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SPEAKERS

Senator Crout, Senator Barahona, Senator Lemons, Unknown Senator, President Charles, Overlapping Speakers, Senator Brown, Advisor Courseault, Senator Metzler, Senator Trushyna, Clerk of Senate Lancaster, Senator René, Senator Rodarte, Senator Abadie, VPLA Hinnawi, Advisor Gitlin, Senator Fornatoro, Senator Mott, Senator Wilson, Guest Ballard, Senator Isom, Senator Gillum, Senator Morales-Ramirez, Senator Plasse, Senator Hunsaker, Parliamentarian Hymel, Senator Martinez, Senator Nguyen, Senator Sorlin, VPP Mailhes, Senator Lambert, Senator Mieczkowski, Senator Fields, Senator Bauman

VPLA Hinnawi 00:00

Okay, we're gonna get started. Okay, I call this meeting to order at 5:08pm, the Parliamentarian is present. Do I have a nomination for a temporary Pro Tempore? Anyone?

Parliamentarian Hymel 00:31

Jenna Hymel, Parliamentarian, I nominate Oscar Martinez.

VPLA Hinnawi 00:36

Thank you. Okay. I'll now take a roll call vote. When I call your name, please say "here", or if you're proxying for someone say "Present by proxy" Daniel Abadie?

Senator Abadie 00:51

Here.

VPLA Hinnawi 00:51

Marco Barahona?

Senator Barahona 00:54

Here.

VPLA Hinnawi 00:54

Rakeen Barnes? Rakeen Barnes? Cierra Bauman?

Senator Bauman 01:02

Here.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:03

Michael Brown?

Senator Brown 01:05

Here.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:05

Ian Carbo?

Senator Gillum 01:07

Present by Proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:09

Christian Crout? Christian Crout? Dylan Davidson? Dylan Davidson? Regianna Fields?

Senator Fields 01:25

Here.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:26

Brett Fornatoro?

Senator Fornatoro 01:29

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:29

Cameron Fredrick? Cameron Frederick? Leo Gillum?

Senator Gillum 01:39

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:39

Daniel Hunsaker?

Senator Lemons 01:40

Present by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:43

Jenna Hymel?

Parliamentarian Hymel 01:45

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:45
Kamille Isom?

Senator Isom 01:46
Here.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:47
Katie Lambert?

Senator Lambert 01:48
Here.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:49
Cooper Lemons?

Senator Lemons 01:51
Here.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:51
Oscar Martinez?

Senator Martinez 01:54
Here.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:54
Chloe Metzler?

Senator Metzler 01:54
Here.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:55
Henry Mieczkowski?

Senator Mieczkowski 01:56
Here.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:58
Gabrielee Morales-Ramirez?

Senator Morales-Ramirez 02:00
Here.

VPLA Hinnawi 02:00

Brendan Mott?

Senator Mott 02:01

Here.

VPLA Hinnawi 02:02

Henry Nguyen?

Senator Fornatoro 02:03

Present by Proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 02:06

Adam Peters?

Senator Martinez 02:07

Present by Proxy

VPLA Hinnawi 02:09

Linda Plasse?

Senator Plasse 02:10

Here

VPLA Hinnawi 02:11

Mahaut Sorlin?

Senator Sorlin 02:12

Here

VPLA Hinnawi 02:14

Gazi Raihan?

Senator Metzler 02:14

Present by proxy

VPLA Hinnawi 02:16

Iniya René?

Senator René 02:17

Here.

VPLA Hinnawi 02:19

Antonio Rodarte?

Senator Rodarte 02:22

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 02:22

Damario Strukien?

Senator Fornatoro 02:23

Present by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 02:25

Kateryna Trushyna?

Senator Trushyna 02:28

Here.

VPLA Hinnawi 02:31

Xavier Wilson?

Senator Wilson 02:32

Here.

VPLA Hinnawi 02:36

Okay with 29 senators present, we do meet quorum. Are there any corrections or changes to today's agenda? Okay with no objections to the agenda, it is approved. I won't be asking for corrections to last week's meeti- meeting minutes because I haven't sent those out to you, so hopefully when those gets sent out, you can just respond, and I'll clarify a timeframe in which I need those responses by. Otherwise, they will be approved. Okay?

Clerk of Senate Lancaster 03:11

Sorry, guys.

VPLA Hinnawi 03:12

Are there any senator communications or announcements?

Senator Sorlin 03:15

Mahaut Sorlin, College of Sciences, I wanted to bring something up that some of you might have seen already, but the Union of Campus Workers is currently doing a campaign to try to get more funding for UNO at the state level. So, you'll get in touch with me about how we need money, it's something we've been talking about all semester so basically they asked for testimonials from students, workers, anyone that have- goes to UNO. What is important and also like how tight the budget is and how low funding has been at UNO. So we have this beautiful flyer here with a QR code and if you scan it, it leads to a an online form. And what we want to do is get these testimonials and bring that to the governor right after the winter break. If you have any questions about it, you can meet with me after the meeting and I'm happy to talk about it and that's it.

VPLA Hinnawi 04:15

Thank you. Does anyone have any questions? Okay, are there any other Senator communications or announcements?

Senator Fornatoro 04:26

Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large. On Saturday December 3, there's going to be a basketball game. They want everyone to wear white, they'll be handing out T-shirts to the first 300 guests.

VPLA Hinnawi 04:37

Thank you Brett. Does anyone else have a Senator communication or announcement? Are there any non-Senator communications or announcements? Okay. Does the President- Sorry, are there- Do any committees have report? Jenna? Cooper? Nothing? Did Daniel leave a report? All right. Does the President have a report?

President Charles 05:10

Yes I do. Y'all, this is our last meeting. Y'all look so excited. [Laughter] So I want to make this very quick. This year has been great- well, at least this semester has been great. And the Executive Board are currently calendar planning. I did meet with Vice President Moss this afternoon. So, we're really getting things in the works. Definitely by next semester, you guys will know exactly what we will be doing. Today is someone's last day with us. It is J, our Clerk of Senate, so could everybody give them a round of applause [Applause :)] If you have been with SGA, you will know, obviously, the Clerk of Senate and how this job is a mundane task. And this person does it with efficiency and they make sure that things are done in a timely manner. Despite recent travesty, which doesn't matter so much. Thank you so much, J. I'm gonna miss you. I hate that you're leaving but we can get to that later. But that being said, it's finals week. Today- if you're stressed out, today is the last day to drop classes, okay? [Laughter] In that- if you can't drop the class, study. And do what's necessary. Again, this is- this is the fourth quarter, this was the point that matters in the race. That even a quote, that's something I'm telling you all. Y'all can make it there. We got one more week til graduation, so if you're graduating and you're leaving us, I greatly appreciate the time you have spent with us. The resolution that we sent- that I sent out, on that I worked with- with Brett, Ian Carbo and- I forgot his name. I think it's Mark, I might be-

Senator Lemons 06:00

Thomas.

