

Student Government Association
Thursday October 24, 2019
Session Agenda

- I. Call the Meeting to Order 5:05 PM
Desmond Leblanc is presiding officer of this meeting.
Anna Rusnak is appointed temporary parliamentarian , Kenady Hills Second
- II. Roll Call
Cannon- Here
Crenshaw-Here
Fretz- here by proxy
Heuer- here by proxy
Hills- here
Johnson- here
Jones- here
Lair- here
Leblanc- here
Melancon- absent
Ngo- here
Owen-absent
Pitalo- here
Rollins- absent
Rusnak- here
Simms- absent
Stackhouse- here
Stewart- absent
Thamard- absent
Vitali- here
White- here
William- absent
Williams-absent
Yarbrough- here
Cognevich- absent
Smith Bradley- here
Smith Brendon- here
Tran, Thien- here
19/28 senators present we meet quorum
- III. Approval of the Minutes - Approved
- IV. Approval of the Agenda - Approved

V. Communications and Announcements

- a. Senators - none
- b. Non-Senators- none

VI. Committee Reports-

- a. Governance- no report
- b. Rules- Desmond Leblanc- The rules committee did meet and we sent over the voting record to the vpla who put the legislation on the agenda.
- c. Finance- no report
- d. Student Affairs- no report
- e. Facility Services- no report
- f. On Campus Dining and Housing- John Michael White- So for everyone who is no this committee is an ad hoc committee not a main committee we meet with people in charge of chartwells or the dorms. If anyone is interested you can come to the meeting, you don't have to be in it.

Hills Sen AL- Did you see the article in the drift wood about the student workers not being paid in resident life?

White Sen AL- Yes I have and talked to a couple of student workers about it and people are upset, accounts payable is having issues not the students not filing, but I wasn't going to mention it because the information the writer chooses to write about is her own choice and I didn't see an issue to address.

VII. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports

- a. President- no report
- b. Vice President- To everyone that is new I am the Vice President and in charge of the budget and retreats. The current amount in the Senate Operating Account is \$14,353.98 this is money to be spent on bills, The current amount for the Reserve Account is \$390,779.72 this still stands from last year, and this money is spent on for one time expenditures big capital projects. The retreat will be Tuesday November 5th from 12:30 to 1:30 in the UC and lunch will be provided.

Maddie Nov 5th retreat

Leblanc Speaker- Is that an accurate number for the reserve account now?

Maddie VP- That is from last year, we are still waiting for numbers from Student Affairs for a more accurate number.

Leblanc Speaker- Does anyone know what is the hold up? It is almost the end of the semester and no one has given a number yet.

Ballard- The entire office of SIL does not have their budget yet, it is a business affairs issue and it is on a lot of people's radar.

Jones COB- Can you repeat the numbers?

Maddie VP- The current amount in the Senate Operating Account is \$14,353.98 this is money to be spent on bills, The current amount for the Reserve Account is \$390,779.72

this still stands from last year, and this money is spent on for one time expenditures big capital projects but this number could fluctuate depending on what business affairs has. Jones COB- Will you guys email the retreat information?

Maddie VP- We will send a reminder

Jones COB- Is there an RSVP for the retreat?

Maddie VP- No you can just come.

White Sen AL- POI- The senate retreat is mandatory for every senator to attend at least one year. So If you miss this one you have to attend the next one, and if you do not you will be removed from the senate and not on good terms. So you cannot hold another SGA position.

Jones COB- What are the bills that the money is allocated to?

Maddie VP- Last week you all passed the Trunk or Treat Bill, The Bike Rack Bill, and Innovate UNO Bill, so any bill on the floor is through the Senate Operating Account, which is the \$14,353.98 This can be departments or student organizations that request this. And the other bills are capital projects or one time expenditures via the Reserve Account. Examples of these are how we put up the ramp in front of the Library, SGA allocated money to that through the Reserve Account.

- c. Speaker of the Senate- no report
- d. Vice President of Programming- no report
- e. Judicial- no report
- f. Advisors Ballard- Hi everyone thanks for being flexible wesley is having car trouble. We nominated 2 people for homecoming court representing sga, Jayson Ray has made the court. On the note of SGA being represented, PBSU would like sga to have a table at trunk or treat, if any of you are not tabling with another org and is interested please sign up. It is Monday from 6-8 pm. During homecoming week there is a trivia night that accepts teams sga can have a team, I have no preference. There are shirts in the office for new people not any binders yet but will have those soon . Next week's meeting is cancelled it is halloween, be safe.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- a. MLK Day of Service Bill

Kenady Hills Sen At Large- The bill is straightforward we are sponsoring, every year there is a community service event for mlk day to celebrate his life and legacy, we are paying for meals, shirt and transportation, it is all going to one place which is at Tulane that way everything is organized it is on the invoice, we have been doing it for a few years, it is one of the largest events done in the New Orleans Area. There are colleges like UNO, Delgado, Dillard, Xavier, Loyola that all participate.

White Sen At Large- Do all schools pay the same amount of money or is it proportional to the campus population?

Kenady Hills Sen At Large- I do not know that information I will yield it to the advisor.
Ballard Adv- Universities that have been doing it a while do not pay as much as universities and colleges that are just starting to participate. Dillard first time and other colleges pay a reduced fee.

White Sen At Large- Do you know where other universities get their entrance fee money from, like is it from other SGAs or is it from somewhere else?

Hills Sen At Large- I have no idea

Jones COB- Can you repeat the amount that you requested?

