

Student Government Association
Thursday November 7, 2019
Session Agenda

I. Call the meeting to order 5:07 PM

II. Roll Call

Alford- Here

Cannon- Here

Crenshaw- Absent

Fretz-Here

Heuer-Absent

Hills- Here

Johnson- Absent

Jones- Here

Lair- Here

Leblanc- Here

Melancon- Absent

Ngo- Here

Owen- Here

Pitalo- Here

Rollins- Absent

Rusnak- Here by Proxy

Simms- Absent

Smith, Bradley- Here

Smith, Brendon- Here

Stackhouse- Here

Stewart- Here

Thamard- Absent

Tran- Here

Vitali- Here

White- Here by Proxy

Williams- Absent

Yarbrough- Absent

Cognevich- Here

19/29 senators present we meet quorum

10 minute recess for committees to meet and vote on legislation so we do not have to turn away people who are here for bills.

10 minute recess extended for another 10 minutes.

Re-do of roll call

Alford- Here

Cannon- Here

Crenshaw- Absent

Fretz-Here

Heuer-Absent

Hills- Here
Johnson- Absent
Jones- Here
Lair- Here
Leblanc- Here
Melancon- Absent
Ngo- Here
Owen- Here
Pitalo- Here
Rollins- Absent
Rusnak- Here by Proxy
Simms- Absent
Smith, Bradley- Here
Smith, Brendon- Here
Stackhouse- Here
Stewart- Here
Thamard- Absent
Tran- Here
Vitali- Here
White- Here by Proxy
Williams- Absent
Yarbrough- Absent
Cognevich- Here

III. Approval of the Agenda
approved

IV. Approval of the Minutes
Approved

V. Communications and Announcements

a. Senators- Cannon COS- Thanks for everyone participating in trunk or treat, y'all were great and played a big part in the success of the event.

Kenady Hills SAL- UNO SGA also controls volunteer center I am a coordinator we put on volunteer opportunities every month. This Sunday we partnered with a local cemetery to clean up and what not since when tourists come to town they tend to vandalize cemeteries. Starts at 9 AM be here at 8:45 AM if you want to come, let me know. Or if you just want to know about the volunteer center and how you can get involved let me know, I can give more information.

Cognevich- UNO Observatory Open House on Saturday night from 6 pm - 9 pm in the Science Building on the 3rd floor, which is actually the observatory. We look at the moon and whatever else we can see. Then we have another open house on Monday morning from 8 AM- Noon where we look at the sun because mercury is traveling across it.

Jones COB- Do you have a sheet of paper with that information on it?

Cognevich- I have an email i can send to you.

b. Non-Senators

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Governance- no report
- b. Rules-Leblanc COLA- rules met regarding the three bills on the agenda and we voted yes on all of them
- c. Finance- haven't met.
- d. Student Affairs- no report

Leblanc POI- talking to Cognevich?

Point of Order Kenady Hills on Desmond Leblanc COLA and Wesley Cognevich VPLA- Can you whisper during a meeting?

Leblanc COLA- He said in the committee reports when he went over Finance that Finance did not meet but they did just meet, so I did not know if we could go on the record and say they didn't meet when they did because of the recess, from a rules standpoint.

Cognevich VPLA- Yes I meant to say they didn't have a report not they did not meet, so I was asking if I actually said that because if I did I misspoke.

- e. On Campus Housing and Dining- no report

VII. Executive and Advisor Reports

- a. President - Bourgeois- Couple of things next Tuesday night from 6p-8p in 206 in the uc (next door) there will be an audubon activist training workshop for anyone interested, November 12th 6pm-8pm Peter Coulageorge he works for Green Corps working in NOLA to work to make NOLA, "to build public support, and critical action on climate change by moving New Orleans to 100% renewable energy by 2040, which is their goal." He is coming for a general training to provide insight for community organizing which promotes civic engagement, if you are interested in local politics or making policy happen this training might be of interest to you, light refreshments will be available. The President Luncheon was really great we got complimented about our lunch and manners , there were only 3 senators out of 5 so I am trying to fill up all five seats for our last one for the semester , so if you would like at the Luncheon with Dr. Nicklow or Dr. Golz please let me know and we will get you set up. You are welcomed to invite anyone you feel like you want to speak with in the administration not just them two or anybody on campus, we are trying to make this an open conversation for SGA members to talk to anyone they can. There is a marketing project that SGA was reached out to help with in the Sustainability Circle, finding quotes that have to do with not just climate change but sustainability quotes about campus in general, they are trying to do it with different organizations, so if you are interested in participating, please let me know.
Hills SAL- the speaker that you mentioned who is funding it? Two shoutouts to Senator Owens for speaking at Take Back the Night it was great and she spoke really well, and she represented UNO very well. Also Senator Cannon for writing the bills and funding Trunk or Treat because it was really one of the best events we had the semester. Lastly the Council for Student Body Presidents happened and people were interested on how we got so many new senators , and how we were running and gave a lot of compliments to SGA at UNO, and I thought that was cool and good to share.