President Charles 06:42

-wrong. Thomas! Yes, thanks. For the Academic Advisors, so we reached out to administration to ask if Academic Advisors can receive a review, because a lot of students would like to leave feedback for their Advisors in a formal way. But that currently did not exist. However, next semester. We will see that existed so that's the best response. [Applause] I will send you out Administration's response within the next week. Other than that, I love my job. I love being here. Let's all finish strong. So, I yield the rest of my time for questions. Alright, thank y'all.

VPLA Hinnawi 07:36

Did Jordan leave a report?

President Charles 07:38

Jordan's not on Zoom?

Advisor Courseault 07:40

I can call her but if you-

President Charles 07:42

No. Yeah, so as far as the operating numbers is the same as last week. I can now report that. However, SGA did conduct an investigation on the student-led organization known as Encore. We did lend them money in the past, and it was brought to our attention that some misuse of funds may have happened. SGA, the Executive Board, has concluded that investigation and have escalated that to the Department of SIL and they will proceed with that. Jordan deliberated the decision for them not to receive SGA funds for the duration of their existence. If there's any questions, please forward that to Jordan as I am not the head of that investigation. Any questions? Yes.

Senator Trushyna 08:25

Kateryna, College of Sciences, what was the organization and what did they do?

President Charles 08:28

Encore. Pretty much. In a brief summary, there was just a maybe a misuse- a misallocation of funds.

Senator Trushyna 08:35

But what is- what does the organization do?

President Charles 08:38

Um, I'm gonna be honest, I'm not sure what they do. But I think [Laughter] that's the problem, right? [Laughter]

VPLA Hinnawi 08:46

I believe they claimed to be raising money for cancer?

President Charles 08:49

Alright. Any other questions? Or can we get an Encore? [Laughter]

VPLA Hinnawi 09:06

For my report, thank goodness we made it to the end of the semester. I know we've had quite a semester; it's been pretty odd. I will say a few things that I have to remind you guys of. One thing that's been kind of in my emails quite a bit is the Liberal Arts Deans. I know y'all have got a thick crowd. They've been wanting to meet with one of y'all. So, what I figured I can do is maybe just get a representative from each college to kind of be that point person, that at least one of our Senators is meeting with the Deans. I know Jordan did a lot to kind of start that relationship. And then from there, we've been ghosting them, so do I have a volunteer of someone I could email. It won't- it probably won't

be this semester, but you can go back and forth. What I'll do is I'll just give you all the Dean's email and you can just introduce yourself. I think Jordan even sent out like, like a sample email of like how to reach out I think a while ago so Xavier, you want to do that? Alright, cool. Did anybody else from Liberal Arts want to do that? You wanted to do that too, Linda? Okay, I'll just put you both in one and then feel free to explore that as you wish. Does sciences have any body? What about Business? And you don't have This is a perfect opportunity.

Senator Fornatoro 10:47

You should reach out to Ian Carbo as well for Business. He's pretty good at that stuff.

VPLA Hinnawi 10:51

Well, I'll ask Ian before I just like- I'm just going to get with Ian and then. [Laughter] Okay, so thank you guys for that. Um, the next thing I want to talk about is last meeting, we had a motion to censure somebody made by a senator. And I did want to kind of go through this. So typically, a censure is kind of like a way of punishment, in which, once you're censured, you don't get to vote. We will not address you, like you're basically just listening in on the meeting. A censure typically comes after a warning though. So, the way usually goes I would issue a warning. If something happens again, it would move to censure, something happens again, you'd be asked to leave the room. Jenna as Parliamentarian also can- also we can together decide. What is unclear is the process for Senators to call a censure, I'm going to be honest. So, after speaking with the Advisors and the Exec Board, because Angelo's- knows how things work, we thought it would make more sense for it to be like more of a motion to review conduct. I'm gonna use you as an example Jenna. If Jenna did something like she just cursed me out, y'all seen, I'm not VPLA I would say "I motion to review conduct on Jenna for her language," you know, and then from there, we'll do a vote. We'll do about and then like, warning, censure, excuse, okay? Does everyone feel comfortable with that? Okay, well, I mean, I guess. Yeah. So with that I yield the rest of my time for questions then.

Senator Martinez 12:04

So on the subject of censuring, so you guys would, once we motioned for it, you would [Clearing throat], excuse me. You guys would-

VPLA Hinnawi 12:53

Review the conduct.

Senator Martinez 13:06

Okay, cool, and that motion cannot be denied by another Senator, Correct?

VPLA Hinnawi 13:11

No, but it will be voted on. Henry? And then we're gonna move on.

Senator Nguyen 13:16

So I created a motion for you to warn somebody-?

VPLA Hinnawi 13:20

Motion to review the conduct, and then, from there, the Parliamentarian and I will decide whether it's necessary to give a warning or whether further steps are needed. Brendan?

Senator Mott 13:32

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large isn't that basically a point of order- order being called on somebody just with a vote attached to it?

VPLA Hinnawi 13:39

Yes, but-

Senator Mott 13:39

It's kind of similar. It's just kind of like a point of order but a more serious version?

Senator Martinez 13:43

Exactly, so like, technically, when we call a point of order, that's kind of like- it's like saying "Shut up". So like point of order doesn't usually have stop- It's like, stop your statement, right? Like, nothing usually happens after a point of order. I'm sorry, stop. But like, does that make sense?

Senator Fornatoro 14:06

If I could clarify a point of order. Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large. In order to clarify a point of order. That would be if the proceeds of a meeting were to be out of line with the rules and procedures. And so to call a point of order, you would be saying that the course of the meeting is outside of the parameters of the rules and procedures. And so this would be specifically behavioral, whereas a point of order would be anything procedural.

Senator Mott 14:06

Yes.

