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## SPEAKERS

VP Jayson Ray, Senator Callahan, Senator Clotilde Lair, Senator Plasse, VPLA LeBlanc, Senator Crenshaw, Senator A. Johnson, Senator S. Johnson, President Romero, Senator Fretz, Joy Ballard, Senator Roach, Senator Mott, Senator Marrow



VPLA LeBlanc 00:03

Okay. With 10 out of 16 senators present we do meet quorum. Right. Okay, so we will go to the approval of the minutes. It was the February 3 meeting minutes that we all should have at this time. So are there any objections to the minutes? Any corrections or changes? With no objections to the minutes they are approved? Thank you for that clarification. Madam clerk. Next, we'll be moving to communications and announcements. Are there any senator communications and announcements that are SGA related? Okay, are there any non senator, communications and announcements for any guests in our audience? That are non SGA Related? Okay, hearing none, we will move right along to committee reports. Governance does the head of Governance Committee. Have a report from the governance committee?



01:53

No report for the Governance Committee.



VPLA LeBlanc 01:55

Okay. Thank you. Rules. Does The Rules Committee... rules committee head is not in today.

Student Affairs, we will move to, I know I'm skipping one guys for a reason. We'll move to on campus dining and housing.

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Senator Mott 02:16

Senator Mott Junior at Large I'm going to give a disclaimer that this information I have is just stuff I heard from students. I do not know all of the details on what happened because I have not been able to get any information from the Residential Life staff about the situation yet.

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VPLA LeBlanc 02:38

I'm sorry, Senator, point of information. You do have three minutes to talk followed by three minutes of questions.

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Senator Mott 02:59

I'm giving a disclaimer that this is just information I've gotten from students. I have not gotten information from the Residential Life department about the situation that occurred yet but I believe that this is a very major situation that I should bring to the Senate's attention. But so over this past weekend, they had some major infrastructural failures in Pontchartrain Hall South that led to the building being completely vacated no like people couldn't live there any longer until the repairs get completed. So this has led to students by being in other people's rooms on couches and North Hall people moving to North Hall people having to get into leases with private place people having to go home and skip their in person classes. It's led to just a whole mess of situations because of this and the failures I believe are related to both plumbing and electricity they had a plumbing failure that resulted in a flood and and alleged a power outage at the same time. I do not know the exact causes I just know what I've heard from students. I also would like to say that I also heard that there was a few false fire alarms the day before that happened as well I'm not sure what is going on in Pontchartrain Hall South. Like I said, I don't have all the details I don't know if all this is completely accurate information. I just have stuff that I've heard from students and I yield the rest of my time for questions.

V

VPLA LeBlanc 04:32

Okay, just a point of information guys. Just make sure that when you're asked just add if you have any questions for him or if you have to make some clarifications, you do give a point of information to make a clarification on anything, but carry on



Joy Ballard 04:47

I have a point of information for that. A boiler is down in the halls because the boiler went down, the water wasn't flowing or being heated, which meant whenever the freeze happened, all the pipes froze, which caused a pipe to burst. That is why it was evacuated. So, yes, it is major infrastructure problem, but like, we do know what happened. They are working on renting another boiler to get it fixed. So it is in the process, but that's what happened. Okay.



Senator Mott 05:34

Thank you for this information.



05:40

Does anyone else have any questions for the on campus dining and housing chair? Okay, hearing none, thank you for that. Senator Mott. We will now move to finance I didn't forget about senator Haley Fretz, she did let me know that she needed some time. So Senator Fretz so if you're here, and I think you see you are here. You have three minutes to speak. Followed by three minutes of questions. Okay, give her a minute. Okay.



06:31

Motion to hear the \*\*\*unkown\*\*\* report before hearing the finance report.



VPLA LeBlanc 06:39

With a proper second.



Senator Mott 06:41

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



VPLA LeBlanc 06:44

Okay. Motion carries. We'll move to the President's report. And then we'll go back to finance and she's ready. Madame President, are you here?

P President Romero 06:53  
Yes, I'm here.

V VPLA LeBlanc 06:55  
Okay. You have six minutes to speak, followed by three minutes of questions.

P President Romero 07:06  
Okay. Hey, everyone, hope everyone's doing well. I don't have many reports, or many things to report on. Other than mid March is elections. So this isn't just senators, but it's also exec positions. So if you're interested in running for an exec position, or want to know more information, holler at one of us execs or whatever position you're interested in. Maybe we can talk to you about what we do and all of that fun stuff and see if you're really interested. Um, I'm trying to think oh, so the library last meeting, or the last meeting that we met. Yall had questions about the library. So Dr. \*\*\* unkown\*\*\* basically just said that they can't justify keeping the hours longer for the few students that do come, but he is trying to extend the hours for things like midterms and finals. That's really all the information he gave us. Regarding that

S Senator Crenshaw 08:28  
Crenshaw College of biological science. Motion to be recognized. Sorry, I'm late. My lab ran over. junior at large

S Senator Mott 08:41  
Brendan Mott I second that motion.

