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## SPEAKERS

Senator Roach, Senator Mott, Senator Bellow, Senator Crenshaw, President Romero, Joy Ballard, Senator Plasse, VPLA LeBlanc

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-  VPLA LeBlanc 00:39  
I call this meeting to order at 5:03pm. I do need to appoint a temporary parliamentarian senator Bellow. Would you mind being the parliamentarian temporarily?
-  Senator Bellow 01:59  
No problem.
-  VPLA LeBlanc 02:01  
All right. Thank you. Same, rules apply. So now I will do a roll call and when you hear your name, please let me know that you're hear. \*\*\*Roll Call\*\*\* With 11 out of 14 without 11 out of 15 senators. Here we do me quorum. So now we will move along on the agenda, which is the approval of the agenda. My apologies for sending it out this morning. I try to keep this on your schedule. But that schedule It didn't go out like it was supposed to. So I did send it out this morning. Does anyone have any additions or something that we would like to add to the agenda Hearing on the agenda is approved. Next is the approval of the of the minutes. Next, we will move to communications and announcements. This is for anyone that's non SGA related, you have three minutes to speak on it. anything going on in the

world? I got something I'll start it off. I just received a memo from nola.com that New Orleans is going to be modified phase three, as far as COVID restrictions. So that's pretty cool. I do see live music to return starting Friday bars and restaurants to expand capacity. And I'm also thinking that that means church, we will also be able to go back to cool, more people. So that's all that I have. Anyone else.



Senator Mott 06:22

I have one that's related to that Brendan Mach jr at large. So we they expanded the vaccine eligibility in Louisiana. So now anyone who is 18 or older or 16 or older for one of the vaccines with certain at risk health conditions can now get the COVID vaccine in Louisiana.



VPLA LeBlanc 06:44

I did see that as well. Thank you, Senator Matt. Anyone else?



Senator Bellow 06:51

centered a balance below Interdisciplinary Studies. We are in early voting for special election for congressional district two and congressional district five. Early voting is all this week. And then the election day, I think it's March 20.



VPLA LeBlanc 07:17

That's correct.



Senator Bellow 07:31

Yeah, so that's a that's obviously important. So encourage everybody registered to vote in those districts to please do so.



VPLA LeBlanc 07:40

Yep. Thank you, Senator bellow. Is there anyone else? Anything else going on in the world? That's non SGA related? Great. Hearing none, we will move along on the agenda. Thank you, Senators for those remarks. Next on the agenda is committee reports. Governance as governors have report cards,

S Senator Mott 08:11  
no report.

V VPLA LeBlanc 08:12  
Thank you. Rules. There's rules have a report. I'm sorry, Senator Bellow. That was supposed This is when you say no report. Let's see.

S Senator Bellow 08:30  
I was on mute. Sorry about that. Sorry. No report at this time. Okay.

V VPLA LeBlanc 08:35  
Finance is financing yet. She hasn't made it. Okay. Student Affairs, Senator Plasse.

S Senator Plasse 08:46  
Yeah. No report.

V VPLA LeBlanc 08:49  
Thank you. On campus dining and housing. Do you have a report for us?

S Senator Mott 08:55  
A short one, we had a meeting with Dining Services this week. And it actually went really well. The main concern from students is hours of course, that's what we've been talking about all semester with basically everything on campus. But unfortunately with the amount of people on campus, it is not like in sustainable for them to expand ours, nor is it nor is it sustainable for them to open other dining locations on campus. They are basically have everything open that they can have open essentially. And they also said it's also not feasible for them to because some people wanted to have on like between meal times for you to be able to go in the galley and get like small things. But they said that isn't feasible either due to be cleaning things with COVID restrictions. So they want to make sure that everything is sanitized between meal time so that's why the galley closes between meal periods. And lastly, they just wanted to exemplify that um, that they are cleaning tables, like they have people walking around after somebody sits at a table they try to go and clean up before somebody else sits down. They really are trying to keep everything

sanitary. And I yield the rest of my time for questions.

