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Student (guest), Senator Crenshaw, Angelo Charles, Senator Plasse, VPLA LeBlanc, Senator Noble, Da'Jonna Cureaux, Amber Lemelle, Senator Broussard, Senator A. Johnson, Senator S. Johnson, President Romero, Senator Johnson, Senator Bourgeois, Senator Ivan, Joy Ballard, Senator Roach, Senator Mott



VPLA LeBlanc 00:37

I call this meeting to order at 5:02 pm. Joy, I don't have the the roll next to me. So can you take roll for me please? *** Roll is called***



Joy Ballard 03:54

So with 11 present we do meet quorum.



Motion to be recognized.



Joy Ballard 04:08

Got it. Thanks. Well present we meet quorum.



VPLA LeBlanc 04:22

Thank you Joy. So next we will move to approval of the agenda. Are there any corrections or changes on today's agenda? Yes, there is one I would like to make a correction the date. So I will be motioning to change the date from September 2 2020 to September 16 2020

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Senator Plasse 04:58

motion seconded Senator Linda Plasse sophomore, Senator,

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VPLA LeBlanc 05:05

make those corrections in the minutes and on the agenda. Please restate your motion.

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Senator Roach 05:37

I'd like to motion to amend the agenda to place nominations and appointments before we do reports on the team who is nominated for Election Commissioner to be able to state her case before she goes to class. Maddie Roach Senator at large.

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Senator A. Johnson 06:16

I second the motion. Senator Amber Johnson College of Liberal Arts

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VPLA LeBlanc 06:34

Where you placing nominations

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Senator Roach 06:39

to place them before reports?

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VPLA LeBlanc 06:47

any other corrections or changes to today's agenda? Hearing none, we'll move forward. Next approval last week's minutes. I think we got the ones from two weeks ago right. This past week, but two weeks ago. Everyone should have gotten them any objections to September 2 meeting minutes? Hearing none, we will move forward to nominations and appointments. We will now hit nominations and appointments will Christine Bourgeois please take yourself off mute. She is being nominated to serve as the Election

Commissioner for the year. Right, Christine?

S Senator Bourgeois 07:48
Yes, hi, everyone.

V VPLA LeBlanc 07:52
Please introduce yourself, followed by three minutes of questions.

S Senator Bourgeois 07:57
Gotcha. And also apologize for the wind and advance. But Hi, everyone, my name is Christine bourgeois. Some of you may know me. I'm, I'm a senior marketing major here at UNO I have been in the I was a part of the Senate and was in the Senate for five or six semesters, I don't know off the top my head but a long time. I'm old, and I served as SGA. President last year, I did not step back from the Senate this year due to conflicting obligations. But I've been a part of every election since I've been. I'm at UNO, so I'm very familiar with the election code as well as the Election Commissioner duties. And I'm just really excited to stay a part of SGA even though I can't stay in the Senate and um, yeah, yeah, yield my time for questions.

V VPLA LeBlanc 09:04
Okay, are there any questions for the nomination of Christine Christine bourgeois who's being nominated as the electric commission any senators has any questions? All right, Christine, so we're gonna put you out for a second we're gonna talk crap about you. Oh, yeah. Okay, we're gonna talk crap about you.

S Senator Ivan 09:28
Senator Ivan Amari college a liberal arts motion to be recognized.

S Senator Mott 09:47
Second, Brendan Mott Jr. at large.

V VPLA LeBlanc 09:52
Okay. Christine, we're gonna put you out for a second and we're gonna talk some stuff

about about you. We have 6 minutes for open discussion.

- S** Senator Johnson 11:28
Rising support for Christine. I, Senator Johnson College of Liberal Arts, I've always had a lot of respect for Christine. She's an incredible student and incredible, incredible person, in my opinion. She's extremely organized and dedicated to everything she commits herself to, and just overall inspiring and a very hard worker, I think she would be amazing for the job. Thank you.
- S** Senator Mott 12:00
I would also like to rise and support Brendan Mott, Jr. at large, because since Christine has been through numerous elections, like as somebody being elected, I feel like she would be a good fit for the person who is in charge of election since she's actually been through the processes before.
- V** VPLA LeBlanc 12:31
if Anybody is causing a disturbance in meeting. This is a Student Government meeting. We do not have time for foolishness. We will now do a roll call vote***Roll Call Vote***
- J** Joy Ballard 14:18
With 13 yeses. Christine is approved.
- V** VPLA LeBlanc 14:23
Great. We can let Christine back in. Congratulations, Christine. You are now the 2020-2021 Election Commissioner. Great.
- S** Senator Bourgeois 14:57
Thank you guys so much.
- V** VPLA LeBlanc 15:01
All righty, Next on the agenda for nominations and appointments is the supreme court nominations. Then we have Angelo Charles and Da'Jonna Cureaux First, we will have My

apologies. They must have spelled it wrong.

D Da'Jonna Cureaux 15:27
No, it's spelled correctly.

V VPLA LeBlanc 15:30
Oh, okay. I'm sorry. I'm very sorry. Okay, First we'll have Mr. Angelo. Charles, is he in? If you can take himself off, mute and announce it? Yes. Okay, Mr. Charles. Thank you. you have three minutes to introduce yourself, followed by three minutes of questioning.

A Angelo Charles 16:01
Okay, thank you. Good afternoon, everyone. It's a pleasure to see some familiar faces. I personally like to extend a deep gratitude to President Jullianne Romero for nominating me to the in the UNO Senate for taking out your time to consider me. Thank you. My name is Angelo Charles. And I like many of you, I am a political science major. In order to become a lawyer to advocate for the under representative in America. I am eager to embark on this leadership journey with you all. And we are truly in unprecedented times. And that calls for unprecedented leadership. And I commit if appointed holistically to pursue the duties and shine by the you know, SGA government and bylaws or any other constitution around publication date you unless no future and here beyond where honesty, integrity and most importantly, wisdom. Thank you all. And thank you, Julian. I yield the rest of my time.

V VPLA LeBlanc 16:58
Wonderful. does anybody have any questions for the nominee for Mr. Charles, who's being nominated as a Supreme Court? justice? Just to give you guys a quick background, cause the time Supreme Court Justice is on the judicial branch of SGA. So he will be serving as the person who's going to be working on all the legalities that may arise if hopefully none arise this year. So is there any questions for Mr. charles at this time? All right, Mr. Charles, we're going to place you on in the waiting room and talk about this Alright guys, we will have six minutes for open discussion.

P President Romero 18:01
Can someone yield their time for me.



Senator Mott 18:06

I will yield my time for Julian Romero Brendan Mott Jr. at large.



President Romero 18:12

Julian Romero president um, and if someone can do that whenever the second nominee comes up because I'll have something to say about her too. But for Angelo. I met Angelo two years ago, and since I've been involved in SGA. And he's always wanted to be involved in SGA. But, you know, processes kind of got stopped or he didn't get through the proper way. So I'm so excited to have Angelo here. He's such a good person. We took many classes together, and he is a very honest person. And I feel like he would be a great addition to the Supreme Court. So I just wanted to put that out there.



VPLA LeBlanc 18:55

In fact, can i just add we've never had a Supreme Court justice actually comes up at its SGA meeting before until now. So I'm pretty pleased about that. Or the any thing else anybody would like to say about Mr. Charles? Hearing none, we will move to a roll call vote. Okay. ***Roll Call***



Joy Ballard 20:31

With 13 yeses, they're approved. Letting them back in.



