

Student Government Association  
Thursday November 21, 2019  
Session Agenda

I. Call the Meeting to Order 5:02 PM

II. Roll Call

Alford, W- absent

Cannon, K- absent

Cao, N-here

Crenshaw, D- here

Fretz, H-here

Heuer, K- here

Hills, K- absent

Jackson, K-here

Johnson, S-here

Jones, G-here

Karkoutli, D-absent

Lair, C-here

Leblanc, D-here

Melancon, A-absent

Ngo, L-here

Owen, M-here

Pitalo, C-here by proxy

Rusnak, A-absent

Simms, K- absent strike from roll

Smith, Bradley- here

Smith, Brendon-here

Stackhouse, M-here

Stevenson, S-absent

Stewart, C-absent

Thamard, Y-absent

Tran, T-here

Vitali, J- proxy

Williams, R-proxy

Yarbrough, T- here

Cognevich, W-here

Cannon motion to be recognized

Leblanc Second

21 senators present we meet quorum

III. Approval of the Minutes

Approved

IV. Approval of the Agenda

Amended to have Captain's Krewe Bill Second Cannon

Stackhouse Sponsor- I am a freshman at large and sponsor, the captains krewe is the spirit squad of UNO and the bill is to have more pep rallies for basketball games. The bill is for \$484.06 that goes towards the dj and decorations for pep rallies.

Fretz GAL- Are all of these pep rallies on the university calendars?

Stackhouse FAL- I am not sure

Fretz GAL- Okay I just wanted to make sure that since there is a DJ involved we are not disturbing people in the area if another event is going on. Its in the UC?

Stackhouse FAL- yes

Jones COBA- How often do you plan on having these pep rallies?

Stackhouse FAL- I believe it is 4 times this upcoming semester.

Jones COBA- Do you plan on what games they are for?

Stackhouse FAL- I am not sure but the author of the bill knows.

Fretz GAL- How do we figure out how to get these events on the calendar?

Ballard ADV- POInfo- in order to get the space in the UC you have to register the event through Student Involvement and Leadership and they do put everything through them on the calendar.

Opposition:

Amendments:

Roll Call:

Cannon, K- yes

Cao, N-yes

Crenshaw, D-yes

Fretz, H-yes

Heuer, K-yes

Jackson, K-yes

Johnson, S-yes

Jones, G-yes

Lair, C-yes

Leblanc, D-yes

Ngo, L-yes

Owen, M-yes

Pitalo, C-yes

Smith, Bradley-yes

Smith, Brendon-yes

Stackhouse, M-yes

Tran, T-yes

Vitali, J - abstain ny proxy

Williams, R-yes

Yarbrough, T-yes

Cognevich, W-yes

Passes with 20 yes and 1 abstention and 0 no

POInquiry Leblanc- Do we need to appoint a temporary pro tempore?

Appoint Owen as temporary pro tempore.

Leblanc second

#### V. Communications and Announcements

- a. Senators- Cao COLA- I am on the board for a non profit called break out, they have an event this Saturday regarding Black Trans Lives Matter, UNO's Got Talent is today.

Leblanc COLA- A comment on that on my way home from work, I saw a group of trans women in front of city hall and I was really impressed by the organizations and it was eye opening , and they were really nice and interesting to learn about.

Motion to be Recognized Rusnak 22/29 senators present

Leblanc COLA-

Nicky Cao COLA-

- b. Non-Senators

#### VI. Committee Reports

- a. Governance- no report head of governance resigned today.
- b. Rules- Leblanc COLA- rules did meet but 3 senators did not vote. Therefore it was not counted as attendance. After 3 committee absences it will be 1 absence in senate and after 3 in senate you will be kicked out of sga.
- c. Finance- no report
- d. Student Affairs- Cannon COS- we met quorum and voted yes to the bills and nominations.

#### VII. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports

- a. President

Bourgeois- Hello everyone congrats for our last sga meeting of the semester. Thank you for your service and what you do. I have a couple of announcements. The faculty senate meeting, they gave more info on the book change next semester. It will be a per credit hour fee, it will be 75 per credit hour fee, it is supposed to help students who are waiting for books and materials needed for classes and online classes. You will receive an email about it with more details, you can opt in and out an unlimited amount of times. On Monday Dec 3rd I am giving out free coffee hot chocolate scantrons and pencils for

finals. I would like volunteers. We will be doing events at the beginning of the semester with SGA, as well as if anyone is interested in doing an intro video for SGA let me know and I will be working with marketing to boost our marketing. I am not going to be sending out info on next semesters lunches until next semester but I encourage you to sign up. If no one signs up or comes then we just won't do it.

