

Student Government Association Senate

Thursday April 25, 2019

Session Agenda

I. Call the meeting to order 5:07 PM

II. Rusnak is Precising officer

Pro Tempore-Chace Howard

Poche - second

III. Roll Call

Bourgeois- here

Bowman- here

Cannon- here

Cao- here

Cognevich- here

Hartlin- here

Heuer- here

Howard- here

Howard-Williams- absent

Leblanc- here

Ligier-here by proxy

Melancon- absent

Owen-here

Pitalo-here

Poche-here

Rusnak-here

Thamard-absent

White-absent

Williams-here

15 out of 19 we meet quorum

IV. Approval of the Agenda

Williams- add his bill for music dept under new business.

Rusnak- second

Poche Parliamentarian- remove jonathan lewis from appointments on supreme court justice.

Cognevich- Second,what is the reasoning?

Poche- did not hold a hearing with the rules committee.

V. Approval of the Minutes

VI. Communications and Announcements

a. Senators

Cognevich COS- Everyone see this letter? Has everyone read it? There are some reasons cited that are untrue.

POI Bourgeois- sorry for interrupting.

Cognevich COS- It is still my time

Bourgeois- Aren't communications and announcements supposed to be un SGA related?

Ballard Advisor- Yes

Cognevich COS- sorry

b. Non-Senators

none.

VII. Committee Reports

a. Governance- Madison Owen Freshmen at large- approve ryan Williams bill on group me

b. Rules- Mason Poche Parliamentarian- Did meet quorum via email, saw nothing wrong with the bill and did not hold a hearing for Jonathan Lewis Justice. Youwans Thamar- motion to be recognized.

Desmond Leblanc-second

16 out of 19 senators present still meet quorum.

Desmond Leblanc- POI shouldn't you ask if anyone has any questions before moving on to the next committee.

Rusnak- doesn't say it here but i will ask. Any questions?

Desmond Leblanc COLA- we have seen Lewis's name on the agenda for a few weeks now, why hasn't he come to the meeting?

Poche- We haven't been able to get into contact with him. And have not been able to hold a hearing.

c. Finance- met quorum approve of the bill

d. Student Affairs- Bourgeois SAL- we were able to meet today and approve of Ryan's bill, and wrapped up for the year, and goals, tabling , agreed once a month, a lot of demand on basics of student government.

e. Facility Services- Cognevich COS- met with the office of facility services, with planning on the water fountain bill, and they redirected me to sodexo.

f. On Campus Dining and Housing- no report

VIII. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports

a. President- no report

b. Vice-President- Monday CBC met for the first meeting , we are meeting again before Wednesday. SOA \$12, 591.22 Tomorrow meeting with Associate

Vice President of Budgets Finance and Systems for operating account number and I will email about those numbers.

c. Vice-President of Legislative Affairs-no

d. Vice-President of Programming-no

e. Judicial - no

f. Advisors- Joy Ballard - First of all congratulations to Christine and Maddie for winning in elections, also thank you to everyone who ran. You all showed a lot of passion for SGA and it was great to see that. I got a lot of phone calls about SGA that I have since I started this job. Subcauf is next tuesday, please come eat crawfish. The letter is from the dean of students, Letter should be discussed in open forum I will not be answering questions about this letter because I did not write it. I sent the questions up from the chain of command and this is where it stopped. If you have questions, you should respond, but organize it as a group. John Michael is in the hospital should be back soon, hopefully next week. Please take care of yourself , it is April we are all exhausted. None of this is that important in the grand scheme of life , please show grace lets be kind courteous, I will always be here. Come to my office if you need anything. Focus on what's important.

IX. Old Business-none

X. New Business-

Ryans Bill for Music Department- Hi I am ryan Williams GSAL, Cory Pitalo COIDS- School of the arts want assistance in posting television screens. They asked for \$3,587.94 from the SOA, in assistance of purchasing 6 tv screens. They have been adding new art, over the semester and want these television screens, for advertisements and also into classrooms to replace outdated technology.

Leblanc COLA- The ones that you currently have are we updating or do they not work?

Williams GSAL- They don't have proper hookups. Like hdmi and things needed. Mostly used for film classes.

Leblanc COLA- So you said the new ones would be put in classrooms, would they still be able to be used in multiple classrooms or permanently installed in each individual classroom.

Williams GSAL-i do not know the specific locations, but i believe it will be permanent. The larger classrooms have projectors with computer hook up capabilities, but the smaller classrooms are what really need the tv's.

