

- I. Call the meeting to order 5:02 PM
VPLA- I would like to nominate Kevin Heuer as temporary Parliamentarian
Bourgeois Second.
VPLA- I would like to nominate Julianne Romero as Clerk of Senate
Bourgeois Second.
- II. Roll Call
Bourgeois- Here
Bowman- Here
Bradley- Absent
Cannon- Here
Cao- Absent
Cognevich- Here
Feldman- Absent
Hartlin- Here
Heuer- Here
Howard- Absent
Howard-Williams- Here
LeBlanc- Here
Ligier- Here by Proxy
Melancon- Absent
Owen- Here
Pitalo- Here
Poche- Here by Proxy
Rusnak- Here
Thamard- Here
White- Here
Williams- Here by Proxy
16 out of 21 Senators Present we meet quorum
- III. Approval of Agenda-
VPLA- The sponsor of Mac and Cheexi and Autism Speaks Bill has asked me to remove it from the agenda. The rules committee did not approve of either of the minutes.
Cognevich COS- Did they give a reason for the two bills?
VPLA- No, they are not required to.
- IV. Approval of Minutes: none
- V. Communications and Announcements
 - a. Senators
Cao COLA- Motion to be recognized
Cognevich COS- Second
17 out of 21 Senators we still meet quorum
KH COB- I just wanted to let everyone know April 4th COB will be doing a career day, and there will be free professional head shots, the online requirement is you have to be dressed on professional attire. So yes, come out and support.

Senator- What was the time?

Heuer COB- 11AM-2PM

Cao COLA- what is professional and unprofessional?

Heuer COB- Business Casual, Business Formal. Something you would wear in an office.

Bourgeois SAL- There is an event April 14th , there is a sorority doing a softball team does anyone want to make a team?

- b. Non senators
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Governance- Howard-Williams Pro Tempore- Met and have begun our constitution reforms, should be finalized soon. With a few edits
 - b. Rules- no report
 - c. Finance- no report
 - d. Student affairs- no report
 - e. Facility Services- no report

VII. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports

- a. President – no report
- b. Vice President- Yes

Roach VP- Get excited retreat is Monday in UC , and there will be food, and vegan options and vegetarian options. Also I wanted to get an consensus of what everyone thought about a fun group activity afterwards away from the school. We can't do bowling with the budget because we have to have ample amount of time before we request money and have to have a number of people. So we can do beignets or put put or the park, it will still be sunlight out afterwards. SOA is 16,531.64 , working on reserve numbers. 23 budget requests, hopefully by end of the month we can meet.

Leblanc COLA- when will budget committee meet?

Roach – a Monday, not sure yet but that was the most popular time on the doodle poll.

Leblanc COLA- is that official?

Roach- No we have to get the full committee together first.

Bourgeois SAL- when is the retreat

Roach- Monday April 1st , at 5:00 PM

Cao COLA- is there transportation for after the retreat

Roach- we will carpool of some sort.

Cognevich COS- For the budget can you file a freedom of information act to get reserve account money?

Roach- yes, I can

c. Vice-President of Legislative Affairs-

I apologize for the busy week and I discovered rules: I will be reading them now, and if you don't like them we can motion to suspend them:

Just to clarify the first one I reread the clerk rule, the clerk of senate cannot be a clerk in front of another branch. If we do have issue of that rule we can suspend Roberts rules to have Julianne as the clerk, the reason why we rather have Julianne so the minutes is because these meeting run very long and to expect someone to do the minutes and not get paid is unreasonable. If we have questions bring it to me afterwards, the status on the senate clerk was there is issue with payroll and FAFSA.

Cognevich COS- I would like to suspend the rule of the clerk not being able to be in two branches so Julianne can do the minutes.

VPLA- Second.

Abstentions still count as present and voting, now an abstention is essentially a polite no, but it does count towards quorum. There needs to have a simple majority. How motions are handled, all standard motions are by simple majority and all follows have to be voted on by hand vote. An objection can be made and a hand vote will take place to override. You must sit by your college, and at large senators sit together. Certain sections of the meetings cannot be interrupted.