Senator Trushyna 14:33

This is going to sound crazy, but I have a hammer- like the wooden hammer like in a court. Would you like to-

VPLA Hinnawi 14:41

No, we have one I choose not to use it. Any other questions? Jenna?

Parliamentarian Hymel 14:52

Jenna Hymel, Parliamentarian, Can you go over the budget? We talked about during the- how the budget works?

VPLA Hinnawi 14:57

No, because I was wrong. What we talked about, getting at, yeah. I talked to the advisors afterwards. Yeah, we can talk about later but that was wrong. I'm sorry for the misinformation. All right. Cool. Um, does the Vice President of Programming have a report?

VPP Mailhes 15:25

Hello y'all, nice to see y'all again. I haven't been able to be here since Homecoming week, took everything out of me. But good to see y'all. I just want to say a big thank you. I saw so much more Senator Participation in SAC events. And that made me really happy and I think that helps liven up the whole campus when they see y'all too out there having fun, so that definitely helps. The only thing I want to say is SAC is calendar planning. So if you're a part of any other organization that you'll want to have an event, SAC can partner with you. So just reach out to me, email me any ideas you have noted in the consideration. We want to make the spring the best spring ever. So just let me know. But that's all. I yield my time for questions. Thanks y'all!

VPLA Hinnawi 16:08

Do the Advisors have a report?

Advisor Courseault 16:23

Hello, everyone. We, again, reiterating what the executive board has said, we're very proud of you. We've done a lot this semester. You should be proud of yourselves. I know we set out for goals to be more visible. I do believe that has happened. You guys are not only just coming here, but you're advocating for the student body which is what you have been elected and appointed to do. So, you really should give yourselves a round of Applause. [Applause] I just want to add, if there are any graduating seniors this semester, please stop by and get your cord.

Advisor Gitlin 16:59

Hey y'all, happy Wednesday [Laughter]. I'm going to make this as quick as possible. Once again, I just want to acknowledge J for all of their amazing work with this. That being said, we are looking for a new Clerk of Senate if y'all know anyone who you think would be interested, who you know wants to work. Let us know. Tell them to send us their resumes. We're going to start interviewing for people as soon as possible. and with that I yield any time for questions. [Applause]

VPLA Hinnawi 17:45

We are now going to move to the Judicial report, so I think Angelo is going to give that report.

President Charles 17:45

There are two active cases before the court. The court is working out the time to meet, but they will be heard before the conclusion of the semester. We'll try before the conclusion of the semester. Are there any questions?

Senator Martinez 18:15

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences, Have there been any previous rulings done? Yet?

President Charles 18:20

Pertaining to?

Senator Martinez 18:21

I don't know. I think it was "Oscar Martinez v. Senator- Nope. I'm sorry- Rejected Senator Aaron Jordan."

President Charles 18:29

In order to maintain decorum, I think we all are aware of the outcome of that case. As you are here today, Oscar. And I appreciate you trying to humor us, and I'm glad that you're here. However, the recent decision that was made pertaining to you was announced at the prior- previous meeting by myself along with Aaron Jordan. With that being said, Is there any more questions?

VPLA Hinnawi 19:03

Since we don't have any old businesses, we'll be moving on to new business. Do I have a motion to hear new business?

Senator Mott 19:11

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large, I make a motion to hear new business.

VPLA Hinnawi 19:14

Do I hear a Second?

Senator Plasse 19:16

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

VPLA Hinnawi 19:21

The first piece of new business is the Ignite bill. Will the authors and sponsors of the bill please come forward and state your name for the record? Y'all are going to have six minutes to introduce your bill followed by six minutes for questions.

Guest Ballard 19:34

Hey y'all, my name's Joy Ballard, I'm the Associate Director of Student Involvement and Leadership.

Senator Martinez 19:46

I'm Oscar Martinez, a College of Sciences Senator.

Guest Ballard 19:50

I'm going to keep my presentation on the short, because I learned last time y'all love questions and I'm here for your questions but I want to keep what I got to say short, All right? So, I am here today asking for \$2,496.75 to put on our Ignite Training. To give you a brief background, Ignite is a program that the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership puts on where we seek to take student leadership to a deeper level to help you apply that to what's next in your life. Your career, right? So we worked with the National Association of Colleges and Employers, NACE, to identify four major competencies that employers are looking for. These things are accurate self knowledge, conscientious decision making, social proficiency, and global citizenship. I will not bore you with the research and statistics. But nonetheless, they are things that employers want out of students coming out of college and we believe that student leadership builds the skills. This program is designed to help you articulate that in your

resume, at your job interview wherever you're going. Alright, that's why we do this. So we've been doing this program for about four years. The last three have all been on Zoom because of COVID. Overwhelmingly, students report positive feedback on this program, but very negative feedback on Zoom. I'm sure you're all agree with that, right? I agree with that. I don't want to do this on Zoom anymore. However, our budget was cut. So I'm asking you for money so that we can feed people, have books for them to look at, and do a comprehensive intercultural assessment to help them develop those job skills. So, lunch for students, \$1,047.25, the program booklets we use a local companies, Gentilly Mail and Copy Center, \$649.50 for 50 booklets for everyone. And then the "Intercultural Conflict Style Inventory" is a nationally research assessment that helps look at the way you handle conflict in relationship to your cultural ideas. So that whenever you enter conflicts with other people- because you will, there's always conflict, right? Whenever you enter that conflict, you are able to come to that from an understanding place and work with other people. It hits two of our major competency program and just a great school. All right. So that's what we're asking for. That's the gist of it. We invite all student leaders on campus, so that includes all of you are of course invited, but then also all of the officers or all of our organizations that exist on campus. I think that's the gist. I do have one note. After I wrote this bill, I came to the last Senate meeting and learned about the \$10 you can go to the galley. I did talk to the galley today and then will be open on this date. So if someone felt strongly about making an amendment to do 50 \$10 meal tickets from the Galley, I would be fine with that. It would significantly lower the cost. It might not be as good as the fried chicken that's on our list, but it would be cheaper for y'all. So that is it for today. I yield the rest of my time for questions, do y'all have any?

Senator Wilson 23:41

Xavier Wilson College of Liberal Arts so my first question is when did SIL receive their budget for this year?

Guest Ballard 23:48

We recieved our budgets on July 1st.

Senator Wilson 23:50

So with that being said, this event had been put on previously four years prior. Why wasn't this event added to the new budget that you received?

