

Call meeting to order at 5:05 PM

Roll

Alford- Here

Billiot- Here

Cannon- Here by proxy

Cao- Here

Crenshaw- Here

Fretz- Here

Jackson- Here by Proxy

Johnson- Absent

Karkoutli- Here

Lair B- Here

Lair C- Here

Leblanc- Here

Mott- Here

Philips- Here

Pitalo- Here

Rusnak- Here

Smith Bradley- Absent

Smith Brendon- Absent

Owen- Absent

Snow- Here by Proxy'

Stackhouse- Here

Stevenson- Absent

Thamard- Absent

Vitali- Here

Yarabrough- Here

Cognevich- Here

20 Here 6 Absent we meet quorum

Approval of Minutes- They are not release yet

Approval of Agenda- Amend the agenda to put Demsond's resolution that was just passed an hour ago in committees

Leblanc Second

Committee Reports-

Rules- no report

Governance- no report

Finance- no report

Student Affairs- no report

Other Reports-

President- no report

Vice President- Maddie Roach- we have \$7,610.78 in the Senate Operating Account, \$416,675.59 in the reserve account. The Budget committee finalized and voted on the requests and the budget and it will be on the agenda in a few meetings to vote on it as the senate.

Vice President Of Legislative Affairs- Wesley Cognevich- I will share screen the response from Nicklow, he basically said that faculty senate meeting agreed that they did not want it..

Date: April 15, 2020 From: John Nicklow President To: President Bourgeois and Student Government Representatives I write in response to the Compound Resolution passed by Student Government Association (SGA) and submitted to my office on April 13, 2020. In that resolution, SGA requested that the University of New Orleans implement a Pass/Fail grading system for Spring 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As you know, we considered a variety of options very carefully before revising our current policy for the spring 2020 semester. We worked closely with our Faculty Senate, Department Chairs, Deans, and other administrators, and the groups were nearly unanimous in their strong opposition to Pass/Fail. Instead, we have extended the withdrawal deadline, adjusted incomplete grade obligations, and adjusted the grade suspension policy. Additionally, we have discussed with faculty the need to ensure flexibility and support for their students throughout this semester. With all of those elements in place, there was consensus that Pass/Fail was not only unnecessary, but potentially damaging to a student's record. I fully understand why Pass/Fail may seem appealing to a student; however, Pass/Fail may actually hurt more students than it helps. With a Pass/Fail grading system, P grades do not count toward a student's grade point average (GPA), while F grades count as zeros toward the grade point average. In case of the latter, a student's GPA can actually be negatively impacted by the P/F grading system, which can have unintended adverse consequences for financial aid, scholarships, academic standing, and eligibility to continue in their major. There are also potentially unknown consequences in graduate school, medical school, and law school admissions. Finally, our own faculty voiced opinion that implementation of Pass/Fail strongly diminishes the value of their work and the respect shown for them, particularly as they work tirelessly to transition to remote courses and to be more flexible with students. For all of these reasons, the current policy will not be revised to include a Pass/Fail option. While I appreciate that this is not the response you were hoping for, I know our faculty are working closely with students to make accommodations where necessary, and they are providing significant flexibility in their courses. Our current situation is unprecedented, and I am extremely proud of our faculty, staff, and students for their perseverance through these challenging times. Together, we will get through this.

Vice President of Programming- Wesley read Jaylan's report via email- I will not make it to the SGA meeting today. I will be hosting an event with SAC tonight at 5pm Called "Bop or Not" it'll be on our Instagram. I have very minimal updates, just interviews for the upcoming SAC President will be next week or, two. We are also hosting a fashion show titled "Zoom Into Fashion" on April 22nd. This will be our final event of the semester, more details will be posted tomorrow on our Instagram.

Advisor- Joy Ballard- I don't have a report other than I know the response isn't what y'all wanted from Nickow, but I appreciate all your hard work.

Old Business

New Business

Leblanc COLA-This is a resolution from the University of New Orleans Student Government Association recommending to the administration of the University of New Orleans to add automatic motion sensors to at least one entrance/exit doors to all main campus buildings and update those that may be in need of repair.

Whereas, the President of the United States of America has declared a National Emergency, the Governor of the State of Louisiana has declared a State of Emergency and the Mayor of the City of New Orleans has declared a State of Emergency in the month of March 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic that swept the country and the world;

Whereas, restrictions have been placed on all citizens including our student body to practice social distancing and remain in doors, only going out for essential needs only;

Whereas, the actions by the President of the United States of America and the Governor of the State of Louisiana caused all public schools, including the UL System Schools, to switch from in-person class meetings to all online class meetings;

Whereas, these declared emergencies have caused varied disarray amongst the student body;

Whereas, this pandemic will have life-long lasting effects on our student body when we are able to return back to campus;

Whereas, the University Center, the Earl K. Long Library, Kirschman Hall (College of Business), Engineering Building, Math Building and the Rec Center have automatic motion sensors doors,

Questions:

Mott COE- Are the doors just for academic buildings or for all buildings?

Leblanc COLA- It is for every building on the main campus

Lair, B COE- Will the motion censored doors include the doors with key pads?

Leblanc COLA- My hopes are that those doors with key pads are included.

Opposition:

Support:

Leblanc- I think it this is necessary given that COVID will be around for years to come and this is necessary for the climate and to prevent spreads.

Roll call vote:

Billiot- Yes
Cannon- Abstain by proxy
Crenshaw- Yes
Cao- Abstain
Fretz- yes
Jackson- Abstain by proxy
Karkoutli- Yes
Lair B- Yes
Lair C- Yes
Leblanc- Yes
Mott- Yes
Philips- Abstain
'Pitalo- Yes
Rusnak- Yes
Snow- Abstain by proxy
Stackhouse- Yes
Vitali- Yes
Yarabrough- Yes
Cognevich - Yes
Alford- Yes

15 yes 5 abstentions 0 no's

This resolution passes.

Open Forum
Billiot Motion to adjourn the meeting
Leblanc Second

Adjournment- 5:28 PM

the meeting was not recorded so the minutes are strictly off of notes from the Clerk and the voting records