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## SPEAKERS

April Gremillion, Senator Ngetich, VPLA LeBlanc, Senator Bellow, President of SAC, Senator S. Johnson, President Romero, Senator Fretz, VP Jayson Ray, Senator Mott

**S** Senator Fretz 00:00  
received, there was information that's supposed to be emailed out, but unfortunately was never emailed out. Now that we're back into the swing of things at school, I plan to continue to reach back out in hopes to get that information. I know right now that we don't have a lot going on, on our agendas, but if anyone would like to help with a couple things that are being played with with ideas, that'd be great. I've met with another senator about putting some positive and accessible products on campus for female hygiene products. And I also am going to be doing my best to try and fulfill the hand sanitizer bill that was approved last spring now that we may possibly be approaching campus at some point in the future and was my graduation hopefully approaching, I want to make sure that I leave that little bit of legacy behind and make sure that I fulfilled everything we need. So if anyone wants to be involved in either one of those, please reach out to me. If you have any questions about the reserve account that you want me to speak to about Dr. Goalz, please also reach out to me. And again, I'm sorry about missing last meeting. But hopefully for the future. As we get back into the swing of things, it'll be a little easier to stay on top of stuff. Have a great semester. Guys. That's it. If you have any questions, I yield the remaining a little bit of time.

**V** VPLA LeBlanc 01:24  
Does anyone have any questions for the finance committee? Hearing none, we'll move

along. Thank you for that, Haley. Next, we will move to on campus dining and housing. Do you have report for us? thing?

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Senator Mott 01:42

I have something just really quick. Um, we just like with from residential life. Last week, our committee had a small meeting with dining services. And we're going to do the same thing with both departments, we're going to have a monthly meeting where students can come and leave feedback. And now the only issue that I have is trying to advertise that to students. And that is something I will open in the floor during open forum. And I yield the rest of my time for questions.

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VPLA LeBlanc 02:11

Are there any questions for the on campus dining and housing chair? Hearing none, we'll move along. Thank you for that. Brenda. Next is other reports. Madam President, do you have a report for us?

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President Romero 02:23

I do have a small Report. I said last meeting that if anybody has any ideas about on campus of the health center, Dr. Goalz said that they are going to be renewing contracts soon. And they want to know if Oschner is a good investment that we made. Or if we should go with another health provider. What are some services you like? What are some services you don't like? So just email me reach out to me. The contracts not renewed to December of this year. So we have a little time. But she just wanted me to get some information together. That's it. I really don't have anything else. hope everyone's having a great semester. If you have anything you want me to mention to administration, me or any of the other execs, for our monthly admin meetings, let us know. I also have a month or a bi weekly meeting with Dr. Goalz. So if anything that the dean of students might be interested in hearing, let me know that too. Y'all can email me at SGA president@uno.edu. And I yield my time for questions.

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VPLA LeBlanc 03:52

Any questions about the president at this time? Hearing none, we will move along. Thank you, Madam President. Thank you. Is the Vice President in?

V VP Jayson Ray 04:05  
I'm here.

V VPLA LeBlanc 04:06  
Yes. Okay, great. All right. So you have six minutes to speak, followed by three minutes of question.

V VP Jayson Ray 04:11  
Thank you. So since there are no money allocations last week, the amounts stay the same, which are \$38,488.68 for the operating account. And currently, the updated total we have for reserves is \$193,088. I will put those in the chat just a little bit. I forgot to say in my report last week, but I did put it in chat. But my office hours for the semester will be Mondays 12 to 3pm. And then Thursdays 1030 to four to 4:30pm. Which I will try to start next week. And if you'll have any questions or concerns, considering budget or anything like that, that'll be coming up soon. Just shoot me an email at SGAVP@uno.edu and i yield the rest of my time for questions.

V VPLA LeBlanc 05:06  
Are there any questions for the vice president? Hearing none, we will move along. Thank you, Mr. Vice President. Next is my report vice president of Legislative Affairs. I really don't have much to say, we are starting off this semester, on a good foot. We don't have anything on the agenda this week, we will have items on the agenda next week, I did get a senators legislation for bill on time, and it is scheduled to be on the agenda for next week, I will send that out to your committees, and their heads so that you all can send them to me, while sending your How do you vote, and then you know, your standard process. So that's a good thing, we will also the Governance Committee head position is open. If anyone on the governance committee or if anyone, just in general would like to serve as the committee head for governance, please reach out to me, so that we can possibly get you on the agenda as well for next week. So that we can make sure that that committee has someone who's leading. The second to last thing is my office hours, which will start next week, I didn't go this week, because I had to go to the doctor. Will be starting next week, Tuesdays and Wednesdays on Tuesdays from 10am to 2pm. And on Wednesdays, 10am until 3pm. Also, I will be reaching out to the individuals who were working on the amphitheater thing with one of the performing arts centers, professors. I think his name is Dr. Kevin Griffith. And we will be bringing in more information to you guys on how that will look. It's just taking a little bit more time than I had expected. And that's all of my report

that I have. I yield the rest of my time for questions. No questions. We will move along is the Vice President of programming. President of SAC?