V VPLA LeBlanc 08:43  
All right. With 11 out of 16 Senators present we do meet quorum. Okay. President Romero will you finish?

P President Romero 09:03  
Oh, yeah. I yield my time for questions if anyone has any?



VPLA LeBlanc 09:08

Does anyone have any questions for the president at this time?



Senator Crenshaw 09:11

Crenshaw College of biological science? What is the clip note version of what I missed?



President Romero 09:19

No problem. Basically, the elections are coming up soon. So if you're interested in the exec positions you can reach out to those execs and library hours aren't going to be changed. They're trying to change it for midterms and finals. But for now, it's still gonna be the same hours because I can't justify having the library open more hours. For the little bit of students that do go to the library.



Senator Mott 10:00

I'm Brendan Mott junior at large. Is there a next step? If there's something that occurs could the senators possibly write a resolution about the library hours or something? Or do you think that wouldn't really go anywhere, either?



President Romero 10:15

Wow. So normally they are open 24 hours its is just because of the pandemic, and the lack of funding that it's not open. So, you know, if all goes well, and we're back to normal in fall, they're gonna go back to the 24, which is the five days a week that they're open 24 hours, minus the weekend, I believe it is. Even if we write resolution, there's nothing they could really do, because they don't have the funding for it.



Senator Crenshaw 10:44

Senator Crenshaw County College of biological science? Yes, lack of funding, question mark. Fees haven't changed. And online classes aren't nearly as expensive as in person classes. And I would note of it since I went to Delgado and did, you know, dual enrollment and stuff like that, and it wasn't nearly as expensive. So, lack of funding question mark, I yield my time.



President Romero 11:13

I think there's been budget cuts in places and they can't, they're trying to keep as many jobs as they can for the university. And try not to lay off as much people and the Hours of operation wouldn't justify how many people go there at the moment. Now, if people start using the library a lot, and you know, they see that movement. That's a whole other story. But for right now, like, not even a whole, like not even a fraction of the university actually goes to the library, based on surveys and based off of the people they see going in and out the library. And that's all the information we were given.

**S** Senator Clotilde Lair 12:12

Senator Clotilde Lair, center of College of Engineering. I heard from a Professor that the state was cutting funding for universities because of COVID.

**P** President Romero 12:34

I mean, I feel that might be true. I don't doubt that. But this is, in a nutshell, what Dr. Music guard told use were told. That's really all I have for y'all. He is very understanding that people want the library open. Unfortunately, these are difficult times. And sometimes there's give and take with things. And I mean, they're open during the day. And I know that's not feasible for some of you who might work or something... Times up I'm sorry

**V** VPLA LeBlanc 13:15

Would anybody like to motion to extend time?

**S** Senator Crenshaw 13:18

Motion to extend time Crenshaw, Senator College of biological

**S** Senator Mott 13:23

Second Brendan Mott Jr. at large?

**V** VPLA LeBlanc 13:26

All right, Madam President, you have three additional minutes.

**P** President Romero 13:30

Okay. I'm not just saying that. This, he's in favor of having things open more, but there has to be, I don't wanna say supply and demand, but there has to be people there to have it open. And that's just like anything. I mean, it's the same reason dining services have certain hours they do. Because those are the hours people go eat, you know, so if, maybe if more people went, but like I said that it's barely even a fraction of the students who even live on campus. And not to mention, anywhere on campus also has the same Wi Fi. So you know, I know y'all don't wanna do classes outside but like, if the University Center is open, he versus center housewife, I you know, there's different areas to where you can do things like that. And that's kind of the short and sweet answer that they gave us.



Senator Mott 14:26

Whenever information, printed Mark Jr. at large. I've noticed, you know, PDS and locking the buildings earlier, though, so it's hard to find up even other places to study.



President Romero 14:37

Gotcha. I mean, I can bring all that back to them for our next meeting. But as far as library hours, that's all the information they gave us. Which I feel like I understand it. Everyone's trying to navigate these hard times. And you know, if budgets are cut, because, of course Coronavirus then, um, there's some things I'm happy. I'm happier that, you know, maybe the library hours are caught versus, you know, having less places to eat or, you know, like there's, I guess there's given take basically is what admin told us and not if y'all really want those library hours and use them is basically what they said.



VPLA LeBlanc 15:33

Are there any other questions for the president at this time?



Senator Clotilde Lair 15:40

Motion to complete my report. Haley Fretz graduate at large. I don't know if that's the thing. I'm trying it out.



