

Student Government Association Senate

Wednesday, 3/11/2020

Session Agenda

I. Call the meeting to order

II. Roll Call

Alford, W- Absent ( Recognized Later )

Billiot, M- Here

Cannon, K- Absent

Cao, N- Here

Crenshaw, D- Here

Fretz, H- Here

Jackson, K- Absent

Johnson, S- Here

Karkoutli, D- Here by Proxy

Lair, B- Here

Lair, C-Here

Leblanc, D- Here

Melancon, A- Absent

Mott, B- Here

Ngo, L- Absent

Owen, M-Absent

Pitalo, C- Here

Phillips, L- Absent

Rusnak, A- Here by Proxy

Smith, Bradley- Absent

Smith, Brendon- Absent

Snow, C- Here

Stackhouse, M- Here by Proxy

Stevenson, S- Absent

Stewart, C- Absent

Thamard, Y- Absent

Vitali, J- Here

Yarbrough, T- Here

Cognevich, W- Here

17 out of 29 Senators present we meet quorum.

### III. Approval of the Agenda

Cognevich VPLA- We got a sponsor for the Rugby's 7 bill.

Ballard Adv- We need to remove Grace Gilpin from the election commission.

Cognevich VPLA- Do we have someone to replace her with?

Ballard Adv- We do not.

Christine President- I want to remove John Michael White from the appointment of Budget Committee

John Michael White- I object I changed my mind.

Cognevich VPLA- Wait so what is being asked?

Christine P- I withdraw my motion.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

POI Desmond Leblanc COLA- Don't we have to make a motion to approve the agenda since it has been amended?

Cognevich VPLA- Taking someone who has dropped out?

Leblanc COLA- Yes as well as she withdrew her motion

Cognevich VPLA- Yeah she withdrew her motion to take John Michael off so it is not official. It was never done. Joy do we have to approve someone who has declined to be nominated and take them off the agenda?

Joy Ballard Adv- No because they removed themselves anyways so we have nothing to vote on.

Minutes are approved.

V. Communications and Announcements (from anyone; 3min ea; non-SGA-related)

VI. Committee Reports (3min + 3min Q&A)

- a. Governance- no report
- b. Rules-no report
- c. Finance- no report
- d. Student Affairs- no report

#### VII. Other Reports (6min + 3min Q&A)

a. President- Christine B- Just really quick, Pizza with the President was Friday, we had a great attendance thank you to all who came out. On that note, I just want to say that due to one of the conversations that happened at Pizza with the President came from an engineering student, about a fee bill mishap. The President was able to take action on the issue; I received a couple emails and text messages from engineering students saying they were happy that they did not have to pay this fee that came out of no where, which is great. Earth Day events that I mentioned earlier in the semester are on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be two separate events happening that day. They are by the sustainability circle, which I help co-run one of the committees for sustainability and help with events. One is a an event in the library breezeway from 11-2 as well as a panel discussion from a lot of different panelists at library 407 from 4:30-6:00. Until further notice it is on hold.

#### QUESTIONS:

Fretz GAL- I wanted to ask you if we are going to be changing the meetings due to the closing of school or is this not an appropriate time to ask?

Cognevich VPLA- She's not really the person to ask right now.

b. Vice-President- Maddie Roach VP- Senate Operating account is \$9,631.13 & Reserve is \$416,675.59 which can only be used for one time expenditures. Our budget requests applications are still out and we have only received 3, if you know any student organizations or are a part of any student organizations who want funding for an event happening next year or need supplies please let them know to apply. I sent out two emails one to student organizations and another to department heads. Please encourage people to apply so we can spend that money.

Lair C COE- What was the last part that you said, club what?

Maddie Roach VP- An email was sent out to clubs and organizations for budget requests for their organizations if they want to have an event or need supplies.

Billiot COLA- Do we vote on this once they come in?

Cognevich VPLA- Yes the central budget committee will vote on these once they have all come in.

Motion to be recognized Alford

Fretz GAL Second.

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c. Vice-President of Legislative Affairs- Cognevich VPLA- My report was going to be about meeting times but after talking to Joy I think she will update us on what we are doing for the meetings. We have had a few bills dropped for simply not having a sponsor, so we need to sponsor bills and make sure organizations don't drop bills. So, I urge you to sponsor a bill if there are no sponsors.

Cao COLA- In the sense that we follow what the university is saying with online classes, will we be meeting online?

Cognevich VPLA- Joy will answer that.

Lair, B COE- So for bills I have tried to wait to figure out if there will be a sponsor for a bill, but there is no way of me knowing that, is there a way to communicate that a sponsor did or didn't pick it up so we know if we can still sponsor a bill?