VPLA LeBlanc 20:50

Thank you. Right. Angelo, Congratulations, you are now part of the Supreme Court. All right. Next, we're gonna move to *unkown*. Who's also running for the same position. As you can take yourself off mute, you have three minutes to introduce yourself, followed by three minutes of questioning.



Da'Jonna Cureaux 21:14

Thank you. Thank you. I want to thank everyone, first, for especially Juliana Romero, for nominating me for a Supreme Court. I'm so excited. Number one. I'm also excited to see everyone for sure. During this time, I want to run for Supreme Court because I'm also going to school for for law, My major is IDs major. I'm going for political science as my focus try. I'm, I'm a student, and as one individual that strives to speak for others for sure. But as well make sure that those that want to see some thing happen on campus or see

something that's like, either uncomfortable for them, that their voices are for sure heardt. I'm also a senior as well. and I'm just very much thankful. I don't know, I'm so I'm sorry. I'm so nervous at this moment. that's, that's about it. Yeah. And I'm very much crew. So like I said, that I'm nominated for sharing that. I'm definitely gonna be there to like, do the hard challenges. Like I said, hopefully, nothing doesn't come up for sure. Major but im definitely down for you know, to speak. But other than make sure like, the problem is for sure. So I'm like, there's any questions. I'm not somebody that has to say like, I'm going to try to give you the answer to the best of my ability for sure. And if I don't need much, and I'm gonna go to those that know. And I'm able to help you. Like, I'm not going to leave you hanging for sure.



VPLA LeBlanc 23:10

Thank you, Miss *unkown* Does anybody have any questions? At this time? Right. So *unkown* Oh, we are going to do the same thing with you just sit you in the waiting room for a minute and talk about you. We have six minutes for open discussion, guys. Somebody like to yield their time for



I'd like to yield time forJullianne Romero. Senator Sarah Johnson college of liberal arts



Da'Jonna Cureaux 23:52

Thank you.



President Romero 23:55

Romero president again. Um, so, uh, Da'Jonna has reached out to me as soon as I got elected to be some part of SGA she was very eager and emailed me all summer. So I'm so excited. She's here. She's, and she even, uh, emailed me like a statement, I guess you could say, and wanted me to make sure it was good because she didn't want to sound bad in front of everyone. She is such a nice person. And just like Angelo, I think she's gonna be a great addition to the Supreme Court. I'm so excited to finally have her be appointed and nominated as well.



VPLA LeBlanc 24:40

wonderful. Are there any other things that you guys would like to say about Miss Cureaux

Hearing none, we will now move to a roll call vote. ***Roll Call***



Joy Ballard 25:58

With 13 yeses. She is approved. I'm letting her back in. Thank you.



VPLA LeBlanc 26:09

All right, Miss Cureaux You have been approved to be one of the SGA supreme court justices. Congratulations. All right. So now we're going to go back up to the original form of the agenda. Next, is communications and announcements. Are there any senator communications or announcements that are non SGA? related? Okay. Are there any non senator, communications and announcements? So this is communication and announcements from our guests that are non SGA related, anything going on in the world that you want SGA to know about? Hearing none, we will continue to move forward. Next, we will have reports. Does the governance committee have a report for us today?



No.



VPLA LeBlanc 27:33

Thank you. Does the rules committee have a report for us today.



No report, sir.



VPLA LeBlanc 27:42

Finance, finance is not here today. Ivan did she send you the report?



Senator Ivan 27:48

She did.

V VPLA LeBlanc 27:50
Read her report, please.

S Senator Ivan 27:52
Yes. Senator Haley Fretz sent me the following. The finance committee met and was able to pass today's business for it would prefer to be on the agenda today for Senate vote. I am still not hearing from one of my committee members. I have since had our vpla reach out to them. Please be watching your emails always. ProctorU I have heard from Andrea as of late last night I will be working on a resolution with a group of students who are placed on the original email thread for it to be voted on in committee next week. And to be placed on the agenda for Senate to vote on for the following meeting September 30. I just I want to just put out a friendly reminder to all of you as we approach state and national election season, the University of New Orleans is not privileged to any political views for or against anything, recently discovered a social media account misrepresenting misrepresenting our university. As senators of this university, I asked you all to keep an eye out and ears peeled for Misrepresentation of our student body and of our university. If you come across anything that you think may be using a university in appropriately, please please reach out to me and I will help get this information to those who can help eradicate the situation. With that being said, I hope you all are registered to vote this fall and will be practicing your civic duty. If you have any questions about any of the above, you may reach out to me via email at hlfretz@uno.edu.

V VPLA LeBlanc 29:20
Thank you Ivan can you please put her email in the group chat for me please? Thank you. Next is student affairs. Ivan Do you have a report for us today?

S Senator Ivan 29:41
I do. Sorry.

V VPLA LeBlanc 29:42
Sorry. That's okay. Go ahead.

S Senator Ivan 29:45
All right. Um, so, to all the guests who have been attending the SGA meeting so far, I'm

really proud of you all have this much passion and drive for student government. I'm really excited to see that. So I want you all to mark your calendars for two. specific dates on October 1, and November 17. From 12:30 to 1:30pm. Student Affairs Committee will be hosting and conducting an open forum. At this open forum, which will be conducted through zoom you will be able to voice your opinion and any questions and critiques you may have about the student government or the University at hand. Thank you. I yield the rest of my time for questions.



VPLA LeBlanc 30:28

Are there any questions for the Student Affairs Committee here at this time? Ivan please put your email in the group in the chat for me so that way, you folks who don't want to ask here, they can ask you via email. That will be great. Moving right along, our other reports. Does the SGA President have a report for us today?



President Romero 30:52

I do. And it's a doozy. So I'm so sorry.



VPLA LeBlanc 30:59

You have six minutes to speak followed by three minutes with questions for questions.



President Romero 31:04

So first, I have a response from Nicklow from our for our board, Election Day resolution, so I'm gonna read the response. It's pretty short, so it's not gonna take a lot of time for that board. Um, he said I have received your compound resolution submitted September 6 2020. In support of declaring November 3 2020. A class holiday, I am pleased to see the SGA take leadership role in encouraging our student body to be engaged citizens who participate in the democratic process by voting and even registering to assist at the polls on Election Day. After reviewing the academic calendar, I have determined that it is possible to cancel classes on the day without any negative impact on meeting instructional requirements. Additionally, I agree that we have an obligation to be engaged citizens and I support the notion that cancelling classes on November 3, would increase opportunities for students to vote and potentially assist at the polls on election day. He added like a link to how to apply to be Election Day poll workers. And then he said therefore, the university will cancel classes on November 3 2020. However, I do have one condition to add, as SGA in partnership with other organizations on campus must develop and implement a campaign to encourage students to register and vote. I look