**P** President of SAC 07:25

That's me. Hello. All right. Um, so we had an event yesterday, it went, Okay. It was the watch party for the shoe box parades. But next week, there's some nicer, bigger events. The first one on the 17th we are all just gonna play Animal Crossing on zoom. I figured out how to do that. And then the next day on the 18th not all the information is there yet, but we're gonna have a cultural conversation. Our entertainment chair Nick is heading it and I believe he said that it's going to be a collaboration with PBSU. Um, that's, that's coming I yield the rest of my time for questions. I'm sorry.

**V** VPLA LeBlanc 08:15

Anyone have any questions for the Vice President Programming? Okay, hearing none, we will move along to the advisor does. April. I know you're standing in for joy.

**A** April Gremillion 08:29

Yeah, no report.

**V** VPLA LeBlanc 08:31

Okay, thank you. We don't have any old business or new business. We do have a nomination and appointment for Sarah Johnson, to serve as the Rules Committee head, Well, usually we will say well, you now come to the floor. If you want to take yourself off, mute and introduce yourself to us even though we know who you are.

**S** Senator S. Johnson 08:58

Hey, guys, Can y'all hear me?

**V** VPLA LeBlanc 09:00

Yes.

**S** Senator S. Johnson 09:01

Okay, um, Hey, everyone. I'm a senior sociology major. I think this is like, my second year

in a Shay. Sorry, time. But yeah. I'm passionate about SGA. It's great to be involved on campus. And yeah. I'd really appreciate being,committee head



VPLA LeBlanc 09:25

All right. Thank you for that. Sarah, you now have three minutes of questioning. Does anyone have any questions for Sarah? Okay, hearing none, Sarah, I am going to put you in our waiting room for a second. Okay. One second. All right. Okay guys, we will have six minutes for open discussion. No one has anything you want to say. Okay. We will now take a roll call vote. When i call your name please let me know how you vote. \*\*\*Roll Call Vote\*\*\* 11 out of 11 yeses, zero no's, and no abstentions. This nomination passes. Sarah will be our head of our rules committee. Senator Johnson. Congratulations, you've been approved to be the Rules Committee.



Senator S. Johnson 12:00

Hey, thanks, guys. I really appreciate it.



VPLA LeBlanc 12:05

No problem. Thank you. So I will get with you to get all of the information that you need. So that you can be up to speed. All right. So we don't have anything else other than the open forum. This is anything for the betterment of SGA we have 12 minutes on the clock. So this is open for everyone.



Senator Mott 12:30

Before I speak, let me set the timer. Okay, so this is Brendan mott, Jr. at large. So, um, but with both the residential life and Dining Services departments, like I mentioned during my committee report, that we are planning on having open forum meetings once a month with students, but I'm trying to figure out the best way to advertise that would not be something that we could advertise as SGA because the department said that they're willing to send out like advertisements that we that like if we created some, but I'm not exactly sure how we would go about doing that. Does anybody have any ideas?



President Romero 13:14

I can speak on the SGA Instagram account. Julian Romero, President, I have access to the Instagram account, so does joy. And really any of the execs can ask for the password . But I like making Canvas I make Canvas all the time. I don't know if you make canvas. But if

you have an idea for like a poster or something, reach out to me. and I can do that. And I can post it on our Instagram and our social medias. Okay, I have no problem doing that, with you.

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Senator Mott 13:51

Okay, because we already have times and dates set. So for residential life, we have 3:30 on the first Tuesday of March and April. And then for dining services. We have 2pm on the second Tuesday of March and April. And I have zoom information as well. So I can pass that along. And I've made some Canvas myself. Are there any standards for SGA advertising?

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President Romero 14:16

No, there are no standards. Jullianne Romero President, there are no standards. The only thing is like if you put the official UNO logo, it has to all be you and UNO's brand colors which are on their marketing page or whatever. But there's not really any restrictions to our Instagram. Unless like, like I said, you put you in those logo. But if you post posters around campus, that's when they have to start meeting the marketing standards and stuff of the campus. So there's not really anything specific. If you want to just email me all the information and canvas you have and we can get those done.