Leblanc COLA- Regarding the lunches, have senators been attending them?

President- Yes, I want to thank you that do come but we have not filled seats since the first lunch, which is a total of 5. No one RSVP'd so I never know if its a yes or a no.

Nicky Cao COLA- Just for clarity, how much are we getting charged per class or credit hour? You said 75 per credit hour and I thought it was 25.

President- It is 75 per credit hour correct?

Ballard- NO 25 per credit hour and 75 for a 3 credit hour class.

President- Its 25 per credit hour, sorry about that.

TIME

Leblanc COLA- Motion to extend time by 6 minutes.

Cannon second

Leblanc COLA- Have you researched this new textbook issue? And if so, so you think it will be beneficial to all students or just like sciences.

President- I think it will benefit the majority of students, a hand full might have to pay extra, but it's good that for those students the opt out is unlimited.

Heuer COB- Unlimited opt outs are per class or per semester?

President- semester.

Cao COLA- Let's say only for one class I needed books, could I opt out of all the other classes?

President- All in or all out policy.

Jones COB- This is per credit hour? Will it be a clear process to opt out?

President- yes, From the presentation , it will be through a google doc and they will send an email to remind you.

Cao COLA- Are y'all going to be ensuring teachers will post books on the syllabus by the date for the bookstore? What are you doing to ensure students will be properly informed about the program? Because a lot of students don't know what they are paying for.

President- I don't think its only up to me y'all are senators for your colleges. So you all should also reach out. Your first question , they will make sure they have it for day 1.

b. Vice President

Roach VP- The amount in OP for fall is 3,133.47 if all the bills pass, it will be 336.45 left that will roll over and the amount resets to 22,494 plus what ever is not spent. In senate reserve the amount is still the same, and joy will be talking about that in her report.

- c. Speaker of the Senate- Cognevich- You all are in one of four major committees and you need to vote in the meetings, if you miss the meetings it will count as absences in senate. Leblanc COLA- What are you doing in regard to folks who haven't made a meeting this semester?

Cognevich VPLA- The clerk regularly keeps things updated and we communicate.

Cao COLA- Will you be making a poll for hours of availability for students for next semester? This 5 o'clock on thursdays is inconvenient right now and we need to make sure it is the most convenient because a lot of people want to join but don't because of the meeting time.

Cognevich VPLA- I will send one out before Thanksgiving

Jones COB- Do you think friday will be a better day? No? Never mind.

Fretz GAL- What poll?

Cognevich VPLA- For meetings next semester. I will let it linger for a while so people can make schedules.

Fretz GAL- This makes me nervous because I thought the meeting time is always Thursday at 5 and I reflected that on my schedule for next semester. Does it change every semester?

Cognevich VPLA- No every semester but it has changed before.

Cao COLA- On another note since you did the fountain thing last what is going on with that because the water filters need to be changed and the library ones aren't working. Also i think the doodle poll before thanksgiving is great but you should let it linger until next semester maybe the week before for a more accurate response.

Cognevich VPLA- I will let it linger until one or two weeks before class so everyone has time and is accurate. Right now the administration still says no.

Bradley Smith COB- Do graduating senators have positions in the senate?

Cognevich VPLA- Yes.

- d. Vice President of Programming- Santana Mitchell VPP- This past tuesday SAC held a cultural conversation about the truth about Thanksgiving and it was successful. Wednesday we have a meeting with campus traditions and entertainment, we will be collaborating with subcauf and mambo so we can have more money and more fun and have a greater turnout. We got feedback for events this year and it was mostly positive. Tonight it is UNOs got talent, and soon we will be inducting new members. Dec 3rd will be a holiday warm up with a hot chocolate bar. Soon we will have a novelty. Tuesday night we will be meeting for spring calendar. Applications are live for positions in SAC. Jalyn Johnson will be president I appointed her. I want to apologize for not coming this semester, I am graduating and felt like there were more important things to be doing that coming to some of these meetings and reporting on events.