Hills SAL- Yes \$3,000 the bill can be found in the email and once again it covers meals, shirts, transportation and other costs.

Jones COB- How many people participated last year and is it good.....for UNO to....?

Hills SAL- I can answer the second question -- Joy can answer the second since she is with student affairs. Yes i think it is a good opportunity to collab with other UNiversities on a cause like this, Volunteerism is a great publicity to schools and it is good for yourself. Athletics participated last year and other organizations. So it is great especially on MLK Day

Ballard- 95 total UNO 600 total from all schools

Opposition- none

Support- Hills - this is a good bill and I hope you guys say yes because MLK is great and it is great to have his legacy live on

Amendments: none

Vote:

Cannon- Yes

Crenshaw- Yes

Fretz- abstain

Heuer- yes

Hills- yes

Johnson- yes

Jones- yes

Lair- yes

Leblanc- yes

Ngo- yes

Pitalo- yes

Rusnak- yes

Stackhouse- yes

Vitali- yes

White- yes

Yarbrough- yes

Smith Bradley- yes

Smith Brendon- yes

Tran, Thien- yes

Passes with 18 yes 1 abs and 0 no

X. Nominations and Appointments

a. Kia Jackson

b. Nicky Cao

Motion to table nominations until they are present White

POI Leblanc- Are we allowed to strike nominations and appointments from the agenda since these folks have not made it to the last three meetings?

Joy Ballard Adv- Yes, you could and they have also been reached out to.

Leblanc- But i cannot do that right now?

Joy Ballard Adv- You can suggest that it be removed next week.

Leblanc- I would like to suggest the nominations be removed from ever being on the agenda and not being on next week's agenda.

Kenady Hills - I object

Point of order John Michael - There was a motion to table the nominations and we can't skip over a motion, someone has to either second or object and if there is an objection we have to vote.

Kenady Hills- I second the motion to table the nominations and appointments. 23:58

XI. Open Forum

White SAL- Are you CCd on the appointees email?

Ballard AD- I sent them

Leblanc COLA- You are sending them and not getting a response?

Ballard- Yes

Hills SAL- I know that one of the appointees wants to join the senate, I will talk to them and if they do not give me a definite answer then I will agree to take them off the agenda, but we should wait at least one more week.

Hills SAL- I work in the SGA office i get a lot of people come to me about bills but i like to mention ideas inn the open forum. There is a veterans bill in the verteran organization, they want a dunk tank for vet day. Last year was really inspiring and cool last year.

Leblanc COLA- I would like to ask the guests in the back to introduce themselves and say why you are here.

Encore Rep 1- I am the President of Encore Student Organization and I am here to observe and be apart of the SGA meeting.

Encore Rep 2 Carter- I am the VP of Encore Student Organization and I am here to observe and be apart of the SGA meeting.

Hills SAL- What is encore?

Encore Rep 1- It is a new organization for the young artists in film and theatre and music, we are having a concert soon.

Leblanc COLA- They do have a bill that will be on the agenda soon.

Cannon - Trunk or Treat is next monday 6-8, please come and bring your kids or bring any kids.

Hills SAL- SGA also has a volunteer center, i work as a coordinator joy is supervisor, and we put on volunteer opportunities every month, and they are really cool . nov 10th we are cleaning cemeteries for spooky season, we partner with organizations around NOLA , if you want to learn more, let me know.

Leblanc COLA- I am starting to hear a lot of things happening on campus and I am excited, I hope we as a representative of the student body, I would like to see everyone be more involved, instead of just asking for the events to happen and funding them.

Cannon COS- There will be snoballs, popcorn and bounce house for the kids.

Crenshaw COS- Where is the SGA handbook?

Ballard- go to the website for the documents, sga.uno.edu > documents and forms > sga law, will give you it at the retreat. Also look at the website Budget is up to date.

Smith COB- How did the budget meeting go earlier this week?

Jones COB- As far as when I entered, it really just discussed it was separated by what state pays for and what student pays for. A lot of logical terms..

Leblanc COLA- One of the things we discussed was, Education per louisiana constitution is not a protected fund, so they cut those funds first. Dr. Lassen said the state covers 75 % and students pay 25% but it has flipped now. However the mandates that the state is requiring from the university is still there. UNO started out 6 million dollars in the whole, he keeps having to tell people what we can and cannot do (Dr.Lassen) he broke down to us the 84 million dollars that we have started with it is being spent majority on faculty. After that money comes out we have about 10 million after maintenance, and as well as paying folks, and 7 million dollars go towards pell grant, and scholarships. That 84 million includes tuition, none of this includes funding student affairs. When all is said and done he has about 10 million for other things like the SGA budget and things.

Jones COB- I am just going over notes in my phone from the meeting, specifically from 2008-2009 state funding was around 74 million and now we are at about 24 million.

Leblanc COLA- That is how much UNO is getting.

Jones COB- Yes, then we had about 17,000 students and now we have about 9,000 which can equate to about 59 million dollars, I cannot remember where that comes from.. Last year we got about 91 million and 7 went to scholarships , and $\frac{2}{3}$ went to faculty and staff, and $\frac{1}{3}$ went to insurance and 12 million to maintenance.

Leblanc COLA- I would like the two folks who just walked in to tell us why they are here and who they are.

Encore Rep 3- A part of encore to get funds from SGA

Encore Rep- Also a part of encore..

Leblanc COLA- LikeI said that will be at the meeting after Halloween where I introduce that bill, since meeting next week is cancelled.

TIME.

Motion to adjourn Kenady Hills

Second Cannon

XII. Adjournment 5:42 PM