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Senator Mott 15:01

I can send you, I can start making canvas and send like collaboration links, so you can like view and edit them as well.

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President Romero 15:07

Cool. That sounds good. Yeah, there's no actual like marketing person for SGA. I think there was at one point but that kind of died down. I don't know if any of y'all notice, but our Instagram, and our social media kind of sucks to be quite frank. I think joy is exploring putting social media as our marketing as part of the new coordinators position. So we just have a better marketing, but I'm not sure. Because that's not like a job. That's like, it's important, but it's not like as important as other duties that this person might have. So like, I don't know how that's gonna be presented whenever this new person does come home. But yeah, if anybody has anything they want to put on our social media advertiser anything, just email me and or any of the execs and they can reach out to me too. And I can put anything on Instagram really, within reason, obviously.

**S** Senator Mott 16:19  
thank you so much for that information.

**P** President Romero 16:22  
No problems. Yeah.

**S** Senator Fretz 16:23  
Haley Fretz graduate at large. joy, also, because she has been doing a lot of that stuff will probably have some pointers for you. And she's back. Because I've asked her about us possibly posting things about things that we've passed, or who's going to be on the appointment for the agenda, that kind of stuff. So I'll look back through my emails for that email, she gave me a really great resource to help you make like graphics and stuff like that. So if you wanted to start preparing those social media posts, and then just send them on their way, then they may be able to just post them, so I'll look for that too.  
Brendan

**S** Senator Mott 16:58  
Thank you so much.

**V** VPLA LeBlanc 17:03  
All right. Thank you guys. Um, is there anyone else?

**S** Senator S. Johnson 17:09  
Sarah Johnson, center of College of Liberal Arts. I had something to bring up. This, Julianne might be able to answer this question. Have we heard anything about extending library hours? Because recently, I had a student ask me about it because on a personal level, they cannot study in their room with their roommate, because their roommate has a dog and their person next door has a dog, so they have nowhere to study. And I know this person, they're very serious, and they work very hard. So it's a shame, they really can't focus on their work. And I again, I'd reiterate like, it's hard for our non traditional students or students who work all day or, you know, the library's open only till six o'clock, and that's really a problem.

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President Romero 18:01

Yeah, so Jullianne Romero, President. I asked at a previous meeting, I'm not sure if it was the last one. I don't think I did. But the one before, and basically the answer they gave me was based on their statistics and algorithms or something that that's the hours that people go to the library. I kind of feel, and I can bring it up again, I'll bug them until they fix something. the answer was that and I feel like Well, yeah, people only go during that time because that's the only times it is open. Like y'all haven't tried to have it 24 hours, but of course, also, because of, you know, Coronavirus, they don't have all the staff that they usually do and stuff like that, too. So you know, to have it open 24 hours, or even extended time, they might have to have more workers, but I'm gonna push for it again. Because I do also believe that it should be open longer, because, you know, I have a class that ends at 6:15. So I you're going to tell me the last 15 minutes of my class, I gotta leave the library.. So I'll keep pushing for it. I'll keep asking. That's the answer they gave me and like I said, I feel like of course, people are going to go to the library the hours are it is open. If that's hours that are open, so I'm sorry that it keeps becoming a problem, hopefully. I mean, we say this with a grain of salt every time you know Coronavirus with all the vaccines and stuff goes down in the you know, everything on campus can be opened way more than it is because we have issues with dining services to being open kind of at weird hours, you know, the people working and stuff so I think accessibility with hours on a lot of resources. On campus are becoming an issue, especially during Coronavirus, so I'll try to push for those things our next admin meeting, which is the end of this month.

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Senator S. Johnson 20:12

Okay, thank you so much, Jullianne. Um, yeah, I mean, I think a good compromise would be even if only the first floor was open.

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Senator Mott 20:25

Brendan mott junior at large, I think I agree with Senator Johnson. I think during COVID, it might be just impossible for it to be open 24 hours like it was previously, but I do think maybe a compromise and maybe making some floors open till maybe 10 or maybe eight or something like that, just that small, little bit of extra time because they don't really have classes after eight, but they do have classes from 6:30 to 7:45. Those are the latest classes that I know of. So I was just thinking the library hours maybe should mirror the class times.

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President Romero 21:06

Jullianne Romero, President, I definitely agree. Other execs back me up. If I heard this correctly. Maybe I'll ask again, for our next meeting, but I think that they mentioned that



he would be open to maybe extending hours a few hours for like around midterms and finals. I feel like he said that, or maybe...



