is submitted to SGA and that will be okay. But I- we've never attached them to the physical actual bills that we sign. Some people do, some people choose to, but on the budget portion, just like if you ever look at our website, the samples that are available. And some of the other bills maybe in front of you might also have some of them.

**President Charles** 48:27

Oh, yes. So at the conclusion of your statement, you stated that it will give Phi Kappa an opportunity to administer the training because you guys will be training- I'm confused on that. You guys will be registered in this training?

**Senator Carbo** 48:42

We are not registered to be able to provide training, we would just be able- we would just be trained in Mental Health First Aid-

**President Charles** 48:51

Right.

**Senator Carbo** 48:52

-and that would open up opportunities for us to volunteer for service out of the-

**President Charles** 48:57

So, if you guys are not already RSVP, so are paying for Phi Kappa or Business Administration?

**Senator Carbo** 49:02

So you will be paying for the event as a whole. I'm just saying that there's interest from Phi Kappa Sigma for RSVPing for the event

**President Charles** 49:12

So you guys will be registering?

**Senator Carbo** 49:15

If it passes, I know that there are about 3 people who are interested.

**President Charles** 49:20

Okay.

**Senator Carbo** 49:23

Yes, Senator Nguyen?

**Senator Nguyen** 49:25

Henry Nguyen, College of Sciences, out of curiosity. So, after you complete the training, you get like a certificate or something?

**Senator Carbo** 49:33

I know that they said that you would receive certification. I do not know whether that will be a specific certificate or whether an email, but I know that they mentioned at the end of the training you would receive certification from Metropolitan Health.

**Senator Nguyen** 49:48

Alright, Thank you.

**Senator Carbo** 49:50

Daniel Hunsaker?

**Senator Hunsaker** 49:51

Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large, um, so this is something that we get a certificate for. Why do we want students to attend the event and not faculty members?

**Senator Carbo** 50:02

So, the reason why we want students to attend the event is because this was a- when the event was first proposed to me by Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham, she mentioned that college students were of a significant risk factor when it comes to mental health crisis and a lot of us are more in the situations where there will be a crisis. I know myself, last year I was in a car crash with a few of my friends. And a lot of them were going through these mental- like they were having panic attacks and I tried my best to get their mind off things, but I was not myself trained. And if I was to have received a training like this, I would have felt much more comfortable and much more able to respond appropriately in those types of situations. I understand that faculty like we have the Therapist Lounge on campus, where you can go for counseling, but this would be more in moments of crisis that you'll be able to understand how to appropriately respond to hopefully deescalate.

**Brett Fornatoro** 51:17

I'd also like to add to that, this is something that I've lost friends over to suicide from mental health issues, and it's something I've always blamed myself for not being able to recognize.

**Senator Carbo** 51:32

I believe that I tend to, you know, want to get a full statement. Students are more involved in the issue with other students. Faculty members can definitely look over and try their best, but no one knows what we're going through better than us.

**VPLA Hinnawi 51:51**

Thank you and with that, I will call time. We will now enter into debate. Now, do any senators rise in opposition of this bill?

**Senator Metzler 52:12**

Chloe Metzler, Sophomore at Large, I rise in opposition of this bill. I rise in opposition to this bill. I think that this isn't going to get enough student interest- honestly, if I'm being honest here. I don't think that this bill will have enough student interest. And also, if it did, I do think it's very exclusive to only 20 people if it were to get as much attention as it's being said.

**Senator Martinez 52:46**

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences, I would like to motion to table this event. But keep in mind since this is a specific date posted, we wouldn't be able to vote on it till later. And I want to make sure that this bill has ample time to be digested because I believe we need more information on this bill. That's just how I feel. So

**Pro Tempore Davidson 53:06**

Dylan Davidson, College of Sciences, I agree with Oscar and also, I was going to ask how they got to the number of 20, because like she was saying it's more exclusive. We need as much people as possible trying to get informed of these things

**Senator Carbo 53:24**

I can answer why I went with 20.

**VPLA Hinnawi 53:34**

Yeah, he motioned, and Dylan seconded it- Does anyone object to the motion? If anyone objects? Okay. Xavier?

**Senator Wilson 53:48**

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts object to take away the motion.,

**VPLA Hinnawi 53:51**

Okay, then we are back in opposition. Okay, Cooper?

**Senator Lemons 53:56**

Cooper Lemons, College of Liberal Arts. The same reason as Chloe said. The issue with exclusivity, only reaching 20 students out of the several thousand that are on campus, it seems like a lot harder to reach out to a good number of other students. And then as Daniel mentioned, I also feel like reaching out, focusing the training on faculty or professors, that a lot of students do get personal with. That training would have a lot larger impact, at least for only getting 20 people trained.

**Senator Mott 54:35**

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large, to further Cooper's point, I did some math that would be only 0.3% of the students being trained in this. So, I also rise in opposition

**Senator Hunsaker 54:48**

Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large, I rise in opposition simply because I just don't think we have the information needed to vote on this or generally to get this bill passed. I just don't think there's enough communication from the Metropolitan Human Services. I wish they would have come in and said something because I just feel that disconnect.

**VPLA Hinnawi 55:14**

Does anyone else rise in opposition? Does anyone else rise in opposition to this bill? Okay, we will then move to, does anyone- Well, does the principal sponsor wish to speak?

**Senator Carbo 55:37**

I would like to speak to adjust a few things. Ian Carbo, College of Business Administration. I heard that the number 20 had been thrown around, the reason that I went with 20 was because at the time we had just passed a bill for over \$5000. I felt that having a bill of too large of an amount would cause it to fail as we had just spent a rather large amount. But you are very much welcome to amend the bill if you wish to increase the amount of people reached out for the event. And also, I believe that just because it would be a small amount of people getting trained, it is a rather intensive training, it is seven hours, five hours in person two hours beforehand. I believe that having these 20 people trained still will do a lot of good in the UNO community. They'll be able to reach out, members of different organizations can be contacted and be told about the event and just having this support network built from this event of people who are trained and are able to appropriately respond and help people through these issues is an important issue for us as college students. As- I know- Brett said, a lot of us know people who do struggle with their mental health. Now going to this training doesn't mean that everything's gonna magically get better for those people, but it allows you to understand what they're going through and appropriately respond with the steps that mental health professionals recommend most.

**VPLA Hinnawi 57:30**

Does anyone else rise in support? Jenna, do you rise in support? I saw your hand up first.

**Parliamentarian Hymel 57:40**

Jenna Hymel, Parliamentarian, I rise in support, because, correct me if I'm wrong, but this is like a first time event on campus. So to have like a large amount of supplies, say without really knowing how many students are going to come. We can always have another event. Like, we can always do this again, if more people are interested. I would support an amendment to make it more, just to have like a little bit of leeway, a little bit of pull but you have to think of the bigger picture and we need to see that, this is a first-time event, you're judging it as if it were a continuous event.

**VPLA Hinnawi 58:25**

Does anyone else? Daniel?

**Senator Abadie 58:27**

Daniel Abadie, College of Liberal Arts. Yeah, it seems like it's- yeah, if it's the quantity is too small, people don't support because it's exclusive, but if it's too much. It's like, well, no one's gonna attend- so it's, you know, lose-lose situation. I think 20 is a reasonable number for a first-time event. And if not that many people shouldn't show up for that event, then they can- the number can be lowered for planned future events. And if a lot of people are interested, it can be increased at a future date. I think it's a good litmus test for an event like this. So, I rise in support.

**Senator Peters 59:00**

Adam Peters, College of Engineering, motion to have Christian Crout proxy for the rest of the meeting.

**Senator Crout 59:06**

Christian Crout, College of Engineering, I second.

**VPLA Hinnawi 59:10**

Does anyone else rise in support?

**Senator Carbo 59:12**

I would like to- Ian Carbo, College of Business Administration. I would like to yield my time to Kateryna.

**Guest Trushyna 59:18**

My name is Kateryna, I've had some training before. Training, specifically, for women. Not necessarily for men and women. I'm familiar with the training, I went through it I think it's a great resource for students. And if possible, more students can attend to it. It's definitely helped me personally a lot. So it's just my experience.

**VPLA Hinnawi 59:42**

Does anyone else wish to rise in support this bill? Oscar?

