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SPEAKERS

Dr. Anderson, VP Jayson Ray, Senator Callahan, Amber Lemelle, Senator Plasse, VPLA LeBlanc, Senator Noble, Senator Bellow, Senator Mott, Senator Crenshaw, Senator Ngetich, President Romero, Senator Fretz, Joy Ballard, Dr. Goalz, Olivia (guest)



VPLA LeBlanc 00:01

r I call this meeting to order at 5:04pm. I would like to nominate Brendan Mott as the pro temp. I will now call roll. *** Roll Call*** with 15 out of 17 senators here, we do meet quorum. Senator Mott. Senator Noble is here. I'm going to go ahead and change the call signs back to Senator noble as the pro temp. So you have been relieved of that duty, sir. Thank you. All right. So next we're going to be doing the approval of the agenda. Are there any corrections or changes to today's agenda? Hearing none. All right, with no objections, the agenda is approved. Next is approval of the minutes. Are there any corrections or changes to the minutes from last meeting I believe we got September 16 and 23rd. On today so if anyone had had time to review the minutes on any corrections that you may have seen?



Senator Fretz 04:58

I didn't have any time to review. Is there a way we can review, because there was two of them?



VPLA LeBlanc 05:10

You can always come back to them if we need to.

S Senator Fretz 05:15
that would be good. As long as if there is an error. We can still fix it without there being an issue.

V VPLA LeBlanc 05:19
Yeah, yeah. Thank you for that.

S Senator Fretz 05:21
Awesome. Thank you. No problem.

V VPLA LeBlanc 05:25
All right, with no objections at this time. The minutes are approved. Okay, next is communications and announcements. Are there any senator communications and announcements? You'll have three minutes to speak and these are anonymous or non SGA related at this time. Anything going on in world senators? Okay, hearing none, we will move next to the non senators and our guests does any guests have anything to share with us at thistime? advisor ballad?

J Joy Ballard 05:59
Hi, um, this week, we are hosting an event called Dear World. This is SGA's privateer plunge event. We need more people to come and participate in storytelling sessions. These are really just, it is exactly what it is. You come in, you have a conversation with people and you craft a story. It can be a big story, it can be a little story. As long as your story is meaningful to you, we would like to hear your story. So I have dropped the link to sign up for those in the chat. If you have time this week, there are several open sessions and we would love to have you. Thank you, advisor Ballard. there any other non center communications and announcements. This is one of two times our guests will have to speak to us that are non issue.

A Amber Lemelle 06:54
Hello, um, it's the clerk Amber, can I say something right now?

V VPLA LeBlanc 06:58

Yes, ma'am.

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Amber Lemelle 07:00

Okay, Hey, guys, I'm sorry, on my phone, because my data is really slow. So I couldn't get on the video, but I just wanted to please clarify and ask everyone before they say anything, can you please at least say your name. Um, because if I don't know who's speaking, I usually have to put unknown speaker. And even if you are responding to someone and you just spoke, I would still ask you to put your name just because sometimes people talk at the same time. And some people, I don't recognize everyone's voice yet. So I'm not able to put it just by the top of my head. So I just really would appreciate it. If y'all say at least your name. Whenever you speak in a meeting pretty please. That is all. Thank you.

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VPLA LeBlanc 07:53

Thank you. And that was our SGA clerk. It is standard that we do see our names and the colleges that we represent. I know sometimes we forget that. But even when we're doing a follow up questions, we need to state that information for record keeping purposes. So thank you for that. Are there any other non senator communications and announcements?

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Olivia (guest) 08:18

hey guys, I just wanted to introduce myself. My name is Olivia. I'm a sophomore in the College of Business Administration. And I think I had a second to say hello, but I know some people how to join since but I'm interested in a senator position. And I just wanted to come on the call and see what it's all about. So excited to be here. Thank you.

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VPLA LeBlanc 08:42

Okay, great. Great. So we'll be in touch. Thank you for introducing yourself. All right. Anything else? Guest? All right, hearing none, we will move right along. Next is committee reports. Does governance have a report for us today?

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Senator Noble 09:15

Yes, I just have a quick report.

V VPLA LeBlanc 09:17
Yes, ma'am.

S Senator Noble 09:22
Okay, so um, I've been tasked with going over the court of laws and the rules and procedures, just to make sure that everything is up to date and easy to understand. If you've gone through the court of laws or the rules and procedures and you find something made, maybe you don't understand or you have any questions about it, please let me know because I did form. What does that mean? And I have formed a committee and we're going to be meeting on October 12. Me and seven other senators will meet. We're going to go over both documents and make sure that everything is clear and easy to follow so that we there'll be no confusion. All right, thank you. I yield the rest of my time.

V VPLA LeBlanc 10:12
Are there any questions for the Governance Committee at this time? Okay, hearing none, we'll move right along. Next is rules. Senator Amber Johnson is away on some personal business. She did tell me she did not have a report at this time. Next is finance does finance have a report for us at this time.

S Senator Fretz 10:44
At this time, the only thing that I wanted to say again, is that we're waiting to hear from the CFO from the school so that we can chat with them about the reserve. But other than that, that's it.

V VPLA LeBlanc 10:58
Thank you. Are there any questions for the Finance Committee here at this time?

S Senator Fretz 11:02
Forgive me. I'm so sorry. Amber Haley Fretz graduate at large.

V VPLA LeBlanc 11:11
Are there any questions for the Finance Committee at this time? Next is Student Affairs. The senator Bryant make it in yet? Okay

S Senator Noble 11:26
I believe he sent an email asking for a proxy.

V VPLA LeBlanc 11:30
I didn't. I didn't get that information.

S Senator Noble 11:40
show the Governance Committee. College of Business.

V VPLA LeBlanc 11:47
I'll check. Double check. Thank you Senator Noble for that information. Okay. We'll move right along to other reports. And next is president. Madam President, are you in Do you have a report for us today?

S Senator Mott 12:03
I think you skipped on my on my report

V VPLA LeBlanc 12:08
Sorry about that. Senator mind. on campus. I'm sorry about that as well, Madam President. One campus dining and housing.

S Senator Mott 12:15
Senator Brendan Mott Jr. at large. I do have a short report. So the short report is that we've actually come up with a meeting time, which will be 7pm on Tuesdays. So if anyone is interested in an on a meeting with the dining and Housing Committee, it's going to be like an open format for committee members. If any of you want to join the committee you can just email me. I'll put my email below. And you can see about joining the committee right now we are talking about some issues with dietary restrictions in campus dining, such as like vegetarian options, vegan options, people with food allergies, and then we're talking about for residential life many issues that residents are seeing build up in their rooms and throughout the halls. So we're going to be talking with dining services and residential life about these concerns that students have brought to our attention.



VPLA LeBlanc 13:17

Thank you. For that information. Again, my apologies. Are there any questions for the on campus dining and housing committee here at this time? Hearing none, we'll move along now to other reports. First, we'll have the president. Madam President, do you have a report for us today?