forward to engaging in this important work with all of you. Um, on that note, we do have the civic engagement coordinator in our office who posts things on our social media every Tuesday, besides this Tuesday because of the hurricane, but he usually post things every week. His name is Travonte. He is also works in the office Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays. And if you want to come in and register to vote or need information register to vote, we have that outside as well as you can talk to him. Um, just to clarify that we do have something for our organization to help with voting and registering to vote. Um, so that's that I will send or I will forward the response to y'all if y'all would like to see it, um, especially Amber. So she doesn't have to type all of that. Um, and so next business is we have a donation drive for our SGA for hurricane Laura victims. So I know that I previously mentioned that we will be doing a Thanksgiving drive in collaboration with all the UL system schools, but I wanted to do something else, because that drive was so far out. So we will be partnering with Second Harvest, which is an organization who collects things like food, and canned goods like that to donate, and they have a, I guess a campaign that they are doing to send to hurricane or victims. So we will just contribute to that, that way we know where this stuff is going. And we know it's a credible volunteering service, I guess you could say. And we're not just donating to anyone or not bringing in ourselves stuff like that. I will make a poster to put on Instagram. I would love it if you always share it all over the place because we will give out prizes for people who donate, we have three prizes, it will be two \$25 gift cards and then a, UNO, swag package thing. That sorts Um, so basically the way it works, you come in you donate your canned foods or whatever will be on the list. We will add your name to another list. And on October 16, we will do an Instagram Live drawing of three names. And those three names will get those three prizes. You can also donate my online with money, if you would like if you don't want to go and donate, I can get in our office, and all you got to do is take a screenshot of your donation and send it to us. And we'll put your name down as well. Um, so that's that we're going to start tomorrow is going to end October 16. So that's that, um, next part of our resolution was that we would do things to help inform people about a police brutality and issues that go on, during or that go on, about our people of color, black and brown people. So to support that mission, we have decided to do a programming week for police brutality. We're still working on it, but the date will be October 19 to October 23. during that week, we plan on staking the quad with names of police brutality victims, which might be in front of UC, I have to talk to Nicklow about that. It'll either be in front of UC or put the quad. Either way, a great visual to show people just how much people are victims of police brutality, especially people of color. Um, and then Tim Duncan, who is the Director of Athletics will be doing some kind of speaking event. I don't know if all of y'all saw but he was a victim of racial profiling. in his at his old city. Yeah, he was moving that weekend and he was coming...



Time.



VPLA LeBlanc 37:07

Time has been called. Madam President, you now have three minutes questionings unless someone would like to motion to extend time for the six minutes.



Senator Broussard 37:30

Motion to extend time. Matthew Broussard, Sen. College liberal arts.



VPLA LeBlanc 37:38

Someone Second.



Senator A. Johnson 37:42

Second, Amber Johnson. Liberal Arts.



VPLA LeBlanc 37:47

Reset the time for six minutes, Madam President, you may continue.



President Romero 37:50

Thank you. I'm sorry. Um, so where was I? Oh. So Tim Duncan, he had a viral video that went around about the problem with being racially profiled. And then he started an initiative called privateers for equality, which he does a bunch of things with athletics, mostly. But he said he would like to collaborate with us for our week of programming. So he'll do some kind of talk probably relating to his issue or his experience, not his issue, his experience with a racial profiling. Um, and then we'll post daily Instagram post about our events. And also, just probably quick facts about statistics that go on our country revolving around these issues, SAC may do an event that's tentative, but they may do one. And also, Dr. Anderson, will possibly bring an event she is the dean for diversity and inclusion, something like that. Yeah. It's a long thing. It's a long word. But that's what she is. So she will be doing some kind of event, whether it's bringing back a community conversation or doing an extra event, whatever she decides to do. So that will be October 19, to October 23. that week. Next, share our Instagram post, you know, whether it's our

things about voting or visit about our meetings, stuff like that. We have a lot of people right now, in our meetings that are guests, which is great. We have more people that I think are guests than actually in SGA, which is awesome. And I encourage all of you to join SGA. You know, it may not seem like the funnest thing, but it really is. I like SGA it's cool. That's my boosting of SGA. Also, come get masks in our office. We have a bunch of masks. And we need to get rid of them. Come get them and we'll have more noon. So we really need to give her these. Um, and last but not least COVID testing is free at the lakefront arena for everyone. And if you feel like you're having symptoms or you want to be checked out, go get tested, is right there, the lakefront. And that is all sorry for bursting y'all ears. I yield my time for questions.

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VPLA LeBlanc 40:23

Thank you, Madam President. Does anyone have any questions? Any senators have any questions for the president at this time? Hearing none, we will move forward. Next is the Vice President, Vice President. Ray, do you have any report for us today?

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President Romero 40:49

I have his report. He's not here today. He had to work. Okay. Uh, let me get it. So, Jayson's report, his operating account is that \$39,498 and 75 cents. That's 3949 8.75. He said, we're still waiting to receive the amount for the reserve account from administration. So if he doesn't have that number, yet, he's planning the senate retreat, so expect it to be on a day between October 15 and October 22. Lastly, he also urges all the senators not to leave any questions on answered when voting for a bill, especially one with a large amount of money being proposed. There are no stupid questions, so make sure you get your questions answered. If anyone has any questions, for him please email him at sgavp@uno.edu. I'll put that in the chat for y'all.

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VPLA LeBlanc 41:49

Thank you. Next is my report. I have six minutes to speak. I'm going to start off by saying this interruptions in this SGA meeting on any future SGA meetings will not be tolerated. I've been hearing a lot of talk about people interrupting meetings. We welcome guest your time to speak is during open forum. And so far, we've been doing really well with that. But those outbursts are not going to be tolerated here. If we find you, you will be kicked out permanently. The next thing that I would like to discuss is the time to speak actually, that time for any any non senators that is our guest is during open forum, which is towards the end of the agenda. Unless you have something to say and a senator like to yield their time to you. Other than that, you can continue to ask your questions in the chat room. And if

someone can, they will answer you. Also, um, I was asked to say where is the SGA website? And I think Joy did put that website address in the chat. another thing. it was our finance committee had said, the university's information is being used on social media that is in some for political reasons. And that is something that we should not be doing. And if any senators find that information, or see anything is being used in the name of UNO or SGA. And it is something that we should know about, please let us know so that we can make sure to confirm or deny that we are in any affiliation with that group organization. I'm very excited about the new ad hoc committee, campus dining and housing, who is being headed by our one of our senators, Mr. Brendan Mott. We voted on that last week. So if any senators or non senators, that are having any issues on campus as it relates to campus dining and housing, Brendan Mott will put his email in the chat, you can email him, he you can call us about working on anything. . Brendan will be on top of it. He is on his game when it comes to Housing and Dining. I keep saying the name different ways. So thank you, Brendan, and he does have four people that are working with him. So I know you guys are up for the challenge. And I do thank you all for rising to that challenge. Oh, I was asked to do something as it relates to mid semester evaluations. Last week, I got an email about that. Um, that is something that I will work on with Senators, I'm understanding that students, we do get those end of the year end of the semester evaluations, nothing really changes, where I'm still a student as well. So I have to do it too. That is something that we will work on with our Student Affairs Committee. And we discussed it in our exec meetings at noon today. So just be on the lookout for that pretty soon. Other than that, I'm done. I yield the rest of my time for questions. any senators have a question for me. All right, next is vice president of programming is Jalen in today. President of SAC Okay. Next advisor. advisor Ballard. Do you have a report for us?