**Senator Martinez 59:52**

Oscar Martinez College of Sciences, I yield my time to Senator- Sorry- Student Brett Fornatoro.

**Brett Fornatoro 1:00:01**

So it seems like this number 20 has kind of created some tension. I hope I'm not being too direct in saying this, but the alternative would be zero. At least we're giving students the opportunity to receive this training. I mean, the alternative is that students don't receive training at all. This is an opportunity.

**VPLA Hinnawi 1:00:24**

Thank you. Does anyone else wish to rise in support? Anyone else wish to rise in support? Oscar?

**Senator Hymel 1:00:35**

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences, I would like to motion to vote.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:00:37

Wait, I just want to ask, Does anyone have any amendments? Okay, I just wanted to give anyone who wished to amend the bill the opportunity. Okay. We will now move to a roll call vote. When I call your name, please vote yes, no, or abstain. Daniel Abadie?

**Senator Abadie** 1:01:04

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:01:05

Rakeen Barnes?

**Senator Barnes** 1:01:07

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:01:08

Michael Brown?

**Senator Brown** 1:01:08

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:01:09

Ian Carbo?

**Senator Abadie** 1:01:10

Yes.

**Senator Nguyen** 1:01:11

Christian Crout?

**Senator Crout** 1:01:12

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:01:13

Dylan Davidson?

**Pro Tempore Davidson** 1:01:15

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:01:15

Cameron Frederick?

**Senator Fredrick** 1:01:18

Abstain by Proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:01:18

Daniel Hunsaker?

**Senator Hunsaker** 1:01:19

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:01:21

Jenna Hymel?

**Parliamentarian Hymel** 1:01:22

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:01:24

Cooper Lemons?

**Senator Lemons** 1:01:24

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:01:28

Oscar Martinez?

**Senator Martinez** 1:01:28

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:01:30

Chloe Metzler?

**Senator Metzler** 1:01:31

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:01:33

Gabrielee Morales-Ramirez?

**Senator Morales-Ramirez** 1:01:35

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:01:37

Brendan Mott?

**Senator Mott** 1:01:38

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:01:40

Henry Nguyen?

**Senator Nguyen** 1:01:41

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:01:43

Adam Peters?

**Senator Crout** 1:01:43

Yes by proxy.

**Parliamentarian Hymel** 1:01:46

Linda Plasse?

**Senator Plasse** 1:01:47

Yes- Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:01:48

Mahaut Sorlin?

**Senator Sorlin** 1:01:49

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:01:52

Iniya René?

**Senator René** 1:01:53

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:01:53

Damario Strukien?

**Senator Struiken** 1:01:53

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:01:58

Xavier Wilson?

**Senator Wilson** 1:01:59

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:02:05

With 15 yeses, 6 nos, and one abstention. This bill does pass. [Applause] We will now move on to our final bill. The next bill we have is the Geaux Blue Gaming Bill, does everyone have a copy of it? Will the authors and sponsors of this bill, please come forward and state your name for the record?

**Senator Carbo** 1:02:59

So, Ian Carbo, College of Business Administration, this is a bill to allocate \$1,217.98 from the Senate operating account to assist Geaux Blue Gaming in funding equipment for hosting tournaments and events, which will be hosted in the eSports cafe in the Recreation Center on a weekly basis from 4:30-8:00pm, starting November 10th. So unfortunately, the author of today's bill Cooper Monzon couldn't be here because he is currently taking a midterm. However, I will be here to speak in favor of the bill in his miss. So Geaux Blue Gaming is currently the LCIRSA, which is the Louisiana College Intramural and Recreational Sports Association, Reigning champs of Rocket League, League of Legends, and Valorant, competing against teams from the colleges of Loyola and Nicholls to name a few. They wanted to host tournaments and gaming events on campus. To help drive student engagement, to help provide students with a positive social environment. This will also allow them to hold state tournaments for things like Smash for LCIRSA. The reason they are requesting the five monitors, another Nintendo Switch, and the Mirabox video capture card, and USB-C hub is so that they meet standards by LCIRSA to be able to hold the state tournaments for Smash, which would bring in e-sports players from all across the state to come and compete against our decorated e-sports team. I yield the rest of my time to questions. Senator Mott?

**Senator Mott** 1:05:09

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large, so, um, I happen to work in the same building as IT and I want to ask, are you aware that there's actually a policy of specific brands of computers and monitors that can be bought and has that been- Have you been approved to buy Asus monitors?

**Senator Carbo** 1:05:23

So the- Cooper Monzon who is the Vice President of Geaux Blue Gaming sent me the budget with- which he had worked with the Athletics department, because that's what's over the e-sports team about the required monitors and different equipment needed. President Charles, you had your hand up?

**President Charles** 1:05:56

Yes, I had multiple questions, Geaux Blue Gaming is an organization, correct?

**Senator Carbo** 1:06:01

Yes, it is a gaming organization on campus with 150 members

**President Charles** 1:06:08

And where would this be located at?

**Senator Carbo** 1:06:10

This will be located in the eSports café, it is in the Recreation Center and you can start go in, turn right.

**President Charles** 1:06:17

Do we not already have monitors?

**Senator Carbo** 1:06:19

They do already have monitors, but particular interest is that these monitors that they have are not the right hertz, For the- they need 165 hertz or 144 hertz to be able to qualify to be able to host the LCIRSA state Smash tournaments. Senator Mott?

**Senator Mott** 1:06:46

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large, so there are actually some computer labs in the library that have gaming computers. Have you thought about checking into those- that the one in the library that has to see if those monitors meet the criteria?

**Senator Carbo** 1:06:58

That's definitely a great resource. I would definitely let Cooper know in case anything happens. This bill had been brought to me to sponsor the bill. And I think it would just be a great idea for us to be able to host these events that drive student engagement and help bring students back to campus. Senator Crout?

**Senator Crout** 1:07:26

Christian Crout, College of Engineering, so speaking on behalf of Adam Peters- Senator Adam Peters, he wanted to try pushing for cheaper monitors, I think with the same question that President Angelo had, saying that Xbox, PS5, and Switch will need 120hz and most players can't notice a difference between 144hz and 165.

**Senator Carbo** 1:07:47

So unfortunately, the only problem with that is that the reason they are of that hertz is because that is the hertz required for the LCIRSA state tournaments. Senator Moss? I mean, Vice President Moss?

**Vice President Moss** 1:08:05

Vice President Moss, when they host this tournament, do you know if the Geaux Blue Gaming- do they gain money for hosting the tournament or will any revenue be generated?

**Senator Carbo** 1:08:17

So from what I've heard from Cooper is that the state tournament would be a charge but that would go to the athletics department. Senator- I mean, President Charles? [Laughter]

**President Charles** 1:08:35

Where will these be- Where would these monitors go after, you know, the event is over?

**Senator Carbo** 1:08:41

So the monitors would be kept within the eSports Cafe, under Geaux Blue Gaming.

**President Charles** 1:08:48

Okay.

**Senator Carbo** 1:08:50

Senator Lemons?

**Senator Lemons** 1:08:51

Cooper Lemons, College of Liberal Arts. There are similar monitors like 144hz for cheaper prices. So I don't think that these were necessarily, like, the best deal. They were probably the first and highest-rated, so as the other senators said, better prices could be found for these. And like this other Senator brought up, the computer lab has possibly the same monitors al- or not the same, but similar capability monitors already. This bill probably should not be presented already as- [Audio cut off] -recent devices.

**Senator Carbo** 1:09:30

Yeah, so point of information about the price, this is a reduced price. The first time I received this bill, this bill was \$2,300. And I was able to- work with them, talk with them about reducing the price, and we were able to get it reduced to the number that is on the bill today. Senator Martinez?

**Senator Martinez** 1:09:57

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences, so I see that you have a Nintendo Switch with JoyCons in there. Is there any particular reason that you guys need another one because I believe we just funded y'all one.

**Senator Carbo** 1:10:09

So the reasoning is that they currently have four Switch- Switches, which is the minimum required for LCIRSA, they did understand that the Switch might be amended out as VPLA Aziza had told me about the recent funding of the fourth Switch. They mentioned- they wanted me to mention that the reason they are asking for this fifth one is just in case one of the Switches, during the event, has some trouble- technical problems- so that they would have a backup ready to bring out- to not delay tournaments. Senator Charles- I mean, President Charles?

