

Student Government Association
Wednesday, January 29, 2020
Session Agenda

I. Call the Meeting to Order

II. Roll Call

Name	Here/Absent/Proxy
Alford	absent
Billiot	here
Cannon	here
Cao	absent
Crenshaw	here
Fretz	here
Hills	absent
Jackson	proxy
Johnson	here
Jones	absent
Karkoutli	here
Lair, B	here
Lair, C	here
Leblanc	here
Melancon	absent
Mott	here
Ngo	here
Owen	absent
Pitalo	here
Phillips	here
Rusnak	proxy
Smith, Bradley	here

Smith, Brendon	here
Snow	here
Stackhouse	here
Stevenson	absent
Stewart	absent
Thamard	proxy
Vitali	here
Williams	absent
Yarabrough	here
Cognevich	here

23/32 senators we meet quorum

III. Approval of the Minutes- approved

Appoint senator billiot as temporary pro tempore.

Amend agenda to move all new business to the top of the agenda.

Appoint michael billiot to head of governance.

a. Heritage Ball-This is a bill to allocate \$4,075.18 from the Senate Operating Account to assist The Progressive Black Student Union in The Heritage Ball which will be hosted on Thursday February 6, 2020 7:30pm-10:30pm. Whereas, the Progressive Black Student Union are registered with the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership. Whereas, the Heritage Ball is necessary to the UNO community because it honors minority faculty and staff, acknowledging their hard-work and dedication; Whereas, the Heritage Ball will be open to all and advertised via social media. Whereas, Students and Faculty are invited to attend.

Kenyatte Cannon COS and Taylor Miles authors and Sponsors.

Taylor Heritage Ball PBSU members nominate the members who influence them and we honor minority faculty and staff.

Questions:

Amendment: Kenyatte Cannon COS- We had to add more people to 200 people from 150 so the chartwells price has changed to \$2,600 and \$188.54, for decorations. So the price for the total bill is now

Taylor miles- We wanted to invite more students and faculty and staff and we promoted and more people planned to attend and a lot of people want to attend. Then we capped it at 200. So the price changed to \$4,909.25. This is just the food and decorations.

Haley Fretz GAL- Is it free to the school?

Taylor Miles- yes just rsvp, we used to have it in the alumni center so we could charge but now its in the UC for free to school

Fretz- The staff that comes have to be nominated to come?

Miles- No PBSU nominated minority faculty and staff to come that they felt needed to be celebrated for their job they do on campus. All faculty and staff are invited

Cognevich- Are all students welcomed?

Miles- Yes

Fretz- So 7 plaques will be given out?

Miles- Yes

Opposition to Amendment- None

Support- Miles - you guys are invited and we would love to have yall to this event.

Leblanc COLA- Where to RSVP?

Miles- The link is in our instagram bio @uno.pbsu

Snow COE- Since there's so many people that could potentially attend , could you charge people to come in for a source of revenue?

Miles- i don't think so

Ballard- No, you cannot charge people or make profit when being funded by SGA

Roll call vote on amendment:

Billiot- yes

Cannon-yes

Crenshaw-yes

Fretz-yes

Jackson-yes by proxy

Johnson-yes

Karkoutli-yes

Lair B-yes

Lair C-yes

Leblanc-yes

Mott-yes

Ngo-yes

Pitalo-yes

Phillips-yes

Rusnak-yes by proxy

Smith Bradley-yes

Smith Brendon-yes

Snow-yes
Stackhouse-yes
Thamard-yes by proxy
Vitali-yes
Yarbrough-yes
Cognevich-yes

23 yes 0 no 0 abstain amendment passes

Questions for Bill as amended:
Roll call vote for bill as amended.