VPLA LeBlanc 15:48

Yeah. No, that's a point of order. No.



Senator Clotilde Lair 15:57

I'm not sure what I was trying to do. Just so sorry, y'all.



VPLA LeBlanc 16:01

It's fine. You're next. Senator. I just want to make sure everyone answered all their questions. Okay. Madam President, no more questions. Okay, hearing none, we will move to Senator frets. Report. She has three minutes to explain for about three minutes of question.





Senator Fretz 16:52

Haley Fretz graduate large, I'm so sorry, y'all, my class is going well over than it normally does. Last semester, I had class at the same time too. But it always got out so that I could make it to the meeting. As I'm finishing up my Masters, that is not proving to be the same way I was trying to stay on both calls. But because of the connection, it wasn't working. So when I tried to start my report, it was I was a robot. So I just kind of gave up. So thank you for bearing with me, I do have a couple things that I want to share with you guys. First off, I spoke with Joy about the hand sanitizer bill that Desmond and I passed in the spring of last year to start the pandemic. Joy responded that we are good to spend that money. But we just need to confirm where those locations are going to be. I do need to do some more research on the products that we had chosen because a lot of those were on backorder and not available. So there may be a couple changes that may have to roll through the senate but possibly not. We'll see. My high hopes are to have the hand sanitizers up before I graduate in May hopefully. And I just wanted to extend. Not a shout for help. But if anyone wants to help put them together, I am assuming the assembly will take some time. And I know we're all busy, including myself. But it'd be great to have some help and see each other and that would be fun. So just putting that out there. Hopefully that will be something that happens in the near future. I also wanted to share with you guys that I did reach out to Dr. Goalz with an email to ask if there were any new information on the reserve number and why it was that way from the committee meeting that we had in January for the student fee committee that she'd like to start. She did respond to my email. But I still have zero information. And nor does she. So at this time, I spoke with the executive committee and I wanted to just let them know what I wanted to share with you guys. I am graduating in May, as I keep saying and I'm speaking it into existence. So I'm not going to be here for much longer. So I think it's really important that I share these numbers with you guys so that somebody knows about it. If we still don't know come the end of the semester, as things get more busy with exams and finals and stuff like that. So I just want to share the information I have and why I have a discrepancy with that number. This is you know, public senate information our vice president shares





with us every semester or every meeting. So I just wanted to share with you as of November 17 2019, which was prior to the pandemic we had \$390,779.72 in February 2020. On the 12th it was stated that we had \$416,675.59. The pandemic then occurred and caused our bank account to get an increase because of many of the items we funded were unable to be completed. So I have April 29 4666 \$750,000.59 and now, which I'm sure the Vice President may have already told us, and I missed it because of my technology issues, but right now our reserve account is at \$193,088 even. Those numbers may be completely correct, and I just what we're looking for is the explanation. And we just have not got that yet. So just want to put that out there so that you guys have the same numbers that I have. We are going to reach out to Dr. Goalz to see if she can come to the meeting. And then maybe she'll have


 Senator Mott 20:38  
Time

 VPLA LeBlanc 20:38  
The time has been called. Would anyone like the motion to extend time, motion to

 Senator Crenshaw 20:50  
extend time Crenshaw Senator of biological science?

 Senator S. Johnson 20:55  
Second Senator Johnson College of Liberal Arts,

 VPLA LeBlanc 20:59  
reset the clock, three minutes.

 Senator Fretz 21:02  
Haley Fretz, graduate at large, thank you so much for the extension. So I do plan to reach out to Dr. Goalz to have her at a meeting, hopefully, in the next couple of meetings whenever she is most available. And perhaps at that time, she will have been given the new information to explain those numbers and why they've changed. As of right now, as the head of finance, I just really am looking for an explanation for the seat that I sit in for my committee. And then for all of us as a whole, I want to make sure that it doesn't kind of

fall in the cracks. And then we never get the information that we were seeking, that may not change the number, we may still only be at the \$193,088. But we're just really looking for explanation, because it is quite a jump from the records we had in the spring versus what we got in the fall. So that's it on that one. Then I also wanted to bring up the 87 referendum and I apologize Executive Committee, I forgot to even mention this with you guys while we were on the phone today for our meeting. But because I still don't have information on why the reserve count looks the way that it does. I was not comfortable rewriting the 87 referendum which for someone, someone or any of you who don't know, is the document that states where we get our money from how much we get and what we're supposed to do with it as an SGA. And it was something that Desmond really wanted to push through his time in that in the legislative seat, that we work on that and get that kind of situated has some really old terminology that needs to be adjusted. And then we wanted to explore what we were going to be asking students for per semester to support the SGA. Because I don't have the reserve money information I was holding off on that. As I mentioned, I'm going to be leaving soon. So I do want to do my best to at least edit it so that the document is using today's terminology, but I won't be editing any of the numbers at this time. So I just wanted to put that out there that I do plan to edit that and get that on the agenda in the next couple of weeks. And I don't wanna make any promises. But I'm thinking mid March. So that's everything. I appreciate your patience, and I yield the rest of my time for questions. But please know that I don't have a lot of answers. That's why I'm sharing this with you.



