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SPEAKERS

Senator Paz, Senator Beachy, VP Jayson Ray, VPLA LeBlanc, Senator Noble, Senator Bellow, Senator Fretz, Senator S. Johnson, President Romero, Senator Johnson, Senator Borsarge, Joy Ballard, Senator Roach, Senator Mott



VPLA LeBlanc 01:06

I call this meeting to order at 5:03pm. I will now call the roll. New senators, you guys are not on the roll yet. Next week you will. ***Calls Roll*** With 13 out of 17 senators here. We do meet quorum. Alright guys, moving right along on to our agenda. First, I would like to start with the approval of the agenda. As you guys know, we don't really have anything on it today. This does happen sometimes. That's okay. We will hopefully start having more things as the weeks go by, but are there any corrections or changes to today's agenda? Hearing none, with no objections to the agenda, it is approved. Next is the approval of the minutes. We did not get this past week's minutes but I think we had ones from week before we got two that we had to approve this week. So did anybody get to look at the minutes? Our SGA clerk of Senate is doing a great job with those. So, are there any corrections or changes to the minutes from two and three weeks ago? If no objections to those minutes they are approved. All right, next is communications and announcements. In this, if we have any guests here, this is one of two areas where our guests will be able to speak. We're going to start out with asking senators, are there senator, communications or announcements? This is non SGA. related.



Joy Ballard 05:54

Okay, hearing none, we'll move to none senators. Are there any non senators,

communications on announcements that are non SGA related? I have an event announcement again tomorrow, from 12:30 to 3:30. In the UC atrium, you can come and paint a pumpkin bowl with SAC. They're like these cute little ceramic trinket bowls. So had a lot of success with our last DIY event. And so we're bringing it back. So come make a pumpkin bowl tomorrow.



VPLA LeBlanc 06:41

Wonderful. Thank you. advisor balance for that information. Are there any other none senator? communications are announcements? Okay, hearing none, we'll move right along to committee reports. First is governance, does governance have a report?



Senator Noble 07:16

Yes, I do. Just really quickly, I want to thank everybody that came to either the governing documents reform committee meeting on Monday, or if you all emailed me any suggestions, I did get all of those. Any changes that we're going to make to either court of law or rules and procedures, I'll come up with a rough draft first. And then Senator Fretz is going to come up with a resolution. Before we bring it to the Senate, I will send the rough draft out for anybody to kind of go over and look at. And if you have any changes you would like to make or if I missed something, please just email me and let me know cuz it's a lot to go over. And it's easy to miss something. Or if you have any questions right now, I'll yeild my time for questions.



VPLA LeBlanc 08:15

Are Any questions for the governance committee at this time? All right, hearing none, we'll move right along. Next is rules. Senator Johnson, do you have a report for us today?



Senator Johnson 08:34

no report.



VPLA LeBlanc 08:37

Okay. Thank you. Senator. Fretz. Do you have a report for us today?



Senator Fretz 08:43

Just a quick one. I'm just waiting to hear back from joy about meeting with the CFO for the school to talk about a reserve account. And other than that, we've been good.



VPLA LeBlanc 08:52

Thank you. Are there any questions? Would the Finance Committee at this time? Okay, hearing none, we'll move right along. Thank you, Senator Fretz. Next is student affairs. Senator Bryant, did you make it in? I don't think he has a report. The only thing that I know he has been sharing with me is the senate forum that will be taking place November 17. We will be reaching out to our advisor to see about doing some in person ideas that he had that we spoke about during that exec meeting earlier at noon. So you guys stay tuned for that. Okay, the next thing is on campus dining and housing I made sure to get that this time. Senator Mott, do you have a report for us?



Senator Mott 10:07

A quick one. So our committee has decided to meet bi weekly have a zoom meeting where we discuss on current issues related to on campus dining and housing. Um, and if any of you have an issue you would like me or one of our my committee members to present you can always email me. I'll put my email in the chat below. Overall, we're just trying to improve the quality of life for students who live on campus and use dining services. And I yield the rest of my time for questions.



President Romero 10:41

I have a question. Jullianne Romero. Okay, I see that like, for chick fil a, the menu has changed. Is there like a reason why that was changed because, the menu is way smaller.



Senator Mott 11:12

We actually did discuss that a little bit during the meeting and on what's going on is they're not making a lot of profit from chick fil a this semester. That's what I heard on during my committee meeting. That's kind of the issue with a lot of the dining services this semester, why hours? keep getting cut? Why, um, why on menus, keep changing and stuff like that.