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VPLA LeBlanc 10:09

Are there any questions for the on campus dining and housing chair? Hearing none, we will move along. Thank you, Senator Mott. All right, next, we move to other reports. Madame President, are you here? And do you ever vote for Okay,

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President Romero 10:29

I'm here. Um, I don't have a report other than thank you to all of you who came today. For the senator appreciation thing. It wasn't anything too special. We had a lot of leftover food, but we ended up being able to give it to different offices, and we have some leftover like drinks and things inside of the SGA office. Sorry, I'm at the baseball game. So if y'all hear music, that is, um, but yeah, we have like leftover drinks and waters and stuff. So if you ever around the thirst or something, I'll give you a drink. But I want to do more appreciation things for y'all. Because y'all have been here all semester, times are tough. I really want to show y'all how much we do appreciate y'all. So if you all have any other food conserving ideas, reach out to me because I really want to make sure y'all have a good time and y'all are happy, and like being senators. But other than that, our SGA members, so they wouldn't just senators, it was also sac execs, our execs student members, our student workers in the office. It was all of y'all. So we just wanted to say thank you. And maybe we'll do something like this again. That's all I have. I don't have any real updates. Next week, we talk to administration, in our exact meeting. So if y'all have any ideas, just reach out to one of our exaction or emails, and we'll make sure to put that on our little agenda. But other than that, that's all I have. time for questions.

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VPLA LeBlanc 12:10

Are there any questions for the president at this time? Hearing none... We will move along. Thank you, Madam President. Next is vice president is Vice President Ray. Does anyone have a report for from vice president? All right, next is the VPLA thats me I do. Okay, whatever. Anyway, so um, it's a really quick report. Thank you to the senators who came out tonight. Not tonight, goodness, this afternoon. Um, for the campus beautification walk. We did you know, we got our exercise and I'll tell you that much. We walked around, we saw a lot of things that that troubled us. Some things we didn't know about our campus. There was more stuff that we need to see of course, but because of time sake for everyone, it wasn't as we didn't have a lifetime to walk on the entire campus. Nevertheless, we got a lot of ground we covered a lot of ground. And I will probably do an open forum we will kind of add on to the things that we saw but other than that, you

know, thank you guys for coming out. Any other senators that maybe want to do something similar? I'm open to it. I welcome it. Just let me know we can try to make that happen. It kind of went well with the President's appreciation. snacks that was up there because we all men up there, grab some snacks and then went to the onto the walk. So it was really cool thing to do. And it all fell in line. So I We even went into the track center that We fund funded a room for our Do we still fund that? Probably, to a certain degree. But yeah, we got we went to visit, and I actually got to see what it looked like on the first floor. So that was cool. Other than that, I yield the rest of my time for any questions. Are there any questions for me? Hearing none, we'll move along. Vice President of programming is not here, but he does have a report. Give me one second. I will pull it up real quick. Okay, so he said, there is an event tomorrow at 12:30 is the St. Patrick's Day trivia. That was it. So at 12:30 tomorrow, St. Patrick's Day trivia, for those who would like to attend? please do so. If you don't if you have any questions for him, just reach out to the from the SA C's. Email. If joy Can you put that in the chat? Thank you joy. All right. That was from the Vice President of programming president of SAC. Next is advisor ballard. Do you have a report for us?



Joy Ballard 16:24

I do have a few things for y'all today. I will start off on my list. Y'all already mentioned this, but the vaccination criteria has opened up greatly. Um, it also includes BMI, I will give the BMI lser stimulus constructs. But I can give you a whole list on why I think that that is ridiculous. I will not what I will say is like because it's so ridiculous. 70% of Louisiana is eligible. So go do it. Um, if you want to get back to normal you want to be on this campus, we want to have graduation. Help us make it happen. Also, please run in SGA elections, if you are sitting in this room and plan on holding a seat in the fall, you have to run in elections. If you are interested in one of the three exact positions VPLA has to run for Senate. The other two are listed on the ballot. vice president and president. I have some free time tomorrow and on Friday to host some open office hours. If you have questions about any of those positions, and you want to chat, reach out to me. Um, one of the best parts of my job is getting to watch students grow and move up in SGA. And so I want to help y'all make that happen, and help you find your place. So if you have questions, or if you just are like, joy, I haven't talked to you all semester. shoot me an email. I've got time. I think i got an email this morning about leadership retreat. I'm not going to talk anymore about that. But you should totally sign up and I'm going to drop the link in the chat. We are hosting suck off this year and I can officially make that announcement. Um, it is going to look different. It is going to be a mostly drive through event with some VIP tables. There will be more updates on how you can win a VIP table if you are not already a VIP. But it's gonna be a lot of fun. It is a long standing campus tradition that we have only ever canceled once and I was not happy about it. So it is back. It is happening. Get excited.