Communications and Announcements and introductions of the bills are included. That includes Point of Information. They must run through time. Also stand while speaking is implemented for the rest of the meeting. If you have a medical reason for not being able to stand that is accepted. This also means while a senator is speaking, all other senators must be seated. Unless you are leaving the room. All communications must be directed towards VPLA. Proxies a senator can only have a maximum of two people to proxy, so if you leave you cannot give yourself and your proxies to someone else. Proxies can be anyone who meets requirements of senate. If you are late and it is unexcused it is an absent, if you do not give a proxy in the correct amount of time it is an absent. I am not allowed to approve work as an absent. Bills must be filed 7 days in advance. I am only required to send out the agenda 24 hours in advanced however I will do it earlier, that way committees have time to strike out things that they do not approve of. I will accept cut off of bills Noon by Thursday for the next meeting. The only required vote for committees is by rules. Last meeting we had discrepancies between senators, and hopefully these rules now prevent that. If there is direct communication between senators that is out of order, will be called.

Cognevich COS- motion to extend time by 10 minutes

Bourgeois SAL Second.

Hand vote to extend time by 10 minutes

Yes- 15

No - 0

Abstentions- 2

I am done for questions.

Cao COLA- Are we enforcing the rules at this meeting?

White VPLA- For now yes, until anyone suspends rules, otherwise yes.

Cao COLA- Cute. Just to clarify, I came in because last meeting we started at 5:08 , and if that's an absent I will just leave because in that case there's no reason to stay.

White VPLA- I have not been given an excuse for your absence but I will be willing to hear it after the meeting.

Cao COLA – SO it is starting today

White VPLA- After this meeting for absences, so talk to me I will here your excuse, just as long as it doesn't qualify as unexcused

Bourgeois SAL- So even when I ask a question I have to stand?

White VPLA- Yes

Bourgeois SAL- Also, can you repeat the days when bills and such need to be turned in?

White VPLA- Thursday the week before the meeting at Noon

Leblanc COLA-What is considered late and excused?

White VPLA- There were no rules, it is fully up to the discretion of the VPLA, however I will enforce that work is inexcusable. There were no definitions for anything else

Leblanc COLA- Basically it is up to you to determine whether or not someone is excused?

White VPLA- For being late. I however cannot accept a proxy or absence for someone who is missing because of work.

Cao COLA- If I have a problem with standing who do I go to?

White VPLA- You would come to me. If you want to change it you can do a procedural amendment to the By Laws and Rules and Procedures.

d. Vice President of Programming- VPLA has her report.

They are working on UNO next top model April 12 at 7 in UC ballroom, contracts are done, models selected, marketing completed. Cultural Conversation on drag .Wellness novelty Thursday April 4th Subcauf- dump it like it hot, t shirts are done.

Bourgeois SAL- When you give these announcements as VPLA, when you yield your time, or does it have to be a questions or can it be comments?

VPLA- It must be questions.

e. Judicial- no

f. Advisors-

Joy Ballard Advisor- Election dates- Everyone has to run for elections

Filling period starts April 1st Monday through Friday April 5th after that a week of campaigning, April 15th and 16th are actual election dates. If we have a run off it will be April 22nd and 23rd. May 2nd will elect VPLA, in senate chambers, by senate. Please fill out proud privateer's nominations, new senators I just emailed from my phone, do them today, might take them tomorrow. Please sign up for

ULS day. I will be out all day tomorrow but I will have access to my email if you need something.

Cao COLA- are we limited to how many people we can nominate. I realized I nominated two people but I want to nominate more.

Ballard- Its only limited to one person per person who nominates unless I don't get 25 then you can nominate more. I already ordered presents for these people and I don't want to have too many.

White VPLA- If I may offer a point of information, it may be uncomfortable for the meeting at first but you have to direct your questions to me and talk through me to joy. Then joy would answer the question to me.

Leblanc COLA- Where can we find those rules?

White VPLA- Rules and Procedures. I will reevaluate and make sure it is a general rule.

Cao COLA- How many people has signed up for ULS day and will that day be excused for professors and will there be vegan options at ULS Day because last year there wasn't really accommodations last year?