**President Charles** 1:10:57

It's okay, I'll be a Senator today. [Laughter] So if gaming is- a blue game and blue- whatever their name is, I'm sorry- If they're sponsoring it, why it's Athletics getting the money from the tournament?

**Senator Carbo** 1:11:10

I had spoke- spoken with Cooper, the Vice President- I wish he was here to be able to explain that a bit more from his perspective- but from what I had heard was that Geaux Blue Gaming is under the Athletics department as a student organization. And that's why it would be going to Athletics instead of directly to them.

**President Charles** 1:11:33

Thank you.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:11:34

Okay, and that is time unless anyone wish to extend time for questioning.

**Senator Mott** 1:11:40

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large, I'd like to extend five by six minutes.

**Senator Lemons** 1:11:44

Cooper Lemons College of Liberal Arts, I'll second that.

**Senator Carbo** 1:11:49

Senator Mott?

**Senator Mott** 1:11:50

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large, so a further question I have, as Senator Peters was saying, if they're kept in the eSports room, they wouldn't just be- would they just be used for tournaments or would they be used for people who just go in there and use the rooms? I do know sometimes students will go in there and use the computers and Switches that are already in there to play video games.

**Senator Carbo** 1:12:06

So these monitors would not only be used for tournaments, they will also be used for private tournaments, funded- like, held by Geaux Blue Gaming that are not competitive, and also for gaming events every Thursday 4:30-8:00pm. Senator Lemons?

**Senator Lemons** 1:12:29

Cooper Lemons, College of Liberal Arts. Did I hear you right, whenever President Angelo was asking you, you said that the Athletics department would be getting charged for the tournaments or will they be receiving money-?

**Senator Carbo** 1:12:43

President Charles can go first. They would be receiving the money from charges of the tournament. So for competitive tournaments by LCIRSA, there would be a fee to enter the tournament which is standard for LCIRSA tournaments, and from what I had heard from Cooper, was that this any of this money would be going towards Athletics for the event. Senator Mott?

**President Charles** 1:12:55

You can go first.

**Senator Mott** 1:13:19

I actually would like to, does anybody else have any questions? Yes, I would like to motion to table this bill because I think we need more information from the actual author of the bill, if this Senator doesn't have enough information unfortunately. And um- and I think we need to find out if those monitors are actually can be bought by the university because we do have contracts with certain companies.

**Senator Lemons** 1:13:43

I will second that motion.

**Senator Martinez** 1:13:47

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences, I would like to not table the motion.

**VPLA Hinnawi 1:13:51**

Thank you for objecting the motion. Okay. Does anyone else have any other questions?

**Senator Carbo 1:14:03**

Vice President Moss?

**Vice President Moss 1:14:04**

Vice President Moss, do you know if Geaux Blue Gaming has talked to Athletics about funding things.

**Senator Carbo 1:14:12**

I know that Geaux Blue Gaming has talked to Athletics about funding these items, but Athletics had footed the bill for the initial- all of the computers, the initial first few Switches, and the different gaming consoles, which is why they were asking SGA, if we wouldn't mind, helping them fund the equipment for tournaments, competitive and non-competitive and gaming events held every Thursday.

**VPLA Hinnawi 1:14:47**

Does anyone else have any other questions? Anyone want to motion to move to debate?

**Senator Mott 1:15:03**

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large, I motion to debate

**Senator Plasse 1:15:06**

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

**VPLA Hinnawi 1:15:08**

Thank you. Can I get a show of hands? [Show of Hands vote]

**Clerk of Senate Lancaster 1:15:10**

How do you spell the organization's name- like the acronym?

**Senator Carbo 1:15:16**

"Geaux Blue." It's like the geaux is like the same way you would say "Geaux Tigers".

**VPLA Hinnawi 1:15:24**

No. We will now move to Debate. Will the first Senator to- Does anyone rise in opposition of this bill? Oscar?

**Senator Martinez 1:15:38**

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences, the only thing I can see justifiably pointing out here is the capture card. I understand the other Senators qualms about the quality and choice of monitor, and because of that I believe that not enough research was done on this bill. So, I would be happy if another similar bill came to the floor later with much cheaper items and much more information but unfortunately, the bill as it stands, I think the only thing I would be comfortable funding here would be the capture cards.

**VPLA Hinnawi 1:16:12**

Thank you Oscar. Cooper?

**Senator Lemons 1:16:15**

Cooper Lemons, College of Liberal Arts, I agree with Oscar, as it is most of the things on there don't seem very- like educated on why they're put there, at least from the sponsor's end of presenting it. So most of the items could be swapped out, or might already be in ownership of the University. So, yeah.

**VPLA Hinnawi 1:16:37**

Chloe?

**Senator Metzler 1:16:38**

Chloe Metzler, Sophomore at Large. So, I do want to say that I am not an active member in Geaux Blue Gaming, but I do go like to their Esports cafe, and they have a bunch of monitors. My issue would be is that their- not all of their PCs work. So, I don't under- I'm not understanding why they're asking for more monitors when they should be asking for more PCs. Secondly, I just don't think that they need another Nintendo Switch when they have enough at the moment.

**VPLA Hinnawi 1:17:13**

Thank you, Chloe. Brendan?

**Senator Mott 1:17:15**

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large. I rise in opposition for the same reasons that I wanted to table. But I just think we could have looked at other options when it comes to the monitors, especially because of the information that I have where we only can buy certain kinds of monitors and computer parts at UNO.

**VPLA Hinnawi 1:17:33**

Okay, thank you. Does anyone else rise in opposition to this bill? The next few minutes will be controlled by the principal sponsor of the bill or any Senator that rises in support, so Ian, do you wish to speak?

**Senator Carbo 1:17:55**

I do not wish to speak.

**VPLA Hinnawi 1:17:56**

Okay. Does anyone rise in support? Xavier?

**Senator Wilson 1:18:00**

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts. I will remind this governing body that we have funded more for less things in the past and I really just want to say in terms of the cost, this is probably as cheap as it could get if we're creating an entire gaming ecosystem relative for tournaments. Also, to harp on some of the concerns, somebody mentioned the monitors in the library. I think that would be the most absurd idea to take monitors in the library and move them to the e-sports cafe.

**VPLA Hinnawi 1:18:37**

Point of Information, I think what the Senator was trying to say, and correct me if I'm wrong, there are rooms located upstairs with specialized computers and you would be able to like to reserve the room and have it up there, not physically moving the monitors to the e-sports cafe. Brendan, I think it was your statement.

**Senator Mott 1:18:55**

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large, point of information, that is correct. That is what I was suggesting.

**VPLA Hinnawi 1:18:59**

Thank you.

**Senator Wilson 1:19:00**

So, to even continue on that idea to have a gaming tournament inside of the library would- that's- That's absurd. Some other costs, the- the idea of them getting an extra Switch, I have no idea the previous funding for the Switch, but it makes sense to have a backup in case something doesn't go to plan- just to have. And again, you know, e-sports is something that, specifically for younger generations, this is something that they are bonding over and they are really building communities around this. And I would hope that members in this body would- would go out and see that our e-sports team here is actually thriving and thriving really well. There are cafes filled every afternoon with people who are having their own mini games, their own tournaments, and their own things like that. So that is why I rise in support of this bill.

**VPLA Hinnawi 1:19:56**

Does anyone else rise in support? Ian?

**Senator Carbo 1:20:09**

I motion to move to voting.

**Senator Lemons 1:20:11**

I second that motion.

**VPLA Hinnawi 1:20:16**

Okay, does anyone wish to make an amendment to this bill before we move forward to voting? Christian?

**Senator Crout 1:20:24**

Once again speaking on behalf of Adam Peters, Christian Crout, College of Engineering, he would like to amend the Switch out- the extra Switch.

**VPLA Hinnawi 1:20:37**

Okay, we will then- we will now discuss this amendment. Okay. Does anyone rise? Does anyone rise in support of amending the Switch out of the bill?