VPLA LeBlanc 23:26

Okay, does anybody have any questions for the finance chair? She does have three minutes?



Senator Crenshaw 23:32

Yes, Clotilde Lair college of engineering? Do we have a list of things that were unfairly funded due to COVID?



Senator Clotilde Lair 23:44

I don't have them on hand, but I bet if I went through minutes, and I'm sure joy might have some type of documentation that could give us that.



Senator Crenshaw 23:54

I would love that. If somebody could send that to me.



Joy Ballard 23:58

Do you want like bills that weren't funded or like generals stuff that wasn't?



Senator Crenshaw 24:12

Oh, bills that weren't funded. General stuff that wasn't funded.



Joy Ballard 24:17

Bills would just be hand sanitizer. As far as like the budget request side of things. There are lots of people that canceled events and never rescheduled. Um, that would be a little bit harder to pull. As far as bills that were never purchased. It would be hand sanitizer. I can work on that other list for you, but it'll take me a couple days.



Senator Clotilde Lair 24:40

I was just curious about the bills. One.



VPLA LeBlanc 24:48

Are there any other questions for the finance chair? All right, hearing none, thank you for that. Haley. We will move on to the Vice President. Mr. Vice President, do you have a report?



VP Jayson Ray 25:22

I do.



VPLA LeBlanc 25:24

Alright you have six minutes to speak, followed by three minutes of questioning.



VP Jayson Ray 25:29

Thank you. So first off our account totals as of now and the operating account, we currently have \$38,488.68 and the reserve account, we currently have \$193,088. I will put those in the chat. Also, we will be starting on working on next year's budget soon. So I do need three senators to serve on that committee. If anyone would like to serve on the committee. Just shoot me an email. We'll try to get those names set up by next week. If

not, I will speak with Desmond and try to get some senators recommended and nominated for the committee. Yeah, if you want to be on the committee, just let me know. And we'll be starting that soon. And that is all for my report. I yield the rest of my time for questions.

**V** VPLA LeBlanc 26:31  
Any questions for the vice president?

**S** Senator Mott 26:37  
Brendan Mott Junior at large. Can you explain a little bit more about what the budget committee actually does? Like does it approve things that go on the on the budget? Or is it more along the lines of like how much we want to use? Can I have a better explanation, please?

**V** VP Jayson Ray 26:51  
Yeah, sure. So the central Budget Committee makes the yearly student government budget. Things we'll talk about is different budget requests that we get from organizations where we will either approve or deny their budget request. And then there's a few other things that usually are the same on the budget every year, that do have to get approved as well. But basically, the central Budget Committee approves everything on the budget, the budget as a whole and then moves it on to the Senate to vote on.

**S** Senator Mott 27:32  
Okay, thank you so much.

**V** VPLA LeBlanc 27:33  
Thank you, Mr. Vice President, sorry, are there any other questions for the Vice President at this time? Okay, hearing none, we will move along. Thank you, Mr. Vice President. The Next on the agenda is vice president of Legislative Affairs, that will be myself. I do have a report really quick. Um, first, I want to thank everybody who's still with us. I see we do have about 16 senators. That's what at this point, unfortunately, guys, we have lost 50% of the senators since we started. That is due to various reasons, but the majority of those reasons have been due to COVID. totally understand that there's a lot going on for everybody. But I do appreciate all of you for hanging in there. If anybody has any issues, for any reason, and they just need to talk. You can always call me the majority of you do

have my phone number. You can shoot me a text, send me an email, and we can schedule a time my office hours are Tuesdays 10am to 2pm and Wednesdays 10am to 3pm this was my first week back in the office. It is kind of boring guys. So if anybody's on campus, and just want to pop in and talk please do so. Of course we'll be six feet apart, but that's okay. Oh, second thing is I know we have been in discussion with one of the performing arts professors about the amp Theatre. I have not gotten back in with him been kind of busy. I'm going to be reaching out to them. this coming week, if not this week, definitely before next meeting to see where we are. We do have a thing senator lair and a couple of other senators that are involved with that. I will check with them for updates. Also. we're going to mention it in open forum. But senator lair does have a great program that she wants to implement. I'm going let her talk about it. So I just wanted to put that on everybody's brain for when we get to open forum, but that's it, I yield the rest of my time for questions. If there are no questions, we will move right along to the Vice President of programming with Eric here

**S** Senator Crenshaw 30:26

Clotilde Lair College of Engineering. I know that we talked about this before, but when will we be getting virtual documents of whatever he brought to your office?

