



Student Government Association Senate  
Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019  
Session Agenda

- I. Call the meeting to order 4:58 PM
- II. Roll Call
  - Bourgeois- Here
  - Bradley- Absent
  - Cao-Absent
  - Cognevich-Here
  - Feldman-Here
  - Hartlin-Here
  - Heuer-Here
  - Howard-Here
  - Howard-Williams-Here
  - Lebeau-Absent
  - LeBlanc-Here
  - Lewis-Absent
  - Ligier-Here
  - Melancon-Absent
  - Meyer- Absent
  - Owen-Here
  - Pitalo-Here
  - Rusnak-Here by Proxy
  - Slate- Absent
  - Thamard-Here
  - Thaxton- Absent
  - Williams-Here
  - White-Here
  - 15 out of 23 senators present
  - Motion to make senator Melancon present by proxy, Second
  - 16 out of 23 senators we still meet quorum
- III. Approval of the Minutes & Agenda- There are currently no minutes for the last meeting.
  - VPLA White- I would like to motion to change non-senator Poche's appointment to sophomore at Large and Non-senator Cannon's appointment to College Sciences Senator.

Bourgeois sophomore at Large- Second White's motion

Ligier COIDS- If I would extract 3 bills from my current bills on the agenda would I do it now or wait until I am on the floor?

VPLA White- I believe you could do either or.

Ligier COIDS- I would like to extract bills on b,d, and e.

VPLA White- So that would be the cove wifi bill, the library wifi bill and the UC wifi bill?

Ligier COIDS- correct

Cognevich- Second

VPLA White- I would also like to motion to put the compound resolution on the agenda it will be at the end behind the Pi Sigma Alpha Bill.

Ligier COIDS- Second

#### IV. Communications and Announcements

##### a. Senators

Bourgeois Sophomore at Large- I would just like to make something clear, senator Melancon, which is present by proxy thought that the organization Pi Sigma Alpha is a fraternity and it is not it is the Political Honor Society. Also just to be clear a senator who is sponsoring a bill does not have to 100% agree with the bill, although they cannot rise to opposition to the bill they can give a simple yes no or abstention to the bill.

VPLA White- the Communications or Announcements are usually non-SGA related for future references. Those are usually for committee reports or open forum.

Cao COLA- I motion to be recognized as present

Howard-Williams- Second

17 out of 23 senators present we still meet quorum.

##### b. Non-Senators NO

#### V. Committee Reports

##### a. Governance-

Howard-Williams PT- Governance committee met and saw no current issues with the bills today.

##### b. Rules-

VPLA White- Rules committee has fell below quorum in their committee with only two active members, so they cannot meet and therefore do not have a report.

##### c. Finance-

VPLA White-The finance committee while not meeting quorum did meet and found that \$9,000 was a large amount of money from our Senate Operating account and expressed concerns about possibility of student reactions and possible rioting with the past of the speaker they want.

##### d. Student Affairs- NO

##### e. Facility Services-

Cognevich COS- I would just like to mention they are really unresponsive and not helpful.

- f. On Campus Dining and Housing-  
VPLA White- the Aramark contract is up in July and we will still have either Aramark or a different company entirely. In addition, while I am still working on getting the current contract it is very likely it will be a different company so I do not know how useful it will be to the senate at this point but if there is still an interest to the contract I will still work on it. Okay there is an interest so I will work on getting that.
- VI. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports
- a. President- No report No questions
  - b. Vice-President-  
VP Roach- The current amount in the senate operating account is \$17,596.64 and the reserve is still the same about \$500,000.  
LeBlanc COLA- How much did you say was in the operating account?  
VP Roach- \$17,596,64.
  - c. Vice-President of Legislative Affairs-  
VPLA White- Sorry about 208, it was booked. We could've had a bigger room but there was no tables and I wanted everyone to have a table and chair for their belongings. I cannot excuse absences when I am notified after the fact. I do try to be sympathetic, if I am not informed I will have to mark people down as absent. After the last few meetings running long I have been reviewing constitution, by laws, and procedures and found specific rules that are not in the script, I have put them in the margins and will permanently work them into the script to try and have a better flow of the meeting. The first order is in new business when time is being extended it can only be extended for 6 minutes which will be split evenly between support and opposition, opposition first then support with 3 minutes each, and it can happen one more time after that only if Robert's Rules are suspended. The same goes for amendment process again support and opposition 3 minutes each if extended. When we are having an open discussion for an appointment, each senator only has 30 seconds to speak, Open forum lasts for 12 minutes not 10 minutes, and when motion is made to extend time it will be for another 12 minutes again you can adjourn in the middle of the additional 12 minutes and new 12 minutes. Then as another rule, if point of order is called more than once on the same senator, there will be a vote to silence the senator from speaking the whole meeting, the senator can stay but cannot speak, this has not happened since I have been a senator. Please be aware if you are speaking out of turn, addressing a certain senator rudely, I will be calling points of order, it will be in the minutes. If there is multiple conduct calls, there will be another vote to expel you from the room for the entirety of the meeting and then an automatic impeachment process. Again these are already in the rules, I am just enforcing them for the sake of time and the meeting. I will be meeting with Tay and governance committee to see if these rules should be edited or if we should add more. Lastly, I will be out of town next week and Tay will be acting as VPLA while I am out, so please if you send things to VPLA email I will still be