**Senator Mott** 1:20:54

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large, I definitely think we should amend the Switch out of the bill. Even though I'm not in support of the bill, I do think that this will be a good idea. Just if the bill does pass for the purpose that we can look at exploring a Switch in the future, if this was to pass instead of doing it with the monitors.

**Vice President Moss** 1:21:16

Vice President Moss, point of information I encourage you guys to look into amending the date because the items will not be in- in time regardless, because it is under the 30-day time frame. So even if you guys do decide to run this, the items will not be here in time. So, I encourage you to address that.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:21:38

Okay, but, right now we are focused on this amendment. So, we will do this amendment first and then we can hear other amendments. So, does anyone rise in support of the amendment to remove the Switch from the bill?

**Senator Carbo** 1:21:50

Ian Carbo, College of Business Administration. As I mentioned, while I was presenting the bill, I had spoken with Cooper about the chance that the Switch would be amended out of the bill. And he understood that with the recent budgeting for the other one, that that was a very likely possibility. I would be in support of this amendment if it was- if it would bring more Senators into a better light of this bill.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:22:25

Okay, thank you. Does anyone else rise in support to amending the Nintendo Switch out of the budget? Does anyone rise in opposition to this amendment?

**Senator Wilson** 1:22:46

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts, again, I mention that, you know, just in case they need it as a backup because again, we are trying for them to host these tournaments. So, anything could honestly happen, the Switch could fall, it could turn off, it could not be charged, so just in case as a backup I think we should keep it in there.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:23:07

Thank you. Does anyone else rise in opposition to this amendment? Okay, we will now do a roll call vote, only on the amendment. If we're removing the Switch from the budget. Okay, when I call your name please vote yes, no, or abstain. Daniel Abadie?

**Senator Abadie** 1:23:30

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:23:31

Rakeen Barnes?

**Senator Barnes** 1:23:32

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:23:33

Michael Brown?

**Senator Brown** 1:23:34

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:23:35

Ian Carbo?

**Senator Carbo** 1:23:36

Abstain.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:23:37

Christian Crout?

**Senator Crout** 1:23:38

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:23:41

Dylan Davidson?

**Pro Tempore Davidson** 1:23:42

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:23:45

Cameron Fredrick?

**Pro Tempore Davidson** 1:23:47

Abstain by Proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:23:47

Daniel Hunsaker?

**Senator Hunsaker** 1:23:48

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:23:51

Jenna Hymel?

**Parliamentarian Hymel** 1:23:51

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:23:53

Cooper Lemons?

**Senator Lemons** 1:23:55

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:23:56

Oscar Martinez?

**Senator Martinez** 1:23:57

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:23:59

Chloe Metzler?

**Senator Metzler** 1:24:00

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:24:01

Gabrielee Morales-Ramirez?

**Senator Morales-Ramirez** 1:24:04

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:24:04

Brendan Mott?

**Senator Mott** 1:24:05

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:24:07

Henry Nguyen?

**Senator Nguyen** 1:24:08

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:24:11

Adam Peters?

**Senator Crout** 1:24:12

Yes, by proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:24:14

Linda Plasse?

**Senator Plasse** 1:24:15

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:24:16

Mahaut Sorlin?

**Senator Sorlin** 1:24:17

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:24:18

Iniya René?

**Senator René** 1:24:19

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:24:21

Damario Strukien?

**Senator Struiken** 1:24:25

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:24:25

Xavier Wilson?

**Senator Wilson** 1:24:26

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:24:29

Azizah Hinnawi, Yes. With 13 yeses, seven nos, and two abstentions, the amendment has passed. So we will now discuss- we will now begin debate on the bill with the amendment passed. So-

**Senator Carbo** 1:24:48

What about an amendment for the date?

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:24:51

Well, does anyone- Yeah Are there any other amendments? Cooper?

**Senator Lemons** 1:24:54

Motion to amend the bill date- I'm not sure which- for to be pushed 30 days from today?

**President Charles** 1:25:07

November 19.

**VPLA Hinnawi 1:25:12**

Does anyone rise in support to this amendment? We'll start with Ian.

**Senator Carbo 1:25:20**

I rise in support of this amendment. The date is not very important to the bill. They just want to be able to provide this experience for new students coming to campus. As Senator Wilson said, the e-Sports community here at UNO is thriving. We are reigning champs in three very big competitive gaming markets, which is League of Legends, Valorant, and Rocket League. Also, it is an organization of over 150 active members, meaning that this is a big organization that we would be able to provide the support for, and provide this ability for them to have this outreach and this community engagement and provide just a positive social environment for the students

**VPLA Hinnawi 1:26:19**

Does anyone else rise in support of the amendment to change the date, November 19th. Dylan?

**Pro Tempore Davidson 1:26:25**

Dylan Davidson, Pro Tempore, I rise in support of this amendment, because personally, I'm not against- I'm not against, you know the things that we need in order to carry this bill out. I just think if we had more time and more research, we could find the best products, with the most- in the most cost-effective way possible. So, more time would allow more research that said we need those requirements to hold the- the event at the same time, with more time you can scroll through and find what the best prices will be.

**VPLA Hinnawi 1:26:56**

Brendan?

**Senator Mott 1:26:57**

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large I rise in support the amendment because of the additional time could- could help with one of the concerns I raised earlier, because if it gets denied for purchasing those kind of monitors, correct me if I'm wrong, but there could be like a- another one could be chosen in that 30 days. That's why the 30 days exists, in case something goes wrong with what we're ordering.

**VPLA Hinnawi 1:27:21**

Okay. Does anyone else rise in support of this amendment? Does anyone rise in opposition of this amendment? Okay, we'll move to a roll call vote, only on the amendment to change the date to November 19th. When I call your name please vote yes, no, or abstain on changing the date. Daniel Abadie?

**Senator Abadie 1:27:56**

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi 1:27:59**

Michael Brown?

**Senator Brown** 1:28:00

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:28:01

Ian Carbo?

**Senator Carbo** 1:28:02

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:28:03

Christian Crout?

**Senator Crout** 1:28:04

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:28:05

Dylan Davidson?

**Pro Tempore Davidson** 1:28:06

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:28:07

Cameron Fredrick?

**Pro Tempore Davidson** 1:28:08

Yes, by Proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:28:10

Daniel Hunsaker?

**Senator Hunsaker** 1:28:11

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:28:13

Jenna Hymel?

**Parliamentarian Hymel** 1:28:14

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:28:15

Cooper Lemons?

**Senator Lemons** 1:28:16

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:28:17

Oscar Martinez?

**Senator Martinez** 1:28:18

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:28:19

Chloe Metzler?

**Senator Metzler** 1:28:21

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:28:22

Gabrielee Morales-Ramirez?

**Senator Morales-Ramirez** 1:28:24

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:28:26

Brendan Mott?

**Senator Mott** 1:28:26

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:28:28

Henry Nguyen?

**Senator Nguyen** 1:28:28

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:28:29

Adam Peters?

**Senator Crout** 1:28:30

Yes, by Proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:28:32

Linda Plasse?

**Senator Plasse** 1:28:33

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:28:34  
Mahaut Sorlin?

**Senator Sorlin** 1:28:35  
Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:28:37  
Iniya René?

**Senator René** 1:28:38  
Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:28:39  
Damario Strukien?

**Senator Struiken** 1:28:42  
Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:28:45  
Xavier Wilson?

**Senator Wilson** 1:28:46  
Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:28:47  
With twenty-one yeses, one no, and zero abstentions, this amendment has passed, are there any other amendments to this bill? We will now move to debate on the bill as amended. Does anyone rise in opposition to the newly amended bill? Daniel?

**Senator Abadie** 1:29:24  
Daniel Abadie, College of Liberal Arts. I don't think more funding for Geaux Blue Gaming is inherently bad or this equipment. But I really think the author should be here because it seems like there's a lot of questions about specifics in terms of what equipment is being purchased, what's required and what's not, and I think the amount of questions have shown that, you know, the author needs to be here to present this bill so, I rise in opposition.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:29:55  
Does anyone else rise in opposition?

**Senator Hunsaker** 1:29:58  
Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large, just like my counterpart- just like Daniel. Great name, by the way. [Laughter] Like he said, I just don't think there's enough information on here. I really wish Cooper was

here to explain everything. I mean, Ian did his best. I really wish Cooper was here. We just had too many questions.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:30:23

Does anyone else rise in opposition to this bill?