Guest Ballard 24:01

Our budget was cut by 100% this year.

Senator Wilson 24:04

So what is that dollar figure number?

Guest Ballard 24:09

\$1,000 for the entire year.

Senator Abadie 24:17

Daniel Abadie, College of Liberal Arts, can you speak to the attendance of this event in not just the years it was over Zoom, but in person as well?

Guest Ballard 24:27

Sure. So, in the years over Zoom, I will be honest, we had 30 to 35 people, pre-COVID, it was closer to 50, but for the sake of budgeting because we are asking y'all for money, we are capping it at 50 this year out of consideration for your budget

Senator Fields 24:46

Regianna, College of Liberal Arts um, are you keeping these booklets after you're done or are they keeping them?

Guest Ballard 24:53

The students get to keep them. So I wish I brought an example, I do have one in the office but it's like a workbook to like go through the course with us and then it has like some handy-dandy tips for like at your job interview that kind of stuff, so you get to keep it. Anyone else?

Senator Wilson 25:18

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts. So with the constrained budget, how much would it cost to keep this on Zoom?

Guest Ballard 25:26

I could do it for free.

Senator Martinez 25:32

But, to be fair, to kind of jump off of that. COVID is kind of less of a concern than it was and everybody is transitioning back to non-COVID activities. And I don't think it'd be fair to- for the sake of a budget- to transition back to a COVID activity in the name of cheapness.

Guest Ballard 25:51

Also, Y'all're invited. Do y'all want to- if y'all want to spend five hours on Zoom. It's not- like I'm entertaining, but I don't know if I'm that entertaining, let's be real.

VPLA Hinnawi 26:08

Are there any other questions?

Senator Mott 26:13

Brenand Mott, Graduate at Large, I actually have a point of inquiry. If no one else has questions. Just, can somebody possibly the advisors tell me what the operating budget is at this point.

VPLA Hinnawi 26:22

Oh, I'm sorry. I was going to make a point of information, I just didn't want to interrupt your questioning. Point of Information, the operating budget is \$15,392.78. So far this semester, you all spent \$7,353 and the reserve account claims to be \$332,700.

Senator Abadie 26:51

Daniel Abadie, College of Liberal Arts, I know you said the transition to catered food to the cafeteria food would be easy do you have just an exact figure for how much less it'd be?

Guest Ballard 27:04

\$500 instead of \$1047.

Overlapping Speakers 27:07

[Overlapping Math mumbling]

Advisor Gitlin 27:10

The value would be \$1,949.55

Senator Wilson 27:54

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts. So you mentioned that you could do this for free on Zoom. Can you walk me through some of the costs? Because we are paying for the booklets, the booklets are about \$600 So where would that disappear to, would it become an online version?

Guest Ballard 28:10

So, we have a program called "Flipping Book" that makes like online interactive PDFs, it's kinda fun. But we use that to download the books, there would be no food costs. And if y'all don't fund this, we would just not do the Intercultural Assessment because I can't afford it.

Senator Wilson 28:30

So there's no way to still have the books in a digital format instead of the paper format.

Guest Ballard 28:35

We could. I- typically whenever we lead stuff like this. If everybody's on their phone or their laptop, they're not listening. Just being honest. People zone out. So that's why like, the books that people can write in, students like that it's better for like, just engagement in general. Um, so that is- that's it.

Senator Wilson 29:02

So it's just like a keepsake for people. But it can be free?

Guest Ballard 29:05

I think it's more than a keepsake. It's- It is a useful document. Like, it's a useful document.

Senator Wilson 29:12

But to clarify, it can be free online?

Guest Ballard 29:15

It could be free online. Yes.

Senator Lemons 29:21

Cooper Lemons, College of Liberal Arts, as the head of the finance committee, I would just like to raise a point of information to remind everybody that what we do not use of our budget over the year will get taken away.

VPLA Hinnawi 29:35

No! Sorry! No, that goes to the reserve account. No, okay, I'm sorry, guys. That's on me. We were confused. Any money that's left over in the operating account just goes to the reserve account.

Senator Fornatoro 30:02

Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large. Another question about the budget. Did we use the entire budget last year and is our budget the same this year as it was last year?

VPLA Hinnawi 30:12

Um, well right now it's not the time for budgeting questions. But we were-

President Charles 30:21

the SGA?

Senator Fornatoro 30:22

The Senate Budget. I believe it was all spent last year and it's smaller this year than it was last year.

VPLA Hinnawi 30:27

Well that has-

Parliamentarian Hymel 30:29

Jenna Hymel, Parliamentarian, Point of Information you know, please keep it- Please keep it on track with what the conversation is about.

VPLA Hinnawi 30:36

That separately, we can talk about that during open forum. But let's keep the bill in mind because we are right now during questioning for the bill. Okay, any other questions for Joy or Oscar regarding the bill? Xavier?

Senator Wilson 30:52

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts, Would you be open to an amendment to have the booklets be online?

Guest Ballard 30:58

I would prefer you not, but I'm gonna be honest. I would like this program to happen, so if the Senate votes for that, I would rather have to not have to do it on Zoom, and not have books. Like, I'll work with you. I- I realized that I'm begging. [Laughter] I'm in a financial emergency, what do y'all want to do?

VPLA Hinnawi 31:26

Are there any other questions?

Guest Ballard 31:34

Okay, Thanks for listening to this bill.

VPLA Hinnawi 31:45

We are now going to answer initial debate. Do any senators rise in opposition to the bill? Okay. So nobody rises in opposition to the bill. Okay. Does anyone rise in support of the bill? Linda?

Senator Plasse 32:11

Linda Plasse, College of Liberal Arts. So I have attended this training several times as I've been here at UNO for four years, so I've been at just about every one, and I can confirm that like this is valuable for students. And, just a reminder, like as SGA we are representing the student body and if students want it to be in person, they want a physical workbook, all of those things, then it is our job to represent those wants and needs of our students and I feel like it's good for a good cause and for something that will genuinely benefit a lot of our students. So, I support this.

VPLA Hinnawi 32:43

Thank you. Marco?

Senator Barahona 32:45

Marco Barahona, Junior at Large. I personally think that it would be a good bill to have just because there's a lot of young kids freshmen, juniors- juniors and sophomores that I've never had to be in an environment like that where they got to talk to a job or have like an actual job interview for like their career. So I feel like that'd be very beneficial to like the incoming freshmen. And honestly, anybody who's never applied for a job, I guess.