**V** VPLA LeBlanc 30:41

Oh, those are in the office. So I brought them in, the document that you're talking about, is too big to copy. So if you want to see this document, you would have to come into the office. There are other documents that he sent. That was like breakdown in pricing, but those numbers have changed. But he did give me three copies of that information. So if you want to come, I can I can send you a copy of that information. But I can't send you a copy of the of the layout. You'd have to come in office today. Next, are there any other questions for me? Okay, we move into the Vice President of programming, and he's not here at this time. Okay. Next, advisor Ballard. You have six minutes to speak and three minutes for questions.

**J** Joy Ballard 31:48

Hey, y'all, I don't have a lot of reports. I am back. working again, catching up. It's been a wild few weeks, but we are back and we're rolling. This week is the National Association of campus activities happening all week. That is who SAC uses to book things for the whole year. So we're in the process of booking the entire next year of programming. So that's exciting. That is where Eric is right now. I think he's actually watching a cooking demonstration if you're interested. Yeah, but it's a lot of fun. You watch a lot of like

showcases and options, and then pick things that you want to come to your campus. So that's cool. That's what's happening. In the SAC side of things. We are excited to be taking this step in the right direction and coordinator interviews. Hopefully, I will have some more information soon. I'm waiting on some HR processes before I can, you know, actually do anything, bureaucracy. We deal with it too. Um, on that note, I just want to give a quick disclaimer. I really do ask and I say this all the time that I want y'all to give each other grace. I also want to give other people grace too. And don't spread information that isn't true. And you don't know something or why something's happening. Ask. Most of us are pretty honest, most of your staff are probably frustrated with the same thing you are, and are trying to fix it and make the most of situations. We don't know how you we don't know. But nine times out of 10 we are happy to share whatever information we can legally share with you. So ask questions. Don't spread false information. Don't tell people stuffs happening that's not happening. And don't just assume it's a problem. And nobody's doing something about it. Because I promise. If we know about it, somebody's probably working on it. Our student affairs team is literally working around the clock and COVID. So yeah, virtual programming is not easier. Matter of fact, it's a whole lot harder to convince you all that we're fun people through a computer screen so seriously, be nice. That's my report be nice. I can sum it up for you. All right. That is all of my news that I had to share with y'all. I will open to questions.

**V** VPLA LeBlanc 34:34  
And any questions for the advisor at this time?

**S** Senator Crenshaw 34:42  
Clotilde Lair college of engineering. I wanted to know about our SGA page would you have to know when our list of legislative members will be updated because there's a lot of people on there that have been gone since either early on in the semester or last semester?

**J** Joy Ballard 35:05  
Early on in the semester is like three weeks ago, and I've been out of the office, so I'll work on it. Shoot me an email, tell me it needs updating, I'll get it done. That's easy.

**V** VPLA LeBlanc 35:22  
Just a point of information to that as well. I have to give the advisor the updated individuals that are in Senate. So once I do that, then it's up to her to fix everything but I

still am fixing the committee's and stuff like that too.

**J** Joy Ballard 35:40

Also, you guys think this admins are a little bit of shade, tell people to stop quitting. And the website will be updated? figure out how to keep people. Okay, that's my shade.

**V** VPLA LeBlanc 35:58

All right. Thank you. Any other questions for the advisor at this time? Okay, thank you for that advisor Ballard. We will now move on to new business. I do apologize guys, but I am having some technical issues. I can't pull the bill up but this is the bill for the spring of 2021. This is our first bill the MLK bill. The principal author, and sponsor is senator amber Johnson, who graciously let me do this this week instead of last week. I do appreciate that senator johnson. So you can take yourself off mute and introduce your bill. You will have you will have six minutes to introduce your bill and 10 minutes for questions. Oh, thank you joy.

**S** Senator A. Johnson 36:53

Yes, perfect. I was pulling it up myself. Hi, I'm Amber Johnson. I'm Senator amber Johnson College of Liberal Arts. This bill is kind of usually in the past spring semesters, we've always done something to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. On his day, and we would do like a service day and partner up with I think in the past we did Tulane Loyola, Xavier, whatever, and we would just dedicate our time to the community. Unfortunately, due to COVID, a lot of things have changed. So through this bill, we would kind of have that same commemoration to Martin Luther King, but in a COVID protected play. So I'm just going to read through the bill. This is a bill to allocate \$2,000 from the Senate operating to fund the University of New Orleans participating in a city wide celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, which will be hosted in partnership with Loyola University, Dillard University, and Tulane University on April 17 2021, where as the celebration will be in place of the annual Martin Luther King Day of Service that was cancelled due to COVID. Whereas the joint committee of staff from all four Universities believes this event will provide students educational opportunities about sites in New Orleans relating to civil rights in the life of Dr. Martin Luther King. This event will consist of scavenger hunts to various locations using public transportation and then in in city park with a celebration. The planning committee will ensure that the celebration follows all kind safety protocol and will adapt plans as necessary. The entry fee of \$2,000 will help cover the cost of transportation t shirts for all participants, prizes purchase from the local black owned businesses and the rental of city park for the day. The previous service day

