

# May 5 Meeting

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## SPEAKERS

Senator Plasse, VP Jayson Ray, Senator Crenshaw, Amber Lemelle, Unknown, VPLA LeBlanc, Senator Bellow, Senator Mott, President of SAC, Senator Clotilde Lair, Senator Fretz, Joy Ballard, Senator Roach, President Romero, Senator Hunsaker

- V** VPLA LeBlanc 00:00  
I now call this meeting to order at 5:03pm. All right when I call your name, please let me know that you are here. \*\*\*Roll Call Vote\*\*\* With 12 out of 14 senators present. We do meet quorum. So we will now continue on to approval of the agenda. I basically agenda out to you guys yesterday evening. Does anyone want to make any changes to the agenda? All right, hearing none, the agenda is approved. Next is approval of the minutes. Did we get the most recent minutes.
- A** Amber Lemelle 03:07  
The minutes will be sent after the semester is over. Because I've had an overload of work. So I haven't been able to get to all of them. So I'm going to be sending all of them after the semester.
- V** VPLA LeBlanc 03:17  
Okay. All right. Thank you. Next is communications and announcements. This is for anyone. You have three minutes to speak non SGA related. So what's going on in the world? Basically? Anybody have anything they want to share? Any senators, any guest

advisors? Nothing. Okay, well, we will continue on. Next is committee reports first is governance. Does governance have a committee report today.

**U** Unknown 03:48  
No report.

**V** VPLA LeBlanc 03:50  
Thank you. Rules. Does rules have a report for us today.Senator Roach.

**S** Senator Roach 04:01  
We met via email to approve the bills to be on the agenda.

**V** VPLA LeBlanc 04:06  
Thank you, ma'am. Finance, does finance have a report for us today.

**S** Senator Fretz 04:12  
I do Haley Fretz graduate at large. I first really just wanted to say that being a part of SGA is something that I have looked forward to. Every week since I started my first semester here. I'm not graduating in May, unfortunately. But I am graduating in December if it kills me, so I will not be a part of SGA any longer after we finish tonight. So I really just wanted to say how much I love this. And thank you to my loan to committee members, Clotilde and Senator Crenshaw. I really, really appreciate you guys we did meet and we approved all the things that are on our agenda, which is really exciting meeting tonight. I'm so happy I got out of class and could be here with you guys. I know I've been very absent. But I'm excited that I'm here tonight, I did have a couple things to follow you up. Although I haven't been present in person, I've tried really hard to be president on the back end. I have reached out to Dr. Goals multiple times throughout the semester. And unfortunately, I just don't have information for you guys about the reserve account and why the way it looks that it does. I know I've made some really great connections with some of you. And I hope that you all will continue to pursue and push for that information in the future. And I look forward to finding out because I will still be present in New Orleans and as a student next semester. And if I get a chance, I'd love to pop into the meeting and you know, ask questions as a student. So I again, I apologize that that wasn't something that I could give us information for. But I did try extremely hard. I also wanted to say that I am super proud of the little bit of money that we were able to spend, then hopefully, the little bit of money

that we are able to spend at that this afternoon. And if there are any questions, concerns, comments about any of the things that I've done in previous years, or what I'm going to do at the end, what we're going to do in the later on in the meeting, one of the bills that I've sponsored. And if you have any questions about the reserve account or anything, if you're interested in the finance committee, and you want to maybe be the head of the Finance Committee, and that something is exciting to you, please reach out to me and I'll give you as much information and guide you and tell you what would be great to kind of push forward. I yield the remaining time for questions.

V VPLA LeBlanc 06:41

Are there any questions for the head of finance at this time? Okay, hearing none, we will move along. Thank you, Senator fretz. Job well done. Thank you for everything you've done in the finance committee. You were amazing. I mean, if we had to say any, if there was somebody who really read those bills with a fine tooth comb, it was definitely senator fretz. So thank you. Next is Student Affairs does Student Affairs have report for us.

S Senator Plasse 07:13

No report.

V VPLA LeBlanc 07:14

Thank you. Lastly, but certainly not least, our ad hoc committee on campus dining and housing. We have a report for us today. short one, we had a last minute like mini meeting with the director of residential life. And all we really talked about was if we continue having open dialogues in the fall, how do we do it? And we're more open to the idea of outdoor types of stuff like in the pontchartrain halls courtyard or at privateer place, like by the pool, because that's where they've been doing events, but we're just gonna play it by ear and they want to possibly, like, meet with some of the SGA people in the fall so, um, and I plan on one rerunning for appointment. So um, I do want to, um, go that way if I don't get the vpl a position. Thank you. Thank you, Senator Mott. For that information. Does anyone have any questions for senator Mott at this time for the on campus dining and housing committee? Hearing none, we will move along. Next is other reports. Madam President, are you here? And do you have report for us?