VPLA Hinnawi 33:16

Thank you. We're gonna go to Brendan.

Senator Abadie 33:19

I have a point of inquiry. Daniel Abadie, College of Liberal Arts Is this program open to the entire student body or is it to student leaders?

VPLA Hinnawi 33:30

I think it was for students leaders, and then also the officers of every organization.

Senator Abadie 33:36

Okay, so is it open to everybody?

VPLA Hinnawi 33:38

Yes. So they'll opened up sign up for that and they're also capping it at 50. If, like, more people tried to sign up. Brendan?

Senator Mott 33:48

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large, so I do also rise in support for similar reasons to what Linda said. I've been to this numerous times on zoom. And I think it's important to mention that yes, it's only the leaders of organizations going but they can bring that culture to their organization, which means that culture gets brought to the student body. It's an indirect connection that- that you kind of have to make to realize that how big of an impact this has. That's all I have to say.

Parliamentarian Hymel 33:48

Jenna Hymel, College of Liberal Arts, I attended last year's Ignite on Zoom. It wasn't that great. because it was on Zoom, because I didn't have a physical work in front of me. Like it just didn't compare and I only can compare it to the leadership retreat, which it is very similar. I preferred the Leadership Retreat so much more because it was in person, because I had physical things in front of me, because I was interacting face to face with my peers. And I can talk one on one with other people. So to completely dismiss this idea of it being in person is negligent to the student leaders that we have on campus.

VPLA Hinnawi 34:57

Okay, does anyone else rise in support of this bill? Okay. Then, we will now have to amendments. Are there any amendments?

Senator Wilson 35:10

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts, I would like to amend out the purchase of the physical materials in lieu of the digital format exams.

VPLA Hinnawi 35:21

So just to clarify your amendment is to say, I forgot something. This could be a little backwards. Do I have a motion to hear this amendment? I'm sorry,

Senator Abadie 35:32

Daniel Abadie, College of Liberal Arts, I motion to hear this amendment..

VPLA Hinnawi 35:36

Thank you. So So I guess just to clarify, you want to amend out the booklets cost, so the \$649.50.

Senator Wilson 35:45

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 35:46

Okay. Oscar?

Senator Martinez 35:49

Motion to recognize Senator Christian Crout.

Senator Mieczkowski 35:53

I second the motion.

VPLA Hinnawi 36:00

So does anyone rise in opposition to this amendment to take out the 600- \$649.50 for the booklets?
We'll start with Brendan

Senator Mott 36:13

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large, I rise in opposition to that, just for the sole reason that I'll be honest, if there's a booklet on my phone, I'm either A. I'm not going to look at it or B. I'll be distracted, just as I said. And I'm saying that personally, but I have seen that many times before.

VPLA Hinnawi 36:30

Thank you. Marco?

Senator Barahona 36:32

Marco Barahona, Junior at Large, going off what Brendan said, it would kind of defeat the whole purpose of having an in-person event if everybody's just on the phone or tablet looking at it. And plus it's not as personable like everyone has said in support.

Senator Rodarte 36:49

Antonio Rodarte, College of Business Administration I rise in opposition mainly because the price is just now and digital and fiscal the exact same, so we might as well have physical books.

VPLA Hinnawi 37:00

Um, well, the digital version wouldn't be purchased it would have been through like a flip app, with a scan I presume? And then, they would distribute the pdf copies. Yes.

Parliamentarian Hymel 37:16

Jenna Hymel, College of Liberal Arts, again, piggybacking on what I said earlier about having had the digital versus physical copy. The digital book went away, because it was in my email and I lost it. And I don't have that memory of having a physical- physical book. I still have all of my books that I've had physically. It's a keepsake. It's something that I share the memory of. So from my perspective, like having that physical book, it helps and there's a lot of valuable information in that book that gets lost when it is a digital copy.

VPLA Hinnawi 37:54

Thank you, Kateryna?

Senator Trushyna 37:56

Kateryna Trushyna, College of Sciences, point of inquiry. Is it possible to have an online book as an option preferred to physical book?

Guest Ballard 38:05

Yes, we could make an online book.

Senator Trushyna 38:08

Because like, for me, I would like to have everything online. Like I- like to have like, have an option of having physical versus electronic book. Because, like for a case to case basis- I mean, just to have an open- have a creative, if somebody prefers the electronic version, maybe will allow more students to attend maybe that way?

Guest Ballard 38:33

Yes. So once I've made the PDF that I send to print it, I can also put it online for people so that way you could use whichever you want, but I would still need to print the same number.

VPLA Hinnawi 38:43

So the costs would still remain the same too, we'd still have to get the books that. Doing also an online version doesn't really do anything for our bill though right now. So back to objections to this amendment. Does anyone else object to the amendment to remove the \$649.50? Linda?

Senator Plasse 39:03

Linda Plasse College of Liberal Arts. So for those of you who don't know, I'm a teacher. I work with children. I've taught every grade level for at least some portion of time, from birth to college students, and having physical materials and I'm sure there's data out there to back this up. It's so much more worthwhile to that person, it is so much more concrete, you're able to interact with it much better versus staring at a screen, all of that information is not retained as well. So the purpose of this training would be lost in a very short amount of time versus a long term memory keepsake. So- the teacher input there.

VPLA Hinnawi 39:36

Thank you so much. Does anyone else rise in opposition or support?

Senator Wilson 39:45

Xavier Wilson College of Liberal Arts, I rise in support of my amendment. Because, if we actually just look in front of us, none of us have the bill in front of us, because the Senate has decided to go to no paper or very limited paper. And I think it'd be weird for us to want to promote the printing of these books when we ourselves have decided that we're going to limit the amount of paper that we're paying for and spending on, and also might I remind everyone else that most of our textbooks are on redshelf. So if you lose your textbook, your personal negligence does not equate for not having the physical copy because it's on you at the end of the day. And if this training is something that people are passionate about, and something that they want to do, they'll hold on to those emails. They'll hold on to the material and they'll pass it down to whomever else they want and we'll save ourselves \$649 for the cost of printing

Senator Bauman 40:49

Cierra Bauman, College of Business Administration, Did we have a vote on going no paper? because-

VPLA Hinnawi 40:52

No.

Senator Bauman 40:53

All right.

VPLA Hinnawi 40:54

We can talk about that during open forum. Okay, does anyone else rise in support of this amendment?

