

# 02/08/2023 Minutes

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## SPEAKERS

Parliamentarian Hymel, Senator Carbo, Senator Isom, Senator Barahona, Senator Lemons, VPP, Senator Mott, Advisor Gitlin, President Charles, Senator Rodarte, Senator Abadie, VPLA Hinnawi, Senator RenÃ©, Senator Crout, Senator Fields, Senator Bauman, Senator Metzler, Senator Gillum, Clerk, Senator Hunsaker

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- V** VPLA Hinnawi 00:12  
All right, call this meeting to order at 5:08pm. The Parlimentarian is present. Do I have a nomination for temporary Pro Tempore?
- V** VPLA Hinnawi 00:23  
Brendon? Perfect.Thank you so much.
- V** VPLA Hinnawi 00:27  
Okay, I will now take a roll call vote. When I call your name just say present. All right.
- V** VPLA Hinnawi 00:34  
Daniel Abadie.
- S** Senator Abadie 00:35  
Present.
- V** VPLA Hinnawi 00:36  
Marco Barahona.

 Senator Barahona 00:38  
Present.

 VPLA Hinnawi 00:39  
Rakeen. Barnes. Rakeen Barnes.

 VPLA Hinnawi 00:48  
Cierra Bauman.

 Senator Bauman 00:49  
Present .

 VPLA Hinnawi 00:51  
Ian carbo.

 Senator Carbo 00:52  
Present.

 VPLA Hinnawi 00:53  
Christian Crout.

 Senator Crout 00:54  
Present.

 VPLA Hinnawi 00:55  
Dylan Davidson. Dylan Davidson.

 VPLA Hinnawi 01:08  
Dylan Davidson.

Regianna Fields.

 Senator Fields 01:08  
Here.

 VPLA Hinnawi 01:09  
Brett Fornatoro.

 Senator Barahona 01:11  
Here by proxy.

 VPLA Hinnawi 01:13  
Cameron Federick. Cameron Federick.

 VPLA Hinnawi 01:25  
Leo Gillum.

 Senator Gillum 01:26  
Here.

 VPLA Hinnawi 01:27  
Daniel Hunsaker.

 Senator Hunsaker 01:28  
Present.

 VPLA Hinnawi 01:29  
Jenna Hymel.

 Parliamentarian Hymel 01:30

— Here.

V VPLA Hinnawi 01:31  
Kamille Isom.

S Senator Isom 01:32  
Here.

V VPLA Hinnawi 01:33  
Katie Lambert. Katie Lambert.

V VPLA Hinnawi 01:43  
Cooper Lemons.

S Senator Lemons 01:44  
Here.

V VPLA Hinnawi 01:46  
Chloe Metzler.

S Senator Metzler 01:47  
Present.

V VPLA Hinnawi 01:49  
Henry Mieczkowski. Henry Mieczkowski.

V VPLA Hinnawi 01:59  
Brendan Mott.

S Senator Mott 02:00

 Senator Mott 02:00  
Present.

 VPLA Hinnawi 02:02  
Henry Nguyen.

 Senator Abadie 02:03  
Here by proxy.

 VPLA Hinnawi 02:06  
Iniya Rene.

 Senator RenÃ© 02:07  
Present

 VPLA Hinnawi 02:09  
Antonio Rodarte.

 Senator Rodarte 02:10  
Present.

 VPLA Hinnawi 02:12  
All right with 18 senators present. We do meet quorum, Are there any corrections or changes to today's agenda?

 VPLA Hinnawi 02:26  
With no objections to the agenda, it is approved. Are there any corrections or changes to the minutes from last meeting?

 VPLA Hinnawi 02:39  
And did everyone get those in the email? I sent out? Okay, cool. All right, with no objections to the minutes they are approved. Are there any senator communications or announcements?