President Romero 13:41

I do. Jullianne Romero. SGA. President. So I'm first before I get into the nitty gritty of my report. I will not be here the whole meeting. I know I'm the author of the diversity Engagement Center bill, but I will be driving from the French Quarter to metairie on this very heavy traffic day. So I will not zoom and drive. But Alex bellow is more than capable of representing this bill. He's probably knows more than I do. So I just wanted to throw that out there. Like Desmond had mentioned earlier we have Dr. Anderson and Dr.Goalz here to give extra information and clarification about the bill. I do have a resolution response from the ProctorU resolution. So I'm going to read the whole thing. And then you can ask questions after. Dr. Nicklow said, "We recognize anxiety and financial hardship that the pandemic has created for many of our students. And I agree with the issues raised in this SGA resolution. We remain concerned about the well being of students caused by a variety of factors including assessment services such as property you, our offices, the deans and department chairs and the Center for teaching innovation have worked closely to try to reduce the financial burden on students. Find new assessment tools and educate and train faculty on alternative assessment options. We agree that online proctoring is not an ideal process. And we know that most students adhere to ethical behavior, regardless of the proctoring service or other assessment methods. As this is the case, at all other institutions across the country, the University of New Orleans faculty operates under a compact called academic freedom under this contract administration cannot immediately remove or permanently ban the use and requirement of ProctorU as we do not have the authority to dictate the assessment methods. Doing so would be similar to administration mandating which textbook a faculty member is to use, which is clearly not appropriate. With that said, we do want to highlight that the faculty senate has expressed support for discontinuing the use of ProctorU, the faculty senate is working on developing a recommendation to their peers. Based on that guidance I fully expect that Proctor U will be utilized even less in future semesters, that would be our desired outcome as well. Earlier this year, we purchased respondus as a free alternative service for students and have encouraged its use by faculty. However, like any similar technology service respond as has its limitations in terms of platform accessibility, as well as meeting the faculty's requirement for comprehensive proctoring. Nevertheless, we have asked faculty members to reduce the number of proctored examinations and seek other assessment types. Dr. Tina Johnson, Associate Provost for faculty and diversity fairs in

conjunction with CTI is working diligently with chairs and faculty on a process to identify and implement alternatives. We encourage students to speak to their instructors and chairs directly to express their preferences as well as we shift toward a more inclusive assessment system." That was it. Just to clarify, too, I was in the Faculty Senate meeting last month and like I said in previous meetings, most of them don't like ProctorU. They have also been faced with these issues. Like he said in the letter they are trying to find alternatives, and maybe have like a recommendation. So I think that even though this might not be the response we wanted for the resolution, it is a step in the right direction. It shows us like we have our voice to say that students don't like this, as well as the faculty. So I think with these two, I think it'll be a stronger foot forward. Last part of my report, is be safe this weekend. I know we're all not in New Orleans, I know we're all spread out across the coast. Um, so just think about yourselves, be safe. Don't go into harm's way whenever the storm passes. If you need anything reach out. And that is all. Any questions. I yeild my time.

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Senator Fretz 18:40

Haley Fretz, Graduate at large. I was just curious if Dr. Nicklow had any suggestions on how to speak to teachers or convince teachers that it isn't a good option should students bring in the resolution to a teacher? At this point, it sounds like we just would have to convince individual teachers and I'm I'm worried that the students won't necessarily have those tools. So is there any suggestions for advising your professors?

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President Romero 19:13

I know personally, I just told my professor the issues of ProctorU based on our resolution. I did talk about the resolution even though I ha passed I was like these are things that we notice. I don't have any clear cookie cutter answer for that. I'm so sorry. because professors are all different. Some will understand some might not care as much. So maybe reach out to the provost on how to reach out to faculty. He's in charge of faculty if I'm not mistaken, so he probably would have a better I don't wanna say template, but like, way to ask.

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Senator Fretz 20:08

Haley Fretz graduate at large. I just wanted to. I mean, it's not for me, as I've stated many times, I don't use ProctorU, but I just wanted anyone listening to maybe have a little bit of a jumpstart on maybe what to do. Thank you.

V VPLA LeBlanc 20:20
Are there any other questions at this time?

S Senator Bellow 20:29
Yes, Alex Bellow, Interdisciplinary Studies. So obviously, we're not moving to discontinue property, you and some students have voiced the fact that they don't have the funds. So what support is available to students who are who are genuinely in need, they don't have the funds to pay for the day, but many of you who have spoken say that cost \$15 and \$20. And, you know, that can be a hardship for a student who, you know, just doing the best they can get books and everything else. So I think as the representatives of the student body, we should consider some way of helping support a student who are genuinely in need.

P President Romero 21:29
I don't have an answer for that. Jullianne SGA. President, I don't have an answer for that, but I'm writing it down for now. I will reach out, we have a meeting with administration next week. I will try to get that information ASAP, because I do think we should look into resources for people to pay for it. I believe that it used to be.

S Senator Noble 21:55
Time.

V VPLA LeBlanc 21:57
Time has been called

S Senator Bellow 22:00
Senator Alex Bellow Interdisciplinary Studies motion to extend time.

S Senator Fretz 22:06
Second, Haley Fretz graduate at large

V VPLA LeBlanc 22:09

time has been extended by six minutes. You may continue, Madam President.



President Romero 22:12

Thank you all. I'm Jullianne president. I believe that it used to be part of the the thing we pay for in the bookstore, the follet access program used to be part of it, and they discontinued it. Then obviously, I feel like now would have been more helpful. I think last year whenever the pandemic started, professors couldn't use ProctorU in the middle of the semester because it had to be on the syllabus. So now professors can use it because they put it on their syllabus, but it's not on follet anymore. So they kind of like picked the wrong time to discontinue it. Of course, we all couldn't haveknown how extensive Coronavirus would have been. But I will look into ways that we can maybe provide resources for proctoring. I was a good suggestion. Thank you, Alex.



Senator Bellow 23:15

Thank you, ma'am.



VPLA LeBlanc 23:19

Great. Are there any other questions for the president at this time? All right, hearing none. Thank you, Madam President.



President Romero 23:29

Thank you.



VPLA LeBlanc 23:31

Report. Next is the Vice President is Vice President Ray in?



VP Jayson Ray 23:38

Yes, I did.



VPLA LeBlanc 23:41

You have six minutes.



VP Jayson Ray 23:42

Thank you. Jayson Ray SGA. Vice President. The total on our operating account is \$38,488 and 68 cents, the total in reserve account at the time is \$222,423. Our SGA retreat is going to be next Thursday, October 15. It's going to start at 2pm. And approximately around 4pm. I will send out an agenda to everyone next Tuesday. Just a note on that every senator is required to attend one of two retreats per year to stay in good standings with SGA. Additionally, I will be forming a student fee committee pretty soon and I'll be looking for two senators to be on the committee. If anyone is interested. Please let me know you can email me, I will drop my email in the chat as well. I yield the rest of my time for questions.