Cognevich VPLA- the easiest way is to email me and see if someone picked it up, I am not going to send an email just to say someone picked it up to the whole senate, if you are willing to do it and you feel like it's been long enough then go ahead.

d. Vice-President of Programming- My name is \_\_ I am the Vice President for SAC and I am giving the report for Jaylan. We are still having the glo-cade event in the ballroom from 7-10 after that all our programming will be halted due to the directions of the University.

Cognevich VPLA- Any updates on subcauf?

VP- Subcauf is up in the air.

Cao COLA- Do yall have a back up plan for subcauf just because hella money has gone into it? And also  
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Cognevich VPLA- Hold on one question at a time

VP- No

Cao COLA- I read previous minutes from my understanding it said that students were given 5 tickets and social media said 3 , so why did it go from 5 to 3?

VP- I never heard of 5 tickets I always heard 3 so maybe it was a mistype. It is one wrist band is 5 pounds.

e. Advisor- Joy Ballard- I have a lot as you all may now know, first I would like to address the presidents email would you all like me to recap? \*people say no\* Great! So what SIL, The student Involvement and Leadership Office's official response for student orgs are this: The Cliffnote version: If you are having an event with more than 50 people it is cancelled or postponed, we do not have a date for the postponement yet. The university is saying we will resume face to face as soon as possible, if you are hosting an event with less than 50 which is most of what sga does, you are allowed to have that event. Campus is not closing so please help us dispel this rumor. Campus is open I still have work , people will still be here we

are just closing face to face classes to limit the amount of people who are here at the same time. If you want to have an event with less than 50 people then you can, we ask that you make obvious precautions don't get into people's faces, don't touch people, normal social distancing. Wash your hands use hand sanitizer. Also we encourage people to please be empathetic, I heard the backlash already that this is really premature, really early, I hear you. But we don't know what other people are dealing with. We don't know who has an autoimmune disease or disorder , I don't know if you have a family member who has something and you cannot be in contact with them. There are a lot of reasons people may need to avoid people right now. Be empathetic and be good people. If you have any questions you all have my contact info, I will give you the most up to date information that I have. Now how this affects SGA. Let's start with elections, they will continue they must continue per the University Policy. We will move the SGA debate to online on Zoom Calls, Zoom is great we will have automatic captioning. We will be in all the compliance we need to be. We will post and share, I will ask that you get people to come and watch the call. The engineering conference is cancelled that I told you last week about. Proud Privateers is up in the air, I am not sure if we will be back in time but still nominate people. I have already ordered the presents. It is never not nice to give someone an appreciation gift. Please nominate people, If we can host the event we will if we cannot then we will deliver the presents and cards of the nice things you say.

Budget committee meetings will still happen that is less than 50 people. We may still do them in person but with an option to zoom call in if you need to. Senate meeting, your constitution says we still have to meet if classes are still in session. So, classes are still in session which means that we still meet. I am working on a zoom pro account, the zoom account I have will not let you all be on it. I am working on upgrading my account to host an event this big. This will either make meetings real efficient or its going to make it interesting. I hope you all will work with me to make these meetings efficient. We have to meet and conduct business and make it work. SGA travel account , obviously the university has put a ban on travel to major infected areas. Right now that is basically hong kong and Italy. That's about it. Its not a huge space, but conferences across the us are cancelling we are working on an individual basis with anyone that is travelling. If someone has a question about that please direct them to me. I cannot make a blanket statement about that because it is on an individual basis. Finally, with the cancellation and international night and leadership retreat, that is a huge cancellation off of the SGA budget. TIME.

Leblanc COLA motion to extend time by 6 min

Senator unknown second

Ballard- The sga budget right now has 9 thousand dollars, I'd easily expect that to jump another 10 thousand by next week. Because as we have discussed before the university insists we spend the money we are given the best we can because that's how government money works. SO please be prepared to spend that money. If you have something you have been sitting on please get a bill in because we will meet somehow next week.

Questions

Cao COLA- Does this mean ULS Day is going to be cancelled?

Ballard Adv- It has not been discussed yet, it is more than 50 people, I say its safe to say a no, I got the information of the closure when yall did so this is new to me as well. I will update you all as soon as I can.

Mott COE- So for students to live on campus do you think it is better to stay, go home or do you think it is case by case?

Ballard Adv- I think it depends on where you live, I will not make a blanket statement like that for everyone. I don't know what your home situation is , I don't know if you want to go back home. I would say case by case. Listen to housing that is their profession and what they do. Just remember staff got this message when you got this message we are all trying to figure out what is best for each department. Give us a minute but im sure they will have good advice.