Joy Ballard 46:01

I do. Hey, everybody. So welcome. And I'm very happy to see all of our guests. This announcement is especially for y'all. So next week, I'm on September 22, and the 23rd. At noon, both days, I will be hosting a open forum for elections, you can come to that forum, and learn everything you need to know to run in SGA elections, and complete all of your paperwork in that meeting. So this is a really convenient way to get everything done at one time. filing for elections does last from September 21, through September 25. So you are welcome to file online to run in elections at any time. But that open forum will be really helpful to you to decide what position you want to run for. And I can just double check to make sure that you have gotten everything you need turned in. So please mark your calendars for those election meetings. The only other thing I have for y'all is homecoming is coming up. This year, the unofficial homecoming theme is homecoming from home, because we can't really have any major events. So we're going to be hosting homecoming from home. We have a lot of fun events planned. Working with alumni,

there's going to be like some cooking classes and wine tastings and all kinds of stuff you can do from your house with the alumni office. So it should be really fun. Um, we're also going to do a trivia night, and hopefully a drive in movie. So those are the fun things we have planned. But there's also an opportunity for SGA to participate as well. Obviously, you will have a meeting during homecoming week because you meet every week. So if y'all are down, it might be interesting to invite some former SGA members to come see what a meeting looks like today. And then have a sweet like, like a nice little meet and greet after the fact. I'm not signing y'all up for that if y'all aren't interested, because if y'all are like, I don't want to talk to old people, and that's fine. It won't hurt my feelings. But I also think there might be some value in talking to the old people. So if any of y'all feel passionate about that, want to do that. Or anybody feels passionately that they're like no joy, that stupid. Send me an email and let me know so that I can get us on the calendar or not on the calendar. And I yield the rest of my time for questions.



VPLA LeBlanc 49:04

Great. Does anyone have any questions for our advisor at this time?



Senator S. Johnson 49:14

Sarah Johnson. I was just wondering, did you explain the privateer plunge for the guests?



Joy Ballard 49:22

I did not go into as much detail but yes, thank you. I can do that. So welcome in you are in an SGA senate meeting. We're really happy you're here. We meet once a week to address concerns going on on campus. And if you are struggling here for privateer plunge credit. I do download a Excel file of everyone that logs into the meeting. So you will get your credit that way so no need to do anything. You will all get your credit. Thanks, Sarah.



VPLA LeBlanc 49:58

Does anyone else have any questions for the advisor at this time? Hearing none we will move right along. We have no old business. So jumping on new business, and that is Bill b dot F 201001. The encore bill, will the principal author in sponsor take themselves off mute. You have six minutes to introduce your bill, followed by 10 minutes of questioning.



Senator Ivan 50:43

Good evening, everyone. I hope you're all doing well today. So this bill is pretty much

going to be the framework for the Encore organization for the next few semesters to come. What we did was we met and tried to figure out that usually our biggest events would require large gatherings where people would be in close proximity but because of the pandemic, that cannot be in that format, so we have to decide, you know, until large gatherings are sanctioned and authorized on you, and oh, and even on a federal level, what we've decided to do was just strictly have virtual events for this semester, next semester and possibly even fall 2021. So all the equipment that is within the budget breakdown will be used strictly for those of virtual events for the until further notice. And I yield the rest of my time for questions.



VPLA LeBlanc 51:52

Does anyone have any questions for the principal, author and sponsors at this time? I think I saw senator Sarah Johnson's hand go up.



Senator S. Johnson 52:03

Senator Johnson College of Liberal Arts. Um, I will say I have a lot of concerns about this bill, especially considering such a, let's say the high price tag on this bill. It's very exciting what this organization is trying to do. But I have lots of questions. I will mention that. I refer to my friend for a lot of this because she has lots of film experience. She did a TV production in high school, made a documentary that went to nationals and she continues to work on films and will be graduating in with a film degree this May. So I asked her about all this equipment and things and I was just wondering of for some of this equipment. I mean, is it possible for y'all to possibly borrow some of this equipment? I know the film program offers cameras on loan and I'm sure for a student organization, they would be willing to loan them so is has that been something y'all reached out to them for?



Senator Ivan 53:05

Thank you, Sarah, for your question and your concern. Um, all the equipment that is within this budget breakdown was actually helped facilitated by HAMP Overton who is the head of the film department here at UNO, on we are unable to use the film equipment that you know has because it's only strictly for, you know, their own sanctioned classwork. So what he advised was if we were to get our own equipment that would suit us well for the next coming semesters. He helped put together which would be the right equipment to give us the most best result that would also be an experience, not only us putting it together, but also for the audience so that way, they have the best experience possible.

- S** Senator S. Johnson 53:50
If I may ask another question. I was also wondering who do you have in your organization that is, has the expertise to operate this kind of equipment.
- S** Senator Ivan 54:01
Myself and two friends of mine who are also a film majors as well, they've worked on short films and thesis films are graduate students and they know their way around the camera, the jib the tripod, sound and much more.
- S** Senator S. Johnson 54:18
Okay, and I just one last question, Where will this event be? I suppose recorded?
- S** Senator Ivan 54:25
Yes. So we have been in contact with many of the building managers, and I would say 90% of them are allowing us to film in their facilities, of course, abiding by all the strictest guidelines so that we everyone is safe and safe and healthy throughout the production. But we will film on campus for this particular event. And what we will try to do for next semester is probably branch off to more different locations off campus. So that way, there's a sense of diversity with each event the audience can experience.
- S** Senator S. Johnson 54:56
And just one last question when you say building managers Do you which buildings do you mean? Because I do work as a manager at the University Center. And I haven't heard anything about this. I'm just curious.
- S** Senator Ivan 55:08
But so the buildings that we have so far the Fine Arts Building kirchman Hall, the sandbar and the Earl K. Long Library.
- S** Senator S. Johnson 55:16
Okay, thank you very much.

S Senator Ivan 55:19
Thank you for your questions.

S Senator Roach 55:21
I also have a few questions Maddie Roach Senator at large, my first question would be, where would this equipment be stored when it's not being in use for the event.

S Senator Ivan 55:35
So all this equipment will be stored and the warehouse that I have at my home in Baton Rouge under lock and key I already have, I already pretty much own the correct containment units for each of these things to make sure they're all safe and well kept. So that way, there is no damage to it at all. So it gives the most desired result, each time we use the equipment

J Joy Ballard 55:59
and point of information. Because of the cost of all of this equipment, it will be registered as state property and therefore must remain on a State campus. I'm also I'm just really not comfortable with spending this amount of money to go off campus. I mean, that's not how state funds are meant to be used. So if this does pass, it will be required to stay on campus. And I will require an advisor signature that that will be held.

V VPLA LeBlanc 56:36
I'm, I have a question. And I don't Can you tell us because I don't have the bill in front of me. And I know our guests don't either. Can you tell us how much you're asking for Ivan?

S Senator Ivan 56:53
The exact number is \$9,387.21.

V VPLA LeBlanc 57:00
Okay, thank you. Um, and I guess my next question was, did you try other avenues? Possibly, before coming up with that? Or were those The only, let's say cameras and different specs that you needed to produce such a film?

S Senator Ivan 57:21
Considering how expensive cinema equipment can be, this is the most cost effective equipment after consulting with Overton that we should proceed with, with our goals for our virtual events.

V VPLA LeBlanc 57:36
Okay, okay. Thank you, Senator Johnson.

S Senator S. Johnson 57:41
Johnson College of Liberal Arts, just to clarify, if you don't mind. So I'm in this conversation with the head of the film department. I think that's what you said. This is what he said would be strict, like, immediately necessary to have the event y'all are trying to put on he said, this is like, like, I'm just curious about what what standard of event Are y'all trying to put on here like is this equipment of definitely required for this kind of event, or is some of this more not entirely necessary, but would improve the quality of the event?

S Senator Ivan 58:22
This past February, on the 20th, we had our first debut show Opus, which we requested a bill from SGA, which luckily passed for over \$7,000. And it premiered in the nim center NIMS theater either in the performing arts center. And with that show, it was larger than life because we wanted to give the best experience possible, we didn't want to give the students something that was kind of mediocre and small scale that, that I think they really didn't deserve. We wanted to try and do the best thing possible with what we had. Um, because I think when in terms of entertainment and experience, I would assume the audience was want the best experience possible.