Senator Fornatoro 41:06

Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large, I rise in support of this amendment to keep the costs lower on the bill in total. Considering that, after looking at our budget, we have the same budget as last year minus inflation, about 8%. So I think doing things that can be cost efficient will help us out when it's later on in the spring and things pick up again.

VPLA Hinnawi 41:42

All right, then we will now vote on the amendment only, not in the entire bill, just on the amendment of whether or not to remove the physical copies of the booklet, when I call your name please vote, Yes, No, or Abstain. Daniel Abadie?

Senator Abadie 42:00

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 42:03

Marco Barahona?

Senator Barahona 42:04

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 42:06

Rakeen Barnes is not here- Cierra Bauman?

Senator Bauman 42:11

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 42:11

Michael Brown?

Senator Brown 42:12

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 42:14

Ian Carbo?

Senator Gillum 42:16

No by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 42:18
Christian Crout?

Senator Crout 42:19
No.

VPLA Hinnawi 42:21
Regianna Fields?

Senator Fields 42:24
Abstain.

VPLA Hinnawi 42:24
Brett Fornatoro?

Senator Fornatoro 42:25
Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 42:27
Daniel Hunsaker?

Senator Lemons 42:28
No by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 42:30
Jenna Hymel?

Parliamentarian Hymel 42:33
No.

VPLA Hinnawi 42:33
Leo Gillum?

Senator Gillum 42:34
No

VPLA Hinnawi 42:36
Kamille Isom?

Senator Isom 42:37
No.

VPLA Hinnawi 42:39

Katie Lambert?

Senator Lambert 42:40

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 42:42

Cooper Lemons?

Senator Lemons 42:43

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 42:44

Oscar Martinez?

Senator Martinez 42:45

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 42:47

Chloe Metzler?

Senator Metzler 42:47

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 42:49

Henry Mieczkowski?

Senator Mieczkowski 42:50

No

VPLA Hinnawi 42:51

Gabrielee Morales-Ramirez?

Senator Morales-Ramirez 42:53

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 42:55

Brendan Mott?

Senator Mott 42:56

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 42:57

Henry Nguyen?

Senator Fornatoro 43:00
Abstain by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 43:01
Adam Peters?

Senator Martinez 43:02
No by proxy,

VPLA Hinnawi 43:04
Linda Plasse?

Senator Plasse 43:05
No.

VPLA Hinnawi 43:06
Mahaut Sorlin?

Senator Sorlin 43:07
No.

VPLA Hinnawi 43:09
Gazi Raihan?

Senator Metzler 43:10
Abstain by proxy

VPLA Hinnawi 43:12
Iniya René?

Senator René 43:13
Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 43:15
Antonio Rodarte?

Senator Rodarte 43:20
Abstain.

VPLA Hinnawi 43:20
Damario Strukien?

Senator Fornatoro 43:22
Abstain by Proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 43:24

Kateryna Trushyna?

Senator Trushyna 43:26

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 43:29

Xavier Wilson.

Senator Wilson 43:30

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 43:36

Okay with seven yeses, 18 nos, and five abstentions, the amendment does not pass. Are there any other amendments? Daniel?

Senator Abadie 43:51

Daniel Abadie, College of Liberal Arts I propose- Do I have to get recognized to propose an amendment-?

VPLA Hinnawi 43:58

Oh, sorry. Wait, no, you're right. Do I have a motion to hear this amendment?

Senator Rodarte 44:05

Antonio Rodarte, I motion to hear this amendment.

VPLA Hinnawi 44:07

Thank you.

Senator Abadie 44:09

Okay. I propose an amendment to, as the author of the bill has brought up, to change the food provided from the fried chicken catering to the \$10 passes at the Galley.

VPLA Hinnawi 44:29

Thank you. So that would be basically turning the lunch budget from \$1,047.25, to I think a clean, even \$500 charge. Does anyone rise in opposition to this amendment? Does anyone rise in support?

Senator Fornatoro 45:00

Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large, motion to vote on the amendment.

VPLA Hinnawi 45:04

Can I get a second?

Senator Mott 45:06

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large, I second that motion.

VPLA Hinnawi 45:09

Can I get a show of hands? [Show of Hands] All right, when I call your name please vote yes-

Senator Mott 45:15

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large, motion to show of hands to vote on the amendment.

VPLA Hinnawi 45:23

All right, well, then all in favor of this amendment raise your hand? [Show of Hands] All opposed? [Show of Hands] Thank you. Any abstains? You're abstaining. Are you abst-

Senator Fornatoro 45:49

I'm abstaining my proxy votes.

VPLA Hinnawi 45:50

Okay, Raise those hands just because I need to count to one side of the amendment- Okay, we're gonna do a roll call vote. [Laughter]

President Charles 46:01

Point of information. So if you're a proxy, then these minutes- and these amendments are being made at the moment. I'm curious as to how you know what your proxy is going to vote. So, the internal- I think the appropriate thing to do would be abstain if you- if the proxy didn't make a vote, I'm just saying, that's- cool.

VPLA Hinnawi 46:22

So, I'm gonna go ahead with the roll call vote just because when amendments pass I do have to put all that on the paper. So when I call your name, please vote yes, no, or abstain. Daniel Abadie?

Senator Abadie 46:35

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 46:36

Marco Barahona?

Senator Barahona 46:38

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 46:39

Cierra Bauman?

Senator Bauman 46:42

Abstain.

VPLA Hinnawi 46:42
Michael Brown?

Senator Brown 46:43
Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 46:44
Ian Carbo?

Senator Gillum 46:45
Yes by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 46:47
Christian Crout?

Senator Crout 46:48
Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 46:50
Regianna Fields?

Senator Fields 46:51
Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 46:52
Brett Fornatoro?

Senator Fornatoro 46:53
Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 46:55
Daniel Hunsaker?

Senator Hunsaker 46:56
Abstain by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 46:58
Jenna Hymel?

Parliamentarian Hymel 46:59
Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 47:00

Leo Gillum?

Senator Gillum 47:01

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 47:02

Kamille Isom?

Senator Isom 47:03

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 47:04

Katie Lambert?

Senator Lambert 47:05

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 47:06

Cooper Lemons?

Senator Lemons 47:07

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 47:08

Oscar Martinez?

Senator Martinez 47:10

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 47:10

Chloe Metzler?

Senator Metzler 47:11

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 47:14

Henry Mieczkowski?