Senator Fretz 24:48

Haley Fretz graduate at large. Vice President, could you place those numbers in the chat so that you don't have to repeat them for us and could you do that whenever you're telling the numbers?



VP Jayson Ray 24:57

Yep.



Senator Fretz 24:58

Thank you so much.



Senator Crenshaw 25:04

Senator Crenshaw College of Biological Sciences. I have chem lab from 2:00 to 4:45. So when will the other arm retreat be?



VP Jayson Ray 25:17

It will be it will be next semester.It's one per semester..



VPLA LeBlanc 25:27

Thank you vice president Ray, are there any other questions for the vice president at this time? Alrighty, we'll move right along. Next is vice president of Legislative Affairs. That would be me. I do have a report. There is very light report this meeting. I have six minutes

to speak as well. As Senator Noble said, we are working on the governing documents Reform Committee. Senators were pre selected for that. If any senators has any for those who read it, and for those who need to read it, I would encourage you to, if you have any questions or comments about anything regarding our code of laws, or our Senate rules and procedures, please address them with our governance committee head. If she can't clear them up, if you would like to make a suggestion to what we need to do to clear that up in our laws, she will be the one that you will send that information to, given everybody's schedules, we did choose one day for this committee to kind of convene, and we are working on a document that is we're going to go through that document, so that everyone's views can be heard in order and you know, on time, and we have some structure of things that we will follow. After that, we can discuss other things in the document that may not be in our role. So if anyone, again has anything that they would like to change, and our governing documents, please let senator noble know. I think she did put her email in the in the chat, for that. Next thing I did get some students who talked to me about their ProctorU incident. One in particular that kind of touched my heart was they had to decide whether or not they were going to take their t test or eat. Because, quote, they had \$33 in their account and the test was \$31. Our students should not have to do this. This is utterly ridiculous that we have to do this. I took a proctoru test that cost me \$20. However, whatever that person did to my settings on my computer, my computer crashed. And I couldn't take my test on time. Therefore, I was 45 minutes late. I wound up failing the test. Needless to say, senators, we have to figure something out for our students. This just won't work. I know our university has given us respondus. I think based on what I've been hearing, it's a great tool. I think we may want to reach out to several other students to see how they're feeling as well. So all of you are in different colleges. Reach out to your your Dean's and your chairs and see have they've been hearing things from students and get back to me on that. I would love to know more. Like I said, I've been hearing from students. I know many of you have probably as well. But I just want to make sure that we include everyone so that they all know Do you have a question?



29:16

It's a comment.



VPLA LeBlanc 29:17

Okay, well, comments are not allowed at this time. If you have any. If you have a question for me, that would be great. All right, hearing none, comments will be allowed to an open forum.. Hearing none, we will continue to move forward. The Vice President of programming is she in it this time? I didn't get an email from her saying she had a report so we'll move on with the advisor. Do you have a report for us?



Joy Ballard 29:52

I will try to make it quick. Um, so this week a SGA elections are happening. You should have gotten a ballot To your email, so a please vote, you may have noticed, there's not a lot of people running. As a matter of fact, there are four people running for the SGA Senate. I've told y'all this many times, to be a representative body, we have to be a full body and we have to recruit. So that being said, I did put a note on the ballot that if you if there is no one in your college to vote for, because that was the case for most colleges, to contact SGA to run. I've had several people reach out who are interested in an appointment. So that is good. I am happy that they are doing such but ultimately, it is a student government, and I need you guys to recruit. So you have any friends, people in your college that you talk to, obviously, there are things going on on campus that people have concerns about, let's get them here to share those concerns. So that brings me into my other point, which plays into our, the resolution that y'all wrote, um, as well as moving forward. I think I shared this with the execs today, but y'all are obviously talking to other people, I hear that in my conversations with you, and I hear that and the senate meetings, but the bills that are being written, um, don't necessarily convey that I'm, for example, on the proctoru bill, there's a whole petition with hundreds of signatures of students think that this is a problem that's not on there. And so whenever we write something coming from 15 senators, they're 17 of you now my bad. 17 senators, we've got to bring receipts that we've talked to other people, or else, it's the opinion of 17 students, right. So this is my pep talk, encouragement. I don't think you're not doing the work necessarily. I think you need to tell other people and reach out. We also need to fill senate seat. So help me make that happen. Um, the other concern that I've heard a lot about from y'all is the reserve account. So I want to touch base on that y'all have asked for a meeting with the CFO. And I have spoke to Dr. Goalz this week and last week, and we have been talking for a long time about that there needs to be a student fee committee. This is just a university committee that needs to exist, to look at student fees. This is a perfect time to bring that up and get that started. So I've reached out to some of y'all, this committee will be composed of all of SGA This is not a Senate committee, um, before the Senate does not have to vote to create this committee or anything like that. Um, but it will be representative, it'll have an exec a couple of senators, a member of SAC, and a member of our justice. That way, we fully represent who we are as a student government, and are just a little bit more representative of students and with that, that's all of my report. Say Do you have any questions for me?



VPLA LeBlanc 33:43

Does anyone have any questions at the advisor at this time?

J Joy Ballard 33:49
Wow. Okay.

V VPLA LeBlanc 33:52
Thank you guys. Next, we move on to the good stuff, y'all. Old business. The item on our old business is the diversity bill. So I'm going to ask that the principal author and sponsor take themselves off mute. Introduce yourself, let us know what we're talking about again, if you don't mind.

S Senator Bellow 34:25
Thank you. Thank you, sir. President Romero had to jump off off the call because she is stuck in traffic and needing to be certain pay attention to the road. Senator Alex Bellow Interdisciplinary Studies. We offered this bill last week in our meeting last week. Because we believe in light of the times in which we're living. We need to have a space on campus that represents multiculturalism and diversity. Prior to our meeting last week, I was given the opportunity to meet with Dr. Anderson, who is leading the programming for this spacing. One of my biggest concerns was that this was not a place that would be excluding anyone. I know the talk of diversity came out of, you know, our Black Lives Matter resolution, but I wanted it to be certain that all cultures and all communities on our campus was going to be represented with this space. And I was assured that this will be a space that where students can come and engage with one another, engage with one another, engage with faculty and staff build relationships, we all know how stressful college can be. So it's a place where they can go and relax if they need to relax the layout, the blueprint that we received last week, shows that there's also spacing for students to do work, write papers, study, whatever you need to do academically. So we really believe that this is a place that this is a place that will represent multiculturalism, it will be a place for diversity, that will be artwork representing multiple, the multiple cultures, as represented on our community on our campus, we're going to be building a library with literature that is representative of the multiple cultures that's represented in our community. It's gonna be a place also where students can just comment and relax if they need to get away from the grind of life and the grind of school. I believe this is a great way for the SGA to stand up and represent the fact that we do care about multiculturalism and that we do care about diversity online, in meeting today. We have with us our dean of students, a Dr. Carolyn Goetz, as well as Dr. Anderson, who is our associate dean of diversity and Student Affairs, we asked them to come and join us on today's meeting so that they could personally answer any questions or attempt to settle any concerns that any of the senators may have? So at this time, I'm going to yield the remainder of my time. And I'm going to ask Dr. Anderson, if you could take yourself off mute, and introduce

yourself and speak to the diversity sector, please.