**Senator Martinez** 1:30:29

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences I'd like to motion to vote on the bill as amended.

**Senator Crout** 1:30:35

Christian Crout, College of Engineering, I second that motion.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:30:38

Can I get a show of hands? [Show of Hands vote] We will now move on to a roll call vote. When I call your name, please vote yes, no, or abstain on the newly amended bill. Daniel Abadie?

**Senator Abadie** 1:30:55

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:30:57

Rakeen Barnes.

**Senator Barnes** 1:30:59

Abstain.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:30:59

Michael Brown?

**Senator Brown** 1:31:00

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:31:02

Ian Carbo?

**Senator Carbo** 1:31:03

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:31:04

Christian Crout?

**Senator Crout** 1:31:05

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:31:06

Dylan Davidson?

**Pro Tempore Davidson** 1:31:07

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:31:09

Cameron Fredrick?

**Pro Tempore Davidson** 1:31:09

Abstain by Proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:31:11

Daniel Hunsaker?

**Senator Hunsaker** 1:31:12

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:31:14

Jenna Hymel?

**Parliamentarian Hymel** 1:31:15

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:31:16

Cooper Lemons?

**Senator Lemons** 1:31:17

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:31:19

Oscar Martinez?

**Senator Martinez** 1:31:20

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:31:21

Chloe Metzler?

**Senator Metzler** 1:31:23

No

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:31:25

Gabrielee Morales-Ramirez?

**Senator Morales-Ramirez** 1:31:27

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:31:29

Brendan Mott?

**Senator Mott** 1:31:30

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:31:32

Henry Nguyen?

**Senator Nguyen** 1:31:33

No

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:31:34

Adam Peters?

**Senator Crout** 1:31:38

Yes, by proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:31:38

Linda Plasse?

**Senator Plasse** 1:31:39

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:31:41

Mahaut Sorlin?

**Senator Sorlin** 1:31:44

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:31:44

Iniya René?

**Senator René** 1:31:45

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:31:45

Damario Strukien?

**Senator Struiken** 1:31:50

No.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:31:50

Xavier Wilson?

**Senator Wilson** 1:31:51

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:31:56

With seven yeses, 13 nos, and two abstentions, the bill does- does not pass. We will now hear nominations and appointments.

**Senator Martinez** 1:32:10

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences, I motion to table these elections until- table these appointments until our next meeting which I know will be in two weeks.

**Senator Plasse** 1:32:19

Linda Plasse, College of Liberal Arts, I deny that motion.

**Senator Metzler** 1:32:26

Chloe Metzler, Sophomore at Large, I'd like to motion for a recess?

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:32:31

Yes. Okay, how long?

**Senator Metzler** 1:32:32

10 minutes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 1:32:42

Okay, thank you.

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### VPLA Hinnawi 01:10

Okay, we're gonna go ahead and continue with the meeting, we will now hear nominations and appointments. Will Maya Struhar, please come forward for nomination to the Senate. Maya Struhar? She's not here. Okay, we will then move on to Joseph-

### Appointee Mieczkowski 01:41

Try the last name? Give the last name a try?

### VPLA Hinnawi 01:45

Mike-kowski?

### Appointee Mieczkowski 01:45

No. It sounds exactly how it's spelled, Mieczkowski.

### VPLA Hinnawi 01:58

Okay, you have three minutes to introduce yourself and then three minutes of questioning. Start with your name and your college.

### Appointee Mieczkowski 02:03

Okay, Hi, I am Joseph Mieczkowski. You might know me as Henry too. I am a sophomore in the College of Engineering. I'm a Civil Engineering major. I'm currently involved with the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Concrete Institute, and the photography club. I'm the treasurer of the Civil Engineering Club, and the co-founder and treasurer of the photography club. I decided to try and get appointed today because I want to see UNO be better. I've been in meetings with the Dean of Engineering about ways to get specifically College of Engineering students more involved within that.

And if we can achieve that, since we're relatively uninvolved it'd be nice to bridge the gap between Engineering and the rest of campus, since we're kind of isolated in our little- we're on the corner of campus. I think that our campus has a lot of potential to be better and we are in a transformative era in a lot of ways, and I just want to be the change I wish to see in the University of New Orleans because I do like it here and I moved out here from Michigan to be here and I want this to be a place where more people come. That's it's really all I have to say

**VPLA Hinnawi** 03:20

So, you can yield the rest-

**Appointee Mieczkowski** 03:22

I yield the rest of my questions, Senator Wilson?

**Senator Wilson** 03:26

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts, so you did mention that you're a part of numerous other organizations.

**Appointee Mieczkowski** 03:32

Yeah.

**Senator Wilson** 03:32

And I will say that the SGA Senate is something that's very energy intensive. How do you plan to give that energy to this organization?

**Appointee Mieczkowski** 03:42

Time Management- the way I already give different organizations. My time I can afford- I get to say when the meetings are for my other organizations, so I'll be able to build my schedule around this as well. Senator? Thank you, Senator Brown. I don't have to do all that?

**Senator Brown** 04:08

Motion to have Gabriele Morales-Ramirez to be my proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 04:11

Thank you. Is there a second? Okay, thank you. Does anyone else have any questions? We can start with Ian. Ian Carbo, College of Business Administration, what are some passion projects that you would like to see change around UNO's campus, any that you have already in mind?

**Appointee Mieczkowski** 04:36

Can you define what a passion project is?

**VPLA Hinnawi** 04:38

So, something that you want to see get passed, like a bill that you think would be- needs to be heard by SGA.

**Appointee Mieczkowski** 04:50

This is odd, but there's a concrete canoe garden outside of the engineering building. And right now it's not in good shape, and I wish it was in better shape. And I would like to see a change in that to make a place where like engineering students can go and hang out rather than just have some concrete canoes and firms planted. So that, I guess could be one of my passion projects.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 05:13

Does anyone else have any other questions?

**Senator Wilson** 05:18

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts, so beyond the monetary aspect of SGA, what other functions do you think that this governing body should serve?

**Appointee Mieczkowski** 05:28

Student Involvement. I mean, we're kind of a commuter campus. We don't keep kids on campus beyond classes and I'm working with the Dean of Engineering to get at least engineers involved beyond their classes and I'd like to do the same across the board for all the colleges and on campus.

**Senator Hunsaker** 05:51

Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large. So, you said you came from Michigan, what exactly prompted you to choose the University of New Orleans?

**Appointee Mieczkowski** 06:00

Um, so I was driving on 6-10, leaving the French Quarter and I saw a sign that said, "The University of New Orleans" I was like, "Wow, I didn't know that existed. Let me apply," application's free, and I get in. And I come look at it, like wow, "it's pretty, and the Engineering building's large," and that was cool. But I knew I'd be an engineer. So, I mostly looked at that and I went and walked around, saw the lake and I was like, "Well, it's nice to have right there." Kept going saw the gym I went, "That's a nice gym" and I was like, "Okay, University of New Orleans, let's get it!"

**VPLA Hinnawi** 06:33

Okay, thank you. I think there's time for questioning. Okay, does anyone wish to extend the time for questioning? Alright, cool, I'm just going to ask you to step outside for a moment. Also, you're name's Joseph

**Appointee Mieczkowski** 06:51

My name's Joseph Henry Mieczkowski. I go by my middle name.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 06:53

You prefer to go by Henry?

**Appointee Mieczkowski** 06:54

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi 06:57**

Okay, sit outside we're going to discuss. Does anyone rise in- Chloe?

**Senator Metzler 07:18**

Oh, I'm sorry. Thought I had a question.

**VPLA Hinnawi 07:20**

Does anyone rise in support of Henry's appointment? Okay, we'll start with Chloe.

**Senator Metzler 07:25**

Um, I rise in support of Henry, because one, I think he has a great personality. And while I wasn't here to hear his whole speech, just from examining him and the way that he reacts in response to those questions, it was just like- It's like he wants to be here he wants to include. Another thing is that I really liked that he made the effort whenever- he made the effort to call on a Senator and look at the name. That was something that really stood out to me because I've never- we've never had somebody come in here and do that before or take that kind of initiative like that. So, I think he'd be a great asset to Senate.