Hills SenAL- I have two questions so if anyone wants to stop me after the first one that is fine, So first the speaker that you mentioned who funded that speaker and does SGA have anything to do with it.

Bourgeois- Yes I am sorry I forgot to mention that, I wrote an Executive Order saying that on behalf of SGA but there is no money involved from SGA, I am paying for the refreshments myself and he is coming for free.

Hills SAL- The lunches with the president, do we get email notifications if we are invited?

Bourgeois- I do it by college so I pick by the roster and one per college as the months have gone by alphabetically and if they do not answer after a few emails I go on and choose the next set to replace the senators that do not respond. I know some senators had a misspelling on the roster and I fixed it because some senators weren't getting emails.

Hills SAL- So you only mention the luncheon to the senators you picked for the month correct?

Bourgeois- Yeah so when we first introduced this I mentioned at the meeting to give senators for anyone who wanted to before anyone else, and if no one have strong interest I just did it alphabetically.

Nominate Owen as pro tempore.

Second Vitali.

b. Vice-President-

Maddie had to go to class so left her report for Joy Ballard (Advisor)- The reserve account has \$390,779.72 .Operating account is \$11,353.98 that number is just for this semester and will increase for about 20,000 next semester.

c. Vice-President of Legislative Affairs- Committees need to meet if you get an email about bills and someone wants to take the initiative to email the rest of the committee, meet and keep me in the loop. If you miss 3 committee meeting, you get an absence with SGA, so be careful because missing your meeting counts in the Senate meeting for after 3 absences you are considered to be kicked out of the senate. That is why we had a recess because 2 committees did not meet, now most people here were not in committees yet, but the people who were still could have met prior.

Bradley Smith COB- I know Kevin Heuer now has commitments during this meeting so he can no longer be finance head, did he relay that to you?

Cognevich VPLA- Yes he did.

Jones COB- Are we going to be added to the email list?

Cognevich- Yes, are you not on the main distribution list?

Jones COB- No

Cognevich VPLA- Okay I will add you and recheck all the names on the email list.

Smith Bradley, and Smith Brendon have left for class but we still meet quorum 17/29 senators are present.

d. Vice-President Of Programming

e. Judicial

f. Advisor- Joy Ballard- I know that our Vice President of Programming is not here to mention homecoming, so I will give some Updates because they are having a really good

week. The Peprally sponsored by SGA had 183 attendees, which is pretty big for the peprally in the UC. The basketball game had a huge turnout, and the student section was filled and is the biggest I have seen at my time at UNO. Today was fall fest and a lot of organizations raised a lot of money. Paint Party is tonight at the Amp at 7, it is a party with a DJ and paint.. The new constitution is the one given at the retreat, if you are a new senator and have not received those documents let me know. Please read the documents especially the new constitution I know it is not fun to read and you all are busy and have a lot of homework and things but when this takes effect in january I hope we can hit the ground running and know what is in it. The copy I gave you all have the comments on what has changed in the side for your reference. There is no point in memorizing the old one at this point so read it and know it. My last comment is thank you to all the visitors in the back here to sponsor and get bills funded. To my senators that I have responsibility for I don't want another meeting like today, we have people who want money, you have over \$11,000 to give to people who want money for their organization and you need to get rid of it by December. Stop making it difficult for people to ask for money, I do not blame people for not wanting to write bills because this was way too difficult. Stop it get it together, your committees need to meet, you need to pass bills, and I know some of you are new so I will give grace but this is not how we run. Get it together so Joy doesn't have to defend you to administration all the time because you all also get me in trouble. Leblanc COLA- I want to know if we can get our CFO to come to one of the meetings to discuss the budget because as most of us know we keep getting last years numbers and we want to know what is the hold up with the actual budget. Ballard Adv- We did meet with Lassen, it was interesting, if you want him to come to a meeting I can pass that message along, he is retiring so i think it will be better to get his second in command to come, she knows what is up with the budget and everything. But I can get someone in here to answer those questions.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

a. Encore Bill 2019

Author is Marvin Bryant Jr. President of Encore, Desmond Leblanc COLA is the Sponsor.