Owen FAL- My problem isn't the tv I think they are necessary but the tv's for advertising i don't understand why they are \$600 tv's. I feel like a \$5 nicely designed poster is more cost efficient, so I guess my question is why the expensive tv and not look for alternatives.

Williams GSAL- They are going to serve a similar concept to the tv's in the PEC, with the slide shows. So if something is on youtube for film students, and we can just use the wifi and post it, and it saves more time and effort than the posters.

Leblanc COLA- How many tv's again?

Williams GSAL- 6 tv's

Bowman COB-Why are they expensive tv's, they have tv's cheaper with the same capabilities?

Williams GSAL- These are the Tv's the school of the arts hand picked themselves. I am not sure their reasoning.

Initial Debate: Opposition?

Principal Sponsor?

Support? Wesley Cognevich COS- I think we should we have the money and we need to spend it . The advertising its not just going to be one its going to be cycled. And it can change easier.

Owen FAL- POI- are they allowed to make a profit off of something we provided?

Joy- Off of a tv yes, off of an event? No.

Bourgeois SAL- Also support we have \$12,000 in the account, and we need to spend it.

Amendments? no

Final Debate? Opposition?no

Principal Sponsor?no

Support?no

Roll Call Vote:

Bourgeois- yes

Bowman- yes

Cannon- yes

Cao- abstain

Cognevich- yes

Hartlin- yes

Heuer- yes

Howard- yes

Leblanc- yes

Ligier- yes by proxy

Owen- yes

Pitalo-yes

Poche-yes

Rusnak-abstain

Thamard- yes

Williams- yes

Passes with 14 yes 2 abstentions

XI. Nominations and Appointments

Open Forum

Bourgeois SAL- I read the letter, interesting, you have been in construction for many years? What are your thoughts on things behind the walls? Is that what you considered? And Facility Services not aware?

Cognevich COS- Replace or retrofit all? No there is way more than 46 on campus.

Traffic patterns? It was taken to account to a certain degree. Multiple floors?

Depended? Next this one has some merit to it, the problem with using this as an objection is you don't know whats behind the walls until you take the wall off unless you already know. My thought is oh no there is lead pipes, they have to fix it.

Bourgeois SAL- If they were to do that, are they telling us that we have to fix it?

Joy advisor- No we do not have to.

Bourgeois SAL- Are they kind of asking us to fund problems?

Joy advisors- I guess the issue is they don't have enough money to do the fountains and then find bigger issues and not have the funds to fix it and then we just have a large hole in the wall.

Leblanc COLA- The way I read it is that they know there is a problem in a building and there is no money to fix it.

Heuer COB- Dr.Golz has come up many times in our meetings, is it too much to ask her to come to a meeting? Especially when they sound like they are hiding something?

Joy- I would say yes, ask her and see if she is interested, because She got this to me within an hour?

Williams- She's the one who really wanted the bus right? So, she wants to fund a bus but doesn't want to fix lead pipes?

Bourgeois SAL- I love that we can come to agreements but, We are technically making assumptions that we don't know and we don't want to do that. We just really should make one strong statement.

Desmond COLA- i do agree we shouldn't make assumptions but when you have something that says "we might run into plumbing issues" we should be making assumptions on things this severe. We should also consider the issues that she brings up.

Bourgeois SAL- I am just saying we should do one statement so it doesn't bombard her, and seem petty, and focus on all the issues not just one specific issue.

Joy- Administration is interested in how committees work? So each committee can make one statement for her.

Cognevich COS- Yes when you move anything you have the potential in finding something broken, a lot of water fountains don't work. Require electricity? They do not.

TIME

Extend time by 10 minutes: Chace, Mason Second

Cognevich COS- we would have to have someone look at the placement and make sure we won't encounter these things.

Heuer COB- The water counter isn't necessary?

Cognevich COS- it reduces plastic, I don't trust the water coming out of the wall , they might have lead already in the water. So we need a filter. Regardless of electricity working

Leblanc COLA- So she can disapprove bills?

Joy Advisor- not any bill just reserve funding. Which i will add as a caveat spend your operating budget

Leblanc COLA- how much is this bill?

Cognevich COS- about 53,000

Leblanc COLA- So can we take the rest out of operating and spend the rest on reserve?

Cognevich COS- just reserve.

Cognevich COS- they said the TRAC center should pay for it not us. Sound familiar? I figured you might as well add it they also said non students go there, but we put one in the administration building where no students go and there is no opposing this one.