**VPLA Hinnawi 08:05**

Thank you. Brendan?

**Senator Mott 08:09**

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large, I rise in support because this is one that's been said previous times when Senators have come from particular colleges, but as a College of Engineering Senator, your main job is to advocate for the behalf of the College of Engineering, and I think he would definitely be somebody to advocate for the College of Engineering. And he said, he's already talking to the Dean of the College of Engineering, and that's already a step in the right direction, before even becoming a Senator. So- So- So why not just let him join it especially since he already has that communication. We can bring more stuff to the Senate from the College of Engineering.

**Senator Crout 08:42**

Senator Christian Crout from the College of Engineering, I rise in support, I think that he provides enthusiasm and energy that SGA needs, and I think that he would be offering in dividends, if he were to join

**Senator Struiken 09:02**

Daniel Abadie, College of Liberal Arts, I think his unique perspective as specifically as a Civil Engineer, would be especially beneficial to- in terms because that's something that gets brought up a lot in terms of quality of life on this campus, like sidewalk placement and just general- and even just what he brought up with the College of Engineering that area. I think the insight he could provide would be very valuable.

**Senator Hunsaker 09:31**

Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large. I've known Henry for a good bit now. But as a Student Affairs Committee Head, he would be a perfect member of our committee. He's on so many organizations, built a- built an organization from the ground up- or co-founded it. And I would love to be a part of it because those are exactly the organizations that are on my Excel spreadsheet right now that I need to put a delegate for. So that'd be awesome.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 10:02

Does anyone else wish to rise in support of this appointment? Okay, does anyone rise in opposition of this appointment?

**Senator Hunsaker** 10:27

Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large, I motion to vote.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 10:30

Thank you, Christian?

**Senator Crout** 10:31

Christian Crout, College of Engineering, I second that.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 10:34

We will now move on to a roll call vote. When I call your name, please vote yes, no, or abstain. Daniel Abadie?

**Senator Abadie** 10:45

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 10:46

Rakeen Barnes?

**Senator Barnes** 10:48

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 10:48

Michael Brown?

**Senator Morales-Ramirez** 10:49

Yes, by proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 10:53

Ian Carbo?

**Senator Carbo** 10:54

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 10:55

Christian Crout?

**Senator Crout** 10:56

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 10:57

Dylan Davidson?

**Pro Tempore Davidson** 10:58

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 10:59

Cameron Fredrick?

**Pro Tempore Davidson** 11:00

Yes, by proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 11:02

Daniel Hunsaker?

**Senator Hunsaker** 11:03

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 11:03

Jenna Hymel?

**Parliamentarian Hymel** 11:04

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 11:05

Cooper Lemons?

**Senator Lemons** 11:06

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 11:07

Oscar Martinez?

**Senator Martinez** 11:09

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 11:10

Chloe Metzler?

**Senator Metzler** 11:11

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 11:12

Gabrielee Morales-Ramirez?

**Senator Morales-Ramirez** 11:14

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 11:15

Brendan Mott?

**Senator Mott** 11:16

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 11:17

Henry Nguyen?

**Senator Nguyen** 11:18

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 11:19

Adam Peters?

**Senator Crout** 11:23

Proxy by Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 11:23

Linda Plasse?

**Senator Plasse** 11:24

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 11:24

Mahaut Sorlin?

**Senator Sorlin** 11:27

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 11:28

Iniya René?

**Senator René** 11:29

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi 11:30**

Damario Strukien?

**Senator Struiken 11:31**

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi 11:33**

Xavier Wilson?

**Senator Wilson 11:34**

Abstain.

**VPLA Hinnawi 11:38**

With 21 yeases, zero nos, and one abstention, Henry has been appointed to the Senate. [Applause]  
Okay, we will now move on to the next appointment. Will Kateryna Trushyna please come forward for nomination to Senate, please start with your name and your college.

**Appointee Trushyna 12:26**

Hello, my name is Kateryna Trushyna, I want to go ahead and apologize for my accent. I was born and raised in Ukraine. I moved here when I was 14 years old. That's a little bit about me. Okay, so I was a CTA treasurer for eight months. I'm also active and current member of the Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. I'm the President of Tri Beta, Biological Honor Society. I'm a licensed first responder as well. I completed a bill with blood for Tri Beta as well. So I contributed to making a bill, I also work for Ochsner, I do autopsies and biopsies. I'm also a part of our reading team. I have about 14 FEMA certifications in Healthcare Management and first response. I have a Louisiana Horticultures License, so contractor- and I can do like landscaping jobs. I don't really know why I got that. My plans is to apply and go to medical school. Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I'm a Medical Practice major. Some of the hobbies that I enjoy are piano and I read a lot of books. I feel like I would bring a lot of diversity because while I'm kind of outside the United States- like I grew on Ukrainian culture, I was- I have a clean academic record and I would want to pay for sciences and specifically for resources for graduate students. And also separately, I would like to pay for time management and organization for the students. Because I feel like it's very valuable resource. That's all I have. Questions? I also want to apologize very much, I do not have good vision I really want to read, but I really cannot see I'm like almost legally blind.

**VPLA Hinnawi 14:27**

Xavier, you can start this up

**Senator Wilson 14:29**

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts. So you mentioned that you work at Ochsner. What are your shifts looking like?

**Appointee Trushyna 14:36**

Okay, so I've been blessed by an amazing supervisor. I do not have specific shifts. I try to attend Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Saturdays are my volunteering days, where I attend Ochsner events and I volunteer for my free time.

**Senator Wilson** 14:51

And so with all that you have going on, how do you plan to give the energy and time to SGA on advocating for graduate students.

**Appointee Trushyna** 15:03

Like I said, my schedule is very flexible. I can also work from home. My school schedule is Tuesday and Thursday and I'm here all day on Tuesday and Thursdays and those are the days I dedicate all my studies and other things, but with work it's really flexible. So, I have excellent time management and that's what I want to be for as well.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 15:27

Thank you. Does anyone else have a question? Xavier?

**Senator Wilson** 15:33

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts, so what is your motivation for joining SGA since you are a graduate student?

**Appointee Trushyna** 15:41

My motivation is that, when I was applying to graduate school, I did not have proper resources. I did not receive information about different organizations I was lacking- like not like attention, but like resources that I needed as a graduate students. There was no scholarship- there's no scholarships for graduate students that are available, through College of Sciences. There is no- there are counseling services but not necessarily dedicated towards sciences. So, I want to advocate for that.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 16:18

Does anyone else have any questions for Katerina?

**Senator Wilson** 16:29

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts. So, my final question, is it possible for you to manage your other affiliation, since I know you are a part of a sorority, in a non-partisan manner in order to benefit the entire school, beyond your own group affiliations?

**Appointee Trushyna** 16:45

If I understand the question correct, I try not to be biased on anything and try to separate what I do for different organizations. If that's what I've said right, but unless

**Senator Wilson** 17:00

You're good

**Appointee Trushyna** 17:02

Being non-biased is the right thing to do when you have- if you're in a lot of organizations. I'm sorry, English is my third language so please.

**VPLA Hinnawi 17:17**

Okay, and with that, that's time. Kateryna, if you wouldn't mind going outside. Okay, does anyone rise in support to Kateryna's appointment? Okay, and we'll start with Xavier.

**Senator Wilson 17:48**

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts, I rise in support of Kateryna's appointment, simply because you know, she has demonstrated that she can manage her time very wisely and effectively. If she's working at Ochsner, she's doing volunteer work. She is just basically Superwoman. And I think, you know, she would be a great member to this organization, somebody who's going to put in some work, who's going to get some things done, especially for graduate students, especially ensuring that there are scholarships for graduate students. So, I rise in support.

**Appointee Plasse 18:20**

Linda Plasse, College of Liberal Arts um, so I have known Kateryna for a few years now. We are in the same sorority, and I can personally attest to her time management skills and prioritizing everything in her life. She has held multiple officer positions in every organization she's in and as Xavier pointed out, she also volunteers in her spare time, she makes time to go to events. She's involved on campus as a graduate student from another country. So, she's definitely on board for prioritizing what needs to be done and she is going out of her way to make the effort to be here and be present for all of this which I think is greatly appreciated.

