

Student Government Association

Thursday August 29, 2019

Session Agenda

- I. Call the Meeting to Order 5:04 PM
- II. Roll Call
  - Cannon- Here
  - Cognevich- Here
  - Hartlin- Absent
  - Hills- Absent
  - Leblanc- Here
  - Melancon- Here
  - Ngo- Here
  - Owen- Absent
  - Pitalo- Here
  - Rollins- Here by Proxy
  - Rusnak- Here by Proxy
  - Thamard- Absent
  - Vitali- Absent
  - White- Here
  - Williams- Absent
  - Yarbrough- Here
- III. Approval of the Minutes- No minutes to approve
- IV. Communications and Announcements
  - a. Senators none
  - b. Non-Senators none
- V. Committee Reports
  - a. Governance - no
  - b. Rules- no
  - c. Finance- no
  - d. Student Affairs- no
  - e. Facility Services- no
  - f. On Campus Dining and Housing- John Michael- Plan a meeting with chartwells after this meeting to discuss complaints and issues.
- VI. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports
  - a. President-

Christine Bourgeois - Hello everyone , I'm Christine, I'm going to repeat. The biggest thing is about open forums with president Nicklowit is called pretzels with the president. Dr golz will explain more about it after Joy's report. Latin American Association wants to do a bill, we need a senator. It would normally go to wesley but it is a friend asking for

help, so she just came to me. Beinville Hall will be knocked down for an elementary school pretty soon. Monthly luncheon will be happening starting september. with 5 senators and with Nicklow. It is random senators from different colleges so each senator can talk to Nicklow about problems they are facing within their college. This is great to have face to face feedback. Maybe we can try to increase the number of senators eventually but for now this is how many is wanted. If you want to be at the next one please let me know and I will put you on the list. Lastly, I would like to encourage everyone to be recruiting for senators on campus. We have 50 seats and need them to be filled.

Kenady Hills- Picking and choosing is breeding grounds for discrimination and it is not fair that not all the senators get to go.

Christine Bourgeois- I did not chose this to be this way, I will voice your concerns to Dr. Niclow, and hopefully have more senators there. For the meantime it's more personal than to be discriminatory, but i understand your view.

Kenady Hills- I understand this was not your idea, and thank you for relaying the message.

Dr.Golz- Did this happen last year? Is this the same as Pretzels with the President?

Kenady- Yes, It was for all senators , and no that is an open forum. This luncheons are for senators only, and he is picking who he wants and how many.

b. Vice President-

Roach VP- I handle financial things SOA- \$44,984; each semester it will be \$22,492. If it is not all used in the fall semester, it will roll over, but spring semester will not roll over.

White- How much is in the reserve?

Roach- I am not sure because it depends on the amount of students enrolled.

c. Speaker of the Senate- Wesley Cognevich

Cognevich SS-I cannot get access to my VPLA email, so if you emailed me like I asked you to, I didn't get it, therefore I will be using my personal email account for everything. Reforms and changes to all our governing documents have been made over the summer. Special thanks to those participating: Maddie, Christine, John-Michael, Julianne, Desmond, and myself. Special thanks Julianne, Desmond, and Joy for completely retyping and formatting these into Word from their previously non editable formats. After this meeting stop by this podium to tell me what committee you will like to be on so I can have those sorted for next meeting. Also, if you are interested in committee head let me know as well. I have a lot of bills on my desk, so we need sponsors.

Leblanc COLA- Specific reason your email isn't working?

Cognevich- Let's go with IT problems

White- DO you know if the bills would request reserve account funds?

Cognevich- I don't think so.

Kenady Hills Senior at Large- Motion to be recognized

Leblanc- Second.

- d. Vice President of Programming- not here
- e. Judicial- not here
- f. Advisors-

Ballard Advisor- My one announcement is elections are October 3rd for freshmen, however anyone is welcome to run, September 12 is an open forum, we have 50 senate seats I feel really uncomfortable with 20 people making decisions for the whole senate. I will shout out Desmond and COLA senators are having their own open forum soon, we need more of those to get people involved. Now I will yield my time for Dr. Golz.

Dr. Golz- Dean of Students- I thought they were always open forum, so I will figure out how to do it. The board of supervisors got redid bc Gov Blanco that is why the pretzels with the president got rescheduled. It is an open forum for everything. We hope it will be a dialogue, and a listening session 2:00 on Thursday in the gallery lounge. On a different note, something that is still about gender inclusive bathrooms, get a committee together about proposals we really need to get the ball rolling on this.

Leblanc COLA- How was the bus purchased?

Dr. Golz- The bus was purchased with Student Affairs budget

Kenady Hills SAL- Just to be clear, just because we said we would not fund the bus, does not mean that we do not agree with it?

Dr. Golz- Correct, I was under the impression that the bill was to fund it not to agree with the idea.

Cognevich VPLA- If we would want to say we do not agree with it, then we would write a resolution.

Dr. Golz- Yes, that is my impression

Cognevich VPLA- How will the maintenance be paid for? Like gas and oil changes.

Dr. Golz- All will come from the Student Affairs budget.