Billiot- yes
Cannon-yes
Crenshaw-yes
Fretz-yes
Jackson-yes by proxy
Johnson-yes
Karkoutli-yes
Lair B-yes
Lair C-yes
Leblanc-yes
Mott-yes
Ngo-yes
Pitalo-yes
Phillips-yes
Rusnak-yes by proxy
Smith Bradley-yes
Smith Brendon-yes
Snow-yes
Stackhouse-yes
Thamard-yes by proxy
Vitali-yes
Yarbrough-yes
Cognevich-yes
23 yes 0 absain 0 no

Passes

b. Alpha Omega- This is a bill to allocate \$2115.20 from the Senate Operating Account to assist Alpha Omega in our Valentine's Day Gala which will be hosted on February 14, 2020 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and our Murder Mystery on April 24, 2020 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Ted

Hickey Ballroom. Whereas, the Alpha Omega is registered with the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership; Whereas, the Murder Mystery and the Valentine's Day Gala are necessary to the UNO community because it will raise school spirit, moral, and comradery amongst students; Whereas, the Murder Mystery and the Valentine's Day Gala will connect new students and provide them the opportunity to meet others on campus from different majors, studies, and departments; Whereas, all University of New Orleans Students are invited to attend.

Lair, C COE I was interested because it would be open to everyone. Kimberly Williams I am president of Alpha Omega, we do have a main message behind it. We wanted everyone to feel loved in general, we really wanted something were all students can come have a good time. Then we have a Murder Mystery it is like a live reenactment of CLUE. There will be evidence throughout the UC, and there will be a prize for three people. The bill is only for the food. Asking 806 for each event.

Leblanc COLA- How much you are asking for?

Williams- \$1612

Leblanc COLA My bill I received says you are asking for \$2115.20 ? SO maybe make an amendment to the bill on the updated total?

Cognevich- I forgot to send everyone the updated bill, sorry. This would be a friendly amendment because it came in monday

Lair- I need to make a friendly amendment to reduce the bill to \$1612

Friendly Amendment: \$1612

Karkoutli COS- These two events are open to all students?

Williams- yes

Roll call vote:

Billiot- yes

Cannon-yes

Crenshaw-yes

Fretz-yes

Jackson-abstain by proxy

Johnson-yes

Karkoutli-yes

Lair B-yes

Lair C-yes

Leblanc-yes

Mott-yes

Ngo-yes

Pitalo-yes

Phillips-yes

Rusnak-yes by proxy

Smith Bradley-yes

Smith Brendon-yes
Snow-yes
Stackhouse-yes
Thamard-yes by proxy
Vitali-yes
Yarbrough-yes
Cognevich-yes

22 yes 1 abstain 0 no

Bill Passes

c. Bike Rack Revision-This is a bill to allocate \$1,109.95 from the Senate Operating Account to assist the University in purchasing a 11-space bicycle rack to be installed between Mathematics and Liberal Arts buildings. Whereas, there are no bicycle racks next to the Mathematics building or the Liberal Arts building. Whereas, currently the bicycles are beings chained to the handrails and the courtyard gate. Whereas, the bike rack will benefit multiple students. Whereas, the bicycle rack could encourage some students to bike to and around the campus. Whereas, the bike rack meets university standards.

Lair, C COE- The bill from last semester they rejected it because of the colors, to allocate \$1,109.95 to purchase the appropriate size and color bike rack as requested by Dr. Golz. It will benefit a lot of students. It now meets the standards.

Leblanc COLA- You said how much?

Lair, C COE- \$1,109.95

Snow, C- Does it include installation as well?

Lair, C COE- It includes all of that and university will provide the concrete pad.

No amendments

Roll Call Vote

Billiot- yes
Cannon-yes
Crenshaw-yes
Fretz-yes
Jackson-abstain by proxy
Johnson-yes
Karkoutli-yes
Lair B-yes
Lair C-yes
Leblanc-yes
Mott-yes

Ngo-yes
Pitalo-yes
Phillips-yes
Rusnak-yes by proxy
Smith Bradley-yes
Smith Brendon-yes
Snow-yes
Stackhouse-yes
Thamard-yes by proxy
Vitali-yes
Yarbrough-yes
Cognevich-yes

22 yes 1 abstain 0 no
Bill passes

Amended alpha omega bill has been sent out.

