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## SPEAKERS

VP Jayson Ray, Senator Crenshaw, Amber Lemelle, Unknown, Senator Mott, President of SAC, Senator Clotilde Lair, Tiffany Cortisol, Joy Ballard, Senator Plasse, Senator Bellow, Senator Roach

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- S** Senator Mott 00:00  
I call this meeting to order at 5:01pm am I'm so I'm asking Linda Plasse to be the temporary President pro tempore. So you're okay with doing that, Linda?
- S** Senator Plasse 00:07  
Yes. Okay. So next roll call joy. Can you please call roll for me?
- J** Joy Ballard 00:16  
Hi. \*\*\*Roll Call \*\*\* with nine out of 13 senators present we do meet quorum.
- S** Senator Mott 02:20  
Okay, so next is the approval of the agenda. Is there any corrections or changes to today's agenda?
- S** Senator Bellow 02:29  
Alex bellow IDs. We had submitted a bill I want to say on Monday, but I don't see it on the agenda. And I can acknowledge that I'm may not have been extremely clear on the

process. And I guess I need to get some clarity on the process of getting a bill to the agenda.



Joy Ballard 02:55

We have information. If you submitted it on Monday, it won't be on next week. There's a full calendar week before the meeting.



Senator Bellow 03:07

Thank you.



Joy Ballard 03:08

No worries.



Senator Mott 03:13

Okay, so is there any other corrections to today's agenda that you want that anybody wants to bring up? Okay, if not, we're gonna move on to the approval of the minutes. So we recently got some minutes from Amber. Thank you so much. So does anybody have any corrections to the minutes that were handed out? I know I've read them. I didn't see anything that I think needs to be corrected. If not, I'm gonna move on. So next is communication announcements. Are there any senator communication and announcements from any senators?



Senator Bellow 03:51

Alex Bellow IDs, we are in open early voting. If you are a constituent of the congressional district number two, we are in early voting that if I'm not mistaken, and this Saturday, and then Election Day is Saturday, April 24. Of course, polls open six o'clock am and close at eight o'clock pm. So again, if you are a resident of congressional district number two, it is your opportunity to let your voice be heard. Thank you.



Senator Mott 04:40

Okay, does that any other senators have any communications or announcements? If not, we're gonna move on to non senator communications and announcements. Does anybody have a communication or an announcement? Okay, if nobody has the

communication or announcement I'm going to move on to, to committee reports. So governance has a report. That would be me. I have no report. Does finance have a report?



05:22

\*\*\*unknown\*\*\*



Senator Mott 05:30

So now with 10 senators present, we do meet quorum. Okay, so, um, so continuing on does finance have a report.



Senator Bellow 05:49

I have not Alex bellow IDs. I have not received a report from Haley frist for whom I am serving as proxy.



Senator Mott 05:58

Okay, does. I don't believe we have a Rules Committee had at the moment. So I don't think rules has a report. And then lastly, does does Student Affairs have a report?



Unknown 06:10

No report.



Senator Mott 06:12

Okay, on campus dining and housing. I do not have a report at this time. So next, we're going to go into other reports. So um, does anybody have a report for president Romero? If not, we'll move on to the Vice President's report is vice president Ray here?



VP Jayson Ray 06:39

Yes, I'm here. Okay. For my report, the only thing I have is that we're going to be voting on budget committee nominations today. So I just talked about the rest of that whenever we get to that for the rest my time for questions.

**S** Senator Bellow 07:02  
Alex bellow IDs we do we have any? I think who gives us the operating budget operating at on budget? That was our?

**V** VP Jayson Ray 07:12  
Yeah, I usually do, but I forgot to get them earlier.

**S** Senator Bellow 07:17  
No worries.

**V** VP Jayson Ray 07:18  
I don't have the current amounts right now.

**S** Senator Bellow 07:20  
No worries. Thank you.

**S** Senator Mott 07:24  
Okay, so next, um, Desmond, leave you a report by chance, joy. Okay, no report from the VP Li then. So next is the Vice President of programming. Eric, do you have a report?

**P** President of SAC 07:38  
Yes. Always fun things from sac. Um, so our Carnival that was supposed to be on Friday is getting rescheduled because it's gonna be rainy, and that won't be fun. Um, so that's going to be on the 28th. Now, Wednesday, the 28th at 5pm. Just like last time, all the same things t shirt guys still gonna be there. All the games, the food. We're also going to have stress balls there now because we're combining two events so we could reschedule it. Um, and then next week's suck off, there's 543 students registered. If y'all haven't, then do that, or you won't get crawfish. And I yield my time for questions.