## VII. Old Business

1. Bottle Filling Stations Update- We are still going forward.

VIII. New Business- none, next week will be several bills and law changes, there are 3 bills pending.. A lot to talk about next week.

## IX. Nominations and Appointments

1. Kevin Heuer- Senator College of Business

I was a senator last semester the reason I am standing right here and not voting is because I am graduating this semester I was not expecting the time to do this, taking some time to think this over and being I will never be back at UNO, I want to finish it with a bang, so you know I am still the president of COBSC, besides I am also a peer mentor and work for COB. That is it.

Rise in support: Kenady Hills Senior at Large because he worked hard last year and reached out to students. Add interesting ideas to discussions. And appreciate his willingness to come back.

Opposition: Motion to question John Michael  
Cory P Second

Vote is unanimous.

X. Open Forum-

Kevin Heuer- Recently i sent a bill for business carnival because i have an issue with campus dining, the real issue came with catering. They tried to charge me \$800 for \$200 hotdogs, after negotiation i had i got the price down to \$500. Regardless, student organizations should have a price that is reasonable. Me and the Dean of Business compared some prices and lemonade used to cost \$4 and now it cost \$12. Just for reference. Did Armarck have student organization pricing this early?

Joy Ballard Advisor- I know SGA had to request it in the beginning for them to have pricing for student organizations. But it was before my time.

Kevin Heuer- Okay, that's good to know, also is it necessary for student orgs to only get catering?

Joy Ballard- No, from what I understand only in the UC, but I had a game tournament and I ordered Papa Johns and they were okay with it.

( Couldn't make out what people were saying there were a lot of people talking and no one stating names or colleges.)

Joy ballard-

Kevin Heuer- I also contacted Sodexo for tables for the carnival and there are "not enough" for my event, which is ridiculous, what kind of University doesn't have enough tables for events on campus.

Cognevich VPLA- I can contact and see the issue.

Leblanc COLA- Is this the first time you have had this problem?

Kevin heuer- Yes, this is my first time doing this. I had events before and i've never been told this or had these problems in catering.

JMW- Motion to extend time by 10 minutes

SECOND Kenyatte Cannon

Avery Davis- With the meal plans, they weren't promised to what we got. It is not equivalent. New students purchased their meal plan based on what was on the website. For the Freedom plan, it is meal trades, not unlimited meals. The next thing is that my fiance said there are no tampon and pad dispensers on campus. This is definitely an issue for the female population, I would like to help a bill for those dispensers to be put in the bathrooms across campus. I would also like to propose to try and make it electronic since a lot of people are not using the paper or coin system anymore. Lastly, Kirchsman hall only has two elevators with one button, and they are far apart so If you click the button the elevator on the other side opens you have to run. This is a safety hazard as well as a disadvantage to the people who are disabled and cannot get across on time, so I would like to see the installation of another elevator button for each individual elevator.

JMW- The dorm store now sells tampons.

Avery Davis- True when they are open though which are limited and they are expensive.

Kenyatte Cannon- I agree, as a woman you never know when the time is coming and sometimes you don't have time to go buy some it would be nice to have the dispenser in the restrooms across campus.

Kenady Hills- If you would like to email me I can formulate the bill for you

Avery Davis- Thank you this is definitely something the university should have and should be a right to the female population of the campus.

Desmond Leblanc- Can you give your email for further contact?

Joy Ballard- Can we wait until after the meeting so his email and information is not in the minutes?

TIME

Kenyatte Cannon- Motion to extend time by 10 minutes

Anthony Melancon COE- Second

Avery Davis- That's all I wanted to say, hopefully SGA can help make these changes.

Desmond Leblanc COLA- Hello everyone, I just wanted to say I'm excited about the new leadership in SGA. Also soon I am doing an open forum for SGA and all senators are welcomed. Also I have concerns about a fee on our fee bill. We get charged almost over one hundred dollars since 2017 for campus enhancements. I have a problem with this especially since i have not seen anything enhanced.

Joy Ballard- That fee has been established, and it put things like roads, and whatnot.

Anthony Melancon- It says St. Anthony is that behind the library?

Desmond Leblanc- I'm not sure

Dr. Golz- Yes this does include st. Anthony but meaning benjamin franklin, not actually st. anthony the whole street.

Desmond Leblanc- I just have a problem with a fee that does nothing for the university is unfair. We have buildings that need to be updated, milneburg stinks, there are other things that need to be updated and I haven't seen that update since I have been here.

John Michael White- What time is your open forum?

Desmond Leblanc-

John Michael White- I never got an email about this...

Desmond Leblanc- Joy and the clerk sent me a list of liberal arts senators and is sent it out to them.

Julianne Romero- John Michael you are a senior at large not a liberal arts senators so that is probably why you didn't get an email.

John Michael White- That makes more sense.

Desmond Leblanc- You are more than welcomed to come and so does anyone else, It doesn't have to just be a liberal arts thing.

John Michael White- Motion to adjourn the meeting

Kenady Hills- Second

Wesley Cognevich- before adjournment just a reminder to come up for committee information.  
XI. Adjournment 6:01 PM