Leblanc COLA- This is a bill to allocate \$6,961.95 from the Senate Operating Account to assist Encore in showcasing a concert titled OPUS where which will be hosted on February 20, 2020 at 8:00pm in the Robert E. Nims theatre.

Bryant Jr. President of Encore- The people up here will introduce themselves.

Amber Johnson dual major in History and Film

Bryce Carter- Vice President of Encore- Sociology Major

Meleak Martin- Film Major

Noah Williams- Film Major

Travis Turner- Studio Arts major

Jorge Valaquez- I teach the UNO Rock ensemble,

Marvin Bryant- recently new student organization to promote young artists who have been in the shadows and have not yet had a platform to shine. I have been here for 3 semesters and I know there are so many talented people here, but not just in Liberal Arts but in every college and major. So what we hope to accomplish with encore is to cultivate a community that promotes success in the community, because I do

not think there isn't anyone here who does not want to be successful. So in future years we hope to be beyond liberal arts but to expand. Our motto is " Giving the People more, that is not just with arts and film and music it is in all facets of life that strives to give the community more. In order to show that we invented OPUS is a showcase event of this huge collaboration with musicians vocalists, rappers, rockstars, filmmakers, poets, and dancers. We are trying to show the University and the New Orleans Area that UNO has talent.

Amber Johnson- So basically what we are trying to do with OPUS is show the multi facets of the liberal arts community because Liberal Arts isn't just Liberal Arts it is HUman Development, Performing Arts and more. We are trying to show the musicians, filmmakers and present it to the public and the community to show the talent here. We have a bunch of film majors helping us.

TIME

Leblanc cOLA- Motion to extend time by 6 minutes

Owens Second

Amber Johnson- I have talked to one of my GAs to help us with directing film and get the tools that UNO has to help make a film to enter into the New Orleans Film Festival, it would be really cool to say Encore won the New Orleans Film Festival.

Bryant Jr. - With that the papers that Amber passed out was the insurance from Guitar Center. Because with much of the equipment that we would need to facilitate this event we would have to rent the equipment from Guitar Center. Hence why the budget breakdown has a huge portion for Guitar Center.

Amber Johnson- To add more to what you just said (Bryant Jr.) there is a \$1500 in the bill that is dedicated to the liability waiver that we have to put down a deposit, and we will get the deposit back.

Bryant Jr.- We are not a bunch of Undergrad Renegades we have 2 advisors, Byron Asher and Brent Rose. Brent Rose is the head of the music Department including Diane Bass. SO by the time OPUS comes around it will be a quality show and not just something put together, it will be something you want to stay for and experience.

Joy Ballard POI- The university refuses to pay deposits, its a thing but we work with guitar center alot so I don't think it will be an issue but just for the senate to know you can pass the bill today and if we do not pay the deposit it will roll back into the account. It is not an issue but it may be \$1500 cheaper.

Hills SAL- is there any other organization funding this or are we the main source of funding?

Bryant- You are the main source of funding

Hills SAL- So with this 6000 this will fund most of the event.

Jones COB- I am also part of this show and they are very dedicated, it will be great promotion-

Cognevich VPLA- this would be for support right now it is just questions.

Bryant- we are having technical difficulties with the powerpoint but it was just to show how the lights would look and the quality and just to see, but it is part of the bill budget.

Amber Johnson- We also want to broadcast, on facebook live, Instagram live and even talk to the UNO Marketing Department.

Opposition-

Support and Principal Sponsor-

Bryant Jr- The time breakdown 6:00-7:30 free food and refreshments for UNO Students from 7:30-8:00 Pre show 8:00-9:30 real show; 9:30-10:30 you can meet all the people involved and after that we will take precautions to clean up and be as efficient as possible.

Jones COB- I really support this group they are talented, I am apart of this and it would be great promotion for outside the university and it showcases our students talents.

Hills SAL- really cool excited to see the manifestation of the event and see how it turns out.