S Senator S. Johnson 59:10
And if one more question, forgive me if I don't exactly remember what exactly was in that bill? But is there anything that we gave you in that bill could also be useful for this event?

S Senator Ivan 59:24
Yes, in fact, the fog machines and the lights and many other items that were on that bill will be used for our future events as well, including this event.

S Senator S. Johnson 59:34
Okay, thank you.

S Senator Roach 59:36
I have a question as well. Um, Senator Roach. Senator at large, um, your event last year, how many people did you have in attendance at it?

S Senator Ivan 59:49
We had a total of 62 people.

V VPLA LeBlanc 59:54
Okay, I have a question vpls If I'm correct, didn't we purchase fume equipment for you all last year? Was that for something else?

S Senator Ivan 1:00:12
No on that bill for Opus, the, the major equipment that was bought were speakers and lights to go into nims theater.

V VPLA LeBlanc 1:00:22
Gotcha. Are you using those speakers in lights at this event?

S Senator Ivan 1:00:43
Those speakers in lights were rented from a Guitar Center. So we will not.

V VPLA LeBlanc 1:00:52
Does anyone else have any questions for for the author at this time?

S Senator A. Johnson 1:00:59
Um, Senator amber Johnson College of Liberal Arts. I do have one question. I wasn't an SGA. Last year. So I don't know. But I see in the bill that you did have an update on costs shall report back to the student government within 30 days upon completion of the event.

Um, was there a reason why that wasn't done last year? Or did you guys do that?

S Senator Ivan 1:01:28
Bryce Carter, who is the vice president of encore, I equipped him with that job to do that. I can definitely check back with him if he did, but as far as I know, what he reported to me that he did check back with SGA

S Senator Roach 1:01:41
we have another one more question. Um, so since y'all did file a bill last year, did it ever cross the organization's mind to have submitted a budget request for any equipment for future events? Since this is over \$2,000? Generally, we ask that those are submitted as budget requests. Senator Roach

S Senator Ivan 1:02:17
Yes, we actually did consider that. But around that time, we didn't know what this COVID-19 was and what the effects were going to be and what the limitations were, what our honest position was to just try and wait and see what's going to be the finality of how we are going to go through with it and what's going to be the government mandate and the university's mandate on how organizations and proud gatherings should proceed. So we chose to use a bit of patience to wait and see. And now that we understand that large crowd gatherings won't be a thing again until possibly fall 2021. So we're aiming for that timeline that he suggested.

V VPLA LeBlanc 1:03:01
Great. And just for future reference, before you state your question, you really need to say your name and your college first. I know we're still getting used to that. So just try to try our best. Are there any other questions?

S Senator A. Johnson 1:03:18
senator Amber Johnson College of Liberal Arts? I did have one question pertaining to the resolution that will be used for the platform. I know that YouTube usually has like YouTube and Instagram. I don't know if they use six K. Resolution. So I was just wondering if that would help with the budget cut, depending on the camera that you're using for the resolution?

S Senator Ivan 1:03:42
Do you mind restating it?

S Senator Roach 1:03:54
Yes. So for it says in the bill that you are going to be using spending six K resolution I didn't know if that would be valuable? Or if it would be possible with the YouTube platform. That was my question.

S Senator Ivan 1:04:08
It is my impression that YouTube can go beyond 4k if if one if you have the right device that can be able to process that amount of information. But there are 16 8k videos on YouTube.

V VPLA LeBlanc 1:04:33
Okay, Senator noble, how much time do we have left on the clock?

S Senator Noble 1:04:40
we have two minutes in 50 seconds.

V VPLA LeBlanc 1:04:45
Are there any other questions for the principal's sponsors and others at this time.

S Senator Roach 1:04:52
I have one final question. Senator Roach. Call it a senator at large. If we were to imagine This bill to lessen the price of it since it is over half of our Senate operating account for this semesters, like, it's half of it over. What would you be willing to exclude from the bill? If we were to amend it?

S Senator Ivan 1:05:21
Would someone be able to inform me on the exact operating account? amount?

- V VPLA LeBlanc 1:05:28
It's about a little over \$39,000 for the year So we divide that in half. That's about 19,000.
And some change.
- S Senator Ivan 1:05:56
Will the question still the arm on the floor, even if it's not a half of the operating account?
- S Senator Roach 1:06:04
Yes, since it's a large chunk of money.
- S Senator Ivan 1:06:12
One moment the most expensive items on the budget, are pretty much it is the actual camera and the lens. Those are the most essential parts of it. I would I would argue that, considering my experience in film and entertainment, everything is essential. And if you start rationing things off, you're going to get a pretty faulty product. And I don't like to try and deliver a faulty product. I try to do the best of my ability. Because I believe and I've been taught that the audience deserve such. Um, and, yeah, I'm not going to pretend as if this is not a lot of money. It is and all of your questions and opinions are indeed valid. But the whole purpose of encore is to take what hidden talent that is here at the university and try and showcase it as much as possible, and to go above and beyond.
- S Senator Plasse 1:07:39
Hi, Senator Linda Plasse sophomore, Senator at large. I do have one question. I know you said that the attendance...
- S Senator Noble 1:07:48
time.
- S Senator Roach 1:07:51
Motion to extend time by two minutes. Senator roach Center at large.
- S Senator S. Johnson 1:07:58



VPLA LeBlanc 1:08:01

motion has been called and properly seconded. So moved. Senator noble, can you please reset the clock for this two minutes? Okay, continuing my question.



Senator Plasse 1:08:18

you said last year the amount of students that were in attendance for this event was 62 people do you have any sort of projected amount for people that would be able to view this this year considering such a finite minute amount of the population attended last year?



Senator Ivan 1:08:35

Well, since this will be strictly virtual, it will be actually more convenient. Virtual events will in reality be more convenient. Opus was a physical event where people have to go travel to and spend time there I think experiences I'm experiencing something more virtual is more convenient for the time being so I am projecting if not double or triple the amount that we had prior to that if not more, because it will be used on internet platforms such as Instagram, YouTube, and so on.



Okay, hearing none. We will now move into interest to initial debate. Thank you, Senator. Ivan. Now moving to the initiative eight do any senators rise in opposition to this bill. The first three minutes will be controlled by the first senator to rise position.



Senator S. Johnson 1:09:54

Senator Johnson College of Liberal Arts I rise in opposition to this bill



VPLA LeBlanc 1:10:00

Senator Johnson, you have three minutes to speak on that opposition.



Senator S. Johnson 1:10:07

Hello, everyone. Um, I would like to say I do support the vision of this student organization, I support the creativity and the goal to present our universities talents. However, as I previously mentioned, I had a lengthy discussion with my friend who has been working in film for such a long time, and I respect her work. I just as we've said before, this is such a significant portion of our budget to the extent where joy mentioned that we would have to store it on campus as it would be state property. I looking over the budget, I found some of the some of the requests to be a little unnecessary. I feel like some of the purchases could have been covered through fundraising by the student organization, I can understand camp like large cameras and stuff like that. But I feel like for a student organization, we simply don't have the resources to entirely one organization, we have other things to consider this semester. As a student government association, I feel like we should be paying more attention to our larger student body and what they need, especially in a time of COVID, with our hurricane season going on. So I just do not think this is the proper amount of money to spend. And I yield my time for questions.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:11:44

There are no questions during this period. Sorry, guys.