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Dr. Anderson 37:56

Well, thank you all for having me. Again, my name is Dr. Anderson. As Alex mentioned, I am the Associate Dean for diversity in student affairs. I have been here for one year, two months and two days. I did get my PhD here in 2018. So I'm very familiar with the institution, I'll give kind of just a general overview, I guess of what the goal of the proposal was in the first place and where it came from. Then I will answer any specific questions along with maybe Dr. Goalz that you all maybe have about the proposal or like what this piece is going to do. So before I was here, I was at St. Mary's College in California, but before that, I was also at Tulane University. I really specifically thinking about my experience at university was the transformative nature by which what was the Office of Multicultural Affairs and I worked there and how it was kind of physically spaced to what it became, once we were able to transform the actual physical space, right, but I do kind of like if you build it, they will come type of thing, the way the space was created before, like how it is now or the diversity engagement is in a secluded space is not connected to anything else. Really. There's no connection with the staff, my physical office is not there, I am in a different location, you know, and so, at Tulane, what happened when we rearrange kind of this basically ventured out of space where everything was kind of put together in like a nice kind of collective square, we saw an immediate transition and transformation around was getting engaged with the office, it felt more connected because everything was kind of centralized into one space. I think I remember or someone mentioned something in the notes around like, you know, the difference, like the International Center, and like in many institutions have both spaces, just like we had it, you know, at Tulane, just like you had at my previous institution. At St. Mary's College California, because we serve different purposes. And so it's not just the lounge space itself, right? It is an all encompassing space. So yes, the lounge space is there. But it's also the meeting space, it's also kind of designated space for student clubs and organizations to be able to meet with one another the kind of academic space, it's about kind of creating a really kind of a culturally relevant space for students to inter interface, so connecting the social aspect with the curricular aspect of kind of the students experiences to being able to kind of put that into one place, having a space that is kind of like a, I don't know where to go. So I'm going to go here to find some answers or find community or find people who I believe are going to engage in these types of conversations, our responsibility of all of us and the whole institution to do Diversity, Equity and Inclusion work. I think it's also really important that people kind of to know where to start. And you don't really have that right now, the way that the diversity Engagement Center is kind of situated right now. It's it, I don't know, if you open that there. It's not that exciting. Like, there's nothing interesting about that, and it looks mildewy. And like, like rat trap is not cute, y'all. It's just not cute,

and it's not inviting at all. And to me, that sends a message to folks who are like looking for those types of space that like if they're not valued, right. And again, when we talk about this idea of multicultural, we're talking about everybody. But yes, there's definitely an emphasis on folks historically marginalized communities talking about talking about our students from, you know, our LGBT community, LGBT+ communities, you know, we're definitely going to be collaborating with like the Office of Disability Services, with the Women's Center, etc. To be able to do this type of work that will enhance kind of what we're doing at the entity level. But having really a central place, people just know where to go to find the answers and find community. And that's kind of the summary thing. And then I will yield the floor back to ask for people ask questions.



VPLA LeBlanc 42:06

Alrighty. Next If Dr. Anderson and Senator Bellow are finished with introduction, we will have 10 minutes of questioning. Does anyone have any questions for senator Bellow at this time? And just to clarify, Senator Bellow, if you cannot answer the question you can always use or refer to Dr. Anderson.



Senator Bellow 42:35

Thank you very much, Senator Bellow Interdisciplinary Studies. I was wondering if Dr. Goalz would like to share anything with the with the senators.



Dr. Goalz 42:46

Sure. I think some of the contexts that maybe Dr. Anderson doesn't have because she had not started yet, is that the idea for this lounge was born from a pizza with the president event where students ask for it. So this is not us deciding that we think students need the space. This is students telling us that they need this space, and they want the space and us being responsive to that. And Dr. Anderson met with student representatives from a variety of multicultural groups to work on drafting that proposal. So again, this came from students, and this is our attempt to try to meet the needs that students have expressed.



Senator Bellow 43:36

Alex Bellow Interdisciplinary Studies. Thank you Dr. Goalz. I want to add before senators may want to ask me questions. I'm a member of momentum, which is a presidential initiative on campus geared towards African American men. And we had a meeting last week, and some of the young men said without their connection to momentum, they probably would not be at school at all. And maybe even if they were in school, they may

not be at UNO, because that's the only place they feel connected. So I do believe it is critical. The only reason why the university exists is to educate students and hopefully get them graduate. So I think this center will be able to serve as another sticking mechanism, so to speak, keeping students engaged and involved and hopefully walking across that stage getting degrees. I'll yield the rest of my time for questions.



VPLA LeBlanc 44:42

Thank you. Does anyone have any questions for senator bellow at this time? Okay.No questions? Right next, thank you for that introduction and that information Senator Bellow and Dr. Anderson and Dr. Goalz. We appreciate that.



Senator Mott 45:10

I actually do have a quick question. Brendan Mott Jr. at large. I know that you were talking about blueprints, Is there a way that we can see what these blueprints look like?



Senator Bellow 45:23

Thank you, Senator Alex bellow Interdisciplinary Studies. Thank you, Senator Mott. We, we email those out last week and I if I'm not mistaking joy also place them in the discord.



Senator Mott 45:45

Okay, thank you so much for that information.



Senator Bellow 45:47

You're welcome.



VPLA LeBlanc 45:50

Thanks. Does anyone else have any questions? Okay. Again, thank you guys. Next, we will now go into initial debate. Do any senators rise in opposition to this bill?



Senator Fretz 46:14

I do. I'm Haley Fretz graduate at large. I'm all for the idea of this. And I think it's fantastic. I just don't think the timing is right. As the chief of finance, I know that we're working hard to get that group together so that we can talk about the reserve amount. And I know that

we will get to talk about it. But unfortunately, this week wasn't enough time for me to get the information that would make me feel comfortable saying yes to this. This is a large amount of money that would be pulled from the reserve. And as I've stated in the previous meetings, I'm just not comfortable with that number as of right now. Not because it's not enough, but because I just don't know how we got that number. So I'm not saying no to the idea and the want for this that I'm all for but because of timing, and because I don't have the answers that I personally need to make an educated decision. I'm not comfortable with passing this.



VPLA LeBlanc 47:17

Thank you, are there any other senators to rise in opposition at this time?