No amendments.

Alford- yes

Cannon-yes
Fretz-yes
Hills-yes
Jones-yes
Lair-yes
Leblanc-yes
Ngo-yes
Owen-yes
Pitalo-yes
Rusnak-yes by proxy
Stackhouse- yes
Stewart- yes
Tran-yes
Vitali- yes
White- abstain by proxy
Cognevich-yes
16 yes and 1 abstention 0 no's this Bill passes
b. ZTA Bill

This is a bill to allocate \$1,144.56 from the Senate Operating Account to assist Zeta Tau Alpha in Think Pink Bingo Night which will be hosted on November 17, 2019 in the UC Ballroom. The Zeta Tau Alpha are registered with the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership; The Think Pink Bingo is necessary to the UNO community because it brings awareness to breast cancer education and helps raise funds to benefit cancer research and survivor recognition; The Think Pink Bingo will help raise awareness and prevention of breast cancer on UNOs campus. This will benefit UNO student, faculty, and alums. Students, faculty, staff, and alums are invited to attend. It has been successful in the past, we will have free food for guests, Tickets are \$10.

Fretz GAL- What are your prizes and how do you get those?

Author- So our prizes come from our funds we get from the tickets it's going to be 10 for each individual game and pink out which will be 25, then we have a silent auction items and a raffle.

Fretz GAL- Will this be on campus?

Author- Yes in the UC ballroom

Hills COLA- POI- Are we allowed to fund events that require purchasing a ticket?

Ballard Adv- POI- Yes we are as long as the organization does not profit, historically we said that fundraisers that go to a philanthropy are not profit.

Author- Yes, our chapter does not receive any of the funds we collect the funds and send it to nationals that then goes to one of our three main philanthropies .

Cognevich- It goes to the?

Author- National Chapter then they distribute to the 3 main distributors of our funds, which is ?NFL?

Think Pink

Cognevich- Are we allowed to do gambling?

Ballard Adv- Bingo is not gambling under the louisiana gaming commission, I am curious about this raffle , I am hoping it is a door prize.

Author- No, it is a 50/50 raffle.

Ballard Adv- That has to be registered with the gaming commission, it is really easy paperwork, I can send you the information on the paperwork, they always get approved, but you do need to register.

Stewart COB- Is there a target donation?

Author- Last year we made about \$4,000 so either get to that or go higher.

Cognevich- POI- What is the total cost of this bill?

Author- \$1,144.56

Jones COB- I want to reiterate this is for the food?

Author- This is for food, bingo cards and dabbers.

Jones COB- Can you specifically- are you getting cards for the amount of people that attend or ?

Author- Yes it is for the estimated amount of people, we are still working on the numbers because we are still selling tickets. So this number could go down.

Cognevich- POI for new senators if we allocate more money than that is spent we get the money not spent back into the account.

Author- Right now we are estimating 110 people but that could go down.

Opposition-

Support or Principal Sponsor- Owen SAL- I really like it when we support greek life, and ZTA bingo was super fun last year.

No amendments

Vote:

Alford- yes

Cannon-abstain

Fretz-abstain

Hills-yes

Jones-yes

Lair-yes

Leblanc-abstain

Ngo-yes

Owen-yes

Pitalo-yes

Rusnak-abstain by proxy

Stackhouse- yes

Stewart- yes

Tran-yes

Vitali- yes

White- abstain by proxy

Cognevich-yes

12 yes 5 abstain 0 no this bill passes.

c. ODS Flag Bill

Motion to table until the next meeting Leblanc COLA

Owen Second

Oppose Kenady Hills

Kenady Hills- POI Can we pass the bill without the sponsor or author being here?

Cognevich- The sponsor or author does not have to be there to vote.

Ballard Adv- POI this is for Veterans Day and that is like next week so...

Leblanc COLA- I take away my motion

Owen SAL- I take away my second.

Jones COB- What happens when we run out of money in the Operating Account?

Cognevich- We never had that problem and if we do then we will talk more about it and I can answer that for you. I'd love to have that problem.

The sponsor is Senator Yarbrough but he couldn't make the meeting due to an emergency, so Kenady Hills SAL offered to sponsor the bill in his absence.