Alford COLA- Will professors still have their office hours to meet in person?

Ballard Adv- As of now, they are supposed to I would obviously email and make an appointment.

Lair C COE- Since most of the things we usually fund are events with more than 50 people whats the best way to either get money spent or do events.

Cognevich VPLA- I don't really think we can answer that right now because per the presidents email he said every event with 50 people is prohibited so our events to be funded have to be open to the entire university. Which is more than 50 people so I would hold off on that question



Ballard Adv- Yes as of right now I would get on planting those trees. What are things we can do that does not involve people.

Mott COE- A good suggestion could be campus improvement.

Cognevich VPLA- Only questions at this time please.

## VIII. Old Business

### a. Driftwood Hiatus Resolution

Bourgeois- You guys have had this resolution for 3 or 4 weeks. You had it to make amendments if you would like and none have been made so the resolution stands as written. Driftwood is here to represent themselves, I will yield my time for them to speak for themselves.

Driftwood is here to represent themselves-

Veronica, trey guillory are representatives.

Veronica- I am the editor and chief at the driftwood this is my first semester doing so. As all of you know we have inherited a very large deficit of over 100,000 dollars. I don't know if any of you have seen my budget proposal regarding the future of driftwood I would like sga to consider allowing driftwood to be a total digital entity. Ending the 432 each week to print. I before trey have worked in journalism in the past, and have transformed a publication before to digital. I do think that driftwood is an important asset to campus life. I do know that university's with healthy press presence does help the university with legitimacy and I think it is very vital. I know have got some scrutiny in the past that writers are not consistent. If you had a chance to look at the report I sent to Christine, our stats online are growing. We have managed to sell ad space through the print edition through the end of the semester. We are really proud of the accomplishments that the driftwood has made this semester online.

Trey Guillory- The driftwood this semester is under new leadership and its going in a stronger direction, from last semester to this semester I have seen a vast difference in the quality of writing and the quality of story and organization in general have been better, and veronica is an asset to that. Whatever the issues were in the past for driftwood before this new team, we are dealing with and are aware of. We are trying

to make sure to find ways to go digital and getting maybe even online ads for revenue. Ultimately this team is new life myself and veronica. We have a ton of grad students that are very passionate about this. And since UNO has no journalism program this is a way for students to be involved in journalism. I genuinely feel like this decision should be postponed until the driftwood has some time with this new team to overcome these mistakes and deficits.

Veronica- Even budgetarily I do believe that we have , we are paying an advisor 15,000 a year we are paying for print costs, there are so many corners we can cut and have only a budget of 15,000 dollars. I know that doesn't do much to help with the debt that we already endured from the past , but I do think that students who want to learn about journalism don't deserve to suffer for the mistakes of editors that don't have experience.

## QUESTIONS

Leblanc COLA- I love the driftwood and I enjoy reading it. DO you think driftwood can overcome this debt without a hiatus in a reasonable time?

Veronica Driftwood- I believe from what I was told is that, this is not my personal belief. I think to expect a team of rogue journalists being able to fix a \$168,000 debt is not feasible. That said I think it hurts the student body to not be informed on things on campus. We are not a PR machine. We highlight stories about people that are on our campus they will be able to walk away in the working world and say students read their story and we can look back on it. They will have something of quality. That is worth so much more than a monetary number and what I am saying is, president nicklow has asked in the past that SGA bail out driftwood , so I think that is necessarily fair to sga, no. But I do know that students are contributing a dollar each to the driftwood through fees, then I am saying we can make driftwood a solid digital entity and we deserve a shot. Speaking for myself, I am willing in the summer to talk to dr.golz and Christine for free to talk about ways we can structure this going forward.

Cao COLA- You said you are paying your advisor 15 thousand, is that a campus advisor or a paid separate advisor and my follow up question is –

Cogneivch VPLA- One at a time please.

Veronica Driftwood- Again we have an advisor who is not a student from my understanding we have an advisor who is not a student who is hired as a legal editor who looks up things we report on and makes

sure it is not liability or anything we can be sued on. That kind of thing, they are hired by the university administration, I have no say in that I am just saying maybe that is something we can change to a consulting basis instead of a flat fee. I talked to Michael- at the Maroon at Loyola and they're an award-winning newspaper and he said there are advisors that will work as a consulting fee. That would be instead of paying a lump sum to judge if it is ethical or not.

Johnson COLA- How much money have you made from ad space this semester?

Veronica Driftwood- About 3,000

Leblanc COLA- In our minutes a few weeks ago, it was said that ad space was not being sold

Christine President- That was from the semester before.