brought together over 500 students from our areas. And the planning committee believes that by staggering the times of the scavenger hunt, ending and spreading out across the city, we can reach a similar audience even with COVID restrictions. All you know students will be invited to participate and earn prizes, and I yield my time for questions.

**S** Senator Roach 39:24

I have a question Senator Roach graduate at large, so it's a like \$2,000 entry fee. So my question is, is that each of these universities are each paying a \$2,000 entry fee?

**S** Senator A. Johnson 39:41

Yes, Joy is nodding her head so I'm going with that. Yes, that is true. They will all be paying that \$2,000 entry fee.

**V** VPLA LeBlanc 39:55

Thank you. Are there any other questions or The principal author and sponsor, Senator Johnson. Okay, hearing none, we will now move to initial debate. Do any senators rise in opposition of this bill? If you do the first three minutes will be controlled by you

**S** Senator Mott 40:20

I actually had a question I wasn't able to, because I wouldn't let me take us up off of Mute

**V** VPLA LeBlanc 40:25

One second, Senator Mott, we will get we can get back to that so just hold your question. The next few minutes will be controlled by the person who rises in support of this bill. Are there any senators at this time the rise in support?

**S** Senator Roach 40:50

Senator Roach graduate student at large, I'd like to rise in support of this bill, I think that the MLK Day of Service that you know, participates in with the other New Orleans universities that has been going back for years, as far as I can remember is like, a very fun, very, like active thing that, you know, students can come together with, like other students community to, like, celebrate his life and his legacy that was left behind. And I think it's a great way and the adaptations to fit into, like, the current state of the world with COVID. Sounds like, we'll even still continue to be like a fun way to, like, spend time and get



together, you know, so I'd like to rise in support. I yield the rest of my time for anyone else.



VPLA LeBlanc 41:43

Is there anyone else? Okay, we'll move the next three minutes will be controlled by the principal sponsor, if she had if she has anything else to say, if not, she can, you know, if not, Senator Mott can go ahead and ask her that question. If She uses her time.



Senator A. Johnson 42:08

Amber Johnson College of Liberal Arts, I yield my time to Senator Mott.



Senator Mott 42:11

Okay. Brendan Mott junior at large my question is kind of a concern, but I don't think it's a reason to say no to the bill. It's just how can we guaranteed people will actually follow COVID guidelines during this event.



Senator A. Johnson 42:29

Amber Johnson College of Liberal Arts. The biggest thing that I did kind of that was my main concern about the bill and I feel with having hope that every college also has what we haven't on with our COVID guidelines and stuff like that protocol, where we actually have a team that's together and has to register in order to do those events like that. So I'm pretty sure that we will have those people available in there at the event, if there is participation from the University of New Orleans, so they should be able to guarantee the guidelines. New Orleans has been very strict and guaranteeing the guidelines. So I have no doubt about that at all.



VPLA LeBlanc 43:23

Next we will move to the amendments section. Is there any motion? There aren't any amendments? So if anybody wants to make a friendly amendment, for any reason?



Senator Roach 43:42

Notion to question, senator Roach graduate at large.



VPLA LeBlanc 43:46

Are there any objections to the call motion? Hearing none, we will move to a roll call debate. When I call your name, please let me know how to vote. **\*\*Roll Call Vote\*\*** With 10 yeses, zero no's and zero abstentions. This bill passes. Congratulations, Senator Johnson. All right. Next, we will be moving to our appointments and nomination section of the bill, which we do have an appointment for Mr. Micah Marrow for being a freshman at large senator, Mr. Marrow, are you here?



45:48

Yes, I'm here.



VPLA LeBlanc 45:50

All right. Sir, you have three minutes to introduce yourself. Tell us who you are followed by three minutes of question.



VP Jayson Ray 46:03

Micah Johnson Well, I'm originally from rural Louisiana. If you don't know what I said, that's like, North Louisiana northeast, four hours away from here. I decided to come to UNO just to come to New Orleans. I was wanting to visit the city and see what it was like, My major is political science, pre law concentration. And I'm gonna use that to become an attorney and hopefully a congressman one day. The first thing I want to accomplish was to get into SGA, so as soon as I found out how to do it, I jumped at the opportunity. So I'm just grateful that I had the chance to finally join.