d. Chi Alpha- This is a bill to allocate \$751.44 from the Senate Operating Account to assist Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship in purchasing a new sound system, consisting of a mixer and speakers, which will be used at all weekly meetings and other events. Whereas, Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship is registered with the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership; Whereas, the new sound system is necessary to the UNO community because it will aid the organization in hosting worship events every week, where 40+ students attend. Often a speaker or presenter must present to attendees in an auditorium or outdoor setting. A sound system will allow everyone speaking to be heard by every person in attendance. The sound system will be used during events that weekly serve students during our worship service as well as annually serve hundreds of UNO students in a single night, including Chicken and Waffles and Open Mic Night. The mixer is a vital part of our service, as it allows for sound levels to be controlled and balanced. It creates an atmosphere of worship that is engaging and inviting to UNO students.; Whereas, the purchase will allow event speakers and singers to be heard without shouting or straining their voice. It will allow music to be played for large events like Chicken and Waffles where 100+ students attend. It will allow our sound team to mix sounds during our worship services so that our worship team is well balanced and can be heard. With a well-balanced sound, we can minister musically to UNO students in a way that is not disruptive or distracting.; Whereas, without this sound system, it is difficult for speakers and the worship team to be heard, difficult for the whole community to benefit from sermons if they cannot hear the pastor, and difficult to organize games/ give announcements/ play music at 100+ person events. It will also make our events more accessible to those with hearing impairment. Additionally, not being able to mix sounds during worship service can become disruptive when one instrument or voice overpowers the others. Whereas, All UNO students and faculty are invited to attend every Chi Alpha event. All UNO students and faculty have the ability to benefit from a sound system.

Lair, C COE- Read off of bill provided above. They want to use it so everyone can hear them.
Leblanc COLA- Is there something wrong with the equipment you all have now?
Representative- I think it just got old and overloaded so we need a new one.

Fretz GAL- So you just need the mixer and speaker

Rep- Yes

Billiot COLA- Are other faiths welcomed to the service?

Rep- Yes

Billiot COLA- Which faith?

Rep- We have several faiths like denominations in christianity, satanists.

AMendments

ROll call vote

Billiot- no

Cannon-yes

Crenshaw-yes

Fretz-yes

Jackson- abstain by proxy

Johnson-abstain

Karkoutli-abstain

Lair B-yes

Lair C-yes

Leblanc-abstain

Mott-yes

Pitalo-yes

Phillips-yes

Rusnak-yes by proxy

Snow-abstain

Stackhouse-yes

Thamard-abstain by proxy

Vitali-abstain

Yarbrough-yes

Cognevich-yes

Passes by 12 y 1 no 7 abstentions.

e. Homecoming Week- This is a bill to allocate \$910.00 from the Senate Operating Account to assist The Progressive Black Student Union in Black Homecoming Week which will be hosted on February 3-7. Whereas, the Progressive Black Student Union are registered with the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership; {for organizations only}Whereas, the Black Homecoming Week is necessary to the UNO community because it allows for the women's

basketball to be recognized in the manner as the men's basketball team; Whereas, the Black Homecoming Week will be advertised via social media and posters. Whereas, Students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend. {for events only}

Cannon and Miles- We decided to partner with athletics and bring a pep rally experience to them and support them at their game.

Monday open mic night

Tuesday- trap and paint dj pj

Wednesday- basketball pep rally with king cake and a dj

Thursday- a violinist and dj after award ceremony

Friday- Pajama JAM

Lair C, COE- I remember seeing on the financial part for DJ Peyton he had \$100 for both nights, is it both nights?

Miles- He will only be djing for 1 hour second night, but will be there a few hours to set up but we are only paying for the time the DJ's

Roll call

Billiot- yes

Cannon-yes

Crenshaw-yes

Fretz-yes

Jackson-yes by proxy

Johnson-yes

Karkoutli-yes

Lair B-yes

Lair C-yes

Leblanc-yes

Mott-yes

Pitalo-yes

Phillips-yes

Rusnak-yes by proxy

Snow-yes

Stackhouse-yes

Thamard-yes by proxy

Vitali-yes

Yarbrough-yes

Cognevich-yes

20 y 0 no 0 abs passes

Nominations and Appointments:

Michael Billiot COLA for Head of Governance- Master in Regional Planning- I have a Bachelors from Tulane and law from Loyola, I study indigenous migration on the gulf of louisiana i spend most of my time doing research law and governance is something I am very passionate about. I have been accepted in the business school and will get an MBA , PhD.