**VPLA Hinnawi 19:00**

Okay. Chloe?

**Senator Metzler 19:04**

Chloe Metzler, Sophomore at Large. I just want to say, I like her. I've had a conversation with her before. I've been to one of Tri Beta's events. And basically, she was super nice to me. She was very attentive, and I feel like she would bring in a great atmosphere to SGA.

**VPLA Hinnawi 19:27**

Oscar?

**Senator Martinez 19:29**

Yeah, I rise in support. I know Kateryna, he was part of Alpha Epsilon Delta for a little while. She was never an officer there, but she was actually a really cool person. She's all around nice, and I think that she- when she devotes herself to something, she gives all of her effort and then she changes to something else. [Laughter] You know, she's got a lot to do. Honestly, I think she'd be a great fit. Honestly, she's great.

**Senator Mott 19:52**

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large, I have also known Kateryna for quite a long time. I actually met her when she actually first came to UNO, because she did her undergrad here as well and we were- like in her first class together. She transferred here from another university. And I- and just from the get-go, I just- I thought she was always a really nice person who's always going to help out. I'm bad at chemistry, we took chemistry together. She tutored me basically for free, just showed me how to do my chemistry problems, so I did not fail the class and then outside of academics- with SGA in general, I just think would be really amazing for- for more graduate students to get involved, because had I not did my undergrad here as well, I would not have known half the stuff I know about this campus. Especially considering my fellow graduate students in my program said they had no idea of half the stuff that they offer on this campus that not only do undergraduates pay, for but graduate students also pay for it that they're not using Thank you Brendan. Does anyone else wish to speak?

**Pro Tempore Davidson 20:55**

Dylan Davidson, Pro Tempore, I would like to motion to vote.

**VPLA Hinnawi 20:59**

Oh, well does anyone rise in opposition? I want to make sure there's time for that. Does anyone rise in opposition to this appointment?

**Pro Tempore Davidson 21:07**

Dylan Davidson, Pro Tempore, I motion to vote.

**Senator Carbo 21:09**

Ian Carbo, College of Business Administration, I second that motion

**VPLA Hinnawi 21:14**

Okey dokey, we will now move to a roll call vote. When I call your name, please vote yes, no, or abstain. Daniel Abadie?

**Senator Abadie 21:24**

Yes.

**Senator Barnes 21:26**

Yes

**VPLA Hinnawi 21:26**

Rakeen Barnes? Michael Brown?

**Senator Morales-Ramirez 21:31**

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi 21:32**

Ian Carbo?

**Senator Carbo** 21:33

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 21:34

Christian Crout?

**Senator Crout** 21:35

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 21:36

Dylan Davidson?

**Pro Tempore Davidson** 21:38

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 21:38

Cameron Fredrick?

**Pro Tempore Davidson** 21:41

Yes by Proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 21:41

Daniel Hunsaker?

**Senator Hunsaker** 21:42

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 21:43

Jenna Hymel?

**Senator Hymel** 21:45

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 21:45

Cooper Lemons?

**Senator Lemons** 21:46

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 21:47

Oscar Martinez?

**Senator Martinez** 21:49

Yep

**VPLA Hinnawi** 21:49

Chloe Metzler?

**Senator Metzler** 21:50

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 21:51

Gabrielee Morales-Ramirez?

**Senator Morales-Ramirez** 21:53

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 21:54

Brendan Mott?

**Senator Mott** 21:55

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 21:56

Henry Nguyen?

**Senator Nguyen** 21:57

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 21:58

Adam Peters?

**Senator Crout** 22:00

Yes by proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 22:00

Linda Plasse?

**Senator Plasse** 22:01

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 22:02

Mahaut Sorlin?

**Senator Sorlin** 22:03

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 22:04

Iniya René?

**Senator René** 22:05

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 22:06

Damario Strukien?

**Senator Struiken** 22:07

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 22:08

Xavier Wilson?

**Senator Wilson** 22:09

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 22:12

With 22 yeses, zero nos, and no abstentions, Kateryna has been appointed to the Senate. [Applause] Congratulations Kateryna, you've been appointed to the Senate. Okay, we will now hear our last appointment. Will Leo come forward for nomination to the Senate. Please start with your name and your college

**Appointee Gillum** 22:53

Hello y'all, my name is Leo Gillum. I'm currently a senior in the College of Liberal Arts. I'm here, only joined- been thinking about it, because I've been a little nervous. And the most- the truest answer I can come to is a selfish reason. I want to come because I want to be a better person. I want to be more prepared for the life that's active. And I have realized I'm willing to give a lot of myself to this organization to do that, to earn that. I wanted to be a part- an active part of my college campus outside of my fraternity. I was an orientation leader with Brendan, my first year and a half and I realized- I came in after a car accident, I got- my ankle was demolished a year for- a month before our freshman year sorry. I was severely depressed. And I didn't really feel like I belonged on campus or, you know, I didn't enjoy campus and it all came apart or something. At first, I was being an Orientation Leader and became a fraternity and I want to- I wanted to keep that going. I would like to better myself as much as I can. This is my last year, I want to be partly active and get to know people and get people to know me, and make it better for the students as a whole, people coming in. I was the Recruitment Chair for my fraternity, and it dawned on me how much I actually love- One, being a part of that new experience that I got- that the Orientation Leaders I had gave me. That's you know, the seniors around, Azizah was part of that. It's just a great feeling. I'd like to help in that experience for other people coming in. I've formed a lot of relations with freshmen coming in, but also throughout my four years- plenty of relations with seniors, juniors, sophomores. I know people. I'm good at knowing people. And I like knowing people. It's a very good thing to do on campus, where you run into so many different personalities. And I will admit, at first it was hard, like, acclimating to being around so many different personalities. And then, you learn to love it because there's no other place we'll experience like this until you get to college. And

why not be a part of helping that- getting other people to love it? And help to keep up retention rates, keep people in school. Tell- like, get the freshmen and tell their other people under them, "Hey, come to college, because it's fun. You meet all these new people, you learn all these new things." I go on rants now, a lot of things I learned in literature classes. Probably one of the dorkiest things I've like starting doing, but it's fun. Like, "Oh, what about this crazy feminist critique, which is the reason why you think half of the things you do about a certain phenomena" and where else can I get that, but a discussion with like Dr. Verner in the woman's center. People don't know about that though. And I feel like me being a part of it, being active in the things I am- I can be a big part of helping bring more attention to- you know, small individual things like that. How cool the Liberal Arts Building is at night. Like, if I could become a part of this, I'd love to do something with that. The ground sparkles at night. It's beautiful, poetic in a sense. So I would like to yield my time for questions. Yes?

**Senator René** 26:22

Iniya René, College of Business Administration. So in terms of projects or ideas, what would you propose in terms of bettering the campus of UNO?

**Appointee Gillum** 26:35

I think anything, I live in- I don't love everything on campus. But anything I will do, as you just saw, would involve active student involvement, interpersonal relations, getting people to- like meet new individuals and interact with them, to become closer as a community. That is all I could give, I have nothing specific in mind. But, once I become part of this, I can dedicate the time and thought and passion into projects like that.

**Senator René** 27:04

Okay, is it possible that I could give a follow-up question?

**VPLA Hinnawi** 27:07

Sure.

**Senator René** 27:08

Okay. And also like, in your personal opinion, upon like being appointed and voted into Senate, what do you think SGA should execute once you're appointed? Like what- what projects do you think SGA should care about?

**Appointee Gillum** 27:28

Are you asking about like, prior projects that already exist that I think should be supported?

**Senator René** 27:33

Yes, like things like that.

**Appointee Gillum** 27:36

Well, I believe our "Wake the Lake" program, or the incentive is really good. That will also drive student commitment and its a relation to build the organization up. The mental health- I believe that will be a very smart idea. Even if that are only twenty people, however, that stands, it's 20 more people who can

handle situations. Our video game bill, that's one more thing, just having the better monitors, people knowing that we do tournaments- bring more kids out. It's like, "Oh, it's functioning equipment. It's cool, it's 165 Hertz." Doesn't matter to me. Probably matters a lot to other kids.

**Senator Wilson** 28:15

Xavier Wilson College of Liberal Arts, beyond funding for Greek Life and the enhancement of Greek Life. What are some other aspects of this campus that you believe could use attention and enhancement?