Ballard Advisor- 51 people signed up, they select a university to provide food, I have no control over the food, but I can order a vegan option.

White VPLA- I requested our parliamentarian about the talking through me rule

Cao COLA- Is there a Dress code for ULS day despite UNO providing the Polo?

Ballard Advisor- I will not ask anyone to get off the bus and I don't imagine anyone else doing so, they ask that we wear the blue polo to match but how you wear the blue polo is up to you.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

a. B.S.19.C.2. Shuttle Bus Bill

Desmond Leblanc COLA- Sponsor- I was approached a couple months ago to support it. Basically students wanted based off of 240 votes. As most of you know it is used by students of UNO. According to the document it is about 63,327 from the reserve. We have come to ask questions and the responses weren't adequate.. I agree with what Kenady said about it not being sufficient.

Initial Debate- Wesley Cognevich COS- Opposition, I'm sure everyone has read the question I sent in and very insufficient responses I received, it blew smoke. No substance, they said 11,000 a semester per part time bus driver, this is a ridiculous number and it would have to service 5 trips an hour. Part time bus driver would not be sufficient. The French quarter is far more dangerous than just the city bus. There are a ton of reasons, the university just wants us to pay for this before they have to shuck the money out. The budget is ridiculous and makes no sense. They did not answer our questions, and they won't spend money on our necessities, but want this? That's not right.

Bourgeois SAL- Although it is an inconvenience, the city bus is still there. Prioritizing.

Sponsor

Leblanc COLA- I agree with all the things you said. When I said the French quarter, It was just a place it could go, not where it will go. It will be a convenience, but safety should be prioritized. I just have a problem with if something would happen on the regular bus, then the university will be like well what about the bus.

Cognevich COS- Clarify- French Quarter is off the cuff. Dr.Golz specifically said CBD ad French quarter one or two times.

Leblanc COLA- Even if we vote no the university can still pay for it.

POI Cao COLA- Earlier Senator Cognevuch talked indirectly, also I caught earlier leblanc oened his time for support and opposition.

JMW VPLA- c II. In Rules. I did call Cognevich out and gave the time back to Leblanc. C II. Rules is the Rule in question.

- ii. No Senator who wishes to speak on any Senate matter shall be denied the right to do so as long as they are following the structure of these Rules and Procedures or unless they have been censured as a result of disciplinary proceedings. All motions, proposals, questions, and comments shall be directed to the Senate or Presiding Officer. Senators who wish to speak will be given the opportunity in accordance with the following procedures:
 1. A Senator shall announce their intention to speak by raising their hand and quietly waiting to be recognized by the Presiding Officer. Upon recognition, the Senator shall stand and state their name and the college they represent. The Senator will then be granted the opportunity to participate in discussion. The Senator shall remain standing throughout their comments, unless there is a medical reason that will not allow it. At the discretion of the Presiding Officer, the Senator shall be given enough time to participate in the discussion or voice his/her opinion on the subject at hand.
 2. Any Senator who wishes to yield their recognized time during discussion to a non-senator may do so.
 3. Senators who speak out of turn, interrupt another speaker, or infringe upon the rights of another Senator to be heard, may be subject to disciplinary measures.

Amendment Process-

None

Final Debate-

Wesley Cognevich COS- Vote down send a message, lsu has a wonderful one, LSU also has a bugger campus that needs this. This is all.

Opposition-

Point of Inquiry Leblanc- How can you say an abstention is a no, an abstention is just voting and present not yes or no.

White VPLA- It previously did not count as quorum, but now it does count as the percentage.

Leblanc- It will not be classified as no either,

White VPLA- correct

Support-

Roll Call Vote

Bourgeois- No

Bowman-No

Bradley-

Cannon- No

Cao- No

Cognevich-No

Feldman-

Hartlin- No

Heuer- No

Howard-

Howard-Williams-No

LeBlanc- No

Ligier-No

Owen- No

Pitalo- No

Poche-No

Rusnak-No

Thamard-No

White- Abstain

Williams- No

16 No's 0 yes 1 abstention

Final Vote- FAIL.