Veronica Driftwood- I am actually really happy to report Tulane orthopedics has bought ads through the rest of the semester. That was a big win for us. I feel the more content we get the more we get the more students are distributing the papers at places we know alumni hang out and work.

Trey Guillory Driftwood- That is great in general for UNO that it is being dropped off and read by people not at UNO.

Veronica Driftwood- I have been really working on stories that can engage the larger UNO alumni community. I don't know if anyone saw the story last edition the son of the saints organization Vivian Lee his father was a saints lineman who died of a heart attack at the age of 36 and his son went on to find an organization that supports young men who's fatherless, and he is a UNO alum and he has been doing a lot with us to expand the driftwoods reach to the community.

TIME

Motion to extend 6 minutes Cao COLA

Second Fretz GAL

Cao COLA- My follow up question will be so you told us that your advisor- I guess my question is how long you two will be in your positions, I think what you are presenting is a light of hope my concern is more of like let's say driftwood does continue in your leadership what's the guarantee that future leadership can continue this pipeline to properly manage it to prevent it from falling down and being in

debt. So how long are you here for, and whats guaranteeing that the pipeline remains managed properly. I also have another what is your advisor doing to hold yall accountable in making sure this debt is not growing because I guess as a student and someone who used to read the paper I think all these questions tie back to me thinking that there has been part accountability issues and –

Cognevich VPLA- Wait Nicky let them answer your questions

Veronica Driftwood- Ill try and dissect that for myself I don't graduate until next year but I have purchased a home in new Orleans I am invested in this school and city despite some of our coverage on how UNO Is not always the most perfect place I do feel that we are the most passionate students in the city, I am very proud to be a part of documenting the history of our students and things that PR maybe doesn't think is worth covering. That said the administration does decide who the advisor Is and who it will be going forward I myself would be honored if in the future Dr.Golz or Dean of Students would ask me to be that advisor so I could encourage students and foster on journalists and driftwood , my passion is sharing my passion with others or if anyone wants to be a writer or editor I want to see them shine. I think it is unfortunate that we lost the journalism program here at UNO because I feel that there are students that could be the next Times Picayune editor in Chief so I know myself I am personally invested I cannot speak for anyone else

Trey Guillory Driftwood- I lived here most of my life I got my undergrad at UNO and I am getting my grad degree at UNO I don't see myself being too far distant in the future. I know I have my own shortcomings as a journalist and I am working on that. The nature of that question is I think how do we know that the administration and leadership of the Driftwood is not left behind ? That is the nature of any organization on a college campus. Each and every one of us are as good journalists as we can be and that will continue as each of us graduate and a ring of new students will continue what we tried to instill as an organization.

Veronica Driftwood- I mean on thing I considered that when I graduate next spring with my MA in English from UNO is that perhaps I could teach a journalism class and the students would be responsible for having a post in the Driftwood I think that we are going to need to do interviews and see how engaged students are in participating in this. Its not just who wants to be friends with who and who wants to hand out and do the newspaper. We don't think of it that way.

Lair COE- Do you have somebody you think would be good for leadership for next year that you can have continue and carry on what you are willing to provide and better?

Veronica Driftwood- That is a hard thing to say I feel like right now we have been in a state of flying by the seat of our pants and watching every penny we spend and spending no money other than student awards that's a hard question

Trey Guillory Driftwood- I don't want to name any names there are a number of students on our team that have the potential and I am not just saying that but I can think of like three students who would be great

Lair COE- Okay so you were thinking of somebody

Veronica - Yes

Billiot COLA- what exactly are you asking the SGA to recommend to the administration?

Veronica Driftwood- Not to table the driftwood next year, let us have an opportunity to run it on a limited budget, we cannot fix this 168,000 dollar deficit, we are really doing our hardest and best and we all love writing, and we are telling the administration we can do it with even less we can make it digital cut the print costs cut superfluous positions and let us represent our school.

Cao COLA- My question is for Christine since you wrote this, let's say that everyone here decided to compound with your resolution, what would this intel, like they get no more funding they get just an app, by hiatus what do you mean?

Bourgeois President- I can answer this, this is just a statement. From the moment I introduced this I said the administration asked that sga would put out their statement. So whatever gets voted on today is just the Senate or executives statement. It is still up to the Administration, this is just a statement that says SGAs stance on the hiatus. They will make the decision, this does not legally intel anything we cannot do that

Cognevich VPLA- Right it is not binding.

Cao COLA- What are yalls alternatives to organizing writing.....