Senator Mieczkowski 47:15

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 47:16

Gabrielee Morales-Ramirez?

Senator Morales-Ramirez 47:20

Abstain.

VPLA Hinnawi 47:20

Brendan Mott?

Senator Mott 47:21

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 47:22

Henry Nguyen?

Senator Fornatoro 47:23

Abstain by proxy.

Parliamentarian Hymel 47:24

Adam Peters?

Senator Martinez 47:25

Yes, by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 47:27

Linda Plasse?

Senator Plasse 47:28

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 47:30

Mahaut Sorlin?

Senator Sorlin 47:31

Yes,

VPLA Hinnawi 47:32

Gazi Raihan?

Senator Metzler 47:37

Abstain by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 47:37

Iniya René?

Senator René 47:38

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 47:39

Antonio Rodarte?

Senator Rodarte 47:40

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 47:42

Damario Strukien?

Senator Fornatoro 47:44

Abstain by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 47:46

Kateryna Trushyna?

Senator Trushyna 47:47

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 47:50

Xavier Wilson?

Senator Wilson 47:51

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 47:55

With 22 yeses, 2 nos, and 6 abstentions, this amendment has passed. So, the new total of the bill- Are there any other amendments? Okay, does anyone have a total of the bill?

Senator Martinez 48:22

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences. The new bill total will be \$1,949.55.

VPLA Hinnawi 48:30

All right, moving forward with that, we will now enter final debate. The first few minutes are going to be controlled by the first senator to rise in opposition of the bill. Christian?

Advisor Gitlin 48:40

Christian Crout College of Engineering. I wish to be recognized as Senator Barnes' proxy, he asked me before the meeting, I had to show up late.

Unknown Senator 48:49

I second the motion.

VPLA Hinnawi 48:53

Does anyone rise in opposition to this bill? Xavier?

Senator Wilson 48:58

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts I rise in opposition of the bill, simply because of the cost of printing the materials. Also, I just- because as people said, it's a keepsake, so it's just something they're going to hold on to. They could do that in a digital format. If they cared that much about the training, they would keep it. And I guess I have a further question, which would be, what happens when it rains, and all the papers get wet? We don't have a digital copy to go off of and I think it would just be best if we just had the digital copy. It would save us \$649 So that's why I rise in opposition to the bill.

VPLA Hinnawi 49:38

Does anyone else rise in opposition to this bill as amended?

Senator Fornatoro 49:52

Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large, I motion to vote.

VPLA Hinnawi 49:58

Can I get a show of hands? [Show of Hands] All right. We will now move onto a roll call vote on the bill as it is amended, meaning that we're replacing the ordered food and everything else will remain the same. When I call your name, please vote yes-

Parliamentarian Hymel 50:14

Jenna Hymel, Parliamentarian, is there a total on that bill?

VPLA Hinnawi 50:19

Yes, so Oscar said it was \$1,949.55 Okay, when I call your name, please vote yes no or abstain? Daniel Abadie?

Senator Abadie 50:34

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 50:37

Marco Barahona?

Senator Barahona 50:37

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 50:37

Rakeen Barnes?

Senator Crout 50:41

Yes by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 50:42

Cierra Bauman?

Senator Bauman 50:43

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 50:45

Michael Brown?

Senator Brown 50:46

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 50:47

Ian Carbo?

Senator Gillum 50:48

Yes by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 50:49

Christian Crout?

Senator Crout 50:50

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 50:52

Regianna Fields?

Senator Fields 50:53

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 50:54

Brett Fornatoro?

Senator Fornatoro 50:55

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 50:57

Daniel Hunsaker?

Senator Lemons 50:58

Yes by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 50:59

Jenna Hymel?

Parliamentarian Hymel 51:00

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 51:01

Leo Gillum?

Senator Gillum 51:02

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 51:04

Kamille Isom?

Senator Isom 51:06

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 51:06

Katie Lambert?

Senator Lambert 51:06

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 51:07

Cooper Lemons?

Senator Lemons 51:08

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 51:09

Oscar Martinez?

Senator Martinez 51:10

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 51:12

Chloe Metzler?

Senator Metzler 51:13

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 51:13

Henry Mieczkowski?

Senator Mieczkowski 51:15

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 51:16
Gabrielee Morales-Ramirez?

Senator Morales-Ramirez 51:18
No.

VPLA Hinnawi 51:20
Brendan Mott?

Senator Mott 51:21
Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 51:22
Henry Nguyen?

Senator Fornatoro 51:23
Yes by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 51:25
Adam Peters?

Senator Martinez 51:25
Yes. by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 51:27
Linda Plasse?

Senator Plasse 51:28
Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 51:29
Mahaut Sorlin?

Senator Sorlin 51:30
Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 51:30
Gazi Raihan?

Senator Metzler 51:32
Abstain by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 51:33

Iniya René?

Senator René 51:34

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 51:35

Antonio Rodarte?

Senator Rodarte 51:37

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 51:38

Damario Strukien?

Senator Fornatoro 51:39

Yes by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 51:40

Kateryna Trushyna?

Senator Trushyna 51:43

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 51:46

Xavier Wilson?

Senator Wilson 51:46

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 51:50

Alright, with 27 yeses, three nos, and one abstention, the bill has passed. [Applause] We will move to open forum-

Advisor Courseault 52:19

Point of information about the budget, the reason the Senate operating budget was increased is because we had way more organizations that requested money. We had a lot of budget requests. So actually, SGA received more money this year than last year. So that is why our Senate operating budget was a little bit increased because of all the budget requests that we had.

Senator Fornatoro 52:43

Angelo sent me the budget and I checked back on it, the Senate operating budget is the exact same number. But I do believe we didn't spend a whole lot last year. Or did we? I don't remember.

Advisor Courseault 52:56

We spent- I want to say that was a few thousand dollars left because a lot of orders came in April. So I can get back with you the exact number we had last year.

Senator Fornatoro 53:04

Thank you

Senator Wilson 53:09

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts. So I kind of want to piggyback off of what Angelo- our excuse me, President Charles had said earlier. With the proxy system, I think we as an SGA need to work on amending it in a- in a sense, because essentially, from an outsider's perspective, it would appear that some people have two votes. And I think for the sake of democracy, that's not necessarily the fairest way of doing it. But that is something that we should look into.