Lastly, it is that point in the semester as things start to close down. everybody's busy. There is a lot happening. But take care of yourself. If y'all need to take a break, take a break. If you need something reach out. We are here to support y'all. And while I am happy. I love the work that SGA does. I also know that you need to be good students and I am here to support that as well. So let me know if you need anything. With that I'll yield my time to questions. But I will first answer the questions in the chat. There will not be smoked sausage. We ain't got no money. We are buying crawfish as all I can afford. crawfish is expensive this year. I'm sorry. I'm very sorry that you are allergic. Hopefully in the future we can bring ourselves back. There will be potatoes but they are boiled with the crawfish. So if you have a severe allergy you should not eat them Are there any questions for the advisor at this time?

**S** Senator Bellow 20:24  
Senator bellow Interdisciplinary Studies. Does SGA fund that?

**J** Joy Ballard 20:31  
SAC funds that from their budget. So it's the beginning of the year SAC receives 25% of the SGA budget, and it comes out is that 25%

**S** Senator Bellow 20:41  
got it. So SGA funds it. That means we are VIPs. Right?

**J** Joy Ballard 20:48  
Let's talk more about that. thing. With phase three regulations mass signups did just get bigger. I don't know how much, but I'll keep you posted.

**S** Senator Crenshaw 21:09  
I do have a question. Even though they even are we able to help fund it if we wanted to?

**J** Joy Ballard 21:17  
Um, yes. So in the past because crawfish is expensive. Normally, the way we do it is we bought \$20,000 worth of crawfish. In a normal year, \$20,000 worth of crawfish is 7500 pounds of crawfish is a lot of crawfish. But there has been years that because of crawfish prices, that was like only like 5000 pounds of crawfish. When that is the case SGA has

been in the past to like help get that number higher.

- V VPLA LeBlanc 21:51  
Gotcha. One more question. Are we projecting that? This that this year it will the numbers will be lower the same or higher.
- J Joy Ballard 22:02  
projecting a little lower. Um, the way we're going to do it is there is going to be a sign up link. So you will sign up for like a one hour time slot and you can pick up your five pounds of crawfish within that one hour slot. Once we see what the slots look like and how full they are, we'll have a better picture of the number of crawfish we're pulling.
- V VPLA LeBlanc 22:24  
One more thing. Are we inviting the community this year?
- J Joy Ballard 22:30  
It has never been fully open to the community. It has been open to staff, faculty and alumni to pay a price. We are working out the logistics on that. Okay, cool.
- V VPLA LeBlanc 22:42  
Oh, one year I saw community members come in. That's why.
- J Joy Ballard 22:46  
Yeah, I think they slip in at the Faculty price. We don't always check. It's \$10. ahead. That helps us recoup our money.
- V VPLA LeBlanc 22:57  
Thank you.
- S Senator Bellow 22:59  
I have another question. Senator Bellow Interdisciplinary studies.



Senator Mott 23:04

Time Oh, motion to extend time Brendan Mott junior at large.



Senator Bellow 23:09

Second motion.



VPLA LeBlanc 23:10

Okay, motion carries extend time for three minutes.



Senator Bellow 23:19

Do we have a standing contract with a particular boiler? Or is this put out for contract every year? How does that work?



Joy Ballard 23:28

Sure. So right now we do have a boiler that we have worked with. We work with John Folsie catering. We have been working with them for 11 years straight now. Um, so they're our guy at the moment. Um, just because we have that relationship. It is not subject to university fitting policy because actually Chartwells subcontracted them for us. So that actually goes through the dining services contract.



Senator Bellow 23:59

So well, I guess my question would then be so are there vendors that can be on this?



Joy Ballard 24:09

I think that they just use the same person every year. Because like Chartwells handles the contract. We can look into that though.



Senator Bellow 24:18

Yeah, I think that should be something looked into because a \$20,000 contract for a small business in this city could really make the difference for somebody to stay in business keep people employed versus a \$20,000 contract for a vendor who, you know, who doesn't mean that I was a business every year. So I think, you know, I would like to be



community minded and and really impact the local economy. I think we should at least look into it.

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Joy Ballard 25:00

I can absolutely do that. And I will pitch that what I can say, you've probably heard the name false because Don false is the owner of cafe revolution in the Sheraton downtown. That is who he is. But his brother owns the crawfish company.