- b. B.S.19.C.5. Garden Supplies Bill- New supplies for Garden Club, 218.63 and grace sent me this. The garden club increased in members, and we only have 1 of each tool, and we can all participate in meetings.

Pitalo

Cognevich COS- Do they need an extension cord for their electric devices?

Pitalo COIDS- I'm sure

Cognevich COS- they have an electric trimmer and wacker.

Pitalo COIDS- I would imagine they would

Bourgeois SAL- POI- SIL has extension cords. Orgs can check out

Cao COLA- POI- Can they provide proof of membership and can the person prove also actual meetings and who shows up. And what they actually do because Sodexo cuts all the grass. So why would they need some of these things.

Pitalo COIDS- I can ask...I know she has written documentation, and in terms of the actual plot I have no idea.

Cannon COS- POI- I talked to one of the members on Friday at 5 went to the meeting , and they have their own lawnmower in the shed.

JMW VPLA- we purchased the lawnmower

Ballard- They asked the university to not cut their grass, because they do not do it in a timely manner, and they want to compost the dead grass.

Motion to be present- Melancon COE- 18 out of 21 present

Debate- Oppositoin

sponsor

Support-

Bourgeois SAL- I've also been apart of the club, they do meet weekly, they been waiting. They need this for their meetings.

Amendments?

No

Final Debate- opposition?

Sponsor?

No

Support-

Final Vote:

Bourgeois-Yes

Bowman-Yes

Cannon-Yes

Cao- No

Cognevich-Yes

Hartlin- Yes

Heuer-Yes

Howard-Williams-Yes

LeBlanc-

Ligier-Yes

Melancon- Yes

Owen-

Pitalo- Yes

Poche-Yes

Rusnak-Yes

Thamard-Yes

White- Abstain

Williams- Yes

14 yes 0 no 1 abs

Joy- Senator Leblanc had a medical emergency.

Final Vote- PASS

- X. Nominations and Appointments
- a. Jonathan Lewis- College of Sciences Senator-table because of not being present.
Cognevich second.

Hand vote- for tabling of his

15 yes 0 no 1 abs

- b. Central Budget Committee

- I. Ryan Williams

Pitalo is ryans proxy- has a statement.

Senators:

Unfortunately, I cannot be in attendance at this meeting, due to having class at this time. However, I thoroughly enjoy being a senator and partaking in SGA, which is why what was said last week during deliberation regarding me is especially hurtful. I feel like certain things that were said about me last week were not relevant to my performance in SGA, but rather personal attacks on my values and character. I would like to take a minute to debunk some of the slanderous claims that were made against me.

First, I was described as being biased when it comes to decision-making, specifically due to my status as an alumnus member of UNO Greek Life and my former position as SAC President. While I was very involved during my undergraduate career and have attachments to numerous organizations on campus, I am mature enough to separate myself from those organizations when it comes to making decisions on behalf of the graduate students I represent with my senate seat.

Second, I would like to address some of the claims made against me regarding the Homecoming Concert from last February. While I was President of the Student Activities Council, I was one person on an executive board of 8 people. No decision of such a high caliber was ever solely made by me. Selecting Travis Mills as the artist for the concert was a group decision made by a majority of the executive board members, and even then, the final decision was made by the SAC advisor. In actuality, in December of 2017, after evaluating the cost of the performance and the rest of the homecoming week activities, the executive board requested to cancel the concert, but, without informing us, our advisor had already signed a contract with Mills' manager, and she did not realize it was a binding contract and that we were legally obligated to host his performance.

Also, the claim that I darkened the image of Travis Mills to make him appear "racially ambiguous" is absolutely false; I had nothing to do with the poster design. No one in SAC had anything to do with the poster design. Because of the scale of the event and its attachment to

Homecoming week, that poster was created by the UNO Marketing Department using an image supplied by Travis Mills' manager. The first encounter I had with the poster and the image used was when the finalized, printed flyers were delivered to the SAC office.