VPLA Hinnawi 53:46

That's an interesting take on it. What I will say is, it's clear and on the record that when you are voting for someone as their proxy, you do say "yes by proxy, no by proxy, abstain by proxy, even present by proxy." And if someone were to draw that conclusion, they can just simply look it up. And it would be-

President Charles 54:08

I think, what he's trying to say in the instances of amendments, there's no way-

VPLA Hinnawi 54:12

That I 100% agree with.

President Charles 54:13

That's what he's trying to say

Senator Wilson 54:14

Yeah.

VPLA Hinnawi 54:15

Okay, yeah, no, so that was what I was gonna bring up in open forum is that if an amendment is made during a meeting- now, there are sometimes submitted amendments that I'll send out with bills in advance. Which like, totally get it you're proxying someone- they told you how they vote on that- that makes sense. But if I'm- like, if you're not sitting in the meeting, and you've never heard this amendment, "yes, by proxy, no by proxy," that is your opinion. And it's been something that we've been doing for a while, but it's like, that's not something that can continue. Like if you if you're proxying for someone, you need to vote how they want to vote, not how you want to vote. So if they are not here to hear something, then that is an abstention. Okay? They could not have submitted that vote with you. And that's why it's so important that when you agree to proxy for someone, you also ask them how they're voting. Okay? And like they can even leave a statement, if they want to have a senator communication or announcement and like they're not here, like you can get up and speak for them. That's cool. But it's like, that is their words, like you are reflecting them. And you voting for them is like

not fair. Because if that's not their opinion, and that's not how they would have voted, like you're not. Jenna?

Parliamentarian Hymel 55:36

Jenna Hymel, College of Liberal Arts. Just to kind of say, I don't know if this is allowed, but like, I usually when I'm getting proxied and in communication with my proxies, current- like when things are happening. And, like that's how I usually influence my judge- and like, their vote is my vote because they are telling me like-

VPLA Hinnawi 55:59

What you mean like during the meeting they're messaging you at the same time-

Parliamentarian Hymel 56:04

Because I'm- I- those are my words that they're saying.

President Charles 56:07

So is it like- I'm sorry- So is it, like, "Hey, the amendment just happened on his bill. Do you vote yes or no?"

Parliamentarian Hymel 56:13

Yes.

Senator Fornatoro 56:18

Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large, to play off of Jenna's point, if you're texting someone during the meeting, and they're available to understand what's going on in the meeting, why aren't they here? [Overlapping conversation] -Why are they somewhere else? Why not this? I just have to say that part. But nonetheless, I think a solution to this problem would be, there has to be some sort of documentation that this person said either "I want to vote specifically this way or I want you to vote however you want anything in the middle" but there should be like actual documentation that this person told their proxy how they want to vote.

VPLA Hinnawi 56:55

Okay, that's interesting. Definitely something maybe that can be added in the proxy form. But I think when you ask for someone to be your proxy, I feel like you should also like just check for that within yourself. We can add like a checkbox that says "I told them how to vote"-

Senator Fornatoro 57:11

Not necessarily submitted to SGA, but just submitted, like, that way it shouldn't just be a text. It should be like something that was actually given to that proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 57:22

Well, we have a proxy form that's filed with us, so that you can be written like that if you want. Linda?

Senator Plasse 57:32

Yeah, about that. I just wanted to say like sometimes whatever I've asked for people to proxy for me and I look at the agenda in advance. I'm like, "Hey, I'm voting this way on this bill." But if someone brings something about this, like kind of anticipating possible amendments, so maybe also on the proxies forum, like we could just put like a box like to- like a short answer kind of box like, "What are your votes or any amendments that you would suggest?" that way, it's like documented what their suggestions would be, were they there in person, just a thought.

Senator Trushyna 58:03

For communication purposes. I mean, verbal consent is just as powerful as a written consent. So I feel that verbal consent to represent somebody's proxy is valid. And that's kind of what we need. We don't need to write what we think

VPLA Hinnawi 58:18

Well, we already have a form.

Senator Trushyna 58:19

I know but like, as far as like, what you want to vote on, we have a form saying that "oh, I want somebody to proxy for me," but you selecting that person to be a proxy, that's your verbal consent. And you communicate with that person- if however, you should- you don't have to let everybody know your decision.

VPLA Hinnawi 58:39

Yeah, that's how we do it right now. Oscar?

Senator Martinez 58:44

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences. Yeah, I think the issue we run into is when we get texted, "hey, can you proxy for me" and they say "I vote yes for this." but if anything comes up, vote, how you feel. It's up to your judgment. I get that so many times when I proxy for people, and how am I supposed to know how they feel? It's really impossible. So usually, you kind of just [Audio glitch] -go I mean, but yeah, but like they tell you to vote in a situation. You're getting told to vote for them. Yeah.

VPLA Hinnawi 59:13

That's totally understandable. But you also have the power to say "no, just tell me how to vote." If you don't feel comfortable voting how you feel which I mean, you- it shouldn't be an uncomfortable situation, just tell them like straight up. "Yes? No? Abstain? If you don't have an opinion, I'm going to abstain for you."

Senator Fornatoro 59:35

Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large. Just a question, because I believe the Governance Committee is supposed to discuss potential rule changes. Do you know if Governance Committee has talked about any rule changes this semester?

VPLA Hinnawi 59:47

No. The answer is no. Xavier?

Senator Wilson 59:53

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts, so since we have identified a problem with amendment voting, and like the proxy process, are we going to address it for anything that happened previously? Or are we now going to just make sure that we- make sure nothing else happens?

President Charles 1:00:12

So laws are not retroactive, unfortunately. You guys can write a procedural amendment and going forward we can address that, with this problem. Unless you want to challenge it with the court. They can decide that for law, if we decide to go with it. It will be post, it can't be retroactive.

Senator Metzler 1:00:36

Chloe Metzler, Sophomore at Large. So has- is there like an open issue regarding like somebody saying that they didn't want to vote for this amendment? Just wondering because I feel like we should- we should probably take into consideration that no one's really bothered by the fact that somebody is voting for them. And if they're not reading the meeting minutes, we should probably take that into consideration if they didn't report.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:01:10

Does anyone else wish to say anything? Okay, so Oscar?

Senator Martinez 1:01:19

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

Senator Fornatoro 1:01:23

Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large, I second the motion.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:01:25

Can I get a show of hands? [Show of Hands] I adjourn this meeting at 6:09 pm.