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Senator Bellow 25:25

Gotcha. Yeah. So we are dealing with a non New Orleans company. I'm not sure if it's a small business or not. I'd like it to be explored to at least open up the possibility for a small business in the city of New Orleans to be on that contract

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Joy Ballard 26:04

I'll dig into that though. I can figure out how chartwells processes it.

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VPLA LeBlanc 26:09

Yeah. We also need to include SAC in that, because this is their event. So yeah, I'll talk to Eric. Senator bellow, just to fill him in and see what they think as well. Thank you. All right. Are there any other questions? All right, hearing none, we'll move along. There's no old business, no new business nominations and appointments. Moving to open forum set the clock for 12 minutes. This is anything for the betterment of SGA.

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Senator Mott 26:40

This is Brendan Mott Jr. at large. I'm going to further talk about what Desmond was talking about when we walked around campus today. And if Senator Lair or senator Crenshaw want to jump in, I think can feel free to do so. But in my opinion, one of the areas two of the areas we thought were the worst, were the courtyards in the science and liberal arts buildings. Like those courtyards were so bad when we went to them, they have broken lights, all the lights are out in those courtyards at night. On the science building courtyard is a stairwell that goes down into a basement. Like and there's all kinds of really old plants up there, there's a palm tree underneath the light that can eventually grow into the light and cause damage on the building. Um, there's just a lot of things that could be worked on in that regard. And if Senator Lair, Senator Crenshaw want to bring up other things we saw on campus, I give them the freedom to do so. And if not, I can talk about

more. I just want to give everybody a chance.



VPLA LeBlanc 27:46

Yeah, I'll go I think Senator crenshaw's, uh, audio is not working, but when he gets it on, I'm sure he's gonna want to talk, but I can kind of jump in. Um, as I stated, you know, just to kind of go over with Senator Mott was saying, you know, it was a great time, but we did see some stuff that really bothered us. I know one thing for sure. That made me kind of cringe was when we went to what was the biological sciences in their courtyard?



Senator Mott 28:15

The science building?



VPLA LeBlanc 28:16

Yeah, science building. And I didn't know that there was such a courtyard, but nobody should be going in there. Like I don't even know why it's open. And it has someone sitting in and I'm like, how can you sit in here? You know, there was a fountain that really wasn't a fountain but it looks like it's breedings West Nile for mosquitoes. It's just like it's nasty point blank here. Um, so we definitely need to look at possibly beautifying our courtyards a little more. Maybe we can have a meeting with I'm not sure who maintains them. I know Senator layers when her concerns were the tropical trees and things that we have on campus that needs maintenance. The Hurricane Katrina Memorial needs a little a little touch up the fountain surprisingly looks very good it's not green anymore. I thought it was but it's they the waters now clean. I think they need to do that also to the Katrina Memorial as well because that water is now you know, it needs to be redone. And that that statue and you know it's pretty thing but it's starting to look a little down. Um, we did see a lot of broken lights. We didn't know that the Friendship Circle that Senator Roach and wanted us to go to we did stop by there. They the lights don't work, friendship by Friendship Circle. We definitely need to look at you know, lighting their police back up. Um, and that was something that Senator Mike informed us of I didn't even know about that. Um, what else there was several There was just a lot of stuff that we know, could very easily have been missed in the process of doing stuff. But over time grew to be a hazard of some sort. And now we know another thing that concerned me was liberal arts buildings, elevators are so old that the control panel is on its exposed. Anybody, I didn't even realize this, but anybody could literally just cut the elevator off with somebody in it and walk away. And you will never know. Like that. That to me is a is a safety hazard. So that was just a little snippet of things that we saw there. Yeah. That is awesome. Oh, wait. senator crenshaw College of biological sciences. I was just so glad that that people that everybody

who came today, Senator Lair, Senator LeBlanc, and Senator Mott, I'm so glad everybody finally got to see how they do us bio majors, like we get treated like the stepchildren on campus. And I'm, and I'm glad I'm finally seeing it. Yeah, we did go to biological sciences. I'm so sorry. I'm so sorry. I didn't know. They're kind of worse than I thought liberal arts was bad. I am. So I don't understand why you know, why these things go the way they're going. But it's something that I'm sure we can start the conversations and get, get up to speed with and get our administration to look into. And hopefully, you know, I can pitch this to the President, for our next administration.