compiling the agenda and responding, Tay will just be VPLA for that meeting in my absence.

Cao COLA- Who is the advisor if Joy is not here? And how can we meet?

VPLA white- The advisor will be LeeAnne Sipe, as she is Director of Student Involvement and Leadership which is over SGA.

Motion to be recognized (Senator Bradley Cao Second) With Senator Bradley present we have 18 out of 23 senators present we still meet Quorum.

- d. Vice-President of Programming- No report; no questions
- e. Judicial- No report No questions
- f. Advisors- Yes.

Joy Ballard- So, I went to NACA in Columbus, Ohio for SAC it was a great experience and learned a lot about how student governance in other places run. And booked many of SAC events at an extremely discounted rate because we booked through the conference. I really want to say thank you for those who sent emails about how you felt about the bills, I liked seeing conversation happening before we got to the meeting and I encourage this to happen so meetings can run smoother so everyone knows what is going on. Those points though are not in the minutes so you are welcomed to make the points again for the record. I would appreciate it if people would start sponsoring bills as soon as they come out because sometimes we have bills that are waiting to get sponsored and if they wait too long they cannot come to the floor and then the organization gets no funding, and what is SGA if we cannot help the student body. Aramark's contract is up for review and it is very possible they will not be our provider as of July 31<sup>st</sup>, in our SGA budget process we require people to make budgets and some people have already made budget requests with food from Aramark and the prices could be higher or lower depending on the company. I would like the senate to start thinking critically like a contingency fund. Next Tuesday is UNO Krewe of UNO mardi gras parade, please come out. This Saturday we have a volunteer opportunity to march in the krewe of Feret Parade and pick up recyclables for volunteer hours that will be on your transcript. I will be on vacation next week and leaving you with LeeAnne as your advisor.

(Motion to make Senator Thamard temporary parliamentarian for the meeting. JD Ligier, Second.)

## VII. Old Business

Ligier COIDS- I motion to suspend Robert's Rules and talk about all the Wifi Bills together but vote on them separately.

Bourgeois SAL- Second

Ligier COIDS- I took away UC. Library and the Cove. I had a senator bring up today that they don't see the point of doing the wifi bills because my wifi is fine. There was a college that went without wifi for five days, which is a college that charges \$50,000 for tuition and attributes that to an aging system. I don't know about you but I can't risk wifi going out in the middle of class and I just wanted to make this point to make

everyone aware of how serious this is. I have also did data because of concerns of how much the budget was being used and it is only 27%.

David Dupree- We are working with the budget we have and it is used up. We want to beef up the wireless on campus, and we can only do so when funding becomes available. JD came to me several months ago with money ion a reserve account, and any money would be great. Without extra funding the project will just be delayed, and with our internal budget, it will b very delayed like several years to finish the wifi project. Of course we are looking for alternate sources of funding.

Ligier COIDS- As the bills are written, should we fund it and they find money then whatever is not spent is returned.

Bourgeois SAL- Did you have any time to see how long the new wifi would last?

Dupree- It would be about 10 more years and we intend to stretch that as far as we can.

Leblanc COLA- Why hasn't the university decided to come to us before about upgrades since it has been a problem?