- e. Judicial

- f. Advisors- Hi Everyone! I am going to start with the first little bit of bad news. While enrollment is up but technically it is down, we do not have reserve numbers yet. I will send you an email with that reserve number once I get it. Basically enrollment is technically up but enrollment that pays sga fees are down. Meaning more dual enrollment students but we can talk about that later. So our budget is lower than we thought, but we have a reserve which is good. That is what its for. You will probably remember the senate passing a bill for Bike Racks on Campus a few weeks back. The administration had asked that SGA purchase a bike rack, and then they would pay for the concrete. Senator Rusnak put a great deal of work into this bill, and scoped out the area and chose a low profile bike rack that held 12 bikes that she thought would work best. Unfortunately, the university has now said that bike rack does not meet university standards. They have proposed a loop bike rack that holds 9 bikes and is powder coated blue. The University's chosen rack is about \$500 more than the original bill. Because of the price difference, someone would have to reintroduce the bill in order for this to happen. Senator Rusnak has said she is not really interested in rewriting the bill. If anyone else would like to you can let me know and I will send you the universities quotes. If no one is interested then the bike rack will not go up, and the money will return to the senate. Feel free to discuss this in open forum, and I will answer questions after the meeting. Congrats on a great semester: . Winter Staycation on Dec 12th Annual SIL training event, all four branches meet together and we talk about what each other are doing, I want to talk about holding each other accountable and our mission and at the end of the day we are under the same umbrella, and we need to start acting like it.

TIME

Leblanc Motion to extend by 6 min

Heuer Second

Take care of yourself, no meeting next week this is it.

Leblanc COLA- So we will be running out of the reserve entirely next semester?

Ballard- We will only pull at least 50,000 we will not deplete the reserve. Going forward we will budget on a more realistic number.

Cao COLA- How do we hold accountability in SGA? Is there a form or a formal process?

Ballard- Judicial/ Supreme Court, there are forms to bring people charges if a law or rule is broken.

POI Cognevich- During meetings you can always say point of order if you think someone is out of order.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- a. Transfer Reboot Bill- Owen Ia m not the sponsor of this bill cory pitalo is , but i am his proxy. Transfer students are not new to the academic experience but the change to a new school can be challenging , at Transfer reboot camp students will learn more about

campus through resources, wellness, and academic support. Natalie is not in attendance to a family members emergency, and I am not (Leeanne Sipe SIL) due to orientation contract signing but I hope you consider this bill.

Jones COB- Can you answer questions? How many students do you think will be in attendance?

Owen COLA- I can try. Well we do have a whole transfer orientation dedicated to these students so it must be a sizable amount.

Crenshaw COS- Aren;t these already included in orientation?

Ballard- Yes, but orientation is optional for transfers, so for those who did not come they have an opportunity to come and seek resources they missed from orientation.

Heuer COB- This is during orientation?

Owen COLA- No, it is the first week of school i believe

Jones COB- As a transfer student are you required to go?

Owen COLA- no

Heuer COB- Why isn't first year experience doing this?

Ballard- They are no longer in business, SIL is over First year experience and orientation as of January 1.

Cao COLA- Maybe im bad at math, the money doesn't make sense on this bill.

Owen COLA- I have no clue, all i know is this is how much he is asking for.

Ballard- It is on the email I didn't print the budget to save paper.

Leblanc COLA- She should have printed the whole thing.

TIME-

Motion to extend Heuer

Second Cao

Cao COLA- Is 40 servings of food enough?

Owen SAL- I don't know the answer I would imagine the amount would be good for the same as an orientation.

Jones COBA- Will there be tabling for people for organizations like fresh fest?

Advisor- No it is for resources not for clubs. It is not an orientation it is a 2 day workshop. The new transfer experience was in the summer and it is the same thing but in the semester.

Cao COLA- are the dates changeable? It is not convenient or commuter transfer students.

Owen SAL- I don't know.

Crenshaw COS- If it was a bad turnout the why do it again.

Advisor- POInfo- The office of SIL sent this to the budget committee said they would not fund it to send it to the floor to pass in the senate. It is not our job to plan events or replan or change events to our liking this is how the bill is and we accept it for what it is. It is your job to fund or not to fund the event, we are not going to debate the merits of the event.

Jones COB- The reason I am asking these questions is to be in support i want to know what is going on. It would be a waste to fund this and it not be successful.

Owen SAL- I feel like that is a question to ask your self when you vote or in debate for the bill.

Cao COLA- Would it be possible to table this?

Cognevich VPLA- Given the date on the bill we would have to either pass it now or do a special session before school starts.

Cao COLA- Could we do the special session so natalie can show up because we are asking the wrong questions to the wrong people.

Point of order- This time is to ask questions to madison about the bill, we are wasting time.

Point of info Cao- Would it be possible to table and call for a special session.

Cognevich VPLA- It is always possible but we have to meet quorum, andn it is a holiday so 16 people have to show up to vote.

Cao- I digress

Opposition:

Sponsor/Support

Owen SAL- I feel like it should be voted on today

Amendments:

Vote

Cannon, K- abs

Cao, N-abs

Crenshaw, D-abs

Fretz, H-abs

Heuer, K-yes

Jackson, K-abs

Johnson, S-abs

Jones, G-abs

Lair, C- yes

Leblanc, D-abs

Ngo, L- abs

Owen, M-yes

Pitalo, C-yes by prox

Rusnak- no

Stackhouse, M- abs

Tran, Tno

Vitali, J abs

Williams, R yes

Yarbrough, T yes



Cognevich, W- yes

7 yes 10 abs 2 no

Bill does not pass.