President Romero 11:46

Thank you.



VPLA LeBlanc 11:46

Thank you, Senator Mott. Does anyone else have questions for the on campus dining and housing committee at this time? All right. Hearing none, we'll move right along. I want to go ahead and appoint senator Mott as a temporary pro temp, Senator Noble did have to leave. senator mott The only thing I need you to take care of is the time.



Senator Mott 12:14

Okay. I will do that, sir.



VPLA LeBlanc 12:18

All right, next is other reports. First up is the president. She will have six minutes to speak followed by three minutes of q&a. Madam President, you have the floor.



President Romero 12:38

Thank you, President Romero. I don't really have much for y'all. I just want to say thank you for passing the bill last week. I'm sorry, I couldn't make the whole meeting. But I'm thankful that y'all considered it, y'all pass it. And hopefully soon, or whenever it's done building, we get to use it. And y'all will get to the full advantages of it. I just want to express my appreciation to y'all. Also, I can't like, I can't express enough how happy I am about the election day resolution because I keep getting more and more feedback from it. Stanford just passed a resolution similar and it went through and they got it approved by their Chancellor, President. Xavier, their president came over to my office Tuesday, and I helped him go through a resolution based on what y'all wrote. And I gave y'all full credit, because I literally had nothing to do with this resolution. Other than signing it, like it was all y'all and I'm just so happy that we're getting the feedback we're getting. Last but not least next week is police brutality week. That's something that we put in our resolution over the summer. We have a lot of events that we're going to be doing. I'll have a full schedule of events tomorrow posted on our Instagram. So stay tuned to look for what things are going to be happening over that week. I would really appreciate it if y'all would, you know, come show out, because we all voted on it. This is something that we all agreed on. And it's very important that we show a community whenever we do things like this that we said we were going to do. But other than that, that's it. Like I said, Thank you all so much. I yield my time for questions.



Senator Mott 14:37

I do have a question? Brendan Mott, Jr. at large. My question is, I know on the diversity Engagement Center on bill that we passed. There was a few different floor plans. Do we know which one is going to be used yet?

P President Romero 14:54
I'm not sure I can ask Dr. Anderson though, and report back next week.

V VPLA LeBlanc 15:03
Thank you, Madam President. Does anyone else have any question?

S Senator S. Johnson 15:07
Senator Sarah Johnson college of liberal arts. I wanted to ask you, Jullianne, have you heard back about the library hours? Maybe from the Dean of the library? Anything?

P President Romero 15:19
No, I haven't. But I put it on our agenda to really talk about it at our meeting tomorrow with administration, so I made sure to put it on there. So they can talk about it, and they don't avoid the questions.

S Senator S. Johnson 15:32
Yeah, I have heard. Someone did say that. The university cut funding to the library. So they don't they don't have the money to pay the staff for the overnight anymore. So that's something to consider and discuss with them. But uh, thanks for trying. I appreciate it.

V VPLA LeBlanc 15:51
Thank you. Does anyone else have any questions for the president at this time? All right. Thank you, Madam President.

P President Romero 16:02
Thank y'all. Y'all have a great evening.



VPLA LeBlanc 16:06

Okay, next is vice president is vice president Ray here?



VP Jayson Ray 16:11

Yes, I'm here.



VPLA LeBlanc 16:12

Okay, sir, you have six minutes to speak, followed by three minutes of questions.



VP Jayson Ray 16:16

Alrighty. I'm going to put these in the chat after but the amount in the reserve account is \$38,488 and 68 cents, and the reserve amount is \$193,088. And then the other thing I have is that our Senate retreat is going to be tomorrow from two to approximately 4pm. Joy sent out the agenda yesterday. So hopefully a good bit of you can make it tomorrow. And we'll have a good day learning about student government, constitution, and all that good stuff. And I yield the rest of my time for questions.



VPLA LeBlanc 17:04

Does anyone have any questions for the Vice President at this time?



Senator Mott 17:10

I do have a question on Brendan Mott Jr. at large. The email didn't include a zoom link, do we know when the zoom link is going to be set for the retreat?



VP Jayson Ray 17:21

I didn't include the link, but the zoom code is in the agenda. Okay. I can I can send the link as well.



Senator Mott 17:28

Okay, thank you so much.