VPLA LeBlanc 21:37

Yeah, he basically said that I think during midterms, yeah. It was something to the degree if I can remember and correct me if I'm wrong. I library was open 24 hours only during midterms and finals. I get closed at a certain time. Right,?



President Romero 21:54

No i think it was open most days, 24 hours and on weekends it was close.



VPLA LeBlanc 22:02

So he did he did say that they will be open to extending the hours during the midterms and finals. It just depends on how the business was going before then.



President Romero 22:17

Yeah, so I'll mention it. Our next meeting, I'll put it on our little agenda that we have, and try to get more hours for the library. Like I said, I'm sorry that this is becoming an issue. It sucks. I think they also didn't predict as many people would be on campus as they are this year with Coronavirus. So I think they underestimated how many people will be on campus. So things are getting kind of, you know, there's problems coming up with hours and stuff with all kinds of things, because students need certain resources, you know, to be successful. So I will definitely mention that again, for y'all.



Senator Ngetich 23:01

I'm Senator Ngetich. College of Liberal Arts. I just wanted to say that one on what you're asking about the hours and then presidents right. I use the library a lot in the previous years, and the schedule has always been 24 hours during the week. And they close at five on the weekends. It they extended it to 24 hours on the weekends during midterms and finals. So I think that might be what you're thinking up on the schedule. And it seems it seems kind of odd to me that they didn't expect as many people on campus since they haven't like they keep pushing for us to get back on campus with like this. You know, after Mardi Gras, they're wanting us back on campus, even though things are ramping up with the virus, and they haven't closed like the dorms or anything. So it just it seems rather short sighted given that they've pushed everything for people to be on campus, or kind of

made that the environment.

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Senator Mott 24:16

Brendan Mott jr at large. I do agree with that sentiment that they seem to be trying to push people to come back on campus, but at the same time, of they're kind of leaving things with shortened hours. And I've just noticed that this semester there seems like there's been more people here than there were last semester. I don't know how true that is. But it seeming like places are more crowded than they were before.

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VPLA LeBlanc 24:41

So yeah, we have been in talks with them also about that. Dr. Nicklow is hopeful. But again, of course they are watching what the city is doing in the country. So we just have to be aware and paying attention to our emails and see where that will take us. But like president Romero said we will talk to them again about the library hours, and see if there's some sort of happy medium we can come up to. I actually did go in the library. Last week since that was our first full week of school. Honestly, I didn't see very many people using it during the hours that they have. I know a lot of us work, the amount of folks that are in the dorms. From what I've been told is the dorms are not filled to capacity. Correct me if I'm wrong, Senator Mott . I don't know if they're filled to capacity or not, are they?

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Senator Mott 25:48


Brendan Mott, when I did work there, it was not filled to capacity we had on most of our suites had two to three people in them rather than all four. They tried to make it to where most suites would only have two people as opposed to four. But some they had to add an extra person to fill it up. But it was never completely full.


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VPLA LeBlanc 26:08


Gotcha. So what I'm getting at is, is folks who are in their dorms during the hours that the library is open, we're not seeing them. I know I didn't when I went in a few times, which was during a lunch hour that we typically would have that, that timeframe off before the next class. And then I went at five o'clock, right before they closed, and i also went nine o'clock the next morning, just to see how it goes. I wasn't seeing a whole lot of people there. So I don't know if it's because those are work hours for most of our students, I know we are a commuter campus. That could also be something that our administrators are looking at, too. I just went personally to see what's the, you know, what's the hype in the in the library during COVID? They have really been very aware of it. I mean, it feels so empty.


When I went in there. A lot of the computers are not in use right now. A lot of the rooms are just like storage rooms right now. So it's a it's a lot of things that I know administration is taking into account when it comes to when will the library be open and how long? I'm sure the cost factor also comes into play for them. We don't know really, offhand how much it's costing them to run the school during this time, so we just have to be aware of all of those things as well. But again, we will definitely bring the hours back up at our next admin meeting. So thank you guys for that. Anyone else? If there's nothing else, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.


 Senator Mott 28:01  
time actually just got up.

 VPLA LeBlanc 28:06  
So if anyone else had something to share, we can extend it for motion to adjourn.

 Senator Bellow 28:13  
Alex bellow senator of Interdisciplinary Studies motion to adjourn

 VPLA LeBlanc 28:18  
with a proper second.

 Senator Fretz 28:20  
Haley, Fretz graduate Large, Second.

 VPLA LeBlanc 28:23  
Motion carries