**Appointee Gillum** 28:30

Okay, I will start with that. Yes, I love Greek life. I'm not here for that. I'm here for individual relations. I can say the interpersonal projects, which means students- getting students to know each other more. We have a lot of projects about, you know, careers or other fun things, but not about getting to know the people, quality time, intellectual things like that. I'd say. I'm sorry, I don't know if that answered your question correctly.

**Senator Wilson** 29:04

Yeah.

**Appointee Gillum** 29:04

Okay.

**Pro Tempore Davidson** 29:06

Dylan Davidson, College of Sciences, if you had to describe yourself in three words, what would you choose?

**Appointee Gillum** 29:11

Okay. Interestingly Charismatic is that- Does that count as two?

**Pro Tempore Davidson** 29:17

I'll give you that as one word.

**Appointee Gillum** 29:19

Okay. Spontaneous, dependable.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 29:26

Are there any other questions? Okay, we will now move forward with the discussion. Does anyone rise in support of Leo's appointment to the Senate? Ian?

**Senator Carbo** 30:04

Ian Carbo, College of Business Administration, I am in the same fraternity as Leo, so I will admit there is that little bit of bias but I wouldn't be standing up here supporting that if I didn't truly believe he would be a great addition to SGA. He has been an integral part of Phi Kappa Sigma. He served as our Vice President. This year, he's serving as the Alumni Relations Chair and Recruitment Chair in a year that

we have shown outstanding success, gaining a total of- I think seven new members, which is the biggest of recruitment class we have had. He- as he mentioned, when you asked him his three important words, he is very charismatic, spontaneous, outgoing, yet dependable. Every tabling event we have, every philanthropy event, he always makes sure to attend and do his best to be out there. During our latest bake sale. He mentioned that, "If you're not going to actually be there to help push the bake sale and you're just there to sit there, hang out, that's not what this event is for. This event is for tabling This is to get our name out there and support this charity." So I believe that although he may not have his specific projects that he has in mind yet, he is a very strong force to help drive student engagement as He even won Homecoming King last year.

**Senator Crout 31:48**

Christian Crout, College of Engineering, I've also known Leo for little bit I'm not the same fraternity as Senator Ian, but I can also attest to his character. I also remember trying to join with the similar tale of being in Greek Life and just kind of wanting to interpersonal connections, but I can also say that, for everything that I've heard that Leo has sponsored or been a part of, it's all been very well and good and I don't think that SGA will be an exception.

**VPLA Hinnawi 32:20**

Chloe?

**Senator Metzler 32:21**

Chloe Metzler, Sophomore at Large. So what I want to say about Leo is that, just from watching him- and watching him answer questions and just his whole speech in general is that he is here and he's going to bring a- he's going to- he's going to try to bring more people into SGA and that's kind of really what we really want. And he really couldn't speak about bills that he wants to write, but who really can when you don't know much about SGA in the first place. Um, but I think that he has experience in getting people to- recruiting people, he has experience so I think that he would be a great asset and also, I think that with his word choice, he is interesting- interestingly charismatic.

**VPLA Hinnawi 33:18**

Xavier?

**Senator Wilson 33:19**

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts, I support his nomination beyond the fact that just simply filling the room. I think he's going to be a good player who's also going to come in and get some work done and do the things that this governing body needs to do.

**Senator Struiken 33:32**

Daniel Abadie, College of Liberal Arts, I think the fact that he's a Senior and this potentially might be his last year here at UNO. In a way the clock is ticking and you know, he's gonna be pushed to really make a difference. So I think that gives him ambition to improve the community here at UNO. So that's why I rise in Support.

**VPLA Hinnawi 33:56**

We'll do Demario and then Brendan.

**Senator Struiken** 33:58

Demario Strukien, Sophomore at Large, I believe him to be a very dedicated individual. And like, I see him at different like events and things in the organizations. I know he's in a different fraternity than I am, but even though like we had a great relationship, I can see he has a great relationship with a lot of people that I think, being a part of SGA would be in it's benefit.

**Senator Mott** 34:22

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large. So I'm actually not in Greek Life, so I have not worked with Leo in anything specific to Greek Life, but I was Orientation Leader with him like he said, and our season as an Orientation- as Orientation Leaders was a very difficult one. We had COVID and Hurricane Ida during our orientation season, we were some of the few people to still be Orientation Leaders by the end of the year, with only like five people out of maybe the 15 or 20 that started. So I think that's worth mentioning that he overcame all this adversity, to be an Orientation Leader, and I think he'd do the same especially if something serious came up.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 35:00

Thank you so much. Does anyone rise in opposition to this appointment? Cooper?

**Senator Lemons** 35:11

Motion to vote?

**Senator Wilson** 35:13

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts, I second that motion.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 35:15

Okay. We will now move on to a roll call vote. When I call your name, please vote yes, no, or abstain. Daniel Abadie?

**Senator Abadie** 35:26

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 35:29

Michael Brown?

**Senator Morales-Ramirez** 35:32

Yes, by proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 35:32

Ian Carbo?

**Senator Carbo** 35:33

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 35:34

Christian Crout?

**Senator Crout** 35:35

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 35:36

Dylan Davidson?

**Pro Tempore Davidson** 35:38

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 35:38

Cameron Fredrick?

**Pro Tempore Davidson** 35:40

Yes by proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 35:43

Daniel Hunsaker?

**Senator Hunsaker** 35:43

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 35:46

Jenna Hymel?

**Parliamentarian Hymel** 35:47

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 35:47

Cooper Lemons?

**Senator Lemons** 35:47

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 35:48

Oscar Martinez?

**Senator Martinez** 35:49

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 35:51

Chloe Metzler?

**Senator Metzler** 35:51

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 35:52

Gabrielee Morales-Ramirez?

**Senator Morales-Ramirez** 35:54

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 35:56

Brendan Mott?

**Senator Mott** 35:57

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 35:58

Henry Nguyen?

**Senator Nguyen** 35:58

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 36:00

Adam Peters?

**Appointee Peters** 36:01

Yes by proxy.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 36:02

Linda Plasse?

**Senator Plasse** 36:03

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 36:04

Mahaut Sorlin?

**Senator Sorlin** 36:05

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 36:06

Iniya René?

**Senator René** 36:07

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 36:08

Demario Strukien?

**Senator Struiken** 36:09

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 36:10

Xavier Wilson?

**Senator Wilson** 36:11

Yes.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 36:15

With 22 yeses, zero nose and zero abstentions, Leo has been appointed to the Senate. [Applause] Congratulations Leo, you have been appointed to the Senate. We are now moving to open forum. This is where we discuss matters pertaining to the betterment of SGA. I am actually going to start presenting I just have one quick question because Jordan forgot to put this in her report. Are any Senators interested in tailgating on- at the Homecoming Game because if we have a lot of people who are interested, we can get our own SGA tent if not, we will sit with the table.

**Advisor Courseault** 37:08

Point of information, SGA will have a tent. [Laughter]

**VPLA Hinnawi** 37:15

Does anyone else wish to add anything? Brendan?

**Senator Mott** 37:19

Anything else to say is what you're saying? Oh, Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large. Before we adjourn, I have one thing to say. I forgot to say during reports. Just to reiterate what President Charles said, we did a table in Pontchartrain Hall that's very successful. A lot of students came with some very valid concerns that I will bring up at a future time. Thank you so much.

**VPLA Hinnawi** 37:39

Okay, does anyone else have anything to say?

**Senator Hunsaker** 37:44

Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large point of information like I said earlier in the meeting, just meet with me after this meeting. If you want to be part of that "Wake the Lake" Street Team. Dylan Davidson, College of Sciences, could Senator Mott and Senator Sorlin stay after the meeting?.

**Senator Martinez** 38:07

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

**VPLA Hinnawi 38:10**

Okay. Is there a second?

**Senator Plasse 38:11**

Linda Plasse, College of Liberal Arts, can I get a second?

**VPLA Hinnawi 38:13**

Can I get a show of hands?

**Senators 38:16**

[Show of hands vote]

**VPLA Hinnawi 38:17**

Wait, Wait! I adjourn this meeting at 7:30 PM.