Fretz GAL- Is Wednesday's at 5:00 a good time for you?

Billiot- Yes it is

Discussion:

Fretz GAL- I think he would be a good addition in the front of the room, he holds himself really well. Speaks really well

Vote

Billiot- yes

Cannon-abstain

Crenshaw-yes

Fretz-yes

Jackson-yes by proxy

Johnson-yes

Karkoutli-yes

Lair B-yes

Lair C-yes

Leblanc-yes

Mott-yes

Pitalo-yes

Phillips-yes

Rusnak-abstain by proxy

Snow-yes

Stackhouse-yes

Thamard-yes by proxy

Vitali-yes

Yarbrough-yes

Cognevich-yes

He is voted in

18 yes 2 abstain 0 no

IV. Communications and Announcements

a. Senators-

b. Non-Senators

V. Committee Reports

- a. Governance- no report
- b. Rules- Leblanc did meet via email met quorum and the bills we voted on are on the agenda
- c. Finance- Fretz GAL- met via email I did only have Clotilde and myself respond and I am hoping to meet someone. We voted and they passed
- D. Student Affairs- no report
- e. Facility Services
- f. On Campus Dining and Housing
- VI. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports
- a. President-

Christine Bourgeois P- Earlier this month me the and desmond went to Manchester to talk to the presidential candidates and had different topics.

Exec elections this semester

Trip last week in DC LSBP advocating for different things in higher education in louisiana

Hope you are used to schedules

Johnson Co-Chair student technology fee committee next week on monday a proposal will be sent for something you think what needs to be updated technologically on campus.

Encourage to do SGA tabling and events come to the office to plan these outs.

Shirts If you have not received one come get one

April 22nd Earth Day on a wednesday, tabling in the breeze way farmers market from chartwells, recycling, native plant group, computer table that calculates how much earth you use, panel in 407 library to discuss things about earth day.

b. Vice President- Maddie Roach VP- Operating Account after today 13, 537.81 spent 9,902.64 spent tonight. Do not know the new CFO yet but hopefully once she gets settled in because I am sure she is busy we can dive into the reserve account.

Cognevich- Is that the amount in the Senate Operating Account after the bills we just passed?

Maddie- Yes

Billiot COLA- that money is until the end of this semester?

Maddie- Yes, technically the fiscal year but we never meet in the summer so the end of the semester for us.

c. Speaker of the Senate-

Office Hours most in the UC mornings in science building. When to send bills in: the earlier the better 5 o'clock wednesdays because committees need to vote on it so practically a week ahead of when it is supposed to be on the floor. If you send it late I can still send it out but it won't be introduced until the next senate meeting. Absences: 3 unexcused absences will get you kicked out the senate and 3 in committee meetings equals one senate meeting absence.

d. Vice President of Programming- Wesley reads Jalyns Email: Hey everyone,

Here is SAC's weekly reports as of 1/28/2020. On tonight (Wednesday) we will be having a Cultural Conversation entitled "Spilling the Tea with SAC", we will be talking about why diets fail, popular food myths, and the truth. The event is in the international center from 5:00 pm -6:00 pm. We will be serving dinner and Boba tea.