Veronica Driftwood- That's a tough question everything I have been putting together budgetarily and if anyone wants to see a copy of my proposed plan I can email that out, but I am willing to help as much as I can I don't know what that would look like but so far what we put in place driftwood would solely be an online entity.

Cao COLA- Veronica said she sent you something regarding this did you send that to us

Bourgeois President- She did send a proposal to me I didn't want to send it out I wanted to let them have a chance to talk about it there was a mistake In my emailing that there as miscommunication with the presenting the proposal itself. I made the decision not to send it out.

Cao COLA- I can't speak for anyone but myself can you send me thee proposal to me I would happily forward had we seen this paper before we could have prepared ourselves for this conversation. My email is ncha-

Cognevich VPLA- Lets wait until after for that

Veronica-We have to leave but thanks for allowing us to come and talk about the future of the driftwood'

Amendments: none

Debate:

Opposition:

Fretz GAL- We were asked to ask our fellow students if we would be in agree-ance to the hiatus, I did my due diligence and I don't have a lot of graduates in my classes I am very fortunate to be taking that finance class that has about 30 graduate students although a lot of students didn't know what the driftwood was there were some that were very passionate about the driftwood. I am very sad that there could be possible removal. I am going to do what I think is right and say no the resolution. One of the things I think that breaks my heart is that newspapers are going away on many college campuses and the fact that we don't have a journalism program is also disturbing to me. I just really want to have some form so our students can have a way to write. I totally think we should say no to agreeing with the university's proposal.

Cao COLA- I agree with her and me being a sociology major and someone from the college of liberal arts from both a sociological, historical and anthropological sense these writings provide context for future generations and its not about us. I think a lot of times that its not about me and its about what these writings leave being in legacy. I think for me I was looking over personal writings I wrote and it gave me time to reflect and I think allowing driftwood to at least be digital allows UNO students to go back and look at what was done right and bad. It is also important to see that driftwood has documented for us to see this what we can do for the next time, bring this event back, I just think this is important work and if they are willing to do what they said and just be digital they are attempting to meet us halfway and signing this resolution would mean that we are not willing to meet them halfway. And since we are speaking for the people , its not about us.

Billiot COLA- I agree with both I will be voting against the resolution

Support:

Bourgeois President- the reason this was the solution was through the financial perspective. Financially the driftwood has not been feasible for a while. This was a recommendation we don't want to see the driftwood shut down just because of a deficit. They do have a lot of promise and hope and by creating this resolution does not mean we want to shut down the driftwood we want to work with the driftwood via a task force with administration and sga members that can get together and say what we can do. And we don't think this can happen while writing a paper and we want to come up with a solution because this has been a problem for so long. This is just a push so the driftwood can not be shut down. The administration will make their decision based on what they have to do financially. And that is why I am in support because it is an introduction to the best possible solution besides cutting it off.

Alford COLA- I am kind of on a border but I do believe this is one of our only option because the president asked us to bail them out but we don't have 168,000 dollars so this is about our only choice to keep them alive without diminishing them.

Lair COE- I do think this is the best solution because it will give them a minute to restructure and everything so they will have a better chance next year and not get themselves deeper in debt.

Vote:

Alford, W- Yes

Billiot, M- No

Cao, N- No

Crenshaw, D- Yes

Fretz, H- No

Johnson, S- No

Karkoutli, D- Abstain by proxy

Lair, B- No

Lair, C-Yes

Leblanc, D- No

Pitalo, C- No

Rusnak, A- Abstain by Proxy

Snow, C- No

Stackhouse, M- Abstain by Proxy

Vitali, J- No

Yarbrough, T- No

Cognevich, W- Abstain

3 yes 10 no 4 abstentions.



Resolution is not adopted

IX. New Business (6min intro + 10min Q&A; 3min Amendments; 3min Opposed + 3min For)

a. Rugby 7s Bill- This is a bill to allocate \$495 from the SGA (Student Government Association) to assist UNO Rugby Club in registration for the Tropical 7s Tournament which will be hosted on April 9 - April 12 at the Omni Championsgate Resort Orlando, Florida.

Whereas, the UNO Rugby Club are registered with the Office of Student Involvement and leadership

Whereas, the Tropical 7s Tournament is necessary to the UNO community because it will be a great experience for the UNO Rugby Club members allowing them to capture skills and experience from opponents a wide variety of play styles.

Whereas, the Tropical 7s Tournament will expand UNO Rugby Clubs influence around the Deep South and New Orleans Rugby community opening up new opportunities for the club whether that be future events or sponsors for the club.