- b. UNITY Bill- Nicky Cao Author and Kia Jackson Sponsor-The bill is to buy pronoun buttons for people to wear so that people are aware of pronouns on campus. the purchase of LGBTQ+ supplies is necessary to the UNO community because ; often times transgender students are misgendered by friends, classmates, and UNO staff. The pronoun buttons would help transgender students be gendered correctly. The use of pronoun buttons will also help normalize the conversation with cisgender folks about the concept of pronouns. The pride button collection will allow for queer and trans youth to wear a button to A) mark themselves visible as queer/trans B) allow them to converse with other folks who has the button on or converse with folks in the community C) have pride in themselves! The non-binary flag is a flag that UNITY does not have. UNITY already has a transgender pride and queer pride flag, and to be more inclusive of people who do not identify in the gender binary system.It is for \$91.62.

Crenshaw COS- How big are the buttons?

Cao COLA- 2 inch buttons i believe.

Leblanc Move to call to question

Heuer Second

Cannon, K- yes

Cao, N-yes

Crenshaw, D-yes

Fretz, H-yes

Heuer, K-yes

Jackson, K-yes

Johnson, S-yes

Jones, G-yes

Lair, C-yes

Leblanc, D-yes

Ngo, L-yes

Owen, M- yes

Pitalo, C-yes

Rusnak-yes

Tran, T-yes

Vitali, J- abs

Williams, R-yes

Yarbrough, T-yes

Cognevich, W-yes

18 yes and 1 absention

- c. Captain's Krewe Bill- To the front
- d. Walkway Bill- Owen COLA- This is from the reserve to construct a sidewalk from the dorms to the PAC, there is a dirt road right there that needs to be converted into a sidewalk. It is a disability hazard as well as an inconvenience when it rains. I have been in association with Dr.Golz and Amy King and they are in full support. I will pass around pictures so you can see what I am talking about. It will be ADA compliant. It will take 2 weeks, It is a necessary pathway to student traffic patterns.
  - Fretz GAL- To avoid issues with the bike racks , has the school been on board?
  - Owen COLA- Yes, I got facility services, I got dean of students, I also got Disability Services and the President.
  - Crenshaw COS- Is there something in place to prevent flooding?
  - Owen COLA- Yes it will be leveled and a sidewalk will be placed on top.
  - Jones COB- Will the trees be cut down.
  - Owen COLA- No, just shaved to level off
  - Cognevich VPLA- No killing trees
  - Owen COLA- The pictures have details.
  - Jones COB- have you guys looked at cheaper route? Can we do gravel?
  - Owen COLA- That will not be ADA complaint. The cement will be better.

Opposition:

Support: I poured my heart into this so please help me out.

Amendments:

- Cannon, K-yes
- Cao, N-yes
- Crenshaw, D-yes
- Fretz, H-yes
- Heuer, K-yes
- Jackson, K-yes
- Johnson, S-yes
- Jones, G-yes
- Lair, C-yes
- Leblanc, D-yes
- Ngo, L-yes
- Owen, M-yes
- Pitalo, C-yes
- Rusnak- yes
- Tran, T-yes
- Vitali, J abstain
- Williams, R-yes

Yarbrough, T-yes

Cognevich, W- yes

Passes 18 yes 1 abstention 0 no.

#### X. Nominations and Appointments

##### a. LaMaria Phillips Junior at Large-

Julianne Romero Clerk of the Senate- She can't be here for work at this time this semester, if it stays the same time she will be able to adjust. She's A political science major but running for Junior at Large. She is excited and she was one of the homecoming queens.

Opposition-

Support- Jones COB- Ive known Lamaria for a year or two she is very active on campus and I would advocate for her to be here.

Cannon COS- She has great ideas and is always thinking about how to make things better on campus.

Cao COLA- She always advocates for people different from her. She is a great person to have on the senate.

Cannon, K-yes

Cao, N-yes

Crenshaw, D-yes

Fretz, H-yes

Heuer, K-yes

Jackson, K-yes

Johnson, S-yes

Jones, G-yes

Lair, C-yes

Leblanc, D-yes

Ngo, L-yes

Owen, M-yes

Pitalo, C-yes

Rusnak- yes

Tran, T-yes

Vitali, J abstain

Williams, R-yes

Yarbrough, T-yes

Cognevich, W- yes

Accepted by 18 yes 1 abstain 0 no.