Senator Roach 17:31

Hi, i also have a question. Senator Roach Center at large. If we are only able to make it for like, half will that count as our like, thing of the year? or do we need also come to the one in the spring.



VP Jayson Ray 17:46

Um, if you're only able to make half, I will count it. But I recommend coming to the one in the spring just so you could get all the information.



Senator Roach 17:56

Great. Thank you



VPLA LeBlanc 18:00

Are there any other questions for the vice president? All right. Thank you, Mr. Vice President, I appreciate you. Next is vice president of Legislative Affairs. That's me, I have six minutes to speak. Followed by three minutes of questions. Really don't have a report. The only thing I really have is comments. When I would like to thank each and every one of you for coming every week. During these past couple of weeks. I know it's been a challenge for all of us, as we all have different things that we're doing. This pandemic has not let up at all. In fact, it is getting more and more aggressive. I've been told that there are confirmed cases where some folks have had the virus once. And now they have it again. I really just hope that everybody is staying safe. staying indoors, and just doing whatever it is you have to do to keep you and your family safe. This is some trying times and you know, we don't have a cure yet. And it looks like our government doesn't know which way to go. However, nevertheless, um, so yeah, but thank you. Thank you, thank you. I really do appreciate it. I did mention to you guys that we will be having a senate forum I wanted to speak on that just really quickly. It's going to be November the 17th. And we are going to try to get at least one representative from each college to be there to talk to students. Um, and hopefully that will be great. On that day, um, another thing that I just want to And if anybody you know, I know, again, we've had trouble with certain issues in the past, but if anybody is ever feeling like they need to talk, I'm here. I'm always here. And no matter what day or night rain or shine, just call me text me, email me. And we can try to work that things out. That is it. I'm going to yield the rest of my time for questions if you have any. All right, and we will be moving right along. Next is the Vice President of programming. She did send me her report and I will pull it up here. Okay, and just a few updates. SAC has finished the calendar planning for the remainder of the semester and beginning next week. We will be hosting an event every other week. In addition to our

weekly meetings. Our first event is a door decorating and costume contest. If you guys would like to participate the details on our on our program. We will also be having a do it yourself pumpkin bowl on tomorrow at 12:30pm. Next week for police brutality week SAC will be hosting a take what you need wall beginning at 12:30. In regards to retaining members, we will be having event planning tips and team building at our general assembly meetings each week and the best event our members create will be posted in the spring. Lastly, the president, public relations, and special events coordinators chairs will be open in the spring. We will be starting to prepare for the interview process in November. In addition to chair openings, we also as a team have decided to update requirements to hold an executive position and SAC. Once that has been finalized, I will be more than happy to submit this information to SGA. Best Jalen S. Johnson, president of SAC. If you have any questions for her, I will go ahead and post her email in the chat for everyone to see. All right. Next, we will be moving along to advisor Ballaed, do you have a report for us?



Joy Ballard 22:54

I do. Hey, y'all, I am working on getting the meetings together with the CFO and some of that stuff. So those are all happening, those are running a little slow. Um, thanks, pandemic, um, the number of days people are on campus is very random, making it very hard to schedule a lot of things. So anyway, we're working on it. Um, outside of that, I don't have a lot happening this week. So I have a brief word of encouragement. Um, I do just want to say thanks for all that y'all have been doing. I mean, really, and truly, y'all have passed way more things than I thought we would get done in the middle of a pandemic. I am very impressed with the work you're doing. I know that it can be easy to be like, oh, there's nothing on the agenda right now. So it's really easy to get down about that and think that we're not doing enough. But I just want to encourage you like you are doing good things, things are happening. People are taking notice of that. And maybe for the next few weeks, while instead of trying to come up with outside things. I think it's an Okay, time for SGA to focus on ourselves a little bit. Um, I'm really proud of the work y'all are doing with their form committees. I'm excited to get into some conversations on that. And like why we're changing roles, what that means that I'm excited to have those conversations with you. I'm excited to look at the 87 ***unknown***. I'm excited about open forums, getting back started. There are good things happening. I think now's a good time to promote some positive SGA. So I hope that y'all will take that to heart and keep working on getting more people in the Senate. Keep doing things to make SGA better, because I think y'all are doing a fantastic job of representing students at this time. With that, I will yield the rest of my time for questions.

S Senator Bellow 25:14
Sorry, Alex bello. Interdisciplinary Studies motion to be recognized. Second, Brendan Mott Jr. at large.