Cao COLA- I would like to have everyone be quiet it is hella disrespectful to be talking while someone is up here. My name is Nicky I am just sponsoring the bill I just picked it up so I don't know anything about it, I will let the author talk about it.

Rory- We are asking for roughly \$1500 for - \$1000 of it would be for-

Cao COLA- I was going to say you cant ask for money for the shirts but you took that off. It's just against the rules.

Rory- Since it stays with the university it is not against the rules

Congneivch VPLA- Yes if it is stored at the university they can ask for funding of shirts or jerseys.

Cao COLA- You edited the bill , under the assumption I mean the bill is going to have to be amended then, am I correct? Some edited it to be \$495 and not the \$1500, and I remember reading follow up...

Cogneivch VPLA- so the current one says \$495?

Cao COLA- Correct

Cogneivch VPLA- They are not on there right now so you will have to amend them in amendments to get it on.

Rory- the \$495 is for the tournament fee that we have coming up in April, as of now it is still going on , it is a tournament in Orlando with about 30 other teams. There isn't much more about it. I never presented a bill so I don't know where to go or what to do next.

Cogneivch VPLA- If you are done talking you just want to say why you need the funding and if you have nothing else to say you can yield the rest of your time for Questions.

Questions:

Cao POI- Since this is still sponsored by SGA can we legally fund it since they are traveling since there are bans on traveling right now. Per President Nicklows last email SGA-

Ballard Adv- Yes they can still travel.

COgneivch VPLA- Yes like the baseball game is still on.

Ballard Adv- Nothing in that email said you cant travel you just cant go to those specific places. And anything out of the-

Cao COLA- SO we can still sponsor it.

Alford COLA- How much is the rugby team fundraising themselves, If you have fundraised any.

Rory- Right now we are not fundraising, we have earlier in the year for fees like our field fee , because everytime we use a field to play a game we have to pay a \$120 per field and around \$75 per referee, so it is \$190 per time you play. Basically the fundraising we did earlier in the semester got all drained to that so no.

Alford COLA- So you have made an effort to fundraise?

Rory- Yes

AMendments:

Cao COLA- The one I brought up earlier?

Cognevich VPLA- Which was?

Cao COLA- Changing it from \$495 to \$1500.

Cognevich VPLA- Hold on let me check. Joy I do remember talking about this, the jerseys we originally had to take off because the shirt issue maybe?

Ballard Adv- I was not in the conversation of removing the jerseys , they are jerseys that are university property so we can buy them. If they are shirts or really anything that people take home with them and don't belong to the university we cannot fund. The point of jerseys is that the team next year someone can be that number, s jerseys are fine, shirts are not.

Cognevich VPLA- DO you have a place to store them?

Rory- Our plan is to get a shed we want to store our things in , we are submitting this to the budget committee, on the HPC field.

Cognevich VPLA- Is there any where to store them before that?

Rory- Yes the HPC has a room or in the rec center.

Cognevich VPLA- Then yes we can make this amendment. To add the jerseys on the bill.

It will change the amount to \$495 to \$1498.

Oppose

Support

Vote onn amendment

Alford, W- Yes

Billiot, M- Yes

Cao, N- Yes

Crenshaw, D- Yes

Fretz, H- Yes

Johnson, S- Yes

Karkoutli, D- Abstain by proxy

Lair, B- Yes

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Vitali, J- Yes

Yarbrough, T- Yes

Cognevich, W- Yes

Amendment passes

14 yes 3 absentions

Bill itself as amendmed:

Oppose no

Support

Vote:

Alford, W- Yes

Billiot, M- Yes

Cao, N- Yes

Crenshaw, D- Yes

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Mott, B- Yes

Pitalo, C- Yes

Rusnak, A- Abstain by Proxy

Snow, C- Yes

Stackhouse, M- Abstain by Proxy

Vitali, J- Yes

Yarbrough, T- Yes

Cognevich, W- Yes

3 abstentions 15 yes

Bill passes

Cognevich VPLA- I want to apologize I missed Mott, he was here but I didn't count him in the amendment or in the driftwood but neither way it would have made a difference in voting.

#### X. Nominations and Appointments

##### a. Kenady Hills – Election Commissioner

I am the election commissioner for the upcoming election, just a bio on my self because you shouldn't vote on someone you don't know, I have been a public servant to this university for the last 3 years, I was a senator and a president now I work in the volunteer center , that is kind of how I stumbled onto this job one of the election commissioner is running for a position and couldn't be commissioner anymore which

is why I am here. I will be fair in this election and make sure all the rules are followed by everyone. I know we had some issues in the past, and this will no longer be an issue under my reign.