Senator Callahan 47:24

Senator Callahan of the College of Engineering for similar reasons to Senator Haley, I definitely have a financial worries because it is a lot of money for something that we don't know when we're going to be able to completely utilize. Okay.



VPLA LeBlanc 47:51

Okay, thank you for that. Any Anyone else? Can Next we will move to the first senator to rise in support. Are there any senators, with the exception of Senator bellow to rising in support of this bill



Senator Crenshaw 48:23

Senator Crenshaq College of biological sciences, I am in proposition of this bill because in the previous year, and as of late, I have been a part of the progressive Black Student Union, PBSU and we never had a space for meetings like we are like we would often like float around for in spaces and stuff. And we and we were like confined to the library. But it wasn't really like a space for where it wasn't a space that was conducive to effective meetings because we were very cramped, and it was in people. And we technically didn't have any authority over the room. Because it was a public, it was a public room within the library. So anybody could just walk in and walk out. And it was usually used for like, on studying and stuff. So I feel like diversity center would prove effective and will prove useful for events such as these when we used to hold on our meetings, and stuff like that. And also with the Latino and Hispanic club, they would have events. And they would be in a diversity, not the diversity and International Center, I believe. And it was brought up that it's like disconnected and not really like involved with the campus. So when they would

have the events and the meeting. It would be like towards the back of the building. People weren't really able to attend them because people didn't know where it was. It was so disconnected and so far away from campus, people didn't really know where the International Center was either, or they just didn't hear about it. I feel like a diversity center, would help with things such as these. A previous senator brought up something about COVID, and about not being able to fully utilize the center. However, the President, just went into phase C, I believe, where it's a maximum of 50 people that can inhabit a space. So by the time that the center is completed, if things continue to go correctly, then we should most definitely be able to utilize the space. Not to its fullest degree, but utilize it to where it's useful. And I yield the remainder of my time to questions.



VPLA LeBlanc 51:09

Are there any other senators to rise in support of this bill? Hearing none, the next three minutes will be controlled by the principal sponsor of this bill. Senator Bellow, do you have anything else you would like to say?



Senator Bellow 51:25

Senator Alex Bellow, Interdisciplinary Studies, I wanted to see if we could get either Dr. Anderson, or Dr. Goalz to speak to the concerns that were raised in opposition. It first of all, service Academy and talked about wondering when we could utilize this space. So Dr. Goalz, any idea or Dr. Anderson, I'm not certain who to direct that to you the idea of when we get beyond this campus making best use of this space as possible?



Dr. Anderson 52:03

Well, I'll start by saying I think this is actually probably the perfect time to do construction, because we're not going to be impeding on normal activities, right. So the spaces that would normally get used that would, we would be basically breaking up space, it's not going to conflict with that. So actually think in terms of construction, that that's beneficial. My only kind of concerns me right now that there are still a couple of students who use ***unknown*** space. But ***unknown*** propose using ***unknown***, as a temporary and safe space, where those students who will use that product based on a construction, I think in terms of like, you know, it is going to take some time, I think depending on how quickly, you know, if you're able to get the funding, you know, it would take the remainder of the fall semester and potentially going through to break to be able to like happen. And then even once we have construction, it's going to take work to get furniture put in, you know, make it aesthetically pleasing, and all that type of stuff added into it. There. So I mean, realistically, we're looking at like, post Mardi Gras, maybe as like the ribbon cutting

type of space. And hopefully, if people get their lives together, um, we'll be able to use use that space. But I think within it within that, because the way the rooms going to be designed is that it was really functional, you just limit the number of people in each of the individual spaces that would be there. So it would still be anything very functional space, that can be readily utilized, we would just minimize, I think the number of people in each of those kind of siloed spaces for the time being. And then we would be able to slowly increase those numbers as we go through. And I think it's an initiation, is that the right word? That's the right word. But I think it's going to take some time, as you're developing the programming is something that will go on in that space for people to get used to say, I actually really think the remainder of the spring really will be trying to remind the one letting people know this faithful now even exist, and then starting to use it and roll in. And so I don't think we're going to have issues of use in the beginning of people going, there's not enough space for me to use it because there wasn't a space before. And so now there there is more space, if you will, that people will be able to use and getting people used to the idea of this space kind of existing. And then I think again, depending on where we are with COVID by the time people really understand what its purpose is how it can be used. It's to us, we may be back to fully functioning as a society. So

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Senator Bellow 54:37

Thank you, Dr. Anderson for for that response. Vice President LeBlanc. I don't know what the proper protocol because I want to address or Ask questions regarding senator Fretz's questions. Oh, I'm sorry, Dr. Goalz.

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Dr. Goalz 54:56

That's okay. If there's still time available, I can try to answer that question. So leshawna Paige who is our business manager works closely with the budgets. And she was supposed to get to me information today she's been working with financial affairs business affairs to find out the number you have is too low, it should be much larger than that. And we're trying to figure out why it is what it is and try to figure out why it is not bigger. Unfortunately, though, due to Hurricane Delta bearing down on New Orleans, she evacuated to Baton Rouge, probably not the best decision because now it looks like that nourishes maybe right in the way. So a lot to say she didn't get me what what she was working on. But one thing I can tell you is that financial or business affairs wrote off towards the reserve \$184,399 and 42 cents, which is the driftwood deficit. So when we close the books at the end of the year, we have to balance a deficit against an account that has a balance. And what we what we do is we carry that deficit. So it never really goes away until we find a way of paying that off. And that's what the driftwood was supposed to have been working on. And in fact, last year added to the deficit. It's a

student fee funded. operation, which is why it gets balanced against a student fee funded balance that exists. So we're we're really talking about balancing books, not taking money from one area and moving it to another, that deficit still exists. And we will continue to take driftwood, student fees to put towards that balance. And this year, the driftwood is on pause, as we try to figure out how to create a more sustainable financially newspaper, because they have not been sustainable financially. But so if you take that 182, and add it to your 220, that would account for some of that difference. It's still not what it's supposed to be. So we are digging into that further. But to all of that, I will say even if we're looking at 220,000, as what you have to work with, please realize that the 30,000 that we're asking you to contribute to this space is 7% of your deficit or of your balance 7%. So in the grand scheme of things, yes, it is a lot of money. I'm not asking you to just write it off as if it's, you know, five bucks. It's a lot of money. But it's 7% of your budget of the money you have in your account. I'll stop there.


S Senator Fretz 57:36
Haley Fretz graduate at large. Dr. Goalz could you put that number in the chat for me, please?


D Dr. Goalz 57:41
The 182 number, the damn driftwood number.


S Senator Fretz 57:44
Yes, thank you very much


S Senator Bellow 57:48
Senator Alex Bellow, so just for clarity purposes. Dr. Goalz, the 222 is low and Are you saying we probably should have an additional 184,399? somewhere around there? Is that what you're saying?