**S** Senator Mott 08:26  
Okay, if nobody has press has questions for the president of sa C then we're going to move on to the advisor report. So joy and or Tiffany Do either of y'all have a report?



Joy Ballard 08:40

I will kick us off. Hey, everybody. Happy to see you this evening. as Eric said, my biggest thing is please reserve your spot for suck off. There's only 60 left. So if you plan on coming to suck off, you need to register right this second. Do it Do not not a crawfish. Thanks. Um, that's it this week. It's a slow week for me. So I am thankful for that until y'all throw something else at me. But you know, bring it on. That's fine. But my exciting news. Tiffany is officially here and I will let her introduce herself.



Tiffany Cortisol 09:21

Hello, everyone. My name is Tiffany cortisol. This is my first week, third day. I am taking in so much. I did not realize how intense or in depth SGA and senate and sac Were and I am just so elated to just learn so much. And I thank you all for allow me to be in your space. And I look forward although we only have maybe three or four weeks left. I still look forward to working with each and every one. Then. Hi.



Joy Ballard 10:06

We yield the rest of our time for questions.



Senator Mott 10:09

Does anybody have any questions for Joy? Or Tiffany?



Senator Bellow 10:13

Yes, Alex bellow IDs joy. I was following up with you. regarding a Wait, is there anything else that we need to do regarding my, the funding for the PASA gala?



Joy Ballard 10:29

I do not believe so. I checked in with Kirsty again today. She's working on getting me some paperwork. But we are set as long as she gets me her stuff, but we are in the right direction.



Senator Bellow 10:40

Thank you.



Joy Ballard 10:41

No worries.



Senator Mott 10:57

Okay, if not, we're going to move on. So next, we do not have any old business is this or new business. So next is nominations and appointments. So next we're going to be appointing committee heads for the rest of the semester. So the first one we are appointing is Maddie Roach for the Rules Committee. So



Senator Roach 11:17

motion to review the nominations as a slate and vote on them as a slate. Senator roach, graduate student large



Senator Bellow 11:29

Alex bellow IDs, second, the motion to review all appointments as a slate.



Senator Mott 11:36

Okay, I am going to be appointing to a position I need someone to temporarily be the vpla. So Senator lair could you possibly be the Vpla? For me?



Senator Clotilde Lair 11:50

Oh, what would I need to do?



Joy Ballard 11:52

You would just need to since it's just for this part, you would just need to read off the agenda and joy. Could you maybe quickly forward her script of this part? I am pulling up a chat to you. I'm gonna tell you how it goes.



Senator Mott 12:19

Okay, so the three people it's going to be Maddie Roach for the rules committee may for the Governance Committee head and Linda Plasse for the Student Affairs Committee head. And so as soon as I'm Senator lair ready, we will begin with that.

S Senator Clotilde Lair 12:38  
Can you send me the names as well joy?

J Joy Ballard 12:45  
I can find my agenda. Please. Hold

S Senator Mott 12:49  
I can send them to Senator lair.

S Senator Clotilde Lair 13:26  
Okay, I have it. Maddie Roche for Rules Committee. Brendon ma for Governance Committee, Lind applause Student Affairs Committee. Are there any questions for the candidates? Oh, sorry. Are there any questions? Are there any questions for the candidates? If there are no questions for the candidates, we will move on. Then does anybody rises in support?

S Senator Mott 14:20  
Wait point of order? Are we supposed to have three minutes to introduce ourselves? as well as for people to ask questions?

J Joy Ballard 14:27  
My bad I move to questions. Four. That's fine. You can introduce yourselves if you would like.

S Senator Clotilde Lair 14:41  
Maddie Roche, can you introduce yourself first? She will be head. She's the one that's running for heads. Rock screenie

S Senator Roach 14:50  
Hey, y'all. I'm Senator. Matty roach, graduate student at large. I running for a head of rules committee on This is my, I'm coming to the end, I'm graduating in May. So I'll really be serving this position until then. So I know the rules. I've been in SGA for a while, and I'm

fairly confident that I'll be able to uphold the SGA constitution rules and procedures and general operating and the meeting and if I fall short of that, I'm sure that our advisor will keep me on track. And y'all will keep me on track. And I will keep the rules and everything up in case I need to refer to them and then I yield the rest of my time to the other slated nominations.