Questions:

Leblanc COLA- Appoint Sarah Johnson as pro tempore billiot had to leave.

An unidentified senator seconded.

Discussion:

Fretz GAL- I had a chance to speak with kenady this week in the office she is really passionate and excited to take on this opportunity she may have been a little fun at the end but she means what she says and wants to make it a zero tolerance election year which apparently wasn't doe in the past.

Cao COLA- I think it would be great to have a former president and woman of color who understands respectability politics in this position.

Leblanc COLA- Kenady is really great and fun fact and she appointed me to the supreme court the first semester I was here so she is very equal when it comes to things with elections.

Lair COE- Kenady has a lot of experience when it comes to SGA and elections so I think she will be good with working with students and making sure elections work out.

Cao COLA- She's familiar with the system and she is very either all the rules or none of the rules.

Vote:

Alford, W- Yes

Cao, N- yes

Crenshaw, D- Yes

Fretz, H- yes

Johnson, S- yes

Karkoutli, D- Abstain by proxy

Lair, B- yes

Lair, C-Yes

Leblanc, D- yes

Mott, B- yes

Pitalo, C- yes

Rusnak, A- Abstain by Proxy

Snow, C- yes

Stackhouse, M- Abstain by Proxy

Vitali, J- yes

Yarbrough, T- yes

Cognevich, W- yes

3 abstentions 14 yes

b. Election Commission

Leblanc Motion to move these nominations as a slate



Fretz GAL- Second

Cao COLA- Oppose

Hand vote for all of column B to be slated

Passes

i. Davis Van Grieken

ii. Charles Arthur

iii. Azizah Hinnawi

iv. Taylor Miles

No nominees were here

Leblanc COLA- motion to move to question

Fretz GAL- second

Vote:

Alford, W- Yes

Cao, N- Abstain

Crenshaw, D- Abstain

Fretz, H- Yes

Johnson, S- Abstain

Karkoutli, D- Abstain by proxy

Lair, B- Abstain

Lair, C-Abstain

Leblanc, D- Yes

Mott, B- Abstain

Pitalo, C- Yes

Rusnak, A- Abstain by Proxy

Snow, C- Yes

Stackhouse, M- Yes by Proxy

Vitali, J- Yes

Yarbrough, T- Yes

Cognevich, W- Yes

9 yes 8 abstentions

Revote VPLA said they miscounted

Alford, W- Yes

Cao, N- Abstain

Crenshaw, D- Abstain

Fretz, H- Yes

Johnson, S- Yes

Karkoutli, D- Abstain by proxy

Lair, B- Yes

Lair, C-Abstainn

Leblanc, D- Yes

Mott, B- Asbatin

Pitalo, C- Yes

Rusnak, A- Abstain by Proxy

Snow, C- Yes

Stackhouse, M- Yes by Proxy

Vitali, J- Yes

Yarbrough, T- Yes

Cognevich, W- Yes

11 yes 6 abstentions.

Passes

c. Central Budget Committee FY2021 – SGA President’s Nominees

Fretz GAL- Motion to skate together

Johnson second

i. Alexis Chivatero- not here

ii. Jessi Siebert- not here

iii. Travonte Norbert- here

iv. John-Michael White-here

White CBC- Hello I am John-Michael white I was a senator for 7 semesters 3 of them I was head of governance and 2 of them I was VPLA I was also on the past 2 budget committees I care and know what is going. I know the constitution has changed but I know mostly how things run in the past.

Norbert CBC- I am Travonte Norbert I am a junior IDS major , I was asked to be on the budget committee by Christine, I am always know kind of what is going on so I think I will be a great addition to the budget committee.

Questions:

Fretz GAL- So neither of you are senators?

White CBC- not currently

Norbert CBC- No

Discussion:

Johnson COLA- On this list is Alexis Chivatero , I worked with her as an orientation leader and became friends with her. She is a very thoughtful and responsible person I think she would be great for this.

Leblanc COLA- I think it is good to have a fresh face on this committee I was on it last year and we were all pretty much veterans and we knew how things go. Its good to have someone coming in that is a non senator that can give us better ideas on how we spend students money.

Cognevich VPLA- There were non senators on the committee last year they just didn't show up.