Owen SAL- Motion to slate the next 3 senators since they are not here.

Leblanc second

##### b. Bessie Lair

c. Cedric Snow

d. Michael Billiot

Hand vote- slate approved

Cao COLA- What is slate again?

Cognevich- We are slating the votes of the last three senators up for appointment, so we can talk about them and then vote as one.

Cao COLA- Can I ask for a revote because I didn't know that was what a slate was.

Cognevich- No.

Cao COLA- ??

Leblanc COLA- Order on Nicky Cao COLA.

Jones COBA- If you are unaware of the details of the vote does it not matter? Desmonf thought it was judicial but it was senate so decisions may change because of new information , so why can't we revote.

Cognevich VPLA- I did say it was for senate, and it was in the emails. Even if he changed his mind it wouldn't matter if it was known before. None of them are here.

Lair COE- Bessie Lair is my sister she is not here but I can call her over if you would like.

Cognevich VPLA- no it is too late.

Lair COE- Well I can speak for her.

Cognevich VPLA- Sure.

Lair COE- Bessie Lair, she is a hard working individual and a perfectionist she is in college of engineering. And Cedric Snow is also engineering.

Cao COLA- How many seats are open for college of engineering?

Clerk looks for engineering seats.

Cognevich VPLA- 2 available for engineering.

Jones COB- Knowing you can only speak for your sister, has she advocated for the university?

Lair COE- She is new and has other obligations to engineering so that is why she wants to be in the senate.

Heuer COB-Motion to table

Jones COB- Second

Cao COLA- oppose

Hand vote to table the senate seats until January,

It will be tabled until the January meeting.

## XI. Open Forum

Rusnak COS- We cannot plant trees between library and faculty parking lot, but the walkway between milenburg and liberal arts will be a good place to have trees.

Cao COLA- Can we have a bill for plus sized students for the desks because they are too small for the larger and plus sized students on campus. Maybe write a resolution for plus sized students.

Owen SAL- Will that affect the area for swamp ball?

Rusnak COS- NO it will not. It's off to the side.

Jones COB- We are really trying to get students to participate in events, but many students do not know about events. My suggestion is to do better marketing, and do a seminar for other organizations to learn how to market.

Cognevich VPLA- Maybe SIL should do that, not generally SGA. We can sponsor a bill for it.

Crenshaw COS- There is a lot of events that happen and the number of people who show up are people who cannot find out about them.

Cognevich VPLA- SIL sends out newsletters with events happening every week to everyone on campus, so talk to them about it.

Cao COLA- We should really look up bills and information in advance so we don't waste time to slate things that we know nothing about. We need to know what we are voting for so if we don't we need to table not vote anyways.

Johnson- I think we should prioritize pronouns in SGA, we should add them to the name plates.

Cao COLA- I agree and to have campus orgs have pronouns on name tags. Maybe orientations have pronouns and all events have them. Maybe write a resolution for every organization to have pronouns.

Johnson- Privateer Camp did have pronouns i thought that was great.

Heuer COB- I haven't been present for the past meetings but we should not be voting on people who aren't here and not present or that we know nothing about. There was a previous conversation about the value of having a senator that wants to be here verses a high number of senators, and I think that statement holds a lot of value for what happened today with those appointments.

Cao COLA- Our Blakc Trans Lives Matters Banner was maliciously ripped off the wall and somehow it was someone who knows where the cameras are because they dodged every camera and managed to rip it off. No one picked it up. Maybe SGA should make a statement about it.

Johnson - I work in the UC , we will try to improve the cameras in the UC, I am sorry that that happened , I don't think that it was planned. It was a flaw in the camera system.

Cao COLA- I think we should plan more open forums or talk in class about SGA. Like Desmond did it, but we should all have a part in doing stuff like this.

TIME

Heuer COB Extend by 10 minutes

Johnson- Second

Crenshaw COS- I am working on a bill because I went tot he gym and they misplaced my ID and It took awhile to get one and I had to pay for a new one, and I think I shouldn't have to pay for an

ID the gym lost. SO I am proposing a fund that is placed aside for students who lose, misplace or someone else misplaced their ID.

Desmond COLA- Maybe talk to the university because its their fault not SGA.

Owen SAL- I just wanted to say I am leaving SGA because I am going on NSE to New Hampshire so I won't be here next semester. Thanks for a good run.

Motion to adjourn Owen SAL

Nicky Cao COLA- oppose who will be pro tempore?

Owen SAL- I am not John Michael Resigned.

Nicy Cao - I withdraw.

No oppositions

XII. Adjournment 6:35 PM