

Meeting Minutes  
October 22, 2018

- I. Call the Meeting to Order
  - a. VPLA White called the meeting to order at 12:03
- II. Roll Call

There were 16/19 senators are present
- III. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Senator Bourgeois motioned to table her bill until next week. It was seconded.
  - b. VPLA motioned to table the facility service bill. It was seconded.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes
  - a. Minutes were approved.
- V. Communications and Announcements
  - a. Senators-There were no senator communications or announcements.
  - b. Non Senators-There were no non-senator communications or announcements.
- VI. Committee Reports
  - a. Rules – No pro tempore reports.
  - b. Governance
  - c. Student Affairs- no report
  - d. Finance- no report
  - e. Sodexo – no report
  - f. On Campus Dining and Housing –
    1. VPLA White: we are considering, I know there has been a lot of concerns to students that issues are being fixed but going back to we're they were, so we are considering how productive the meetings actually are , especially with the contract being up for approval so soon, so if someone has an idea on how to solve this. Any Questions?
- VII. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports
  - a. President – President Hills: I do, Welcome Back Everybody, over the break, I went to the LSU symposium on how to keep Millennials in Louisiana, which was very informative. There was a lot of city council, representatives and political analysts that talked about problems in Louisiana. I have started to partner with upcoming tech companies, that want to hire UNO Students instead of people out of state and I am excited to start this partnership. On Monday of last week I talked to CEO of Feeding America and the commissioner with President Niclow and Dr. Golz, and she wants to help with the food pantry and food insecurity on our campus. The lady is new and her and the commissioner are friends and she wants to know how to help. The president and Dr.Golz wanted me to bring this up again, and the driftwood is in a deficit and if you all want to consider helping driftwood release that deficit it would be nice, but of course you don't have to it's just a

suggestion from Niclow and Dr. Golz. I know we brought it up but I wanted to revisit it. I yield my time for Questioning.

- b. Kyser- COE- Does the driftwood have a point of contact in case they wanted to do a bill?
- c. President Hills- They do, so that is why they are bringing it you, they are having a conversation in the upcoming week to possibly present a bill to the senate.

#### VIII. Vice-President

VP Roach: Yes the VP has a report. So the senate operating budget \$15,036.64. I yield the rest of my time for questioning.

#### Vice-President of Legislative Affairs

- i. We received the audit findings last week , I met with Dr.Golz this morning at 9 am they did perform the audit it went back about a year and we have over \$500,000 the difference from the \$700,000 was that the books were not fully closed in August, I'm still working on getting a physical audit to verify the numbers. Then we talked about the 87 referendum, which states that we get 1% of tuition from the student body, and funds multiple accounts in multiple places. The main thing the reserved is used for is if we over-budget and aside from that it is for capital projects, and the money cannot get taken from us for anything else. No one can use our money to close anyone's deficit. The internet was out in the UC this morning so I couldn't get the referendum in time to go over it. I would advise the senate to wait on capital projects until we know for sure the money situation. I believe we have the money but I just want to be sure. Please when you send in bills, it is not illegal to send in PDF or hard copy but it makes it hard for me to make friendly amendments before it gets to the floor, and when there is things that needs to be changed it doesn't look as good on the floor. Please do that in the future and if you want to fix those grammatical issues, I cannot update a bill after it has been sent out on the agenda, and we can only make a notion when it is on the floor for a friendly amendment on formatting errors and it cannot be resent out. If the committee heads have their group me's put me in the group, or if it is emails CC me on those, I am a non-voting member and I'm supposed to know what is going on and have general ideas about the bills before the come in. Also, do not put things into the bills that are not needed, like a title or trying to specify.
  - a. Cody Kyser COE- Would you say that the admin saw a mishandling of funds and now understand the 87 referendum.
  - b. VPLA White- I wouldn't say it was necessarily mishandled. But the money is still there and cannot be taken from us and won't be spent on something we do not approve it.
  - c. Jaylan Johnson : Motion to be present.
  - d. Hills: Can you just tell them about the workshop with Dr. Lassen?
  - e. White: Yes, Dr. Lassen is the Chief Financial Officer of the University and would like to do a workshop for the senators so we can understand how the university

budget works... There is not a definite date for it. I am strongly for it and would appreciate it if you would all go to it once the date is figured out.

f. Bourgeois-is about the formatting of the bills is there a reason that he enacted sections is capitalized?

g. White: It's just all capitalized. The reason it is lower cased in the template is so that you can see that you need to input something there.

b. Vice-President of Programming- NO report

c. Judicial – NO report

d. Advisor

i. Advisor Ballard: Academic Travel is nearly out of money. We have spent close to \$23,000 of our \$30,000 budget. It is up to the senate if they would like to allocate more money from their operating budget into this fund. This is the earliest we have ever run out of funding for this account. There are several organizations who request money in the Spring that will not receive funds this year, unless you vote to add more. Please consider.

a. President Hills: In the past have, we spent half the money each semester.

b. Ballard: That's not in the rules or been enforced. The rules for academic travel are written in code of laws and you all could change it, but its just \$30,000 first come first serve.

c. Kyser: That accounts rolls over for CBC meeting?

d. Ballard: July 1<sup>st</sup> we get a new \$30,000? Its been \$30,000 since the program started and it never has all been spent in fall semester?

e. Bourgeois: Most students are traveling in Fall or applying now for the Spring?

f. Ballard: They are all travelling now. And some are also taking groups and when you take a group of 10 or more there can be \$5,000 split between the group versus \$500 per person.

IX. Old Business- VPLA White: The only piece of old business is the Math Building Bill will the authors and sponsors of the bill please come up.