Vote:

Alford, W- Yes

Cao, N- yes

Crenshaw, D- Yes

Fretz, H- yes

Johnson, S- yes

Karkoutli, D- Abstain by proxy

Lair, B- yes

Lair, C-Yes

Leblanc, D- Yes

Mott, B- Yes

Pitalo, C- Yes

Rusnak, A- Abstain by Proxy

Snow, C- yes

Stackhouse, M- yes by Proxy

Vitali, J- yes

Yarbrough, T- yes

Cognevich, W- yes

2 abstentions 15 yes

Nominations pass

Vitali second

d. Central Budget Committee FY2021 – VPLA’s Nominees

motion to slate leblanc

fretz gal second

i. Desmond LeBlanc- I am a veteran senator, If I am voted on this will be my second time on the budget committee. I have been very passionate about how we spend the students money and just how we run things as far as finances. I am looking for another productive season on how everything will go.

ii. Hailey Fretz- My name is Halery Fretz GAL second semester I am head of finance committee , I enjoy making sure that bills get passed so we can talk about them in the senate meeting. I am excited to hopefully be apart of this and I like to douse? Myself in sga any way I can. I don't have a lot of free time and the advisor told me information on how we meet and I will be able to share some of my time for that. I am happy to be apart of this.

POI COgnevich- we might end up meeting remotely right?

Ballard Adv- yeap probably so

iii. Clotilde Lair- I am college of engineering and finance committee I have experience looking at bill finances and making sure they are all followed. I am excited to be in this as well.

iv. Michael Billiot

Vote:

Alford, W- Yes

Billiot, M- Yes

Cao, N- Yes

Crenshaw, D- Yes

Fretz, H- Yes

Johnson, S- Yes

Karkoutli, D- Abstain by proxy

Lair, B- Yes

Lair, C-Yes

Leblanc, D- Yes

Mott, B- Yes

Pitalo, C- Yes

Rusnak, A- Abstain by Proxy

Snow, C- Yes

Stackhouse, M- Yes by Proxy

Vitali, J- Yes

Yarbrough, T- Yes

Cognevich, W- Yes

15 yes 2 abstentions

XI. Open Forum (12min; for the betterment of SGA)

Marvin Bryant – My name is Marvin Bryant and I am in the College of Liberal Arts and I am also a candidate for the elec-



Ballard Adv- Objection you can't say that you can't talk about the elections period its against the election code and we will disqualify you from running in elections.

Marvin Bryant- I have a question about the debate though because I am confused on considering the email that was sent out.

Ballard Adv- Can we talk about the elections not during open forum? I don't want you to say something that will get you disqualified.

Cognevich VPLA- also this body has no control over that, the people we just confirmed under the section B of the agenda that's where most of your questions will be directed.

White CBC- Good job everyone, this is an interesting meeting and I am fully entertained

Cao COLA- Have you been following up, I looked over the bill that I sponsored how we are asking people to follow up 30 days after the event, have we been doing that for things that we paid for and present and give us feed back on these events?

Cognevich VPLA- Not really

Cao COLA- I think as senators I think we really should, i need to clear the air because people were doing shady sh\*\* when I left yesterday, well I think we should really start following.

Fretz GAL Point of Order why is no one calling her out for cursing for the third time this evening?

Cognevich VPLA- I can answer that, any person can call point of order on any senator

Fretz GAL- Well point of order

Cognevich VPLA- Okay well one its because no one chose to call it and two I personally will allow other people to do that.

Cao COLA- My follow up on that is as senate and as students we practice free speech and as senators I think it is very classist, elitist and microagressive to A) micromanage peoples behaviors and into respectability politics includes decorum and I think many women of color such as Sojoner Truth , rosa Parks and other people had to use such language to get their point across and to say that I have only been to two out of many meetings because u have been heavily sick, I think my points have been brought upon very greatly and I feel like my concerns have shifted conversations in sga and my point would be...

Cognevich VPLA- wait

Cao COLA- tone also include decorum

Fretz GAL- Point of order for just about everything that has happened this meeting with you senator cao.

Cognevich VPLA- you cannot do that call something specific please

Fretz GAL- Its not even worth it.

Cognevich VPLA- this is not the time to go back and forth with people.

Cao COLA- well I wasn't my question was have we been following up with people

Cognevich VPLA- I answered that I said no, as far as the rest decorum is in the constitution and is determined by everyone present and myself so if I feel like someone is out of order I will call them on it or if anyone else does you should also call on it. Thats how this goes. As far as policing words and what not it is debatable this is not an open forum in general so there is absolutely precedent for limiting what people can and cannot say we have rules for when you can and cannot speak and stuff like that so that I

will accept peoples calling for point of order for certain things like that but with that being said you can still express your views the point is to be respectful to everyone in the room , is the idea for decorum.

Cao COLA- was that directed towards me or everyone?

Cognevich VPLA- Everyone

Cao COLA- cute

Leblanc motion to adjourn

Yarabrough second

XII. Adjournment 6:36 PM