Senator Mott 32:04

so, so have some further points, friends in my junior at large. So I saw Linda's comment that a lot of things on campus are not ADA compliant. And I remember during our walk, um, Senator LeBlanc and I were talking about how last year he pitched the resolution with putting ADA compliant doors on all the buildings, but that didn't go through. Is that something we want to look at? Again? Maybe?



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Um,



VPLA LeBlanc 32:30

well, it pays I just haven't gotten a response.



Senator Mott 32:35

If I recall correctly, I thought we did get a response that they didn't they couldn't do it.



VPLA LeBlanc 32:41

I'll check again, we probably did. I don't remember a response. But that's what I was waiting for. And then COVID kind of stopped a lot of a lot of stuff. Like I passed it right around when the height of COVID. I mean, created and it was passed right around when we didn't know a whole lot what was going on with COVID.



Senator Bellow 32:59

Senator Alex Bellow So regarding the betterment of the SGA, I recall last last week, or

week before last week, we talked about, you know, we have money, spread the word and you know, because eventually we're going to lose this money. So I've been, I've been spreading the word, you know, through the different departments that I'm connected, that I'm connected to, and I've gotten some response from, I guess what I'm calling the MPA department because I came to I came to UNO, ultimately, to go through the MPA program, even though I'm shifting direction, but they, they have reached out to me, they're brainstorming on some ways, some things that that they would like to see done. So I'm just sort of let you all know that, you know, this money that, that we have, at our discretion that comes right out of our tuition, you know, and so, we find ourselves on the SGA at a weird time, you know, this is gonna be a time Mark forever in history, you know, this whole COVID thing and the way life was, so I don't want to see our money going back to some fund that we you know, we will never be able to tap into. So I'm trying to reach people to to do some things I want to encourage you guys to to do the same because legacy is important to me. This is my last semester I'm, um, you know, heading off to another school after this. And I want to I want I would like us this SGA to leave a lasting impact on our campus or our university.

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#### Senator Mott 34:55

So thinking about it, Brendan Mott Jr. at large. I can forward that. And I wonder if maybe because we were talking about campus beautification trying to pay for things, not letting our money go to waste. So we when we walked around campus, we saw a lot of stuff. What if we work small we wrote, maybe we talked to somebody wrote a bill for one small part of campus we want to beautify. Like, for example, we want to beautify the courtyard in the science building. Let's just give out an example. We want to do that SJ writes a bill, could we do it like in small steps like that, that way? We don't do like a giant bill. That's like saying, we're going to beautify all of UNO, in one bill. Like, I feel like that would probably be a lot better if we worked in small steps rather than doing like a giant thing. All at once.

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#### Senator Bellow 35:44

Alex Bellow is disciplinary studies. I agree with you, Brendan, I think that I think I think thinking small is always the way to go when you have a gargantuan task. Excuse me, in front of you. Um, and so, you know, I think back to a particular congressman that I was researching, this particular congressman had been in Congress for at that time. He's something here. So I went to research his records to see what he had done. You know, this guy in 20, something years before he ended up going to prison had had done nothing. But like seven bills, I'm talking about authored co authored something like seven bills, and those bills was to name a building after something. So in my mind, this guy, he did nothing. And I say that to say, you know, I don't want that to be our legacy, I want

something to be said that Sga of 2020 to 2021 have this impact. So I'm going to be in support of anything that makes sense, regardless of how big or how small it is, because it's our money. We're paying these tuition rates that fund this stuff. And I would love to see our cohort attached to something positive wire university because this, I think this year is going down in the history books. And when people go look at what was going on at, you know, in 2020, and 2021. What will be said of us?

V VPLA LeBlanc 37:20  
Absolutely. I do agree. And I have

S Senator Roach 37:26  
I have an idea Senator Roach, graduate at large, something that I had been thinking about because I know that y'all said that y'all were going and looking around. And I mentioned looking at the Friendship Circle, because I know that it's an area that needs some help. And it's one that especially is like, highly publicized, especially through admissions, orientation to new students. And, like, prospective students, whenever they give a tour, they walk past them, they tell you the legend of the Friendship Circle. And just like the state that it's been, like, even since I've started, UNO, it's always been looking kind of shabby, in a way like, it doesn't look like what you would say a Friendship Circle would look like. So as it is something that is highly advertised to perspective and incoming students, I think that it would be a good thing to, like, work on beautifying and I think with like the idea of friendship at mind, I think a good thing to do with it as well would be if SGA if we could together, collaborate with other student orgs on campus and maybe like, see if they want to come in and paint like a mural, like even like hands have motion to extend time by 12 minutes. Senator Roach,

S Senator Plasse 38:58  
Seconded. Senator Linda Plasse and junior at large

V VPLA LeBlanc 39:02  
motion carries reset the clock for 12 minutes.