41:50

Omega Delta Sigma Kenday Hills - They actually came to me in the office about this bill, they do an incredible veterans week every year, they do really informative stuff about veterans on campus and veterans in general. This bill is to allocate \$119.92 to ODS for

Cognevich VPLA- POI it has been reduced to \$114 they found the same flag for cheaper.

Hills SAL- \$114 even?

Cognevich VPLA- Yes.

Hills SAL- the flag display is necessary for the UNO community because it displays awareness for the amount of suicides committed by military members. That's what it will represent

Fretz GAL- I think they are fantastic, but will they be picking the flags up to prevent a trash hazard on campus.

Hills SAL- Last year it was beautiful, they did pick them all up.

Fretz GAL- Okay i did not want it to be an environmental issue or have people steal them or anything.

Hills SAL- No they will pick up.

Opposition-

Support or Sponsor

Amendment- Cognevich VPLA- The revision for the amount. Better price.

Vote-

Alford- yes

Cannon-yes

Fretz-yes

Hills-yes

Jones-yes

Lair-yes

Leblanc-yes

Ngo-yes

Owen-yes

Pitalo-yes

Rusnak-yes by proxy

Stackhouse- yes

Stewart- yes

Tran-yes

Vitali- yes

White- abstain by proxy

Cognevich-yes

16 yes 1 abstention 0 no this bill passes.

X. Nominations and Appointments

a. Kia Jackson- Senator

b. Nicky Cao- Senator

Slate motion by Desmond Leblanc COLA

Second Hills

Jones COB- Can you tell us what slate means?

Cognevich VPLA- So it means that similar positions or items can be voted together.

Someone has to motion to stop Robert's Rules to be able to vote as a slate, and when the slate vote is over it goes back to Robert's Rules and the meeting runs normally.

Nicky Cao- She hers pronouns exclusively, if you miss gender me I will report you. I am a senior Sociology major and I want to join SGA because I feel like we don't have enough queer and trans voices especially those with radical opinions. I feel like we have enough conservative and or liberals but not far out opinions and people advocating for people who don't look like them are problematic people, so I want to be that senator.

Kia Jackson Junior Computer Science Major- I would love to be apart of SGA representing the College of Science

Leblanc COLA- Where have you guys been, we have been having you guys on the agenda for quite some time?

Kia Jackson- I was unaware of the meeting time and place until I got an email this past week.

Nicky Cao- I had two emails before this last email one was on a monday or tuesday and I had a doctors appointment on that day. I also previously didn't respond to emails because I thought I was automatically inducted from last year, then I just stopped caring to come in since wasn't in the senate.

Discussion:

Opposition

Support:

Hills SAL- I want to rise in support for both nominations they add a lot to senate and they have the willingness to come.

Fretz GAL- How did they get the nomination or appointment? I am a little confused I am new and trying to grasp everything.

Cognevich- So, if you don't run in elections and seats are open you can go to the SGA Office and fill out an appointment form. You fill it out according to college and senate seat, and an existing senator will sponsor them. Then it goes through review to make sure they qualify for all things that are qualified by the senate terms, like GPA and good

standing. Then it comes through governance committee to talk about and if they don't see any issues then it comes to the floor and then we vote.

Fretz GAL- Okay and we can do it the opposite way we can go to the SGA Office and nominate someone for a senate position.

Cognevich VPLA- they have to sign it.

Fretz GAL- who was the sponsor of Kia and Nicky?

Hills SAL- Probably me because if someone comes in and signs an appointment form I usually sign it because I work in the office.

Fretz GAL- And we need to fill 50 seats?

Cognevich VPLA- Yes, we have 19 needed and they are 3 college of business, 2 engineering, 6 liberal arts, 5 college of sciences, 1 sophomore at large and 2 junior at large.

Owens SAL- POI- So if i have an opposition but I don't want it to be in the minutes, can that happen, I am not trying to start anything. If I can't do it off the record then I just won't say anything.

Ballard- You can't.

Cognevich VPLA- even if we have a closed session the minutes are still taken so it would always be on the record. Maybe mention it before the meeting.

Jones COB- Maybe you can speak in general about oppositions, instead of names so we can hear what you have to say?

Leblanc COLA- POI- according to the-

Point of Order by Kenady Hills- I just think this should be discussed after the meeting because this is all going on the minutes.

Leblanc COLA POI- The time slot we get to discuss is the only time allowed for that particular thing we are voting on, so if you have something to say now would be the time to do it not after the nominations have been voted on.