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Senator Mott 02:53

Brendan Mott. Graduate at large. I just have a couple of things to make quick announcements about so the first one is on that on I went to an event because I am graduate at large. but also a part of the College of Liberal Arts. I went to the event for the anthropology and sociology department last night where they were like revealing some new spaces that they created in Milnebrug Hall. So if y'all are like if y'all take classes on whatever and you're interested in finding out more you can talk to me after the meeting. I got like a little paper that has a bunch of different rooms where the people can study, it's open to really anybody in the building, but it's mainly publicized to anthropology, of course.

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Senator Mott 03:27

And my second one is that I'm working with Residential Life at Pontchartrain Hall, they have created their own kind of mini version of SGA like the Residence Hall Association, and I'm speaking with with the person who was the advisor for that to try to see if we can make some partnership for us to have a direct communication with the students who are on campus more.

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VPLA Hinnawi 03:47

Thank you so much. Brendan. Does anyone have any questions for Brendan?

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VPLA Hinnawi 04:00

Are there any other Senate communications or announcements?

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VPLA Hinnawi 04:07

Are there any non-Senator communications or announcements? All right. Does the pro tempore have a report? Do any committees have report?

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Parliamentarian Hymel 04:24

Rules Committee has a report.

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Parliamentarian Hymel 04:31

Welcome back for those who are new. Just few things now we are all together. Remember to keep the decorum, when we are together this is a formal meeting for doing business. You can be as silly goofy as you want outside of this formal session. Just not here. Because we are doing actual legislative matters. And when you're speaking, please do not speak out of turn. Raise

your hand until you are called on. Please state your full name and college as a reminder. We're going to be a little more stricter. About decorum, I will be calling people out and please don't make it continue into actual action against you.

**P** Parliamentarian Hymel 05:14

And then on the committee side of things on rules. We have our first piece of legislation which, I am waiting to collect the votes and if you're in the committee, please answer my email. It's really important, we don't have that many people so please answer emails. Nothing else and I yield the rest of my time for questions.

**V** VPLA Hinnawi 05:38

Does anyone have any questions for Jenna? Awesome. Thanks Jenna.

**V** VPLA Hinnawi 05:48

Do any other committees have report? All right. Does the President have report?

**P** President Charles 06:15

Greetings senators today. As you saw in the UC, the atrium, today we recognize the contribution of nine maybe 10 black women and Black History Month. Those people were Shirley Chisholm, who was the first I want to say, I'm not gonna go into that detail but Robin Ella Baker, Ida B. Wells, Ketanji Brown, Audrey Llyod, Keke Palmer, Lena Wake, Bell Hooks, and Viola Davis.

**P** President Charles 06:45

SGA has been moving forward with planning events and focusing on you know, highlighting to the historic-ness of this month and what it means to those black students on campus and not just black students. So this was important to understand that African American history is American history. So in essence of highlighting that I just want to appreciate all the black women in the room. I greatly appreciate y'all for being here, but everyone has a part in SGA because that's what we represent.

**P** President Charles 07:14

I also would like to take a moment to recognize my wonderful executive board team. My Speaker. Not only that, my Vice President, I've been on the executive board for two years now and honestly I hate to say Amber, im sorry, our previous president, like we are, even though we were great last year, but this year we are even better. So even my advisor Todd I'd like appreciate you today for just you know, really moving things forward with events this is very important for the campus and for the student body.

P

President Charles 07:51

For those of you who don't know why we're here, we are here to promote student life and get engagement on campus. A lot of students have been reaching out to me via email in regards to bills which means that in part we are not doing our job because I want to know why they don't know you and why they come to me. But that being said, just making sure that you're communicating to your constituents, and the people in your class about potential legislation and your things.

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President Charles 08:19

Now let's get to business. So upcoming this Saturday, I'm sponsoring the SGA tailgate. I need to talk with Daniel after this meeting.

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President Charles 08:38

We do have some things to do but The SGA has a spot at the tailgate for the Mcneese vs UNO game.

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President Charles 08:49

Just really coming out and just really highlighting student life. You know, a lot of times they don't have much to do on campus. I don't understand how this is the University of New Orleans and it doesn't feel like New Orleans, if you're not from here you should know but nevertheless that we need to work on that.

