

Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2018

- I. Call to Order
 - a. VPLA White: Call to Order 12:04
- II. Roll Call
 - a. 12/18 senators present
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Senator Bourgeois: Motion to add Education bill to agenda.
 - b. Senator Ray: Second
 - c. VPLA White: No objections move to new business
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. All Minutes will be available next week. Madelyn is still out.
- V. Communications and Announcements
 - a. Senators
 - i. No Announcements
 - b. Non Senator
 - i. Advisor Ballard: Hazing Prevention Lunch 12:30 tomorrow. Free Lunch!
- VI. President Pro Tempore and Committee Reports
 - a. President Pro-Tempore
 - i. No Report
 - b. Committee Reports
 - i. Housing and Dining
 1. VPLA White: Met with Aramark briefly this week. There is a meeting with Dr. Nicklow and Daniel head of Aramark about the cove today. We discussed having only vegan options in the vegan section. Damian has been working on it, and showing the ingredients for everything.
- VII. Executive reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports
 - a. President
 - i. President Hills: Be on the lookout for election commissioner. We cannot have fall and spring elections until we get those positions filled. Need 3 more Supreme Court justices as well.
 - b. Vice-President
 - i. VP Roach: Operating: \$17,333.64. Reserve \$700,995.
 - c. Vice President of Legislative Affairs
 - i. No Report
 - d. Vice President of Programming
 - i. No report
 - e. Judicial
 - i. No report
 - f. Advisors
 - i. Advisor Ballard: I would like to motion for Dr. Golz to discuss the reserve as an open forum during my report time. 6 minutes.

- ii. Dr. Golz: You have over \$700,000 in the reserve. You only budget 75% of your budget each year and, the other 25% always goes to the reserve for incidentals. Also any money you do not spend is swept into that reserve fund at the end of each year. I understand in the past that number has always been reported substantially less. There was a misconception that it could not be reported, because it may be swept by the university. So I began to ask questions, and saw that the money cannot be swept without you giving proposals of how to spend it. The Dean of Students and the President have final say, but if proposals are responsible and fiscally sound they should be approved.
- iii. Senator Kyser: Has there been any discussion of an audit to look into this money and the accounting? I want to make sure the accounting was done properly and been used properly. It is hard to keep accountability among senators so I think there should be a more long term look at this money.
- iv. Dr. Golz: I could ask for the records to see like 5 years back if you would like?
- v. Senator Ligier: Is there any interest on this count?
- vi. Dr. Golz: No.
- vii. Senator Cognevich: Can we put it into an account that does?
- viii. Dr. Golz: I can ask, I am not 100% sure.
- ix. Senator Cognevich: For proposals to use this money, how thorough do they need to be?
- x. Dr. Golz: For capital projects, pretty thorough and accurate on your numbers. Debra Hattaway can help put together possible scope. She can put together the basic idea of numbers with.
- xi. Senator Bourgeois: How long has this been accumulating?
- xii. Dr. Golz: I am not sure. This is what was here when I got here.
- xiii. Senator Bourgeois: Who do we need approval from?
- xiv. Dr. Golz: Partnerships are great. You do need approval from for example the College of Business to do something in the College of Business. This is why the President has final say.
- xv. Senator Cognevich: Approval for these projects, does it have any extra stipulations from a normal bill?
- xvi. VPLA White: Must be a one-time expense, according to Code of Laws 500.3.
- xvii. Senator Cognevich: Is it just a simple vote?
- xviii. VPLA White: Yes
- xix. Senator Ligier: Are there limitations?
- xx. Dr. Golz: I am sure, but we can discuss case by case.
- xxi. Senator Bourgeois: Are there limitations from the University?
- xxii. Dr. Golz: Should work within the plan of the University. The SGA must work within their rules, but you need to think about the legacy you want to leave. Build long term sustainable projects.
- xxiii. Senator Cognevich: If we want to partner with the university, once we allocate the money and put it toward that project. What if someone on the university side wants to change some part of it?

xxiv. Dr. Golz: I would encourage you to earmark it in writing, and say that if you choose not to do that we will take our money back. Put it in writing.

xxv. VPLA White: No more questions?