D Dr. Goalz 58:08
I believe that to be the case. Yes. I believe that money sits there. And it balances the deficit. But because you can't spend it because it balances the deficit. They're not going to tell you you have that. Does that make sense?


 Senator Noble 58:30
Time.


 VPLA LeBlanc 58:37
Time has been called. Next, we will move to amendments. Are there any amendments to this bill. And just so everyone know, they are asking for a specific number \$29,335 and 36 cents. So are there any amendments to this bill at this time?

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All right.

 VPLA LeBlanc 59:14
Hearing none, we will now enter final debate. Three minutes. First three minutes will be controlled by the senator to rise in opposition. So that would be senator Fretz. If you have anything else you'd like to say.

 Senator Fretz 59:29
Hi, Haley Fretz graduate at large just want to appreciate Dr. Goalz for giving us that information. I'm still not convinced I just want to see it as being the CFO of SGA. And you know, watching all these numbers for the last year and a half. I just really want an explanation. I think that's fair. But I'm really happy that I got a little bit of an explanation today and I'm looking forward to that committee so that we can talk more about things and be transparent and open with one another and it's a step in the right direction. I'm feeling already more confident with what you've shared. So thank you for that. And I'm still opposed.

 VPLA LeBlanc 1:00:06
Great. The next three minutes will be controlled by the principal sponsor of the bill. Do you have anything else you need to say?

 Senator Bellow 1:00:14
Senator Alex Bellow Interdisciplinary Studies. I completely understood and appreciated the opposition that was raised last week. Now that we've heard from Dr. Goalz about a

more accurate number,***unknown*** the request of 29,335 and 36 cents, guess what we know we have in reserves to be only 7%. fully encouraging senators to give us the opportunity to build this space in this time, so that we can leave a indelible mark on our university for generations to come. I yield the rest of my time.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:01:14

Thank you, Senator Bellow. Next, we will move to a roll call vote on the diversity bill. Right. My new name please. State the way you vote. ***Roll Call Vote*** With 13 yes's 1 no and two abstentions? This bill passes. Congratulations, Senator bellow. I know you guys have worked really hard on trying to get this approved.



Senator Bellow 1:03:18

Thank you. Thank you very much.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:03:22

Guys, this open forum here is the second and last time everyone, has the chance to speak. And I want to start off by asking Senator Ngetich I knew you had a comment from me earlier.



Senator Ngetich 1:03:40

Yes, regarding the proctorU business



VPLA LeBlanc 1:03:43

Yes, ma'am.



Senator Ngetich 1:03:45

I just wanted to add my voice to it because i i don't think i've heard much in the way of like, people in my particular situation parents, um, because of this whole situation with the with the virus and you know, with a lot of us out of precaution taking online courses. And a lot of people children, you know, I know mine is doing virtual learning. Um, we're stuck in the house together and I'm sure a lot of college students, even college students that are older and you know, are parents and are in my situation where you have like, small apartments confined spaces and Proctoru has this very inconsistent rule about, you know, other other people being around you, and what exactly is considered a private space

versus a public space to take your test and I've encountered a lot of issues with trying to take my test because I mean, I can't exactly send my eight year old out of the house to take my test, you know, and it's brought up a lot of issues that I don't feel are even being attempted to be reconciled. And I'm so beyond you know, the other issues, I feel like that needs to be stacked on top of it.

S Senator Fretz 1:05:24

Haley Fretz graduate at large, just to make note, I think, that would be a great thing to mention to your teacher. I was unaware of the contract are how things work with teachers, but it makes perfect sense that we can't dictate what they want to do, especially the book reference, that President responded to us. But I would maybe, honestly just talk with your teachers and try to convince them of the issue. And maybe once they see your struggles, they'd be more willing to help because it looks like it's out of our hands.

S Senator Ngetich 1:05:59

Um, so again, I want to clarify that that it's it's not something that I have not been talking to my professors about I'm aware in that situation I need to, I'm saying it's a problem inherent with ProctorU combined with the unique situation that we're in now. And ProctorU's inconsistent application of rules, right? *****unknown***** there's inconsistent explanation and issuing of rules or explanation of rules and whatnot. So it makes it very confusing to navigate that as a student.

V VPLA LeBlanc 1:06:50

Thank you for that, Senator Ngetich. Just to remind everyone for the sake of notes. And for the sake of our minutes, just please state who you are and the college you represent. I do have a question, because I'm a little curious about this. And I have some emails that I need to review regarding this property from a particular class that I am taking. Anyway, can a professor with tenure, basically, not adhere to what their students are saying. I'm curious, because I do feel as though a professor that I currently have, I'm having some trouble with getting him to understand that ProctorU and as well as other students that Proctor you is just not working. And he's just doesn't care, honestly. So I'm really curious to know, like, what can be done with them? Or if I'm not saying like, they have to be like, No, you have to do this, but trying to really encourage them to look at other alternatives.

J Joy Ballard 1:08:22

I shared this with Jullianne earlier and I will share again with y'all and my experience. To

get faculty to do something the Faculty Senate has more power than anyone else, like faculty can kind of impose some rules on themselves that like ministration can impose on faculty, students, you cannot impose anything on faculty like we can't make them respond to things right. But I think the Faculty Senate is already looking at this. I think I shared my Jullianne, I think she should chair the resolution. They all wrote with the exact of the faculty senate and start that conversation with them. Because faculty do listen to faculty more than they listen to the rest of us. And so I think that that is an avenue that y'all have. It's not a no and I want to focus like Dr. Nicklow did not say no, he did not say that he did not sympathize or do things. He really can't. But I think you have an avenue to someone that can and that's already interested. So that is my suggestion for next steps. And if you need help with specific faculty, I want to point out what Dr. Goalz said in the comments. As Dean of Students, she can help advocate for you in other ways as well. So take advantage of that. Thank you. Last thing do all professors participate in the Faculty Senate or is that by choice. They're elected.

V VPLA LeBlanc 1:09:54
Okay. Thank you

S Senator Noble 1:09:59
Senator Noble College of Business. I just had a quick question. Joy. Do you know if the Senate is looking at maybe the alternative Respondus lockdown. It's just a link that you can download on your computer. And it works just like proctoru you but you don't have to pay for it.

J Joy Ballard 1:10:20
Yes. And Dr. Nicklow did reference that in his statement as well that that is something that university has paid for. So that is an option. And I have seen it, but Dr. Goals has more context. Yeah.