P

President Charles 09:04

Then going from that we met with administration last week and we did get recognition from administration on our efforts. I spoke to clerk Wilson today. He told me not to mention this but I'm going to do it anyway. The administration recognized our efforts for the student ID resolution that we did. We were the first in the UL system to do so. And because of that the other institutions will be moving forward with creating student ID resolutions.

P

President Charles 09:37

But this is where change happens. This is you know, the room getting smaller and might get bigger, you know, we're gonna roll with the wind, but nevertheless. We are the richest organization on campus and I say that with pride. We have a lot to do, we have a lot of responsibility. So making sure that your seat has been filled and filled with purpose. And I think you all have been doing that thus far. I have two minutes.

P

President Charles 10:02

So the next event after this Friday we will have an event on Monday. Crescent Care will be coming out on behalf of SGA to give students access to important information. They're gonna come in ahead of Valentine's Day to educate our students and provide STD testing HIV, syphilis and other testing for sexually transmitted disease. We will also have a table on consent. Again as we're educating this semester, we're doing things that we haven't done before. And as President, I will make sure that we continue to represent our student body and that we are provided with the best resources as possible. And I plan to do that and with that being said that concludes my report.

S

Senator Metzler 11:08

Chloe Metzler Sophomore at large. What time is it at?

P

President Charles 11:12

Monday, so the event will be from 11-1 in front of the UC. They are coming to provide resources but the SGA tables will be inside of it. And there's also like the ambassador event so that will be going on.

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VPLA Hinnawi 11:36

All right, thank you. Does the vice president have a report?

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VPLA Hinnawi 11:55

I'll get my report now. So I hope you guys all have a pretty good day so far. If you look around the room, you'll notice we lost quite a couple of senators, well we lost a lot some of which that's like graduation or just not being able to come because this time slot I know is small. So with that I sent out a Google form.

V

VPLA Hinnawi 12:22

But I need you guys to respond to that. It's an email with the agenda just so I can kind of get things situated on my end, record wise of who's here. Also to piggyback on that, committees are uneven right now with the loss of some of our senators. So I am going to kind of be moving y'all around through committee assignments, and I'll be sending that out to the committee heads. So just be on the lookout for an email from them. It shouldn't be everyone in the committee but a few of y'all will be moved around. Also, I noticed in the Google Form, some people have responded already. And there's like a section about any ideas you have for the Senate at the bottom and you guys have already given quite a few good ideas.

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VPLA Hinnawi 13:10

So I'm looking forward to like maybe meeting y'all one on one on that and like further progressing to see what we actually can do. And I know if y'all want to have some kind of like meet the Senate event again, just like we did last semester, we can work towards planning something like that. The exec board, we've been trying to plan a couple more events to have like SGA just around in more of a fun way rather than just tabling but also like with your colleges like it'll take me no problem to like set up a table for you outside. Of your building. Just let me know when you're available. We can work on getting campus booking involved to get your table out there. We can give you a tablecloth. Yeah, so just let me know what you want to do and we can do it. Yeah, that's it. Any other questions?

V

VPLA Hinnawi 14:12

Does the vice president of programming have a report?

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VPP 14:25

Our last event was the game night in the Captains Quaters. The next thing that we will have will be the parade. Ours is called a it's called Cupid's Crew. We will be there for the entire time. So if you guys want to be there and be apart of that, that is most welcomed. Next week we will have an event called Heart bake sale. It will be in the library breezeway on February 16 from 11 to one. We will have homemade goods for sale. So if you guyw want to pass by and participate in the sale that will be greatly appreciated. With that being said, I told the rest of my time for any questions you guys have.

V

VPLA Hinnawi 15:26

Any questions? Awesome. Thank you. Did the Judicial leave a report?

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Advisor Gitlin 15:53

Hey Everyone, I just want to let yall know the SGA Supreme Court is currently deliberating 122-5. This was a case about censure and there should be deliberation. So this was a case brought forward trying to get some more definition on what exactly a cesure issued by the judiciary branch meant. We're working on our deliberation of it.