VPLA LeBlanc 46:45

Right, thank you for that. Mr. Marrow. Are there any questions for Mr. Micah? Okay, hearing none. Okay, Michael, we're gonna put you in the waiting room. While we go through our initial debate and voting, okay. We have six minutes for open discussion. If no one needs to do a discussion we can call the question again.



Senator Fretz 47:43

Graduate at Large Haley Fretz.

S Senator Roach 47:45  
Second graduate at large Roach.

V VPLA LeBlanc 47:49  
The motion was properly Seconded We will now go to a roll call vote. \*\*\*Roll Call Vote\*\*\*  
With 10 yeses, zero no's and zero abstentions. Mr.Marrow is officially a senator. Okay, Joy,  
you want to let him back in. Okay, Micah, are you there?

S Senator Marrow 48:48  
MYes, sir.

V VPLA LeBlanc 48:50  
All right. Congratulations, you are now officially Freshman, Senator at large. So congrats.  
Please stay on the line. So I can swear you in at the end of the meeting. All right. Also you  
will be getting emails for our next meeting and how things go. We will work on that with  
you. All right. Next guys. We'll move to open forum. We have 12 minutes. This is anything  
for the betterment of SGA. Anyone that's non senators or senators can speak including  
you Mr. Mica.

S Senator Crenshaw 49:30  
I'm Clotilde Lair College of Engineering. So I have two things. The first of which I've been  
talking about doing a mentorship program since last semester. Nothing has really taken  
off, but I wanted to say that I am planning to try to start it back up. If you are interested,  
please email me, I would like to get together and have a meeting and decide what we  
want to do with that, what we would like to see how we would like to do it dates times,  
just get it rolling. I'm going to put my email in the chat, please email me if you are  
interested in that. My second thing is about something that a student emailed me about.  
He was saying that the lab equipment in the physics lab, somebody, some of it was taped  
together and in bad shape. And I've emailed the person over the labs. And as I said earlier,  
in the meeting, funding has been cut due to COVID. So right now, they're only replacing  
the most important things due to lack of funding, I was wondering if y'all think that that is  
something that we could possibly put more money towards, whether we should whether  
we shouldn't I just want people's opinions on that.



Senator Roach 51:14

Senator Roach, graduate student large, I think that that's a great thing for us to put money towards. Personally, I think that we do like good work by giving some like providing supplies for different things on campus, because, we're not really able to, put money towards events and things like that. Especially the more that we spend in the Senate, it looks better for next year, whenever budgets are done, they'll be more likely to give us money to set in the standard operating account, then if we don't spend it, they can like constitute you know, that we didn't spend that money. And we have a lot from Jayson's report that we should be putting towards things that students use. So I think that'd be a great thing to do.



Senator Crenshaw 52:03

Senator Crenshaw College of biological science, I think that that is a great idea. Even before the pandemic, and everything happened, like the equipment, the tools and stuff that could be found in labs, especially like, you know, with the engineering and, you know, in the science department, like the Chemistry Department and Biology Department, they weren't really you know, that great. I feel like this would be a good time. Just a good president to you know, in the future be like, Okay, this is important stuff. We probably we should probably put more money towards this. And yeah. Clotilde Lair colleg of Engineering. Senator Crenshaw, could you possibly email me about the other labs that you've seen with damaged equipment or otherwise? Because I'd be interested in looking into that? Most definitely.



VPLA LeBlanc 53:07

Just a point of inquiry, Senator Mott, how much time do we have left?



Senator Mott 53:20

we've got eight minutes.



VPLA LeBlanc 53:22

Okay, thank you. We can continue. This is an open forum.



Senator Crenshaw 53:26

If we had to, like bring up like a point or like an important thing, can we just talk?

V VPLA LeBlanc 53:36  
This is just talking, you can bring up anything you want in open forum. That's respectful, of course.

S Senator Crenshaw 53:42  
Now that you said that, I just think that it is hilarious that Tulane is participating in a MLK thing during Black History Month when it has been revealed that they have been participating in very discriminatory, very discriminative practices by their own head of, you know, it's just hilarious. Their own head of what diversity was like, you know, subjected to like racist microaggressions like discriminatory actions. And it's just very funny to me.

V VPLA LeBlanc 54:32  
Anyone else?

S Senator Plasse 54:35  
I had, I guess, more so of a question slash statement. I was wondering if we were doing or planning anything more like SGA outreach wise, um, you know, with the introduction of our new senator mica, it made me think like, are we doing more connection things with poli sci majors or is that something that we can look into doing? I think a lot of people would be interested in SGA if they understood A little bit more about how we operate it, because I think people are just concerned, it would be too big of a commitment.