Alford- yes

Cannon-yes

Fretz-yes

Hills-yes

Jones-yes

Lair-yes

Leblanc-yes

Ngo-yes

Owen-abstain

Pitalo-yes

Rusnak-yes by proxy

Stackhouse- yes

Stewart- yes

Tran-yes

Vitali- yes

White- yes by proxy

Cognevich-yes

16 yes 1 abstention and 0 no they pass.

- c. Karyna Baez- Supreme Court
- d. Matthew Broussard- Supreme Court
- e. Grace Keith- Supreme Court
- f. Lance Sylvester- Supreme Court
- g. Jack Waguespack- Supreme Court
- h. Brian Washington- Supreme Court

Matthew Broussard Philosophy Major in COLA- Sorry for my appearance I kind of heard about this last minute, I would love to be on the Supreme Court, I am a philosophy major and I would like to go to law school so anything involving a law system is super interesting to me. I would love and look forward to working with you all in the future.

Leblanc COLA- I just want to briefly reiterate, you said you haven't heard from anyone in a few weeks?

Broussard- Yes, I haven't gotten emails from anyone, someone told me to come tonight, here, so I did.

Leblanc COLA- Who were you in contact with?

Broussard- I couldn't tell you who it was.

Leblanc COLA- You don't know who you were responding to?

Broussard- I don't remember.

Fretz GAL- So they won't be in the meeting until spring?

Cognevich VPLA- this is supreme court so this is the judicial branch.

Fretz GAL- Do share more information.

Cognevich VPLA- How many times has the supreme court met total last year?

Ballard - 3 times but POI- The supreme court has 2 basic jobs any conflict of law in the student government association so impeachments or points of orders go there. I've been advisor for 2.5 years and we had one impeachment proceeding. They also oversee elections if need be. They make sure elections committee are running right. They do appeals of campus parking tickets they happen over email.

Hills SAL- What made you want to join supreme court rather than the senate?

Broussard- Honestly, I think it's just the focus on the court system specifically, this is my first year at UNO so I am not super involved. I did not realize there were more openings in Student Government, but I thought this would be a good transition to getting involved.

Jones COB- What is your classification?

Broussard- Junior, non traditional.

Jones- Where you in the Judicial system at your previous institution?

Broussard- No, my previous college has been online for the past 2 years so I have been pretty out of contact with student life.

Discussion:

Jones COB- We are voting for all of them?

Cognevich- Yes

Fretz GAL- Why? Can we fix that because we have only met him no one else.

Cognevich- Your options are vote or table, the governance committee went over these nominations and voted and approved, all senators are emailed these names so they had the opportunity to look over them as well. I know new senators weren't on the list the first day they went out, not sure if I did follow ups or not. So we can table or vote, because we can't break these up because they are nominated by the president of Student Government. If you have issues you could email the president.

POI Leblanc- Per the rules you can not ask the president to remove them after they are voted on.

Cognevich VPLA- Before they get voted on is what I was saying.

POI Hills SAL- This is a life long position , but we also do not have any one on the supreme court.

POI Ballard- There is one. Also at any point anyone can shut everything you all have done all semester because no one has appointed an official supreme court. We are way out of line. Also these are lifelong and serious, most of these people have decided, because they cannot make senate meetings. SO they want to join.

Opposition:

Support:

Leblanc COLA- For the sake for SGA, being that we have no supreme court, and we are way out of line, so I support these nomination s so we do not get shut down.

Kenady Hills SAL- I also rise to support and I am very impressed how many names are here because i was president last year and it was difficult to get people. So I am impressed at all these names. And I am impressed with the nomination that came in tonight and it's a perfect position for a non traditional student.

Vote:

Alford- yes

Fretz-yes

Hills-yes

Jones-yes

Lair-yes

Leblanc-yes

Ngo-yes

Owen-yes

Pitalo-yes

Rusnak-yes by proxy

Stackhouse- yes

Stewart- yes

Tran-yes

Vitali- yes

White- yes by proxy

Cognevich-yes

16 yes 0 no 0 abstentions they are all approved.

Cao- I don't get the door that is for white people

Kenady Hills calls point of order on Cao and Desmond Leblanc also calls a point of order.

Point of order Kenady Hills to VPLA and Leblanc - why are we whispering again?

