



Student Government Association
Thursday November 14,2019
Session Agenda

I. Call the Meeting to Order 5:01 PM

II. Roll Call

Alford- absent

Cannon- here

Cao- absent

Crenshaw- absent

Fretz- here

Heuer- Absent

Hills- Here

Jackson- here

Johnson- Here

Jones- Absent

Karkoutli- absent

Lair- Here

Leblanc- absent

Melancon- absent

Ngo- Absent

Owen- Absent

Pitalo- Here

Rollins- absent

Rusnak- Absent

Simms- Absent

Smith Bradley- Here

Smith Brendon- Here

Stackhouse- absent

Stevenson- absent

Stewart- absnet

Thamard- absent

Tran- Absent

Vitali- Here by Proxy

White- Here

Williams- Here by proxy

Yarbrough- absent

Cognevich- Here



13 out of 32 senators present we do not meet quorum.

III. Approval of the Agenda

IV. Approval of the Minutes

V. Communications and Announcements

a. Senators

b. Non-Senators

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Governance White SAL- did not meet because of no new business but we did want to give the new rules and procedures and code of laws to sit and evaluate their effectiveness and now we would like to do an in person meeting to talk about any procedural amendments we would like to propose to avoid having to do it next semester. Anybody who isn't in the governance committee is interested just let me know if you can come to the meeting.

Cognevich- Can you just let us know?

White- It isn't for sure time or date yet, but i could send an email, is the new senators appointed to committees?

Cognevich- they are appointed just didn't send out the spreadsheet yet.

b. Rules

c. Finance

d. Student Affairs

e. Facility Services

- f. On Campus Dining and Housing White- Met with housing this week about vandalism in the dorms, parking enforcement and the near by lots.

VII. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports

a. President- no

- b. Vice President- Maddie Roach- Reserve account is \$390,779.12 as of now same from last year, and we are still waiting on the university. The Operating Account now after passing bills this semester is \$3,133.47 and any left over will be added to the spring operating account which will be \$22,492 plus whatever is left over from fall.

- c. Speaker of the Senate Cognevich- two bills that are sent out to everyone but i have 2 or 3 more that still need to go out. Please talk to student orgs and colleges to spend the money. We are doing pretty good so far.

d. Vice President of Programming

e. Judicial

- f. Advisors Ballard- I did reach out to Dr.Lassens office on Desmond's request on why the university does not have a budget, I did not hear back from them yet. I will keep bugging them. Also we have done really good at spending money great job, keep those bills



coming. Travel funding is my fun fa we have new senators that probably do not know about travel funding. A service that SGA offers is travel funds any student can request travel funds regardless if you are in a student org or not, as long as the travel you are doing is for some academic enrichment or campus involvement purpose. This year we have sent almost 60 students already we have spent about \$28,000 so we are on track to meet the halfway mark, but spring is a lot busier than fall so the money will probably go quicker in the springtime. We had several people receive national awards from conferences and a couple of people and a few students from the National Association of Black Accountants Org have received job offers. The service really benefits students. Senators can also use it it is up to \$500 up to reimbursement per student.

Fretz GAL- It says we have to give a description of what we are going to do at conferences is there a formal way to do that or is it just typed or handwritten?

Ballard Adv- So the application on the SGA Website, and you submit it in the application which is a formal online application.

Leblanc Motion to be recognized

John Michael Second

Cao Motion to be recognized

John Michael Second

15/32 senators we still do not meet quorum

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Nominations and Appointments

XI. Open Forum

White SAL- I was at a seminar who had a guest speaker on the subject of racial healing and she asked about racial issues on campus and the UNO social got brought up and afterward I was discussing with a member of the student affairs office that apparently the student affairs

Cordell Stewart motion to be recognized

Leblanc Second

White SAL- has been working with the ULS team to write an anti discrimination policy that they have on the app and sometime later this semester the wall will go down and all the students will be kicked off of it and it will reopen the beginning of next semester and they will have to agree on more strict anti discrimination policy and the administrators will have more control over what can and cannot be taken down.