D Dr. Goalz 1:10:33
Respondus does not work on Google Chromebooks, which a lot of students that like that's what we had available for students to check out from the library if they didn't have a laptop. So look at that difficulty that we created for students. I would also challenge you in your conversations with faculty and with faculty senate, that you don't have to take an exam to assess what you have learned. And you certainly don't have to take a proctored exam to assess what you have learned. The point of proctoring is to ensure you don't

cheat. So already, we're assuming that you're cheating. And we're assuming that the test is the best way to assess your learning. I would argue neither of those is true, like you are not cheating. I'm sure there are some students cheating, but everybody is not cheating. And there are many other ways to assess learning that does not involve an exam. And that's what we need to be encouraging faculty to think about, especially given our current environment. Proctoru is the easy answer. Let me just put an exam online and make him Proctor it and you know, through Proctor you I don't have to do any work as a faculty member, I could pull my exam out of the exam book that the publisher gave me, I don't even have to write it. I know that there are other faculty who put a lot of time and energy into creating their exams. But I'm simplifying here. I will also say that they're not generally always thinking about what your life is like at home. A lot of our faculty are thinking from the viewpoint of you're an 18 to 20 year old, you're living in the residence hall. And all you have to do in your life is pay attention to my classes. Now, we all know that's not true. They they don't always know that's true. A lot of our faculty know that's true, but there are some who are just not even thinking about it. So like I said in the chat, if I can help you advocate for your individual circumstance with your specific faculty, I'm happy to do that. I had another situation where a student was looking for a public place to take an exam because she didn't have a computer. But in public on campus, you have to wear a mask and Proctor you would not let her take the exam wearing a mask. That doesn't make any sense. And that's the point at which we get the university engaged with Proctoru to say Are you serious? Like have her take the mask off to prove her identity and then let her put the mask back on? And what difference does it make. So it's those kinds of things that we just don't anticipate that they're going to be sticklers about. But we can advocate and work with them when we know that it's a problem.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:13:05

Thanks.



Senator Bellow 1:13:08

Senator Alex Bellow Interdisciplinary Studies. I would like to raise the question about a statement president Nicklow made in his response to us and speaking about academic freedom and use the example of telling a professor which textbook to use versus Which one? I just don't see that i don't i don't see that correlation. You know, we're not asking the professor to change the theories they teach. When I tell him teach creationism versus evolution, we're saying this product is a hardship for our students. This product costs money that some students don't have. So I'm going to respectfully push back on that Dr. Nicklow's response on that and raised the question of does the faculty does the faculty actually believe this? Does the faculty believe they have a right some sort of academic

write somewhere that allows them to place unnecessary hardships on students does the faculty that we're paying to teach us to become to grow and become better? That's their right to make us make students nearly come to tears because they can't get rid of their children, or they don't have they got to eat for the rest of the week? That's

V VPLA LeBlanc 1:14:43
inhumane Yeah.

S Senator Bellow 1:14:45
Yeah, that's I have concerns about that.

S Senator Mott 1:14:52
Bredan Mott jr. at large to further that point. There's also a lot of concerns about the privacy aspect and the security aspect about the software. Um, a lot a lot of people are talking about the financial concerns, but, um, um, I think that um, in the same way like Do they have a right to make us put something on our computer somebody to go and change settings in our computer which they have done and and basically mess up our computers like, because I've heard some instances of that taking place where somebody, the proctor goes in the computer settings and changes something and then the computer stops working properly.

S Senator Noble 1:15:32
Time.

V VPLA LeBlanc 1:15:36
time has been called

S Senator Bellow 1:15:37
Senator Alex bellow Interdisciplinary Studies motion to extend time

S Senator Mott 1:15:41
Bredndan Mott Jr. at large second.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:15:45

alright, start the clock for 12 minutes. Vice President Leblanc, I just wanted to add in the whole security risk, the computer that I do use is a Chromebook. However, I had to pull up my old windows, and which works fine. But after the proctor changed my settings, the computer constantly crashes now, and then my firewall goes up like crazy. Almost every time I turned it on, I don't know what he did. Well, as I stated earlier, it took me 45 minutes into my test time before I could take my test. I explained that to my teacher, I don't even get an email back from him. And I'm glad Dr. Goalz you're here to say that. Because I'm not the only one and I have several emails from students that I'm going to forward to you. So that you can also see that this is not the only one. This is a really bad a bad situation where they can actually change that. It costs money. several of our students are having to decide whether or not they can eat or take a test. Like, that's not fair. And to me, that is almost inhumane. As I stated earlier, no one should have to decide on whether or not they can eat or take an exam. And that is all I have to say about that.



Senator Ngetich 1:17:30

Um, Senator Ngetich College of Liberal Arts. Um, I don't I would like to make a general comment about how since this, since the crisis with the viruses started since, you know, hybrid classes have started an online class and more online classes have started how the culture among a fair amount of professors at the university has, like their culture of holding students in constant suspicion has really come. Like I've seen this and really like unreasonable measures by like, certain professors, not just mine, but other other students, professors. It's not just the proctoru thing, it's giving 12 minutes for a 20 question quiz, because you you can't do a pop quiz. It's, it's, it's ridiculous. Because you're afraid somebody is going to Google the answer. Like if you have, you have systems in place, if he needs to write a paper he needs like, you're going to realize that you don't know the material. Right? Then, you know, googling for a quiz is not going to make a difference on proof that they, you know, know that material, right? It's a it's really a problem, a cultural problem among a certain subset of professors at this university. And it's, it's enough of them that it's it's become our problem.



Senator Fretz 1:19:14

Haley Fretz, graduate at large. I love that. We're talking about ProctorU but I have another question. If I don't, we don't mind if I switch up the topic. It was for joy. And I guess I should ask it during her report. But when I went to go vote, there's no one running in my college. So I wasn't able to vote for anybody. Is there any way to override that so I can still vote?



Joy Ballard 1:19:38

No. So per the SGA constitution, students vote for people that represent them. So just like you can only vote for people that are in Louisiana. You can only vote for graduate students and then whatever your colleges are I don't remember off the top of my head. That is who you can vote for. Now. That's the way that you all's rules are written as with anything so like, for future if y'all want to look into having like, maybe some over arching seats in some way. I don't know, that's an option. But yes, for now, you vote for your college and your classification.



Senator Fretz 1:20:26

Haley, Fretz graduate at large, could you clarify, which are the four schools so that maybe anybody listening today would know to hop on there and vote?



Joy Ballard 1:20:35

Yeah, so there are two people running for freshmen at large seats. And then two people running for Business Administration seats.



Senator Fretz 1:20:47

Haley Fretz graduate at large Thank you very much.