Dupree- Internally our budget isn't allowed to take money out of our budget, so at the end of the fiscal year we have to zero-out our budget, therefore we never have leftover money to spend on upgrades. We also pay all aspects of technology like Workers and etc.

JD COIDS- as a building is upgrade the wifi in each building access points can be used in other buildings, which is a way we can save money and use resources.

Heurer COBA- With the poll that was sent out today, what is the deadline to get funds?

Dupree- there is no deadline but it would be nice to get them as sson as possible because it does take a while to do these things.

Cao COLA- What poll are we talking about?

Heuer COBA- It was a poll sent on the social app earlier today, asking the student body about the wifi on campus and where they think it should be on campus.

JD COIDS- As far as the poll, I tried to get a poll sent out through the student body but that failed so the next thing was to reach out on the social.

Cognevich COS- What is your budget for next year that is not allocated to the wifi?

Dupree- I don't know off my head, I can find out.

Cognevich COS- Will those access points, should this pass, can you commit to actually placing those access points elsewhere?

Dupree- I don't know the ends and out of networking, we will use whatever funds are available to us. We can't mix and match new equipment with old equipment. If it is possible we and move those points to other buildings we would certainly do so.

Leblanc COLA- You mentioned that your budget is very stretched, have you guys reached out to administration about this issue and what was their response regarding the wifi?

Dupree- We have talked a lot about it several times, they encouraged SGA, and Student Technology Fee, and grant money from indirect funds.

Leblanc COLA- So administration has given you other sources besides taking this responsibility upon themselves.

Dupree- They give me a budget, and they only have so much to give.

Heuer COBA- I've noticed these buildings on the poll are different buildings, so if enough students want wifi in other buildings will there be a new bill for that building.

Ligier COIDS- that was the intent

Cognevich COS- You mentioned the Student Technology Fee, how much is it and how much is used for wifi?

Dupree-STF is roughly \$700,000-\$800,000 that is a committee that is run by SGA President and 4 students and 3 staff members, and they vote on what the money can support, a lot of the money is tied up to software contracts and maintenance.

Cao COLA- Wouldn't it make more sense to wait for poll results to vote, because in my opinion there isn't enough information for us to proceed in voting.

Lgier COIDS- I suppose we could wait, but there has been a lot of information and research put towards this bill.

Heuer COBA- I'm sure if you would contact advisors of each department they would be happy to send out the poll to students because they do have access to do that.

Ligier COIDS- I did reach out to chairs and they were unwilling.

Cognevich COS- All of them?

Ligier COIDS- The ones for the bills we are presenting.

Cognevich COS- You said Most of the STF is tied up, how much is left over?

Dupree- Less than \$100,000 on average

Cognevich COS- Why haven't we spent money on some places with leftover money?

Dupree- We have, we did some in engineering, and the student dorms and Lafitte Village

{TIME}

QUESTIONING:

Cognevich motion to extend time, Ligier Second

Cao Motioned to table the bills until poll was completed it was Second by Williams, then It was objected by Cognevich and Second by Heuer. There will be a hand vote to either table the bill or to continue.

Result:

YES-

NO-

ABS-

Cognevich COS- Why haven't we used the money to fix access points?

Dupree- It hasn't come up as an option

Cognevich COS- is the STF what your office allocates?

Dupree- Anything Tech Fee money is voted by Committee

Cognevich COS- The science building was added? I is not on the agenda?

Ligier COIDS- its supposed to be on here

VPLA White- I was told it was to be taken off last meeting; it would have to be looked at on the minutes and next meeting.

Cognevich COS- I sent an email to your office requesting more information, one of them was how often does your office send a student work to the buildings to do a \_\_\_\_\_ test?