V VPLA LeBlanc 25:32
All right, with 14 out of 17. Senators present we still meet quorum. So next, we don't have any new business or old business or nomination appointments at this time. So we will move along to the end, which is open forum. We have 12 minutes, and this is anything for the betterment of SGA. Before we continue, I would like for our newcomers to introduce themselves and just let us know a little bit about them.

S Senator Beachy 26:37
My name is Wyatt. I've been nominated to one of the two seats of freshmen at large. I'm super excited to be in the Student Government trying to make a positive impact in our community. I am also just yesterday, got appointed to Senator motts. On campus dining and Housing Committee, and I'm super excited to be there and to be discussing those policies and trying to make an impact there as well. So um, yeah, nice to meet everyone.

V VPLA LeBlanc 27:06
Thank you, Next, Jennifer Pass.

S Senator Paz 27:32
Hi. I'm Jennifer. I'm in my junior year. I am a business administration major. And I'm really excited to be part of this, because this is really my first year of getting involved. I'm really excited to hear what other students have to say as far as like our policies on campus. And I also want to learn new leadership skills as well as networking within the campus. I feel like now, more than ever, because of the virus. I feel really disconnected with everybody else on campus. So that's another reason why I decided to get involved. So I'm really excited to be here.

V VPLA LeBlanc 28:22
Thank you, Miss Jennifer. Welcome. We really are happy that you're with us. Is Kaylee here?



Senator Borsarge 28:35

Hey, my name is Kaley Borsarge. I'm also a freshman. I'm in the College of Business Administration. I don't really have much to say other than I'm really excited to be working with you guys. I was in the Student Government in my high school. All four years. I was a treasurer. It was a lot of fun. I really enjoyed just getting involved with the community at the school and working with everyone and helping everyone out. I enjoy the idea of you know, passing new things for us to have around campus and whatnot. And yeah, I'm just excited to be working with you guys. And I'm ready to see what we'll get accomplished in these next few years.



VPLA LeBlanc 29:29

All right, thank you. We welcome you here. Um, I don't see Miss Washington, but she is also one of our newly elected senators. So hopefully we have her next week. Um, so great. Welcome all of you. And as I said earlier, you guys will be sworn in at the end of this meeting. So you guys will be able to talk and do all the wonderful things starting next week. Does anyone else have anything they want to share with us? while we're still an open forum?



Senator Fretz 30:06

I Haley Fretz graduate at large, just because we're on the subject, what will that put us in total of senators, once they're sworn in?



VPLA LeBlanc 30:13

That will put us in total 21 And then that will after we appoint if the person who will be appointed next week into Senate, that will bring us up to 22. So, now at least 22 senators so far.



Senator Fretz 30:35

Follow up Haley Fretz, graduate at large, when do we get our election results? Or is that already in.



VPLA LeBlanc 30:44

Advisor Ballard?



Joy Ballard 30:49

770 people voted. None of the seats were contested. So all of them were elected. That's the four new people. But 770 people did open the email and vote. And considering that there was really nothing contested on the ballot. I will take that.



Senator Fretz 31:11

Haley fretz, graduate at large that sounds really close to the number that was for last semester, right, as long as it was in the 600. So that's pretty good. Right?Awesome. Awesome.



VPLA LeBlanc 31:24

Thanks. Anyone else?



Senator Bellow 31:30

Interdisciplinary Studies. Just making certain everyone is mindful. You may not know about it, because it's pretty quiet. And they've been trying to keep it a secret. But there's an important election coming up. And early voting in Louisiana starts Friday, through Tuesday, October 27. And, of course, Election Day is November 3. So please vote. please encourage everybody you know, to vote those who can vote legally because we don't want any illegal votes taking place. So yeah, it's it's an important election year and I think us being you know, elected representatives of in our local community on our local campus. We should lead the way with that. Thank you.



VPLA LeBlanc 32:22

Thank you, Senator bellow for that information. Yes. Like you said they are trying to keep it hush but there is an election coming. Okay. Anyone else?



32:38

Motion to adjourn



Senator Mott 32:43

Brendan Mott Jr. at large. I second that motion.



VPLA LeBlanc 32:45

All righty. motion has been called and properly seconded. Are there any objections?
Alrighty, I now. adjourn this meeting at 5:35pm. You guys have a great rest of your week.



Senator Bellow 32:59