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President Charles 16:33

Who was the plaintiff?

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Advisor Gitlin 16:39

The plaintiff is Aaron Jordan, any other questions? Okay, thank you.

V

VPLA Hinnawi 16:49

Do the advisors have a report?

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Advisor Gitlin 16:54

So first, I want to acknowledge the execs for the great event today. I don't know if your y'all saw it but the atrium looks amazing. So I just want to give, I just want to give some appreciation to Angelo, Aziza, Jordan and Maggie, who put in a lot of hard work for that. I also want to remind the College of Liberal Arts senators to please fill out the when to meet, so that we can set up a meeting with the deans.

A

Advisor Gitlin 17:24

I sent y'all a reminder email today. Please make sure to have that filled out by Friday so that we can respond to them. Finally, I wanted to let y'all know about some volunteer opportunities that SGA is doing. So SGA has a volunteer coordinator. Her name is Amber Allen and she has been working hard to set up monthly volunteer opportunities. This month. We are partnering with the privateer pantry to do a couple of things. One, they're planning to move from the Student Affairs Office. To the hub. So we want to make sure so we're asking for volunteers to help us with that.

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Advisor Gitlin 18:06

We're also looking for more volunteers to do things you know, to just help out on a more routine basis throughout the semester. The details for this may depend. We're still working them out but it may involve like packing food for students, working in the front desk, going to pick up you know different food across the city, various stuff like that.

A

Advisor Gitlin 18:31

In March, we are planning to help out with the youth achievement organization they are doing a Career Expo at the lakefront arena. We're looking for people to kind of act as mentors to different students as they navigate the college and as they navigate this career expo.

A

Advisor Gitlin 18:56

Then in April, we are partnering with French Quarter fest for those of you that don't know French Quarter fest is the world's largest free walking festival that takes place downtown in the French Quarter and we're looking for volunteers if you are interested in any of these things see me after for more information for them and I yield my time for any questions. Thank you

V

VPLA Hinnawi 19:37

Okay, with no old business, new business or appointments, we will now move to open forum. This is where we discuss matters pertaining to the betterment of SGA. I kind of want to start off with something I forgot to mention in my report when you are speaking. I mean, I know y'all didn't do much of it today. But when you do, please make sure you just enunciate, enunciate, and then try to speak loud and clearly just so that way it writes better .

V

VPLA Hinnawi 20:12

Sorry, I don't know the tech words for that. But you know, just try to be mindful of it. And then also try not to like mumble or like interrupt people speaking I know sometimes we do that. Like I stumble on my word sometimes and y'all help me out. When it comes to transcribing that it just gets a bit messy. Okay, so yes, just let me stutter. Yeah.

V

VPLA Hinnawi 20:35

All right. Anyone else?

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Senator Carbo 20:39

Ian Carbo College of Business and Administration. Senator Gillum and a few of us were talking about the possibility of bringing the student newspaper the Driftwood back, and the possibility of it going online and the budget that would be needed to achieve that and we would just wanted to ask if anyone may have ideas or know of any resources, they can approach us after the meeting.

V

VPLA Hinnawi 21:09

You guys are interested? Talk to me after the meeting. Yeah. Well, no. Okay. I guess I'll say more. Nicklow asked the exec board last semester and they were like, are any students, have you heard anything about the driftwood and honestly, no, I didn't. We didn't. The Driftwood has been dead for a while. But if y'all are interested in that, I'm pretty sure he'll love to hear it. So just let me know. Let me know who else on board all the info. We'll get the details. Thank you, Leo. Senator at Large. All right. Anyone else?

S

Senator Mott 21:57

Brendan Mott. Graduate at Large. So I wanted to bring up something that I want to discuss again, that was brought up by a former senator. In that, there was this talk about students who live on campus having issues when they ask for an Uber or Uber Eats or anything like that finding where they live, because the whole campus has one address. And apparently, some, somebody was not receptive to the idea of changing that. I don't remember who it was. I do not want to give incorrect information. But I did some research and I found out that a lot of other UL schools actually do have addressed residence halls. So I can maybe see not every building having an address but the residential facilities possibly having it.