Senator Plasse 1:20:52

Linda, plus a sophomore, Senator at large, I just wanted to bring up some of the concerns that have been brought to me by other sophomores and just other students in general, a lot of it is stuff we have already discussed, such as issues with ProctorU. But I really wanted to hammer in the point of people having to choose between food or school a lot of the time particularly, um, there have been issues with financial aid and the bursars office. I know I myself, had been the recipient of a scholarship last year that this year, they had said, was only a one time award. Whereas last year, I was told it was for all four years. And then when I confronted financial aid about it, they told me I got mixed up, I'm confused. And I'm wrong. And I know I'm not other people have had similar issues. And in the case of the bursaries, office, a lot of people have been waiting for refund checks or cares act money and has not been able to afford food such as with the OL payment stipend, it is two months late, so people have not been able to eat for the past couple of months. And that is a big issue, especially in these times where school is growing increasingly more expensive, I feel, and a lot of other students feel like UNO, is taking

more money, but then not necessarily giving back what is due. And in cases such as instances with the galley relying on those meal plans, but then they changed midway through the summer, and a lot of people weren't informed of that. And I had a friend who recently downgraded her meal plan because she wasn't receiving what she had thought she was going to get. And she had to go to like seven different people. And I just feel like a lot of services on campus could be streamlined. A lot of students don't know what services are being offered. A lot of students feel like if they reach out, no one is going to answer. And another big issue that students are facing is the amount of work with professors. I don't know if there's anything that can be done about that on our end, but I wanted to bring it up. Because I do know, professors have increased the workload by a wide margin this semester. By being virtual, they assume that we aren't learning as well. So they just have us teach ourselves more, which doesn't make sense to a lot of people, especially newer students, they're wondering why the workload is so much larger than I thought it would be. And we just don't have much time. But then we're also working more to afford the increased amount of money that we are being asked to pay. So we have increased work hours, increased student hours, and we just really feel like the university needs to step up on its part of helping us as we've been helping it. And then additionally, one final thing, um, I know a lot of people have come to me saying that they have not been being reached out to or being contacted back by Amy King and head of disability services. I've had students of every grade level mentioned this, but I myself have also experienced it. She is just not responding to a lot of emails. She isn't showing up for meeting times, she isn't answering us and a lot of people are very frustrated, particularly because accommodations need to be shifted to suit a virtual world. And she isn't really meeting those expectations. And again, people are really feeling like and these times I know it's unprecedented and a lot of people don't know what's going on, but we feel like faculty isn't necessarily holding up their end of the bargain. And even people reaching out to Dr. Nicklow he has like resorted to tweeting some people saying like, Oh, yeah, I answered that. But he had in fact not. So again, just on every level, students really feel like the school is not supporting us in the way that they should be. Thank you.



Senator Fretz 1:24:26

Haley Fretz graduated at large. I don't know if anybody saw me but I was like, clapping and cheering in the background. All of those points are amazing. And I know that we've already passed that lounge and I'm, you know, really happy for that. But I just hope that that kind of resonates with all of you as we continue to spend money. You know, our students don't have any money and they're having to choose between Proctoru and food but now we just paid \$30,000 for a lounge that no one can sit in for six months. So I just really want us to remember all that kind of stuff.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:24:57

Vice president Leblanc, Thank you guys for this information. I really sat here and, you know, thought about everything, especially with using Senator Plasse you know what was going on we we really needed to hear that. Does anyone else have anything else they would like to share at this time?



Senator Callahan 1:25:19

Oh, Callahan College of Engineering, I just had a quick thing I was gonna say someone mentioned the how proctoring online proctoring is assuming that we're cheating. And I wrote down a little note, so I wouldn't forget to mention it. There are other ways to check for cheating. Besides having someone watch you the whole time, there have been multiple tests and exams that I've taken in college where the professor just leaves and we just do it for an hour. And then he comes back and takes the exam. You know, they you can look at the consistency with a student's grades if it just shoots up. You can investigate further or you can use plagiarism tools. I know there was something for like essays you can. Okay, remember, it's called we put the essay in and it sees if it's copied and consistency between answers for multiple choice. And I don't know, I feel like it's a good point that they're assuming that we're all being sneaky. When we're all we're all adults. Like, we all have jobs and responsibilities. And we're not kids anymore. We so yes, some people are going to be cheating. But I'd like to believe the majority of us aren't.



Senator Mott 1:26:29

Yes, this is I'm Senator Mark, Jr. at large. So I have something to bring up that we were talking about during my committee meeting, which was that there's this thing that came up recently, where Ben Franklin is doing construction, and they shut down half of the parking lot for phalls because of it. And I'm like, What gives Ben Franklin the right to shut down our parking lot in the midst of the school year, when we already don't have enough parking for our residents. And they kind of just send us an email that said, move your cars out of that area. And I'm just like, I'm just like, how can they do that? Like, I just don't think that's a good time for them to decide to do that. And, and I just don't feel like they get a place to do that at this point in time. So I don't know if anyone maybe joy would have an answer to like anything about Ben Franklin Like what? or anything like that because the email was from apparently from UNO PD like it was forwarded from housing but it was something UNO PD said



Joy Ballard 1:27:31

was their construction equipment on UNO property.

- S** Senator Plasse 1:27:43
Linda Plasse sophomore, Senator at large, I will say they do have fences on the west side of the parking lot that are they are currently doing construction, which has reduced the number of parking spots in our parking lot anyways, and to them telling us not to park
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- V** VPLA LeBlanc 1:28:10
Restart Time, continued Senator Plasse.
- S** Senator Plasse 1:28:15
So to just wrap up what I was saying, they do have construction going on every day, which is very loud in addition to everything else that we're experiencing, but it is reducing the number of parking spots even prior to their email to asking us to not park on that side of the parking lot. You can see like there is just dust and clutter on multiple spots that were to be used by students. So more people are forced to park in the overflow lots, which doesn't seem as big of an issue sometimes. But I am someone who uses disability parking. And there's already an issue of people parking in disability spots without disability hang tags. So when those spots are filled, if I have to walk a long distance I in particular am a fall risk. So that's just another additional concern related to that.
- S** Senator Mott 1:28:58
And I can actually further that closing the West parking is not a big deal for North Hall

residents. But for South Hall, the only some of the buildings we can come in on now is on the west side. So if you parked on the east side of the parking lot, you have to like maneuver around the building to get in, which isn't the worst deal in the world, but it's also just an accessibility thing. Like let's just say you're carrying groceries or like you, there's some or something like that, or disability parking as well. Just like what you're saying, Linda.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:29:26

Thank you. Does anyone else have anything else they'd like to share?



Senator Bellow 1:29:34

Senator Alex Bellow Interdisciplinary Studies, I have to get out for another meeting. However I do ***unknown*** directly on how to do this. For the students who suffer these hardships when they're choosing between food and proctoring the exam, I'm going to make a financial donation somewhere of \$300. To help cover these expenses, so, I don't know how to make a donation to help support these needy students. I'm going to jump off because I have to get to my next meeting. Joy. Maybe you can be. Yeah. Thank you. Good night.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:30:20

If there are no more comments or questions, I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.



Senator Plasse 1:30:31

motion to adjourn. Linda Plasse Sophomore, Senator at large.



Senator Noble 1:30:42

Second, Senator noble College of Business.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:30:49

All right. The motion has been properly seconded. So moved. I like doing it sometimes. This meeting is now adjourned at 6:33pm you guys have a wonderful rest of your evening.