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- a. VPLA White: Authors and sponsors of the education bill please come forward.
- b. Senator Bourgeois and Matthew Farley.
- c. Farley: We are a new organization, trying to promote our goal as an organization to help doctoral students think about their career. Our event is "Landing a Tenure Track Position." Originally this should have been a speaker fee and food, but Aramark did not prepare the invoice, so it will just be for the speaker.
The UNO alumni group is quite large, and we will try to have our alumni come in and talk about relevant topics for our students.
- d. Senator Bourgeois: We yield to questions.
- e. VPLA White: Senators in opposition:
Senators in support
Amendments
- f. Senator Bourgeois: Allocate \$200 for the speaker fee, remove the food from the bill. Change \$350 to \$200 everywhere in the bill.
- g. Senator Cognevich: Can we suspend that rule to allow us to pay for the food without a quote?
- h. VPLA White: Advisor Ballard?
- i. Advisor Ballard: No, the requirement for invoices is in the code of laws.
- j. Cody; Motion to vote by show of hands.
 - i. Amendment Passes Unanimously
- k. VPLA White: Final Debate
Opposition
Support
- l. Senator Bourgeois: Research and writing tips are a great resource, and the event is open to everyone so I think we should support it.
- m. Roll Call Vote:
 - i. 11 yes -0 no -1 abstention

X. Nominations and Appointments

- a. VPLA Slate
 - i. Natayveon Howard-Williams President Pro Tempore
 - ii. Cody Kyser Parliamentarian
 - iii. Mason Poche Chief Financial Officer
 - iv. Christine Bourgeois Chief Communications Officer
 1. Senator Bourgeois: I have been in SGA 1 year, and was on governance last year.
 2. Senator Poche: I am a second semester senator, and excited to be a part of Finance.
 3. Senator Howard Williams: I have been a senator for one year, and I am up for president pro-tempore.

4. Senator Kyser: I am the most senior senator here. I started fall of 16, and have been parliamentarian for a year now. I enjoy the role and making sure everyone is clear of their rules, as well as making sure the bills are appropriate.
5. Senator Ligier: is the CFO in charge of the reserve?
6. VPLA White: No they are in charge of the finance committee, so they make sure that the bills follow the rules and are appropriate.
7. Senator Cognevich: So all these are fancy names for heads of committees?
8. VPLA White: Yes, these are all the heads of committees as they are to be appointed by the constitution.
9. Roll Call:
 - a. 11 Yes -0 No -1 Abstention
 - b. All appointed
- b. VPLA White: Motion to remove those not present.
- c. Senator Ray: Motion to vote for the 2 present by slate
- d. Madison Owen: I have been coming to the meetings the last few weeks, I am a freshman, and excited to be apart. Freshman needs some representation.
- e. Brice Hartlin: I am an accounting Major excited to join to help make change at UNO.
- f. Senator Cognevich: What is Madison's major?
- g. Owen: Political Science
- h. Cody: Have you been in SGA in the past?
- i. Hartlin: I tried in High School but did not, it was really a popularity contest.
- j. Owen: No, it was not a thing at my high school.
- k. Senator Ray: What can you bring to SGA?
- l. Hartlin: New Perspective on certain aspects of school. Was not really involved as freshman, I think I can help change some issues on our campus.
- m. Owen: As an out of state freshman, I think I can offer a new set of eyes to what is happening on campus.
- n. VPLA White: 6 minutes discussion
- o. Senator Cognevich: We need people in, and I think it doesn't really matter who.
- p. Senator Bourgeois: Both are passionate, I think they will be great.
- q. Senator Ray: How many seats are there?
- r. VPLA White: At least 3.
 - i. Roll Call Vote
 1. 12 yes- 0 no- 1 abstention

XI. Open Forum

- a. Senator Kyser: We should ask what we can not do, but what can we do with that reserve. That is roughly \$100,000 per college. I will meet with my departments, but keep your ear out and meet with other student leaders.
- b. Senator Cognevich: Science, math, and geology are some of the worst off facilities. I think the university should also be putting in money as well.
- c. Senator Zeno: Do we have a college of Fine Arts representative?
- d. VPLA White: In with Liberal Arts

- e. Senator Bourgeois: I am thinking about if we should do many small things, are one large thing, because you never know when we will have this much again?
 - f. Senator Cognevich: Dean of Students said big projects are often bigger than people realize. So make sure we are considering all the extra.
 - g. VPLA White: So you all know if someone makes a motion to do something and it is seconded. You can still object and we can hand vote. If for whatever reason you do not want, you can always object.
 - h. Senator Kyser: Concerning facility services, I am pretty much non participatory. It would be a nomination for the next agenda to put someone as head. This is very relevant right now, for facility services with this reserve fund. So we need to fill that spot. I can set you up with the right people.
 - i. VP Roach: Reminder Retreat is in University Center 201C at 12:00 there will be lunch.
- XII. Adjournment
- a. Adjourned at 12:51