Dupree- I cant answer that because I don't know

Leblanc COLA- I call to question

Bourgeois SAL- Second

Cognevich COS- object

Ligier COIDS- Second

Hand vote to vote

YES-10

NO-3

ABS-5

a. B.S.19.A.5 LA Wifi Bill

Bourgeois- YES

Bradley- YES

Cao- ABS

Cognevich- NO

Feldman- YES

Hartlin- YES

Heuer-NO

Howard- NO

Howard-Williams- YES

LeBlanc- NO

Ligier- YES

Owen-YES

Pitalo- NO

Rusnak- NO

Thamard- YES

Williams- NO

White- ABS

Melancon wasn't called his proxy voted ABS

Result : REVOTE

Bourgeois- YES

Bradley- YES

Cao- NO

Cognevich-NO

Feldman-YES

Hartlin-YES

Heuer- NO  
Howard-NO  
Howard-Williams- YES  
LeBlanc- NO  
Ligier-YES  
Melancon- ABS  
Owen-YES  
Pitalo-NO  
Rusnak- NO  
Thamard- YES  
Williams-NO  
White-ABS  
RESULT: Tied  
VPLA white exercised his right to break a tie, and voted NO.  
This bill does not pass

Ligier COIDS- Point of inquiry, if a bill is not passed can I reintroduce the bill.  
White VPLA- Yes, but there must be a change  
Desmond Leblanc- I thought the Education Wifi bill was scratched last meeting  
White VPLA- no it was not

b. B.S.19.A.7 Education Wifi Bill 1:00:54

JD Ligier COIDS motioned to table all of the bills

Bourgeois SAL- Second

White VPLA- I believe that once we started voting we cannot table the bill

Joy Ballard- You must have a legitimate reason to table the bill and it not passing is not legitimate

Wesley Cognevich- the Roberts rules were suspended and we talked about the bills as one but vote separately so the call to question should have been specified.

Leblanc COLA- I was under the impression that because Roberts rules were suspended that the call to question meant to vote separately.

Vote :

Bourgeois- YES

Bradley- YES

Cao- NO

Cognevich- NO

Feldman- YES

Hartlin- YES

Heuer- NO

Howard- NO



Howard-Williams- YES  
LeBlanc- NO  
Ligier- YES  
Melancon- ABS  
Owen-YES  
Pitalo-NO  
Rusnak-NO  
Thamard-YES  
Williams-NO  
White-ABS

The vote was a tie so VPLA White exercised his right to break a tie and White votes NO  
This bill does NOT pass.

c. B.S.19.B.1 Biology Wifi Bill

Bourgeois- NO  
Bradley- YES  
Cao- NO  
Cognevich-NO  
Feldman-YES  
Hartlin-YES  
Heuer- NO  
Howard- NO  
Howard-Williams- YES  
LeBlanc- NO  
Ligier-YES  
Melancon-ABS  
Owen-YES  
Pitalo-NO  
Rusnak-NO  
Thamard-YES  
Williams-NO  
White-ABS  
7 YES 9 NO 2 ABS  
This bill does NOT pass

d. B.S.19.B.2 Math Wifi Bill

Bourgeois- YES  
Bradley- YES

Cao- YES  
Cognevich- NO  
Feldman- YES  
Hartlin-YES  
Heuer-NO  
Howard-NO  
Howard-Williams-YES  
LeBlanc-NO  
Ligier-YES  
Melancon-ABS  
Owen-YES  
Pitalo-NO  
Rusnak-NO  
Thamard-YES  
Williams-NO  
White-AS

This bill DOES pass.

VIII. New Business

a. B.S.19.B.3 Pi Sigma Alpha Speaker Bill

Christine Bourgeois SAL is the sponsor and authors present.

CB SAL- Am I allowed to motion to vote.

White VPLA- Yes

CB SAL- I motion to vote

This was seconded and then objected.

HAND VOTE YES to vote without discussion NO to move to debate.

Re vote for inaccurate count.

3<sup>rd</sup> Revote if numbers do not meet correct number, we will move to roll call vote.

Bill discussion proceeds

Wesley Cognevich COS- If you are against the bill why did you sponsor it?

Christine B SAL- Well we never voted so no one knows how I feel about the bill, but as a senator I feel it is my duty to represent and give organizations a chance to be heard no matter how ridiculous it may sound.

Leblanc COLA- When you decided to sponsor the bill did you know about the history of this individual?

Christine B SAL- No actually I just read the bill, and I agreed to sponsor just because I believe they deserved to be heard, the amount requested is a large amount and that rather swayed my beliefs and stance on the bill.

Cao COLA- DO you if the \$9,000 is for him or other things at the event?

Bourgeois SAL- it is strictly for the payment for the speaker.

Heuer COBA- Have you spoken with the author?