Thank you for hearing my side of the story. In closing, I truly believe I would be a good addition to the budget committee because I have experience on the budget committee, having served on it last year, and because I represent a population on campus that is often forgotten about, that population being graduate students. Your vote for me to be appointed to the budget committee would be immensely appreciated.

Sincerely,
Ryan Williams

Questions

Open Discussion:

Roll Call Vote

Bourgeois-Yes

Bowman-Yes

Cannon-Yes

Cao- No

Cognevich-abst

Hartlin- Yes

Heuer-Yes

Howard-Williams-Yes

Ligier-Yes

Melancon- Abstain

Pitalo- Yes

Poche-Abstain

Rusnak-Yes

Thamard-Yes

White- Abstain

Williams- Yes

11 yes 1 no 4 abstentions

XI. Open Forum 1:05:10

Bourgeois SAL- So, I voted no on the bus bill as did all of us, but I do want to ask, I had multiple encounters with Dr. Golz, and I can only speak on my opinion those answers are inadequate. I just want to remind everyone we are fighting for the same university, and I feel like the last few meetings we have all been going at each other and not at the actual problem. I just wanted to acknowledge this tension. I am not satisfied with the answers and I will continue to ask. That way we get the answers.

Heuer COB- I made a statement last meeting about the bills not being passed with our logo on, and we paid for advertising, when you go to learn more about writing a bill, it says SGA advertisements it says we have to have our logo on their advertisement. So far I noticed it on Write-a-thon and the music department.

White VPLA- Does it say who enforces that rule?

Cao COLA- I also want to point out health fair people did it to and want to make sure we are not selective with who we call out

Heuer COB- I was not trying to be selective I was just saying who I have seen so far since I have noticed the rule. I have no opinion on any of these organizations and departments. I did not go to the health fair therefore I wouldn't have known.

Melancon COE- We already shut the bus bill down, I think we should just leave it alone, they cannot change our minds. There is no reason to ask for further information if it will never happen. I do agree also with Heuer, but we need to start cracking down on the rule of the SGA Logo.

White VPLA- just a reminder open forum cannot have statements directed at senators. Must be to the entire senate.

Cognevich COS- Not having logos on advertisement is more than just a minor issue, especially for driftwood, and we have been giving them 1500 a month, we approved 2000 a year for driftwood advertisements, but our previous advisor was paying 1500 a month, I have two motions.

Hand vote to not pay driftwood another dime until a bill or resolution is written with clear language. Second by unknown senator.

Yes 8

No 2

Abs 3

Motion passes

White VPLA- Currently the way the rule is written if there is an objection we would move to another handvote

Bourgeois SAL- Yeah I originally objected

Ballard POInfo- An objection would have pushed a vote.

White VPLA- We did conduct a vote however, senator Cognevich's motion didn't need a vote because we cannot afford to pay anyone anyways. It's just formality I decided to go through for the record. Even if we override the vote we have no funds for it.

Ballard Advisor- It came to our attention that driftwood was charging SGA 1500 a month for two adds in the driftwood that was approved by a former SGA Advisor

who is now Pro-Staff in Student Affairs, as a Business Manager. We have 2000 for marketing not even 2000 for driftwood, just marketing which includes everything we do. This has been brought to my attention and exec's agreed to no longer pay for it. I appreciate the senate's vote but it is a formality. Now we can write a bill for the driftwood, or bring it up in the budget committee, until the senate makes a bill for the money to exist it no longer does.

Cao COLA- I think Senator Bourgeois had her hand up first so you can ask her first.

Bourgeois SAL- What can I say in open forum?

White VPLA- SGA related directed either to the whole senate or me. Not to a specific senator.

Bourgeois SAL- I do apologize I am about to leave for church but On the other side of driftwood, I know they are constantly planning meetings for their debt they have, and they are aware they will be shut down printing wise, but they been in debt since 1990s, and they just found out. They found out around the time we found out about our reserve from the same person.

White VPLA- POInfo it was the former dean of students who had this information.

Bourgeois SAL- Yes, so just like us they were unaware, obviously they are trying to get in control of their debt.