S Senator Roach 39:07  
But even something as simple as like, maybe like, I know, it's tacky, but like having people paint, like their hands and have like hands like forming together like a circle of friendship

of hands, like between student organizations would be like a sense of friendship and a sense of like, unity together that could better represent the Friendship Circle, then where smokers hang out or those broken chest tables are. So just an idea that if it could be something that we could work on this semester, I know that I'm graduating, so I don't have much time here. But I'd like to, you know, like Senator bello said make an impact this year. And another thought that I had had was last year Senator rusnak had started working on putting money towards having more trees planted on campus. And I know that fell through with COVID and with her graduating, but I'm not sure if we still have any of her paperwork so on file with like the companies and stuff, maybe that's something that along with the lines of campus beautification, we can kick start back up, maybe get some native fruit trees or native plants in the area, plant more around biological sciences as well and maybe even put little placards up of like what kind of plants they are and how they're native to New Orleans kind of thing to tie in, like, an educational aspect as well.

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#### Senator Crenshaw 40:34

So that's what I have Crenshaw College of biological sciences, me and me and Senator layer, we're actually talking about, like, you know, doing stuff like that, like fruit trees and different kinds of plants that don't necessarily just look randomly placed. And we were talking about collabing with the gardening club, but Senator Lair said that they're a little overwhelmed at the time. So I don't know, like, you know, they're on, I don't really know, what we can do as of now with that. But, um, but we definitely, that, definitely a great idea, like, you know, like, especially like with the artistic aspect, like the murals and stuff like that. I think that's a great idea.

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#### Senator Bellow 41:21

Senator Alex Bellow Interdisciplinary Studies, since the gardening club is overwhelmed. You know, I'm that guy. I'm a senior taking a freshman, environmental science class. And this professor is all about how, you know, is all about a native, you know, dealing with native plants. She, I mean, it's like, she loves this stuff. I mean, she's the only Professor I've taken that takes literally the hour and 15 minutes with her lectures. And so maybe we can connect with Dr. Stiegler or somebody else in the environment, you know, who teaches environmental science to give us some advice. So before we go dealing with landscapers, let's get some advice from our you know, from somebody like Dr. Stiegler in environmental science, in environmental science to tell us we should be looking at this and not that because those are like she studies that stuff and, and maybe she can give us some advice to make a a generational impact with the choices that we we make.

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VPLA LeBlanc 42:32

Yeah, I agree with you, Senator bellow. I think that that would be a great first step. And to the point with friendship circles, since it sounds like so since it sounds like Friendship Circle has a deep history, I've never heard the legend before. But I would love it if someone would make a suggestion to take on the role of drafting things for Friendship Circle. I would even like to see something as far as maybe a fountain in that area. that big grassy deep thing is that I've no I'm scared to look in because I'm afraid I'm gonna fall in it. You know, but at any rate, I think it's a nice place. And I think it could use some some beautification since it has such a deep history, at UNO in between those three buildings. So yeah, is there Anything else?

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Senator Mott 43:32

Brendan Mott Jr. at large. So it seems like a lot of this is outdoor projects. So who is in charge of campus? groundskeeping? Like, is there is a ABM in charge of that or is facility services in charge of that? Or is it a little bit of both?

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Joy Ballard 43:51

It is a little bit of both. So facilities services on campus, the like you know, employees help steer that ship, um, but ABM is responsible for labor on campus. So that tends to be the split. I will say I am happy to help with the communication between facilities and ABM not that we have always gotten along but they do now respond to my emails. Y'all need help. I can help.

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Senator Mott 44:37

Essentially, that was Brendand Mott Jr. at large set. I'm just like, if we as SGA physically go out and plant trees, I would do that. Like I don't know if everybody would but I would do that. But if it was, if it was something like we had to use the vendor for like ABM for like, I just want to make sure what they'd be able to do it or where the money. Just be. sitting there and it would never be done.