V VPLA LeBlanc 55:09  
So we've talked about it. However, it just never got off the ground because of everything that we were going through with the Coronavirus. I do know, several senators have shown interest in participating in something to that degree. But we'd be happy to bring it back up, if you would like to be one of the senators who want to spearhead it.

S Senator Plasse 55:37  
I would be more than happy, like helping to figure out how we could do something like this, or even just like doing a zoom meeting or talking to other students. I know tabling isn't really a thing right now. But if we could figure out some way to make it work, or even to start planning for when things start opening back up, I think that would be a great thing for campus, because I feel like the university kind of does need to be more active

now. Because since we don't see the entire student body, it's harder for us to represent ourselves.

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#### Senator Crenshaw 56:05

Senator Clotilde Lair college of engineering, I was thinking we could still technically do tabling online, except you just have to get the word out. I think it would be great to have like an informational session with each of the colleges, towards all the students within their majors. I think that would be great. That was something that I wanted to do before, but I feel like within the colleges, we don't have enough communication between our college centers. And that's even worse now that we've lost a lot of members I agree with both of my fellow senators. I actually talked about this a little bit at the Ignite winter training session. And I was saying, like, you know, if more recruiting especially across the board, the main thing is like social media has become now more than ever, the main source of like information, and, you know, that's what people see first. And I feel like a lot of the reason that we don't really attract more people is because our aesthetic is not that appealing. It's just, it's, it's hard to, to, especially now because of the pandemic, it's very hard to get the word out and get the the feel of things when you're not really like I'm, like straight in the middle of it. Like I feel like it was easier when we were on campus, to come across clubs and to walk into places and explore and be like, Oh, you know, I could potentially like this, but it's a lot harder now.

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#### Senator Mott 57:56


Brendan Mott I have some comments about the social media thing. I do think we could improve our social media aesthetic. I also know quite a few students who just don't use Instagram, and social media. So how do we outreach to those students? So students might not be interested in SGA, but we really don't know like, because different people have different reasons for not using social media. So I think that in some ways, maybe we need to find other tactics as well.

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#### Senator Crenshaw 58:24

Crenshaw, Senator Biological Science Don't we have an entire department dedicated solely to marketing? Why not employ like, you know, future marketing majors and stuff like that, to help us run analytics, and you know, stuff like that? There was someone who came to the Ignite meeting and she gave us the whole rundown on like analytics and social media interaction and how to grow platform and how to gain followings. And I feel like, you know, more stuff like that will be helpful, because we have it in our own backyard, so I feel like it would be easier. Clotilde Lair College of Engineering, I was going to say, I

have seen in the chemistry building, that there was an old flyer that had the SGA meeting times and days, but it was old and did not have the right information on it. I thought that that was really interesting to find. I think if you want to advertise, that would also be a very good way to do it.

 Senator Plasse 59:42

Linda Plasse junior at large. I also work in campus housing in the Resident halls. If we wanted to put up flyers or something or do any sort of like, connection event with targeting visit events, or even just bringing it up more on campus locations I could see about getting flyers approved.

 VPLA LeBlanc 1:00:12


Okay, sir Callahan, you have a question.

 Senator Callahan 1:00:16

Senator Callahan, college engineering. Sorry. I was wondering if we're allowed to send emails like as the student government?

 VPLA LeBlanc 1:00:35

The president actually can send student wide emails.

 Senator Mott 1:00:45

Brendan Mott Jr. at large? Um, see, thing is that I don't think a lot of students actually read those emails, because I'll talk to students about things that I'm like, hey, did you know this is happening on campus. And they're like, no, Where'd you find that? In the email that you get sent every week? Oh, I don't read that. I get I get that all the time.

 1:01:03

I've had the same experience. And I think because we're all Student Government type people. It makes sense to us. But it always does not make sense to me when they're like, Oh, don't read it.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:01:17

Yeah, I think that Joy can also send an email but it has to go through an approval process, and it is limited, but it is an option. We use it for elections. I just tell people who tell me Oh, they don't read something. I say well, if you don't read you don't know. We're college students. I don't know how much more we can do. If our university and everything that we go through it goes through email. So we need to email I mean, you need to read your email. I'm sorry.



Senator Mott 1:01:53

Time



VPLA LeBlanc 1:01:57

The time has been called we can motion to extend time or I can entertain a motion to adjourn.



Senator Clotilde Lair 1:02:12

Motion to adjourn recall Clotilde Lair College of Engineering. Motion second, Linda Plasse Junior at Large



VPLA LeBlanc 1:02:19

All right, so moved. I now adjourn this meeting at 6:08 pm. everyone have a great day. See you all next week.



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