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Senator Mott 15:46

Hello, my name is Brendon Mott, I serve as a junior at large. And I have been temporarily serving as the Governance Committee head for a few weeks now. But I am now ready to permanently become the Governance Committee head for the remainder of our semester on so I believe that I'm very fit for this position. Because I've been very active ever since joining SGA last school year, I helped to start a committee for on campus dining and housing. And I just think that I'd be I'd be very good. I'm in the chair of the Governance Committee, and I yield the rest of my time for Linda Plasse.

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Senator Plasse 16:23

Hello, my name is Linda Plasse. I apologize for my camera being off eating dinner right now. But like Brendan, I am also the junior at large senator currently, and I have also been serving temporarily as the head of Student Affairs Committee and going to our city exec meetings each week. And I believe that I will be good at this position, partially because I've already kind of been doing it. And I am also fairly up to date on Student Affairs regarding like campus culture and things and I am willing to learn more as I go.

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Senator Clotilde Lair 16:56

Does anybody have any questions for the candidates? If nobody has any questions for the candidates, does anybody rise in support for any of the candidates?

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Senator Bellow 17:18

I'm Alex below IBS, I rise in support of the entire slate of candidates for the various committee heads. All three of them have been active participants in the SGA process and have, in my opinion displayed a commitment to the betterment of our university. And I believe that they will serve as great ambassadors for the University at large as well as the SGA specifically.



- S** Senator Clotilde Lair 18:01  
Does anybody else rise in support? Does anybody rise in opposition with the candidates? If not, we proceed to voting correct joy.
- J** Joy Ballard 18:33  
That's correct, I will call the roll. \*\*\*Roll Call Vote\*\*\* with nine Yes, one abstention and zero no's. bypass. congrats y'all.
- S** Senator Clotilde Lair 19:23  
Are we able to call Brendan back as VPLA
- J** Joy Ballard 19:26  
we are not because he is on the slate for the budget committee as well as nomination.
- S** Senator Mott 19:32  
actually seems like Senator lair is as well. I'm going to appoint Maddie roach as temporary VPLA
- J** Joy Ballard 19:44  
Good God. Yes. Maddie, you good.
- S** Senator Roach 19:48  
All right. Moving on to nominations for the Budget Committee. Let me pull up the thing real quick I'm sorry, I don't have
- S** Senator Bellow 20:10  
Alex bellow IDs I motion to consider all of the budget committee candidates as one slate.
- S** Senator Plasse 20:27  
Seconded Linda PLAs jr at large. I don't know if I can do that since I'm on the slate but

J Joy Ballard 20:33  
you can.

S Senator Roach 20:34  
Alright, what's the proper second That motion carries. So we will go forward with hearing the budget committee nominations as a slate. So under presidential appointments, which are ones that Juliana nominated, we have Christine bourgeois amber lemelle and Angelo Charles. And then under the vplas appointment, we have Brendan Mott, Linda Plasse, Clotilde lair. So the first three minutes will be controlled by any members of the slated nominations that would like to introduce themselves. So I believe that the ones who are current seated senators are the ones that are present and Amber as well. So if we would like to start with amber, she's our president appointment, then we'll go alphabetical after Would Amber like to introduce herself. Okay, we will move then to clotilde and then Brendan and Linda.

S Senator Clotilde Lair 21:55  
Hello. I'm Clotilde lair College of Engineering. I'm running mostly because I like to be involved. And I find that doing stuff within SGA is fulfilling. So I would like to be helpful. Let's spread it.

S Senator Mott 22:17  
Hello, my name is Brandon Mott Jr. at large. And I am running for this because I believe that that the budget is one of the most important things that that our government can do. And I think that I would like to be a part of this of this really big important thing that the student government does every year. And I think it'd be a good experience. And I'm looking forward to trying to make sure that we get a good budget for next year.

S Senator Plasse 22:46  
Hi, I am once again Linda plasse junior at large. And similar to what both Brendon and clotilde said, I've been involved in SGA for like this entire past academic year, and I am loving the involvement in the engagement and I feel like the budget committee is an important part of SGA. That as the senate we don't generally discuss at length. So I feel like this is a good opportunity to kind of see where we're at and what we can do to help improve SGA and campus as a whole regarding Budget Committee decisions.