Senator Roach 1:11:47

I would like to raise in opposition along with the senator senator Roach Center at large I agree that this is like an amazing thing to be able to like bring forth to the student population. And it does, however, come with a hefty price tag. Like she mentioned, this much money going to one specific student organization for them to have equipment for them to keep. If we pass this bill for one student organization at this hefty of a price range. Other student organizations could also request for this exact like, products. I know that the film department doesn't always check out their equipment to everyone. But there are other like film, things on campus. I know the unit history lab has very similar equipment to the film department and they do let students check out their equipment. yes, that's all I have to say. I also yield my time and others in opposition to the bill.



Senator Mott 1:12:50

I also rise in opposition Brendan Mott jr at large because, um, as far as I'm concerned, not a lot of people have devices that can actually view six K videos. So I think that that is way too high of a resolution for most people's standards. When it comes to watching videos on the internet.



Senator A. Johnson 1:13:12

Senator Amber Johnson College of Liberal Arts, I would also like to rise in opposition to this bill based upon the fact that some of this equipment could have been fundraised as well as loaned if you could find a production studio with the time that could loan you that by giving by also promoting them in your show. So I feel like there's other avenues to get that equipment, and I yield my time to the rest.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:13:50

Okay, guys, time has been called. she accidentally placed herself on mute. Okay. The next three minutes will be controlled by the principal sponsor of the bill. Do you have anything to say?



Senator Ivan 1:14:24

Um, yes, I do.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:14:26

Okay, you may speak you have three minutes. Thank you.



Senator Ivan 1:14:31

Again, I would all your critiques, and your questions are definitely valid, because yeah, there are other things going on. And I believe it was senator Mddie Roach or senator Sarah Johnson, who mentioned you know, what if another organization was able to do such a thing, and it was such a large amount, but it's why you know, we wanted to accomplish Opus first to show that what we are capable of that. Yeah, you know, No debut is going to be the big biggest thing ever. It's not going to be what's done. But the fact that we were able to attack at something that seemed impossible, and it was this was not run by a department. This was not run by a professor. But it was us, the young students who have a lot of talent, and we were able to get it done and have and get an accomplishment. Now, it is a daunting thing to see this price tag, and you will think about other student organizations as to why as well. But I think what is the point and you know, having a student government and having these organizations to work in the collective to experience as much as possible, like encore, we have our place as do other organizations as well. So the best thing we would like to do is to try and provide the best experience possible with what we are good at what we proved in February, a year the rest of my time.

V VPLA LeBlanc 1:15:58
Okay, next is we will now ask if there are any senators that rise in support of this bill.

S Senator Broussard 1:16:15
I senator Matthew Broussard College of Liberal Arts, I'd like to rise in support of this bill. I like what this group is doing. I know it seems kind of expensive. But at the same time, my understanding is that SGA has had a bit of a surplus and budget. I'm on a semesters to semester basis. And I don't know why we shouldn't use that money if it's consistently not getting used, especially because I personally believe student engagement is going to be like a really low this semester, that might just be me. But with COVID a lot more students not being on campus. I have not seen the most engaged student body at UNO just because it's a little smaller than some places. So I think giving an extra boost to anything, when we have a lot of off student or off campus students is really important to keep any sort of engagement whatsoever, or else it's just going to tank. So I fully support this. Other than I know there was a question about where this equipment would be kept. And I did have a question about that. As a new Senator, I don't know. Can we table things?

J Joy Ballard 1:17:54
Yes, you can make a motion to table at any time.

S Senator Broussard 1:17:57
Okay. Well, I would like to make a motion to table this bill.

S Senator A. Johnson 1:18:06
Senator amber Johnson College of Liberal Arts. I second that motion.

V VPLA LeBlanc 1:18:12
Motion has been called

S Senator Roach 1:18:13
I object to the Tabling of this bill. Senator Roach Center at large I object because I would like a like, an actual reason behind the Tabling of it. I don't know if that was specified. But if it was, would you re specify that for me?

- S** Senator Broussard 1:18:30
Absolutely. Um, I would like to table this bill, just so that since the concern came up about where the equipment would be stored, um, that that just be clarified. So we table that while they can further clarify that it seems like there was a question as to how that would be done. And again, I support this bill, but that's a very important point to clarify, before we pass it.
- S** Senator Roach 1:18:53
Objection withdrawn. Senator Roach. Center at large,
- V** VPLA LeBlanc 1:18:57
great objection has been withdrawn. And there is a motion to table this bill and it was properly seconded.
- S** Senator Ivan 1:19:04
May I answer? No. Wait,
- V** VPLA LeBlanc 1:19:06
wait, wait one second. Are there any further objections to this bill? So move, motion carries. Go ahead, Ivan.
- S** Senator Ivan 1:19:20
Oh, just to answer senator broussard question about where it will be stored. As I said, I already own the correct storage material that we can be assisted with locking key, I can gladly hand it over to SIL or the student government organization for them to lock all the equipment up. And they will just own the key to it so that way, they will be the only ones who have access to retrieve that material.
- S** Senator Broussard 1:19:43
Okay, that sounds super awesome. I would just, I guess if we bring it up at the next meeting, since we're tabling it if you just want to verify that you've talked to them about it.

- V** VPLA LeBlanc 1:19:58
Okay, so the bill has been tabled, we will speak with you, Ivan, About what? You know how we're gonna move forward with that. All right. Next thing on the agenda is open forum. And this we will speak about anything for the betterment of SGA. And we have 12 minutes on the clock
- S** Senator S. Johnson 1:20:29
Senator Sarah Johnson College of Liberal Arts, if I may say one more thing, I'm not if it wasn't especially relevant to the conversation of may recommend that we definitely edit the bill because I am behind the ideas behind the bill and what you're trying to do. However, I think it would be much easier to gain the support of the senate with some editing, perhaps you could talk to other other senators and come to a consensus with them first, in an edited form of the bill could come to the
- S** Senator Ivan 1:21:04
Senator Ivan college liberal arts. Thank you, Sarah for that, and I'll get wiped on that. That's a great idea.
- V** VPLA LeBlanc 1:21:15
Any other things that would like to be stated for the betterment of SGA?
- S** Senator Mott 1:21:19
I have a concern i would like to bring up.
- V** VPLA LeBlanc 1:21:24
Go ahead, Brendan.
- S** Senator Mott 1:21:26
Brendan Mott, Jr. at large. So, um, one thing that I noticed this semester is a library closes quite early for regular fall semester. I mean, I know it's, we have a covid semester and all, but it closes at 6pm. And at first I thought, well, maybe it's because we have a smaller student body this semester, but our student enrollment has actually gone up. So like, I thought we were paying for the library to be open 24 hours on weekdays with our tuition.

So I'm wondering, like, why can't the library at least be open to like, maybe 11pm. Even if it can't be open 24 hours? I feel like it should be open later than 6pm. Maybe till like 11 or 12 or something like that.

P President Romero 1:22:05
Can I talk? Yeah, it's open forum. Right?

V VPLA LeBlanc 1:22:08
Open Forum. Yeah.

P President Romero 1:22:10
Jullianne Romero president. Tomorrow I think is more Yeah, just more tomorrow. Me. desmin. Uh, Jason and Jalen all have meetings with the Dean of Students, which is goalz. President Nicklow and we usually bring up concerns like this, and I'll definitely bring that up. And if anybody else has anything that's worth bringing up in that meeting, they really listen to us. So I would like any concerns to be brought up right now. So you can be prepared for tomorrow.