JD: Can I motion to table the bill until next meeting?

White: The Bill will be tabled until next week.

X. New Business- White: The new business is Innovate UNO Bill will the authors and sponsors please come up.

Chance Howard: Innovate UNO is a \$3,164.64 and this is for it will pay for a breakfast lunch and afternoon snack. It is a place where people show their different scholarly works. SGA covered the last 6 Innovate UNO's. The entire UNO community is invited to attend.

Leger: Cognevich By Proxy: He wants to know if this something we have done as a recurring event?

VPLA White: Point of information- It is something we done as a recurring event, we excused it as an event in order to bring it to the floor, but if you guys have an issue with it we can bring it up.

Advisor Ballard: they did turn in all of the invoices, and they were long and we did receive it.

VPLA White: It is in your emails with the agenda, so feel free to look at it for a reference.

Bourgeois: What is the extra \$164.64 for because the catering is \$3,000 so I'm just wondering if it is taxes or something.

Howard: I'm not sure.

VPLA White: The author is not here to tell the information. Point of information to make the friendly amendment to make page 3 match with the first page.

Bourgeois: Motion to make a friendly amendment.

Howard: Make a friendly amendment to change "is" to "are" for grammatical issues.

White: Anyone in opposition to the bill? Anyone in support for the bill?

Bourgeois: I just wanted to say I went last year to see friends and their work and there was a lot of people who attended, and they are advertise and well known.

White: We will move into the amendment process.

Ray: Motion to question.

White: we will now move into a roll call vote, we are voting for the bill as a whole.

14 yes 0 No 2 abstention

This bill passes

White: The next piece for new business is the Election Night Bill

Miller: I would like to motion to make a formatting error to the bill

Brianna Jackson: This is to have everyone at the sandbar for midterm elections on election night watching the outcomes. The money is for catering.

President Hills: Were there any arguments afterwards?

Briana Jackson: It is a non-partisan event, and we mentioned that in flyers as well.

Advisor Ballard: Point of information: I went last Election Day and it was very fun and no drama.

Kyser: I thought this was to urge voter ship? Is there anything like that in your organization?

Briana Jackson: We tried a drive, but this is for people to be aware of the midterm elections and know the different things being voted for.

White: Initial debate: Anyone in opposition to the bill? Anyone in support for the bill?

White: Amendment Process: No amendments

White: Final Debate

Ray: motion to question

White: 14 yes 0 No 2 abstention

XI. Nominations and Appointments

White: There are no nominations and appointments.

XII. Open Forum:

-Bourgeois: Driftwood inquiry: I have the contact information for people at the driftwood and there meetings are at 1:00 on Thursdays if anyone wants to sit in. Upstairs in UC Its at the end of the hall by Career Services/ Student Affairs.

-JD: I think we should carefully consider funding this unless they can come up with a plan to keep recurring debt because we are just putting a Band-Aid on it.

-Hills: They will just get rid of it if we don't fund it. And they will give it two semesters and then pay the debt off.

-Bourgeois: I am the distribution manager, and I took into account who weren't using the driftwood and they weren't even aware of who wasn't using them. They are now in the works of how much they spend on papers and updating a website.

-Kyser: they are just losing a lot of money on printing cost?

-Bourgeois: I don't know the exact cost but whatever it is They will cut it in half.

-Johnson: Will they be able to get on the social app?

-Bourgeois: They have a website and might create their own app, but they are in the beginning stages.

-Hills: they are a deficit so creating an app will cost more money. They do have a business manager for advertising maybe we can talk about him

-Ballard: Point of information: we have 2 adds per newspaper, and it is \$2,000 a semester for SGA. I wanted to cut back and if we cut back, they would lose money.

-VPLA White: Point of inquiry: Who approved that?

-Ballard: The prior business manager. And the marketing budget.

-Hills: Another thing to present is the chips in the library, to get into the library isn't funded by the student technology fee or ID fee, so they asked us to fund it. If anyone is interested in making a bill?

-VPLA White: Why do we need the chip?

-Hills: For safety reasons past 12 to get in.

-Johnson: It isn't necessary because you can still get in through the side doors.

-JD: The math-building bill.

-Hills: Its just the labor cost for the bill not the cost of the building, a private donation is paying for the materials, the cost of the bill is just to pay for the labor.

-VPLA White: Yes I just have another library question. I just don't really see the point because we don't have to show an ID during the day.

-Ballard: Point of information: Its just for safety because UNO police and the daylight has you protected differently than someone who might be in the library late at night.

-VPLA: We also pay for security at night. So we need both?

-Hills: That is why I think the student technology fee can raise their money. Because in my opinion those \$4,000 are not necessary when we have a safe procedure right now.

-Williams: So does everyone need a chip now?

-Hills: Yes

-Williams: I would never go after hours, so would I need to get one?

-Hills: No.

-Ballard: Louisiana just passes a law that By January all ids by a public university must also act as a voter ID but for that to happen all pictures must be updated and options to put your preferred name on there and expiration dates. So, you all will get a new id anyway, so the fee could go up and it would help with the chip cost loss.

-JD: Not everyone graduates in 4 years so they would have to re up every time.

-VPLA: That's a state law right point of inquiry?

-Ballard: Yes, that's why your drivers License expires every 4 years, it just has to be updated. That's just state law. SO yes if you don't graduate in 4 years you have to get a new one.

-Hills: You should bring it up in the fee committee. You guys would fund it.

-Bourgeois: Can I Motion to adjourn?

-VPLA: Yes

-Howard-Williams: Second

XIII. Adjournment – 12:51 PM