XI. Open Forum

Leblanc COLA- Yeah I raise my hand a lot I don't care. I have heard a lot of folks wanting to get involved, and they have not heard from our superiors in SGA. I think that is very unacceptable, if these folks are wanting to be involved, they should be given the opportunity and be communicated with effectively. Our Volunteer coordinator says there are volunteer opportunities every month, I am not sure if we are volunteering, and I've also heard that SGA is not attending the various activities that go on, on our campus. This is something I said when I was acting VPLA two days ago. We are sponsoring and paying for these events and we aren't showing up, that makes no sense, why are you here if you are not going to show up to the event, you just come here and vote on a bill that you don't go to. That isn't fair in my eyes. That is just how I feel about it.

Jones COB- I think that students are participating simply because I go, but I don't go and just represent SGA, I go because I want to. My question is do you want to create a group where a set of at random senators at every big event on campus so that sga is represented.

Cognevich- There is no formal requirement.

Jones COB- I know I'm just saying you want people to come and represent SGA but who is volunteering to go? I am already there just on the strength of me wanting to participate. Are we all on the same page?

Hills SAL- We have a volunteer event on Sunday, if you want to participate let me know, you don't have to go but please come its always nice to have different faces at volunteer events, and its always nice to have your faces at the volunteer events. I know you are all new here you see all the events, it would be nice to go to have our faces there but its also important to go so organizations know we are senators and we have all of this money.

Fretz GAL- How come I am not getting emails about this stuff, or postings, but do we have places to tell everyone.

Hills SAL- UNO Social is a great way to post about events, I have been posting on the social about the volunteer center opportunities. We also have an instagram @Uno_Sga and Twitter @sga_uno I think and facebook. Also SAC is a really good platform to look at for events on campus. And if you read the Driftwood sometimes.

Ballard- Thank you Julianne for the social media.

Cognevich- When we have announcements from senators and non senators, that's what they really are supposed to be announcing that, at that time.

Leblanc COLA- There was a comment that was brought up towards the end of nominations that by the look of faces in the room offended a lot of people. Please be respectful in these meetings and as the Parliamentarian I will call point of order, and will talk to the VPLA afterwards about what we should do. Please don't say anything that will offend any senator in the meetings at any time.

Jones COB- American Marketing Association will be having a Guest Speaker next Thursday at 12:30 in room 209 and you are welcome to attend and see the guest speaker.

Nicky Cao COLA- I said what I said, I think it is important to understand the concept of offensive and like who it centers, being that earlier in the semester we have students getting away with saying things like the N-word or calling people "it". So I think it is important as an SGA to remember you are student government and if you call out someone for being offensive first define the criteria for the word offensive, and check yourself about calling things offensive. We are for the people by the people, policing people's speeches is very childish. Also, I for the betterment of SGA, think people should look up people before voting on them, because we just voted for these people on the list and it sounded like we didn't know any

of them and that is a mistake right off the bat. As SGA these people are in cliques and people in the position of power shouldn't all be in the same clique because that's how you get dictatorships, in the past sga has a lot of greek life, and for the supreme court, a lot of the people on this list are all in the same friend group. I think it is really sad we are voting for people we don't know.

Jones COB- I see exactly what you are saying-

Ballard- I have to go to class, you can continue in open forum, but I have to go no official votes after I leave, sorry everyone.

Cognevich- When you are speaking direct the VPLA not a senator. @ Jones.

Kenady Hills SAL- Point of order you have to be quiet while someone is talking.

Jones COB- I think that in voting yes a lot of people vote yes because we needed that requirement filled for SGA to run as a whole, but going forward I do think we need to be more mindful of who we are voting on. You can't say yes or no to people in this type of vote, you kind of had to vote yes for SGA to continue.

POI Cognevich- People who were here last year I will absolutely support any senator that opposes a vote, if we have to not have a meeting then so be it, I will never force anyone to vote. I'll absolutely never advocate for voting because we have to.

Cao- I think in response quantity versus quality is important because SGA needs people who are trustworthy not just have positions filled. 50 students inactive verses 10 people active is not good. It's better to have 10 active people. And I am saying this because a lot of you are trying to reach quotas just like politicians. You can't be for the people without investigating. We need quality not quantity.

Cognevich- My sister has a saying for that it is "button share presentism" just because you are here doesn't mean you are contributing.

Motion to adjourn Hills

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XII. Adjournment 6:49