S Senator Mott 1:22:49
Okay, if you're going to do that, actually, to further why I have this concern. So I have a concern because first of all, people have zoom classes that are sometimes later than 6pm. But if they don't have a computer to go on their zoom classes, how can they go to it? I mean, is the library offering computer rental still?

V VPLA LeBlanc 1:23:07
Yes. Okay So that so that mitigates that concern a little but also for the same reason with ProctorU will do the library's laptops work with ProctorU if they should have an exam after 6pm

S Senator S. Johnson 1:23:21
I've heard that they the laptops you can rent out do work with Proctor you I had a classmate who only use the library's laptops or proctor you for security reasons on her personal laptop, Sarah Johnson College of Liberal Arts. Sorry about that. Oh, Sarah Thompson, Sarah Johnson College of Liberal Arts. I would also like to say there even for

students who do live on campus are students who may live off campus but have hectic lives, I do think it's very important to have a study space where students can go to to dedicate their time to doing their own work. life gets very hectic, especially with all the stress going on in our lives right now. And I think to support our student body and to support students going, trying to accomplish get an education, get good grades, and eventually get a degree this semester. That's incredibly difficult. So having longer library hours is a great way to have a dedicated place for students to study right now.

A Amber Lemelle 1:24:42
I have something to say.

V VPLA LeBlanc 1:24:44
Okay. If it's a guest, can you please just state your name and then speak?

A Amber Lemelle 1:24:53
Yes, it's the clerk Amber. Hey, guys. Um, I just wanted to say that I know last week The meeting we talked about the proctorU issue. Um, I just wanted to let you guys know that I recently tweeted and at Mr. Nicklow, and he responded to me. So I just want to tell everybody that there's a direct line of communication. I haven't received the email back yet but just hoping for an email back. So yeah, just want to let that be known

S Student (guest) 1:25:27
I have a concern to bring up. Oh, ***unknown*** College of Engineering. Um, so I'm sure I'm sure parking passes have been brought up plenty of times in the past. I've heard a lot of heard of it brought up a lot. But I'm more specifically during COVID, when a lot of students aren't on campus, and a lot of students are out of jobs. And a lot of people don't have a lot of money. We're forced to pay \$150 or so to park on campus, even if we don't even have any classes. And we just want to go and study at the library. I am forced to pay that sum of money just to study, which I don't really accept that. And the only other option I have is to for paid parking, which is also pretty overpriced, which is \$5. And if like I let's say the library's open from, like, 12 to five on Sundays, I'm paying \$5 to park for five hours on campus. And normally I get my study and done in like two hours. So I feel like it's it's kind of inconvenient. And I mean, I've like I feel like there should be some way that they could at least lower the amount for the parking pass just for Coronavirus when we really don't have many classes on campus, because it kind of seems pointless to get ticketed. I just wanted to get that out there and that's all I really had to say.



President Romero 1:27:31

I think like a short spill on that because it was brought up to was goals. It was. I talked goalz about this, but somebody emailed me about it. And the short answer is, well, first of all, last year, the price had already went up for parking decals. I don't know why it went up, but it did jump up quite a bit. But this year, specifically, and just for all the years, whenever we do pay for parking decals, it doesn't just go for your parking, I mean, obviously pays to make sure the roads are, you know, good enough to drive on, make sure things are kept up as far as like, I'm, I'm trying to think of the words she use, but maintenance, I guess you could say of the school when it comes to parking? Um, so I mean, I know it's not the answer everybody wants to hear. But the answer Dr. Goalz gave me the beginning of the year was that we have to pay parking, because if you come on campus or for parking to be on campus, because if not, then there's things that won't be done to ensure parking is better.



Student (guest) 1:27:51

Shouldn't that be counted with our campus enhancement fees?



VPLA LeBlanc 1:29:00

That's a different Fee. And all of those fees descriptions are on the UNO website. If you do would like to have further discussion on that. I'll definitely refer you to Dr. Goalz, because we do not handle those specific fees in SGA.



President Romero 1:29:18

I will bring it back up to her tomorrow since it was brought up again and see if there's an update answer maybe. But I did talk to her Brendan Mott Jr. Large My only issue with that is if they did decide to lower the prices, would they give everyone a refund who already paid for it or like like how would that even work? Like if they could they even decide to do a refund now like it would or would it just have to be next semester they lower the prices.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:29:48

See Brendan there you go being smart again. You know they're not gonna give us a refund on that money.



Senator S. Johnson 1:29:55

Sarah Johnson college, to liberal arts. I don't quite remember where I heard this, but last Her doctor goalz was working on greater transparency about what the fees are for. So I know right, right now we're kind of all confused and guessing about it. But Dr. goalz is working on that. And hopefully that'll provide you with a better answer, or at least some clarification about where this discussion could go.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:30:20

When did you say she says she was done work on that? Okay. All right. That's what okay.



President Romero 1:30:32

yeah. Jullianne, president. Yeah, I think it was too. one on ones ago, because I have, I have like every other week, I have a one on one with Dr. Goalz. And she was saying that she was trying to give the bursar office and get them to update the page and to be have more clarification with things, especially like the one that says other mandatory fees, because that's the biggest fee on our fee bill, other than tuition. So a lot of people want to know, why is it so big? So she was trying to get updates on that? specifically.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:31:13

Well, I got this from a worker who I'm not going to name, they use that to raise tuition. Okay, that is their way of raising tuition because they cannot raise that \$3,000 a semester unless they go before the state. So the other mandatory fees are ways to raise tuition.



Yeah, that's exactly it.



Senator Mott 1:31:40

So I'm going to if you guys are done with that, I would like to bring up something totally different. Um, so Brendon Mott Jr. at large. So as you already know, doesn't was talking about it. But we are starting the ad hoc committee for Student Housing and Dining on campus. So I've already taken the initiative to email the director of residential life who is Amanda Robbins, and see what what let her know of this committee's existence. And she has stated that she would like a staff member, maybe like one of the professional staff members to talk with us maybe monthly or bi weekly. Or she said that, like, she doesn't know who it will be. But she would like us to, for those who are in the committee to talk

about possible times and dates, so she can figure out who would be the best person to meet with us on a regular basis.

 VPLA LeBlanc 1:32:28
And you loop me in, cc me?

 Senator Noble 1:32:32
Time.


Yes, motion to extend meeting.

 Senator Mott 1:32:36
Second, Senator mott jr. at large.

 VPLA LeBlanc 1:32:39
Okay, please restart the clock for 12 minutes.

 Senator Mott 1:32:45
I will forward those emails to you. In addition, I also reached out to the director of Dining Services, who is Richard Curtis. And he says that he is he is excited about the start of this committee, and he would like to speak with us as well. And I also, even though they're not technically run by the university, they are technically on campus housing. So privateer place did say that they would like to, if we can, they would like us to maybe table on their property so we can get to know their, UNO, students that are on their property.

 VPLA LeBlanc 1:33:15
Sorry, they say what?

 Senator Mott 1:33:17
That if we can they stay, we recommend that we table on their property so that we can so

we can get to know UNO students who live on their property.

S

Senator Crenshaw 1:33:30

Oh, good. Anybody else want to go? Just make a sure. Senator Crenshaw on college of biological science? I had a couple questions, because me and a couple other students will actually quite a few of the students that I've talked to, were having discussions about like the drop the drop date, period. And we felt like it was like really short. And I told him that I was on SGA. And I didn't know is like, I wanted to ask like Do we have any, like, say over stuff like that? Because it seems like the drop period from when the semester starts was like really early, when most people don't really know if they want to drop the class until like after test one. And I wanted to know, like, is that something that we can like affect? Or is that like, out of our range of view?