Cao COLA- I think it is important to know that write-a-thon was by uno press not the driftwood, especially since there is a lot of toxic energy against the driftwood. So I would like if we would stop associating Write-a-thon with driftwood. Also in an anthropological perspective, driftwood reaches out to uno students, but when we graduate those writings will be archived, for the past and it is important for things and knowledge of UNO. We are forgetting they are important.

Cognevich COS- I want to address, something that senator bourgeois said, it is one thing to say that SGA didn't know about a reserve account because we have a ridiculous turnover rate, and senators have no access to the account, now the driftwood is a business, they have to have a ledger and now about their budget, so they did know about it for the past 30 years, and it is unacceptable. The second motion ; I move that we revoke all funds allotted to uno press for write-a-thon, because they violated the contract.

White VPLA- I would like to offer a brief POInfo if we were to do that with uno press it would have to be for all bills as well.

Cognevich COS- POInfo that is not how a breach of contract works, the reason I am picking on UNO press, because it was a lot of money and the vote was very contentious.

White VPLA- I would like to request from our advisor if this motion can be made and is legal in open forum, or if it needs to be introduced as another form of legislation

Ballard- Because it is a motion there is nothing stopping it from being in open forum, so yes legal.

White VPLA- SO since there is a sponsor tied to it, it doesn't need to be legislation?

Ballard- it is designed to call someone out on breach of contract, it is not a fiscal motion

White VPLA- Motion is legal, please state motion again.

Cognevich COS- I move to hold the people responsible for write a thon, uno press in breach of contract because they failed to put logo on advertisement.

Cao COLA- I object

Cognevich COS- also we don't pay them

Cao COLA- I object because I feel like everyone needs to be accountable, not just them, so if we have them in breach of contract it shoudn't be selective.

Cognevich COS- POInfo my motion doesn' disallow any other motion to be made for any other organization in breach of contract. Mine just covered this one.

Roll Call Vote

Bourgeois-Abstain

Bowman-Abstain

Cannon-Abstain

Cao- No

Cognevich- Yes

Hartlin- Yes

Heuer-Yes

Howard-Williams-Yes

Ligier- Abstain

Melancon- Yes

Pitalo- Yes

Poche-Abstain

Rusnak-Abstain

Thamard-Yes

White- Abstain

Williams- Abstain

7 yes 1 no 8 abstentions

Motion vote: Does not pass

White VPLA- I refrain from celebration of failure

Cao COLA- people clapped for failure of shuttle bus

White VPLA- I will remove all celebration for passing or failing including nominations

Rusnak COS- How do we go about procedural amendment, the directing to VPLA is ridiculous, and so is standing up.

30 seconds

White VPLA- Procedural amendments we take bill template and change termonlogy of the bill and change it to procedural amendments, keep where as, and state formal rule at the bottom.

Melancon extend time

Heuer Second

Handvote :

Yes-11

No-1

Abs-4

12 minute extension

Melancon COE- I do not understand how we can award someone a penny, when they are in breach of contract. That is like if I am nike and I sponsor you but you don't show my check then I need my money back. There are consequences. Also driftwood had to be aware, and they are asking for money that they have no way of paying back, Something needs to be done about it, I understand we voted, but next meeting should be a point of interest.

Cao COLA- I would like to motion that we take funding from abelton, and healthfair and unopress.

White VPLA- POInfo, healthfair was passed a few days before their event, they only have to advertise from the point we sponsor them, also their items we ordered did not come in time for their event. Whether or not we sponsored is questionable, it does not affect your motion if you would still like to proceed.

Cao COLA- Does that mean, we still give their money?

White VPLA- we never give organizations money, we order supplies, but they can always keep their supplies and use it for next year.

Ballard- Point of information- I am not picking on anyone, I would like to recommend we make a formal legislation about who did not use our logo. Although we specifically paid for advertisement for uno press.

White VPLA- Just in light of discovery of rules, I would like to bring things to governance and rules for reforms, and then we can also do things at the SGA retreat over the summer to fix vague rules, or rules that have no designated person to enforce, or change people who do enforce rules. If there are any rules you think slow us down, please feel free to send those to me so we can look at those.

Cognevich Motion to adjourn tay second.

XII. Adjournment 6:40 pm