Bourgeois SAL- We been emailing and I asked about their reasoning and if we could talk in person, and she said she could not meet with me because she couldn't make it to campus and does not come to campus on Thursdays. I also asked if we could table it until we heard more information and she said she rather not and just vote on it today.

Cognevich COS- Now that you have done research have you thought of withdrawing the bill?

Bourgeois SAL- If we're being honest I didn't know that was an option and I considered just dropping the bill altogether but on the professional side of things that would be unprofessional so I decided not to and hear them out, and take whatever vote the senate decides.

Cao COLA- Is the rate negotiable?

Bourgeois SAL- I did want to talk to her about that and see, if it were to be lower we would just be reimbursed for whatever is left over.

Ligier COIDS- \$9,000 is the price for this speaker always according to direct of anti.... League. It is not negotiable.

Bradley- Did you check to see if they tried to fundraise on their own?

Bourgeois SAL- No I haven't really been in contact with her the first we talked was today.

Cao COLA- Is the author a student?

Bourgeois SAL- No

Leblanc- So who is the author?

Bourgeois- VP of the chapter

Joy Ballard- POI she is a PhD student.

Alisha Feldman motion to move to debate

JD Ligier- seconded.

Debate:

Any senators rise in opposition.

JD Ligier COIDS- When I first got word of this bill as a person of Jewish faith And a father of a trans child, I was outraged. I will be in both opposition and Support So bear with me , at age 14 Cristian Piccolini was recruited by the skin heads by the groups found clark montrel who went to jail for attempting to burn the house of Hispanics. The second arrest that got Piccolini in charge was Clark Montrel. He became in charge at 16 and merged two groups that called for more violence. It is illegal to profit for your crime and this speaker only has a career from his crime and without it he would have no career which again is illegal. I am

not a person who does not believe in reform, I truly believe that this man can be a better person. I would much rather see this \$9,000 go towards a nonprofit for victims of hate crimes, and maybe then will I believe he is actually reformed. This to me would prove he is reformed. Until then I am in full disagreement with this bill.

Bourgeois SAL- I would like to motion to table this bill not because of anything just said but because I have to leave and I have a class and I want everyone to be heard.

Objected by Welsey Cognevich and Seconded by Alisha Feldman.

Hand Vote

Bill tabled

Compound Resolution: JD Ligier COIDS , Cory Pitalo COIDS, Nicky Cao COLA

JD Ligier COIDS- I am a father of a Trans child, who is the very first Trans homecoming queen in Louisiana history. So, in light of that I couldn't help but get behind this resolution and it's sad that people's rights are being denied still to this day. I hope everybody is behind this, and it's to ensure that no matter what happens to this country politically that this campus will be in full support of trans people and they will be protected and recognized. Also, move to push faculty to allow bathrooms with non-gender specification.

Pitalo COIDS- This is a statement from President Kenady Hills: The goal of this resolution is to make gender non-binary and to make students feel comfortable on this campus, and to make sure and government who say gender is known at birth that this is wrong. This is to ensure safety for those of the LGBTQ community are safe on out campus. I wish I could be here to watch this resolution be passed, and I would like to give thanks to sponsoring senators, LBTQ and Allies, as well as the students in the Trans community who helped create this resolution.

Ligier COIDS- Motion to question.

Heuer Second.

Bourgeois- YES

Bradley- YES

Cao- YES

Cognevich-YES

Feldman-YES

Hartlin-YES

Heuer- YES

Howard- YES

Howard-Williams-YES

LeBlanc- YES

Ligier-YES

Owen-YES

Pitalo-YES

Rusnak-YES

Thamard-YES

Williams-YES

White- ABS

16 yes 0 no 1 abs

COMPOUND RESOLUTION GOES IN EFFECT!! ☺

IX. Nominations and Appointments

Alisha Feldman- Suspended Roberts Rules to vote for like-appointments as a slate.

a. Mason Poche- College of Liberal Arts Senator

b. Kenyatte Cannon – College of Engineering Senator

Kenyatte Cannon- I am a biology major Junior and I want to be a part of senate to make a change. I do have a son who motivated me to join because when he gets older things will be more equal for him.

Mason Poche- Hi everyone I am a familiar face I was on the senate before. I was thinking of transferring so I sent in a formal resignation, I decided to not transfer, and I decided to try to be back on senate.