S Senator Roach 23:25  
Do y'all yield the rest of your time for questions?

S Senator Plasse 23:29  
Yes, I do

S Senator Roach 23:37  
okay, hearing no questions. We will move on to senators who rise in support. Are there any senators who rise in support of the slated nominations? Hearing none, the next few minutes will be controlled by Senators who rise in opposition. Are there any senators who has an opposition of the nominations? Hearing none there as well. We will move on to a roll call vote joy. Could you please conduct a roll call vote?

J Joy Ballard 24:12  
I will \*\*\*Roll Call Vote\*\*\* with eight yes and two abstentions. They are appointed

S Senator Roach 25:01  
Okay, I would like to motion to give the VPLA position back to Brendan Mott.

S Senator Bellow 25:09  
Alex bellow IDs I second the motion.

S Senator Mott 25:12  
Great. Thank you so much. So now we are going to move on to open forum. So this is 12 minutes for the betterment of SGA. So we can start the timer. And does anybody have anything they would like to say?

S Senator Roach 25:32  
Senator, roach graduate student at large. I just wanted to say that I've, I advise the movie club on campus. And they've recently been coming and asking me questions about possibly like doing a bill for them to have like a movie night or I don't know if they sent Jason a budget request. But the President had been talking about doing so. But I think the

time is late. So they'll probably be coming to the Senate with a bill soon. So just have that on your radar. And it's cool that we'll have a club that'll be doing like a socially distant activity and coming to the Senate and asking for help with funding. So just putting out there.

**S** Senator Clotilde Lair 26:15

Clotilde Lair College of Engineering. This is more of a question. But did anyone start anything on the campus beautification bill that we were talking about?

**S** Senator Mott 26:34

So Brendan Mott Jr. at large. The only information I know is that Desmond was working on that quite a bit. And I know that he was supposedly talking to President Romero, but neither of them are here. So I unfortunately cannot ask them to what information they have. That is all I know at this time.

**A** Amber Lemelle 26:57

I'm Amber Lemelle clerk of Senate. I just wanted to ask a question about suck off. when you say like save slots? Does everybody have to save slots? Like anybody that goes in general or? Cuz I don't know, I'm a bit confused because somebody said it was drive thru. So I'm confused

**J** Joy Ballard 27:18

It is. you have to reserve a time slot. So you can either get there free, but you have to like get a ticket for either a drive thru or a walk up spot. That so that we can keep everybody physically distant and follow all the COVID protocols. So you do have to sign up for a slot but there are still open slots. amber, if your question was, if you're a volunteer, or you're on the VIP list, you don't have to sign up.

**S** Senator Plasse 28:11

Okay, that was so my question was about the VIP list.

**J** Joy Ballard 28:14

Yes. So if you made that list then. Just come at your time from the VIP list.

A Amber Lemelle 28:25  
Wow, Linda, are we in like sync or something?

S Senator Bellow 28:33  
Alex bellow IDs. I didn't get my VIP invitation. So I'm sure it's just got lost in the mail. We'll listen, Maddie wanted to speak to that movie night situation. If this is something you guys are interested in. I used to own a company that does the big blow up movie screen where you can kind of make it a drive in. And the couple that I sold the business to, if that's something you guys are interested in, I can connect you guys.

S Senator Roach 29:11  
Yeah, I would love that I'm in works with their president trying to like help advise them with like what to do so I will let them know that. If we need a screen or like the big drive up thing that this person. can you send me an email with like their company, i'll type my email in the thing. So Perfect. Thank you.

S Senator Bellow 29:36  
Okay. You're welcome.

S Senator Crenshaw 29:46  
Crenshaw, Senator College of biological sciences. Just to piggyback off of like what Brendan mentioned about the beautification bill, it's like I don't want to throw no shade and nothing but it's like economy. You know, it was like co opted. And there's like a lot of stuff going on in the background where a lot of people aren't aware of like, you know, a lot of things that's going on, like through means of email. And that just kind of like, you know, was kind of funny to me.