Ballard- The wall is completely down

Cao COLA- This week is trans awareness week and UNITY will be posting a black trans lives matter banner over the UC atrium and posting statistical facts like the fact that black trans women of color do not live up to the age of 35 in the US, and we are all about diversity so it will be great if everyone would come and learn the statistics.



Roach VP- What day is the thing in the qua nes?

Cao COLA- we are actually going to be in the uc atrium

Cognevich VPLA- what day?

Cao COLA- november 20th is the actual day , and we are also collaborating with Diversity Engagement Center as well. I can send out flyers to have the dates and times. We are also having a protest at 1-5p with Mayor Latoya Cantrell. It ends at the Mayor's building.

Fretz GAL- The paint party last week was it SGA Sponsored?

Ballard Adv- It was SAC sponsored but they are a branch of SGA.

Fretz GAL- Unfortunately, in the PAC there was violinists performing during the paint party they are two time Grammy award winning and there was about 70 students present. This event was booked in February. The music from the paint party was a huge distraction to the performers, a professor asked for it to be shut down, they even spoke to the police and there was no push to turn the music down , so you could imagine the frustration of the violinists. I just wanted to see how that could of been prevented, or if anyone knows what happened in the situation?

Ballard Adv- I do know what happened so when i was SAC advisor we scheduled this party also in february for the date i think the real issue is that neither events were on the university calendar so know one followed the right procedure to get the event posted, but it is part of homecoming week and we had over 250 people at the event. I think the issue was who was approached they went to the dj and the dj was rude to them i was not surprised i wish they would have went over the uno staff members who were monitoring the event because a uno staff member would have said yeah we can turn that down versus the DJ is being paid to throw a party so they will not turn it down. It was a huge miscommunication because they should have asked a staff member. I am not really involved, but both parties could have followed procedure to have the event posted to have less of an issue.

Fretz GAL- do we have a checks and balances thing to stop this from happening and making sure people put things on the University Calendar.

Ballard Adv- This is an issue that the advisor of SAC is handling internally and probably already has handled. But if SGA wanted to make a statement but it would be kind of petty but we could.

Fretz GAL- I definitely don't want to step on people's toes but I was just alarmed at the situation and wanted to know how else it could be handled. We spent all that money on encore last week and I would hate to see that happen to them.

Cao COLA- I personally feel as if SAC does not properly communicate when it comes to apologies, a few months back someone complained in the UNO Social about an event and instead of addressing it they ignored and they should apologize. I feel as if Santana should be here to make an apology and hear things like this.

White SAL- All events have to be booked through the school of the arts correct or does that not apply anymore?

Ballard Adv- that is not a thing



Leblanc COLA- normally the SAC presider coming?

a report why hasn't he been

Cognevich- Normally? He hasn't really come nor last year was there regular attendance. I have seen that so rarely.

Leblanc COLA- so who was that last semester?

Ballard Adv- Janeal did come but not regularly as well as santana.

Leblanc COLA- I could have though he came more often. Isn't that part of their responsibility to come and give a report?

Ballard Adv- It isn't in their Rules and Procedures or ours that they are required it is just on the agenda. Y'all could ask them to.

Cognevich VPLA- We have asked but they don't come. He said it sounds like a great idea.

Leblanc COLA- so we are paying a portion of their budget for them not to come to meetings and give updates or not responsive. We are allocating funds to a group that doesn't come or inst 't responsive.

Cognevich VPLA- I would say that isn't a fair statement to make, they do respond to us we meet with santana every week.

Ballard Adv- Santana does not miss an executive meeting but i also think that meetings being outside of business hours are inconvenient for people.

Cognevich VPLA- i don't think that SAC is unresponsive i just think he just isn;t here and SAC as a whole won't come.

Julianne Romero- Doesn't santana have class at this time?

Ballard Adv- I do not know. It is a possibility.

Jones Motion to be recognized

Leblanc Second

Crenshaw Motion to be recognized

Leblanc Second

Karkoutli Motion to be recognized

Leblanc Second

19/32 senators present we meet quorum.

XII. Adjournment 5:21 PM