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Joy Ballard 45:03

In my experience, if you volunteer to help them plant the things that it is more likely to happen, because they will order the things by using plant. That being said, I do you think they will eventually do it? I think you need people on it that they can push it along.



Senator Mott 45:48

Brendan Mott Junior at large. I've had this idea for quite a while. I just was very difficult to get people to be like, okay, let's walk around campus and, and, and see what's wrong. But would it be possible based on what I'm going to give credit to Senator Roach in the, in the comments, even though it seems like it's kind of a joke, but could we as SGA wear our masks and social distance, socially distantly like garden on campus? Like, could we get permission to do that?



Joy Ballard 46:18

That's what I said in the chat. Like, I think whenever we talk about leaving legacies, I think that part of a legacy is that y'all can fund it and put your name on it. And that is cool. A better legacy is whenever you have put like, sweat, energy and tears and like work into something. I think one of the reasons SGA doesn't always get a lot of credit is because they don't have that part in things. So yeah, I mean, I love that idea. I will buy y'all lemonade, if y'all will show up on a Saturday to do some work.



Senator Bellow 47:04

Alex Bellow, Interdisciplinary Studies, I will cheer you all along. I don't get my hands dirty.



Senator Roach 47:16

Senator Roach, a graduate student at large. I think that, because Linda just said about it being a campus volunteer day, I think that it would be great to collaborate with the volunteer center that SGA does have. So maybe we can even get, like more people to come people who are interested and being in senate next year. People who are running for positions may not be like president SGA currently, and SAC and the other branches as well all coming together and in doing that,



VPLA LeBlanc 47:52

Desmond Leblanc VPLA Yeah, I agree. I think, this is a wonderful idea. I tell you, let me talk with Julianne as well about it. And next week, we can sort of collab to schedule a day of when this could happen. But, I want it to happen, I think it could happen. And if every senator who's on this call and others can join in, that would be great. too, even if you can come in just an hour, or something like that. It'd be cool for us just to get together and take pictures and like you said, just make a memorable impact. I mean, we could even get a plaque suit made showing that 2020 2021 redid the Friendship Circle and help do this,



whatever. So let's just make sure that that happens. Does anyone else have anything else they want to share?

**S** Senator Crenshaw 49:01

We could even make shirts, Senator Crenshaw, Senator College of biological science, like, you know, usually on SGA whenever we do stuff, like, you know, people love shirts. And, um, so it would be like cool to make, like a whole day out of it. And then people could come out and you know, get a shirt. And I think, and then you know, people love shirts, they will sell a firstborn child for a free shirt. It's like this. So I think if we offer shirts, then more people will come out too.

**S** Senator Mott 49:33

Brendan Mott junior at large. I love the idea. We still have to think about COVID though, like we have to we have to there will probably be a cap on how many people can actually come. But if we did offer shirts for said people, we could probably get more people to want to come.

**J** Joy Ballard 49:54

I also think if y'all wanted to do a sign up list, we might be able to tackle cleaning up the biology courtyard too because then we can social distance across campus. So I think depending on our numbers we could kind of maybe we can invest a lot of money everywhere maybe but we can definitely do some general cleaning.

**S** Senator Roach 50:22

Senator roach graduate student at large, Desmond said about a plaque being erected, which gave me like a fun idea that would be like something like a different separate thing. So I know that in like several different like historical places, like around the city, they have those like specific like plaques that like read out what those things are, like, what the meriting is and like what the Bywater is, and stuff like that. I don't know if that would be like a, it would kind of be like a campus beautification thing, if we could make a similar plaque. That would maybe be like a privateer style kind of thing that would be near, like, historical, like mythos mythological places on campus. So like the Mardi Gras tree, the Friendship Circle, the smokestack places like that would be like a, like a fun different thing,



VPLA LeBlanc 51:24

I agree, I think is a wonderful thing. You know, I'm loving the everybody's thought processes are going through. So this is this is nice. Is there anything else? If not, I would don't mind entertaining a motion to adjourn.



Senator Bellow 51:43

Alex bellow Interdisciplinary Studies motion to adjourn



51:52

Second



VPLA LeBlanc 51:54

Thank you guys. This motion has been properly seconded so it carries. I now during this meeting at 5:53pm. Everyone Have a wonderful evening and I will see you all next week.