J Joy Ballard 30:23  
I would like to on the record here and validate that concern, and also say that I know that Desmond has been really busy and maybe drunk his feet a little on this bill. That being said, y'all can write it. And if y'all need help writing it, let me know. But y'all can write it

S Senator Crenshaw 30:47

Crenshaw college of biological sciences. I was wondering about that, because it was like, you know, it started off as appealing everybody, you know, kind of like hopping on and we were all going to make it like a big group thing. But it's like, then he was talking about, like the president and background meetings. And it was like, I wasn't really sure what it wasn't even a bill at that point, because it seemed more like Oh, the President wants to do this as like a more of a campus event or something rather than like as a bill, the SGA handle handling. That's what I meant by like, it kind of got co opted.

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Joy Ballard 31:23

For the sake of this getting done this semester. I fully support y'all writing the bill and making it happen. And then if they want to jump in on it later, once a bill is in motion, it will be easier to have stuff be rolling

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Senator Mott 31:40

Brendan Mott Jr. at large. So is there a way we could find out like the cost of doing our renovation we wanted to do? And I also asked the question, does that is everybody still fine with Friendship Circle renovations? Or do we want to focus on something else for the bill? Because I definitely think the bill should be specific for something because we don't want to throw money at Campus beautification. And then basically, somebody in facilities can decide whatever they want. I think we should, I think we should as an SGA decide what we want to be done on for a campus beautification. So does everybody agree with the Friendship Circle?

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Senator Crenshaw 32:18

Crenshaw College of biological sciences, like not to throw you off. But like, originally, I came up with an idea of like, beautification as a whole off campus. Like you know, that's why I called it the beautification bill, though but we can like rename it into like, I don't know the Friendship Circle beautification bill, as to like, make it more specific

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Senator Mott 32:44

Brendan Mott I'm also support a full, a full campus beautification bill, if we wanted to do that, too. I'm really open to either. In fact, I would be fine with maybe doing a small Friendship Circle one for the end of this semester. And if we still have time, later on, then pass a big one that has a long list of details about this is every little thing on campus we want to fix. I just think we should start small. But I'm also down to start big as well. It's really, I think it's a collective thing. So I think it's up to all of us to make that decision.



Senator Plasse 33:18

Linda Plasse Jr. at large. I want to say I said in the chat, like I do think starting in Friendship Circle is a good starting point. I don't know if it would be as feasible though, to make one big bill in the future about the whole of campus. Because I feel like that's where things start to get out of hand. People get overwhelmed. And I believe it was stated in previous meetings that President Nicklow support was partially in the fact that we as SGA senators would be helping on the front lines and like volunteering to do this, which obviously I am still willing to do. But I think like if we said like the whole of campus was going to be helped with like just the SGA senate support because we can't guarantee external student support. So I think just maybe doing it like a bill at a time and seeing like where we can start rather than trying to attack it from a whole front it'll be a little easier to maintain.



Senator Bellow 34:14

Bellow, IDs. I am definitely with with Linda I believe we're going to get overwhelmed Not to mention, if we're trying to make a mark via this as SGA we only have three to four weeks left. And so I think trying to do a campus wide campaign will overwhelm us as we're going into finals and you know everything else so I'm going to support any bill that gets put forward. But I think for the best shot at accomplishing something we should start small is my opinion.



Senator Mott 35:03

Oh, I also like to make the point Brandon, Jr at large that I would also like to make the point that if if you weren't able to come on the walk that Desmond, senator Crenshaw, and Senator Lair and I went on um, if you would like to do another one, you can always let me know I'd be willing to do another Walk of campus to see what needs to be beautified. I'll put my email in the chat in case you are wanting to do that. And we can let everybody know what we find. But I also support starting with the Friendship Circle.



Senator Plasse 35:47

Linda Plasse junior at large. I'm just wondering if it would maybe be a possibility like for next semester, if we could make like a poll or a survey for the entire student body and see like what common themes are about what what they want to see improved on campus specifically? Obviously, I think there will be a little, a little bit of bias based on people's like major or college. But I think like if we kind of open it up to the entire campus and ask what people want to see, . But maybe we'd get more willing participants from like external

organizations. If we did something like that. It's just a thought.



Senator Roach 36:39

Motion to adjourn senator Roach graduate student at large.



Senator Bellow 36:44

Alex bellow IDs. second the motion.



Senator Mott 36:53

Okay, with all with two motions to adjourn, we're gonna adjourn this meeting at 5:38pm.



Joy Ballard 36:59