V

VPLA LeBlanc 1:34:20

So I believe that's it. I mean, we can affect anything that we choose. However, the we always 14 class days to decide on whether or not we were going to drop or not. And then I believe we have another drop date, where you get 50% refund right after the first half of the semester right after the first half of each semester. So that's been the same that hasn't changed at all. COVID didn't stop that at all. Like I think, you know, we I will definitely refer to the student calendar as well as the academic year calendar. Because those days have never changed. It's always been the same. You said you had another a couple of questions?

S

Senator Crenshaw 1:35:15

Okay, so there was, um, I was in biology lab. And there were a couple students talking about, like the proctor you like, the internet thing that you had to like buy in order to take quizzes and tests and stuff. Did we reach a verdict on that?

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VPLA LeBlanc 1:35:34

We are working on that the Finance Committee head is actually working on the, the proctorU issue. She just got more information. And she's reading in depth about it. What I will share is, in the coming couple of weeks, she will be drafting something to be submitted to Senate. So I say in about the next week or two, you guys will be receiving some information about ProctorU. It just been taken a little while to kind of comb through it. Because she's never used it. But she's, we've we talked about an exec meeting and she's gotten a better understanding about it, and something will be coming soon.

S Senator Crenshaw 1:36:18
Yeah, I just wanted to ask about it. Because, um, because they like a lot of people had like, like problems with it. And a lot of people were like talking about it. And like, like the person who brought it up, like people are talking about it, like a lot like even in like regular random class, and people are talking about it. And I said I would bring it up. So I did. Thank you.

S Senator Mott 1:36:37
Furthermore, the student who brought it up on Andrea Sturman Um, so actually, I have also been speaking with her about this, because since we have this Discord server with a few other students, we know we've been kind of discussing it on there. And we've actually compiled a letter together. And that's what she ended up sending over to Haley that now Haley's writing the resolution. Okay.

S Senator Noble 1:37:03
Noble College of Business. I've used it use proctorU before, and I've never had an issue with it. I guess my issue this semester. With this, I didn't realize it was going to be \$15 per test. Because when I used it before, mostly it was only \$4 per test. So that's the big issue. You have to test that's \$30 for distances.

S Senator Crenshaw 1:37:33
Yeah. A lot of people were having problems with that, because they were like, every nobody has money. And I was like one of the big problems like even \$15 it's like a stretch for like something like randomly and then you have to, like consecutively pay for it.

V VPLA LeBlanc 1:37:49
Absolutely. And that's per test.

S Senator S. Johnson 1:37:54
Sarah Johnson College of Liberal Arts, I will say I have used Proctor you previously in like, there's supposed to be certain procedures around the test. And let me tell you, each Proctor followed the rules differently. It was definitely interesting. Some sometimes the proctor would make me show my entire room. Sometimes they wouldn't. I remember I had crash paper and they're supposed to make you destroy the paper. But on camera, they

never made me do that. Like, the service is just questionable on its own. And, um, now that I've kind of like said like, I'm not very computer literate, let's say and since I've kind of learned more since then I'm, um, I, my first Proctor I ever had took remote control of my computer and click the bunch of things to now I'm actually like concerned, I'm like, What did they do to my computer because no other Proctor ever did that to me since. And they changed a bunch of settings. I still don't know what they did. And they could have done anything to compromise the security of my computer to be honest. So the security issue is definitely an issue I've experienced.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:39:02

Absolutely. And we spend too much money per semester to be paying for to take a test like, I don't think it's it this is that's appropriate that I think is disrespect, for. I can't see what I really won't see. But I think it's disrespectful. And it's time. I'm so happy that this is coming up. Because I really like let's say you have three tests. That's \$45. Like, no.



Senator Mott 1:39:26

And Brendon mock Jr. at large. Let's just say you have five classes where you have five tests apiece, like imagine how expensive that would be.



Senator Crenshaw 1:39:35

And then some people like most people, if you can't take the test because you can't afford it. I've heard from a couple people that they still got reprimanded because they couldn't afford to pay for it. Like some a lot of people just don't have like \$15 to just spend like that.



Senator Roach 1:39:51

Senator amber Johnson Yeah, I don't understand why they would do that. Especially if that was the point of follet access that was the point for it. You weren't supposed to spend any more money. So therefore, by having you guys pay, I haven't had any teachers do that they got, but by having you guys pay \$15 per test per class, that doesn't make any sense.



Senator S. Johnson 1:40:16

Um, I've had a sir Johnson College of Liberal Arts. This semester of all my professors have been fine with me taking the classes on Moodle. If anything, I will say perhaps the professor's there's the responses option if, but the professor's can also just slightly redesign

the class to where the students are still learning enough and learning enough of the material and being held accountable for it. While taking the test open book. That's what my professors have done. And I'm still learning the material. So this seems ridiculous. And I will say one of my roommates is a freshman and she's taking an intro course. And let me tell you, he said ProctorU and every single freshman in that class immediately shouted him down. They were not having it. So this is genuinely something campus wide. Everyone is against this. And I think that definitely that.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:41:08

Okay, well, like I say, guys, hey, Haley Fretz is working on something for ProctorU we should be getting it in about a week or two. Definitely. Anything else?



Senator Crenshaw 1:41:22

If there's something in place? Because like there are people who have already taken tests or will take tests and have to like pay the money? so well? Well, if we do end up like completely getting rid of it where they get that money back? Or will it just be like, well, we tried this now. That's it.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:41:40

I can't speak for the company. But I would, I would definitely think that we won't get that money back if you've already paid for it.



President Romero 1:41:49

President. Um, so I have faculty senate meeting once a month. And that's where like, all the professor's faculty and stuff get together and they talk about the same issues, basically, we talked about, and one of the things that came up was they were asking Miss Kathleen, which is the bookstore manager, about Proctor you because previously talk to you was included in folletn acess. And now it's not, apparently it was a little bit too complicated for the bookstore to do. So they took it off this year, which I feel like I've always said in the Faculty Senate meeting that that was a little backwards, because I do feel like if anything, it might be a little bit more beneficial this year. To have it on solid if you know if we do need to buy the books with the follet access program. Um, so I do know that faculty has been asking her like, why is it not a part of follet ? And that's a big issue with faculty senate right now is trying to figure out why that's going on. So I do want to say that, you know, I feel personally professors are trying their hardest to figure out a balance. I know a lot of professors and then meeting were for y'all not against you. So I

just want y'all to keep that in mind too, you know, but sometimes, I guess they feel like they don't have an option to use other sources, especially whenever, you know, I don't think there was much research I guess I'm the other respondents thing as I was ProctorU, and professors had to use ProctorU before. So as a university professors were just more comfortable using that. That was kind of like the consensus of it. But they are realizing how much of a financial strain this is because it's not included, you know, at the beginning of the semester in fees or anything. So just an update on that. I haven't meeting with faculty senate this month. I believe that I can get back with y'all on that issues brought back up. And I'll also bring that up tomorrow, again with NickLow and goalz



Motion to adjourn



Senator Broussard 1:44:32

Second, Matthew Broussard College of Liberal Arts.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:44:38

Motion has been called and properly seconded. Are there any objections? Hearing none, during this meeting at 6:46pm you guys have a great week. See you all next Wednesday.