Bourgeois- ABS

Bradley- YES

Cao- YES

Cognevich- YES

Feldman- YES

Hartlin-YES

Heuer- YES

Howard- ABS

Howard-Williams-YES

LeBlanc- YES

Ligier-YES

Owen-YES

Pitalo-YES

Rusnak-YES

Thamard-YES

Williams-YES

White-ABS

With 14 yes 0 no 3 abs they are approved.

c. Nicky Cao- Student Affairs

d. Samantha Lewis- Rules

e. Anna Rusnak – Finance

f. Desmond Leblanc- Governance

g. Youwans Thamard – Rules

h. Keyana Bradley – Rules

i. Kevin Heuer- Rules

Cognevich COS- motion to question

Thamrd- second

Bourgeois-

Bradley- YES  
Cao- YES  
Cognevich-YES  
Feldman-YES  
Hartlin-YES  
Heuer- YES  
Howard- ABS  
Howard-Williams- YES  
LeBlanc- YES  
Ligier-YES  
Owen-YES  
Pitalo-YES  
Rusnak-YES  
Thamard-YES  
Williams-YES  
White-ABS

14 yes 0 no 2 abs committee appointments are approved.

- j. Alisha Feldman – Chief Financial Officer- official name of finance committee  
I am an accounting major in College of Business so I'm familiar is what a CFO is and what they do and it will get me a lot of experience, I was on here for about a year and I have been on the finance committee before but never really involved so yeah.

Wesley C COS- are you excited.

Alisha Feldman COBA- Yes

Nicky Cao- Who is the finance committee.

JM White- Senator Howard, Senator Feldman, Senator Ligier, Senator Melancon white as a nonvoting member and Senator Rusnak was just appointed.

Bradley- are we allowed to get another committee?

White VPLA- yes, if you are sure the committee you have been appointed is not for you, you can come to me and discuss.

Nicky Cao COLA- are you pro capitalist or anti capitalist?

Alisha Feldman COBA- Anti, but we live in a capitalist world so.

Wesley C COS- Motion to question

JD Ligier COIDS- Second

VOTE:

Bradley-YES  
Cao- YES  
Cognevich-YES  
Hartlin-YES  
Heuer- YES  
Howard- ABS  
Howard-Williams-YES  
LeBlanc- YES

Ligier-YES

Owen-YES

Pitalo-YES

Rusnak-YES

Thamard-YES

Williams-YES

White-ABS

13 yes 0 no 2 abs she is approved.

X. Open Forum

White- I have been working on the doodle poll , I didn't want to send out a block list of times without sending my schedule so I apologize. And we have to check against the clerks schedule is you guys didn't know it is not Julianne, we have had an issue with hiring due to the shutdown which is a whole thing. I will be working on sending the poll out tomorrow and taking results Wednesday night, I will assume you want to keep the current time if you do not respond, son please if you want any other time please enter those times.

Cao COLA- Do we have a group me? Also can people please respond to emails I only got two responses and I think it would be better for sga to have a more efficient and willing communication.

White- we do not have a formal senate group me, not sure why if there is a rule or something against it.

Joy Ballard- there is no rule; no one just put one together yet.

White- okay, I will discuss with the exec board and see what they think. I do need to request certain information of some senators, phone number, college, major, etc so please be ready for that.

Ligier COIDS- If the sponsor of a bill that was not passed, could a bill be reintroduced? Is that enough change?

White- yes, if you email it to me I can send it to the respected committees because I am apart of all of the committee communications.

Bradley- I just wanted to know, I would like to propose 2 bills but may need help from a few committees is that possible?

White- Yes. Also, another thing I forgot in my report was that I will only BCC someone in emails upon request.

Ballard- My website training is next week so after next week I will have access to the website and editing.

Ligier COIDS- I would like to say I would like to see more senators with ideas to come forward for the campus.

Cognevich COS- I been working on a bill for more bottle filling stations on campus at least one in every building, so any thoughts are welcomed. I need to know from facility services, how often they change the filters and how much they cost so we can put it in the yearly budget. They have not been responding.

Cao COLA- If anyone wants to go out next Thursday after muses that would be nice to get together outside of sga and our political views.

Leblanc COLA- can I motion to adjourn?

Ligier- Second

XI. Adjournment. 6:46PM