On Thursday we will be having our General Assembly Meeting at 12:30 pm room 206. Thursday night, we will also be having SAC 'N Chill 5:00 pm- 8:00 pm, this is our first members retreat and student recruiting event. If you would like to come please send me or Kathy an email, and be ready to experience a night of games, food, and fun. On Tuesday, February 3, 2020 we will be collaborating with PBSU, during Black Homecoming Week. Our collaborative event is Trap 'N Paint from 7:00 -10:00 pm. Seats are limited and the link has been posted to the SAC Instagram. Please reserve your seat as soon as possible, the cut off is 100. On February 11, 2020 we will also be doing a Spa Day. More information will be coming for this event. Our SUCbAUF Theme Contest began on Monday and will end on Friday. We will be hosting a shirt contest from February 3-14. If you are interested please tune into our Instagram account for more information. This year we have decided to combine SUCbAUF and Crawfish Mambo and create one event. Currently the name of the event is along the lines of "SUCbAUF Mambo", however SUCbAUF will be making 33 this year. SUCbAUF is scheduled for Thursday, April 16 from 3-:00 pm- 8:00 pm in the quad. SUCbAUF will also feature a kickball game of Students vs. Alumni. This year students will be given a limit on crawfish and for anything over the limit they will have to purchase a pass to get more crawfish. For all questions, comments, or concerns, related to SAC please feel free to email myself jsjohns5@uno.edu or our VP mjmailhe@uno.edu.

e. Judicial- no report

f. Advisors- no report she is on a conference hence why she was in the front of the room on a computer screen.

VII. Old Business

X. Open Forum

Leblanc COLA- I got excited to now we have new CFO and I took the time to read the campus news and find out more about her one of the things she says " "It's incumbent on us to make sure our product is good," she said. "The business side of that is looking at the resources and how do we develop those monetary resources and how do we get the money beyond tuition and fees, state appropriation—all of those avenues ... to make sure the institution is affordable for the students we attract." I really like this quote and I am excited to have her and get to know her.

Christine- Yes, I was on the committee when we hired them and I really like her she had a lot of SGA experience and was very happy to change things up and work with us to get us the information we need. I am planning on inviting her over to a meeting which I am sure she won't mind because of her experience of working With SGAs.

Snow COE- I always think it is important if you are in any dense population setting to address hygiene like communal hygiene, I wanted to sort of work with a few people to propose different ways we can prevent exposure to other students by washing your hands and keeping things

clean, especially around midterms and finals when our immune systems get lower, we are more to getting bacteria and illnesses. Maybe nothing more than just an announcement. I don't see any potential harm in educating people on this.

Johnson COLA- Are you suggesting an event?

Snow COE- No just to start brainstorming on possibilities like notification in bathrooms.

Johnson COLA- Is housing committee going to continue?

Cognevich VPLA- That committee is an ad hoc committee so if anyone is interested in picking it back up let me know.

Johnson COLA- I want to pick it backup because the dorms are falling apart, the second floor flooded, a pipe burst, i didn't have water for a day, there is continuous issues with mold.

Mott COE- I am interested in that committee

Cognevich VPLA- If anyone is interested let me know after the meeting

Fretz GAL- Has anyone answered any of your questions from the university or addressed your concerns? Or explanations

Johnson COLA- we get updates, i haven't gotten hot water in over a week. They "email" us but i think they aren't telling us everything or its more than they can handle.

Fretz GAL- I am sorry to hear about that

Phillips JAL- I also live in the dorms and for the past three years issues like this have been constant. We also cannot wash clothes with is annoying

Christine Pres- I would propose that the lunch with the president I invite you to, this would be a great place to bring this up. I also need to bring up the textbook fee because i have a lot of emails and complaints about the fee.

Cognevich- chain of command is always a generally good suggestion when concerning who to talk to. So not the best idea to go straight to the president.

Lair, B COE- How would one know who to go to for any particular issue?

Cognevich- The University's website has a list of all administrative positions and you could just go down that list and find something close to what you need to find out. Or just asking someone. Like someone at the front desks of different colleges. Also me or our advisor

Kakoutli COS- I actually have had huge problems with people like the bursar who tell me one thing and I go do it and I am making circles around campus. There seems to be a problem with finding someone to do the issues. And is the lunch the same as pretzels with the president?

Christine Pres- No its 5 senators that get to go and eat with the president and talk about issues. I go down the list mostly unless a request comes up.

Johnson COLA- I always see issues with the bursar

Cognevich- If you have issues put it in writing and send it to them. When you have it in writing, it is hard to deny things they say.

Lair, B COE- Is there any way to tell students how to go up the chain of command?

Cognevich- we can try something.

TIME

XI. Adjournment 6:15 PM