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Senator Mott 22:37

In addition, I also found out that in the original plans privateer place was supposed to have its own mail facility but that did not actually get built the same with Pontchartrain Hall. So I'm kind of curious as to why that would not have been built and why they would not have had private mail at the residences. Because one of the big issues especially for us to have the privateer place and Lafite Village is that we have to walk all the way to the UC across campus. And that wasn't usually an issue because before Katrina mail was actually at the cove so and all the housing was on that side of campus, so it was easy to be able to carry big packages. So I just I'm kind of curious, like if something could be talked about with that.

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President Charles 23:18

Yeah, so I think former senator Lucas Deffendall brought that up, if I'm correct. And well that was something that, you know, was a part of the goal, but at the conversations.

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President Charles 23:32

You know what, administration and Department of Public Safety that you know, you know what, they said it was too much money and that wasn't quite right but but you will have the right and as I like to always encourage you guys, you know, do the due diligence but a resolution is powerful. Administration legally has to respond to this. Whether that be a no, that is something that has been provided to students, most campuses do provide addresses to students and I think that is something that UNO, would definitely benefit from and as President, I'm sorry.

S

Senator Mott 24:19

Brendan Mott. Graduate at Large. Once again, I do just want to bring up maybe an alternative, maybe even just having like some kind of way of distinguishing it just for things, like Uber, maybe not getting mail directly to your residence facility, but when you're getting one of those services, having them easily able to access it. Yes, while a lot of times they do know how to do it. Other times they just put you off Lakeshore drive down at the UC or alternatively, they go to whichever building they're familiar with. Things for Pontchartrain halls end up at privateer place and it is a big issue. It's just so I definitely will look more into that and speak more about it, because I can understand the cost aspects of having a mail room at these locations. But as far as an easy way for those specific types of deliveries I'm kind of interested in seeing what can be done.

V

VPLA Hinnawi 25:04

Especially like emergency services, which might need to know which building to go to.

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Senator Mott 25:09

Yes, and that is something that I've forgotten and I have seen that issue before. And when I addressd it before UNOPD they said that they got over it because it was on the campus in most circumstances, but sometimes emergency services certainly gets here faster than UNOPD can get to them so that does occasionally happen too. So thank you for bringing that up as well.

V VPLA Hinnawi 25:27  
No, thank you Brendan.

V VPLA Hinnawi 25:34  
Does anyone else wish to speak?

S Senator Carbo 25:38  
Ian Carbo College of Business Administration, I remember that a communication announcement that I wanted to bring up Phi Kappa Sigma will be having freeze tag in the quad from 11-2.

S Senator Mott 26:07  
Right, I just wanted to bring up another thing that I saw at another kind of meeting that was very similar to this so I just thought I would bring up is that on there like pro tempore. It was a timekeeper that actually had cards he would hold up every time it's like for time purposes and I think it'll be kind of interesting to see. I thought it would it was kind of cool to bring up because sometimes we don't have much time left. So we have to go oh, how much time is left and I try to hold my finger up when I do it. But it's really hard for people to see that. So I just thought it'd be interesting to bring up that, which I saw that a different meeting.

V VPLA Hinnawi 26:45  
Does anyone else have anything they wish to talk about?

V VPLA Hinnawi 26:56  
No, Chloe?

S Senator Carbo 27:03  
Ian Carbo College of Business Administration motion to adjourn the meeting? Okay.

V VPLA Hinnawi 27:00

V VPLA Hinnawi 27:09

Do I have a second?

S Senator Metzler 27:10

Chloe Metzler Sophomore large. I second motion.

V VPLA Hinnawi 27:12

Can I get a show of hands? Thank you.

C Clerk 27:18

Meeting Ajourned.