Bourgeois SAL- They said should

Cognevich COS-yes there is a difference between should and shall.

Bourgeois SAL- Just trying to break this down.

Cognevich COS- yes, my counter would be we are concerned for the environment and we decided to go ahead and do it.

Cognevich COS- They also said to talk to facility services, i tried so many times and they just redirect me to sodexo. They deal with all the projects.

Bourgeois SAL- when did you start emailing?

COgnevich COS- after the bill passed i just started emailing sodexo not facility services. I am also upset and disturbed by the wording "we run the risk of having plumbing and electrical issues that need to be resolved". What are all these things? They could find asbestos.

Cannon COS- What upsets me , run a risk to students? Students pay to go here. You should want to find the things that run health risks to students.

Cognevich COS- i dont think she means health i think they mean financial risk.

Bourgeois SAL- Are they asking us to rewrite? Are they wanting us to cut stuff?

Joy Advisor- You would have to rewrite something maybe make an amendment? Just projects cannot cross fiscal boundaries. We can set up funds now but they probably would not start until July 1. Don't worry about not doing something. You will loose the 4,000 account from kenady's budget.

Leblanc COLA- My thing is, it will be expensive it is SGA's reserve account, we have the money we have around 500,000 and it will not exceed that, so why is it a problem.

Joy Advisor- Write the bill for more money and say the money not used goes back to the reserve for SGA and demand receipts. A higher contingency would be okay to get money back.

Leblanc COLA- I would just hate for them to do things were the money is given to things that aren't our fault. Replacing elda pipes and what not is very expensive and I would hate for them to put the blame on us and take the money for it, and to get things up to code.

Heuer COB- 500,000 is an insane amount of money sga is capable of doing insane and amazing things, and could differentiate us to way nicer and larger campuses. We could make so many improvements, but there are so many constraints that aren't making sense, there has to be something that they are hiding. All of us should speak to the students and make this a cause, and bring it to the students' attention and make them decide.

Cognevich COS- The bus they wanted us to buy was 65,000 this is 54,000 , I did send a list of questions and we didn't get good answers, and that was from dean golz, i am not saying this is related but I am saying we can keep in mind the past and costs as for getting students to be interested in this. I don't think we should just invite her here, we probably won't get much more than the letter and answers to the questions, we should prepare something written to address everything said, either counter or say your right.

Bourgeois SAL- Side note a tabling event I did during my campaign I had students write on a poster what they would like to see change and about 250 people showed up in the short time I was out there and many said better water. Are there restrictions about polls like the election polls to have a question about the water.

Joy Advisor- doable, but I would come up with good wording, we will do a qualtrics and get it sent by kenady.

Bourgeois SAL- so everyone come up with questions, maybe multiple questions. Let's have it out by next meeting. We are here for the students, I think the administration forgets that sometimes, they do what will get us more money and attention, and more focused on incoming and not students here. They also purchased the bus anyways.

Hartlin COS- i think a written poll like a petition.

Heuer COB- Who owns the buildings? Dean's?

Joy Advisor- I think it is just a dab at the TRAC center with the "ownership of building".

TIME Extend 10 minutes heuer, cannon second

Cognevich COS- There should be designated managers.

Joy Advisor- building managers are almost always the dean.

Heuer COB- in that case we should email dean's and ask them these questions too and also use that as leverage. Dr. Williams was interested. He was excited, and he wanted it in the COBA Building, no one's going to say it pisses them off this is a good bill.

Bourgeois SAL- will this be a special session?

Joy- This is up to y'all? Do you want a resolution or a statement? Resolutions have to be voted on, statements can be made quicker. And then add all supporting documents.

Bourgeois SAL- So we can meet without it being a special session?

Cognevich COS- So are we going to stay and write? It is not super late yet, if anyone wants to stay we should.

Bourgeois SAL- I thinkus coming together for this and the bus is exactly what we are here for, sometimes we don't come together so this is very good to see.

Heuer COB- Does anyone know if kenady seen this?

Joy Advisor- She has not been in the office since I got this letter.

Heuer COB- i think it would be amazing to get kenady in on this too. She is very familiar with dr.golz and it would be smart to have her in on it. And her making the statement and her delivering it.

Cognevich COS- I agree. Also do we have a timeline on when the bill is signed by the various people?

Owen adjourn

Cognevich second.

XII. Adjournment 6:10 PM