P President Romero 08:25

I am here and I do have a small report. Okay. All right. So this is my last report of the year. bittersweet. But I know next year, I'll be in capable hands. So I just wanted to highlight

some things that y'all have helped me with this whole year. One. bills, y'all have definitely helped me so much with legislation when it comes to resolutions and stuff like that. Y'all have pushed through so many resolutions that since I've been in SGA, I've never seen as many resolutions passed. So I'm so thankful for that, y'all. One, my favorite resolution that y'all pass is the voting registration, or voting mobility resolution where y'all asked administration, to let us off on days that we need to vote so we can go out and vote. And not only was that impactful for our city, but many other colleges across the nation have adopted something similar. So what y'all don't think that y'all do? Or if y'all don't think what y'all do is important. It really is. And I'm so thankful for y'all. Y'all have made this an excellent year. And I'm so excited to see what y'all do next year. I'm so happy and thrilled with the year we had. So thank you all so much from the bottom of my heart. Awesome. It's real news. Graduation, as we know what's happening tonight. It's not 20th. And I just wanted to reiterate all this things that are happening with graduation, if you are graduating, they have four different ceremonies, one for graduate and all the rest are split up by colleges. And you are allowed for tickets, and you have to pick them up at the box office at the lakefront Monday through Friday 10 to four, I believe. And you pick those tickets up, and that emits for people and the four people have to be within the same household. And they will be seated together. And that's it. It's that's not right grammar. And yes, that's all really it. If you want to wear any regalia, it has to be honors related. So any honors program here and you can wear it. I believe that's it. Thanks for a great year. Yo guys are awesome. And I'm so sad, but it's okay. That is it. Time for any questions. President Romero out.



VPLA LeBlanc 11:09

Thank you, President Romero. Does anyone have any questions for president at this time, questions or comments? Just the last meeting.



Senator Fretz 11:20

Haley Fretz graduate at large. Do we get recognition at graduation? Like do you have garb for being president? Do we get your cords in graduation? Is that a thing?



President Romero 11:33

Yeah so y'all have chords? Yeah. chords, but I don't think you can wear them. Like it's ceremony because it's not an honors related chord.



Senator Fretz 11:48

Gotcha. Okay. Well, then. That's graduate large, because I'm graduating December. Well, still happy to get that word for myself, even though I won't be in SGA at the time of graduation.

P

President Romero 12:02

Oh, that would be a joy question, because I'm not sure how that were some pretty sure.

J

Joy Ballard 12:09

You can swing by come visit me and visit me sometime. I can give them to you.

S

Senator Fretz 12:14

I'd love to. Thank you.

V

VPLA LeBlanc 12:17

Okay, thank you, Senator Fretz. Thank you, President Romero. You are amazing. Thanks for being the leader of this organization. During this covid 19. Year, you really upheld the standards. Next vice president vice president Ray, are you here? I don't think I saw him. Okay, no. All right.

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Senator Fretz 12:55

could anybody tell me what the money looks like, though?

J

Joy Ballard 12:57

I got you. I have it in my report. But I'll also drop in the chat.

V

VPLA LeBlanc 13:02

Okay. All right. So I do have a report. I'm very, very blessed and pleased that I had this group of individuals to be the folks that I worked with, with everything that went on this year. All of the trials and everything that we've had, I could tell you I never wanted to leave you all, but they have there was at least twice where I almost had to resign. It was hard, but I stuck it through. And you guys stuck with me. Thank you. Thank you to everybody who reached out to me after my accident. Thank you so much for everything. It

was great. So all of you. Phone calls telling me you know was well wishes checking on me. I appreciate it. This year, we did a lot more than what I had anticipated. And believe me, before pandemic, I had some thoughts of things that we could do. But like everybody else life, my life changed. And so did you guys. So I appreciate you. I think you and I, I pretty much gave all of you my phone number. I'm just a phone call away. If you need me going forward. I'm still gonna answer any questions, anything you may have. I'm still an open book. So thank you again, and I yield the rest of my time for questions or comments. All right, hearing none, we will move along. To the President of SAC, which is also our Vice President of programming. Eric.

**P** President of SAC 15:09

Hello. Um, I was only here for a semester, but I guess I should say goodbye stuff too. I'm graduating. The SAC president next year is going to be Maggie. I'm excited. We're excited. SAC is gonna be really good next year. That's it. I yield my time for questions.

**V** VPLA LeBlanc 15:39

Does anyone have any questions? For Eric, our president of SAC. Hearing none, Thank you, Eric, for everything you've done as well. All right, we will move on to last but certainly not least advisor Ballard

**J** Joy Ballard 16:01

Okay, fine, I know that you'll probably think that I give a mom speech every year, and I do every year I say that I'm really proud of y'all. But this year, I, when we started in August, I had no idea what it was going to look like. And quite frankly, it was like, there's no way this is gonna spend money, there's no way they're gonna, like be able to do anything. I don't know what we're doing. And, as usual, students absolutely prove me wrong. And I could not be more thankful for y'all coming through from the Black Lives Matter resolution to the voting resolution, holding the university accountable in so many ways for what they should be providing y'all during a pandemic. I'm just proud. Y'all really did it. Um, after tonight, so I will discuss budget a little there is in the senate operating there's \$34,979 left already dropped out in the chat. If y'all pass all the bills tonight, y'all are only leaving about \$5,000 on the table, which quite frankly, is I have to watch my words. But that is impressive. I am amazed. thank you all. Thanks for just working hard. On that note. Tomorrow night is the leadership recognition ceremony for Sal, which is why I am ridiculously dressed up. And I just want to say that SGA might clean house. I can't tell you who's gonna win. But we have people nominated for the Berks award, the highest honor we give, we have members honored for the Polly Guthrie Community Service Award. sga

has two events up for event of the year, the anti police brutality week as well as suck off. We have our presidents are both up for president of the year. Like when I tell you, it's going to be a good night. So if you don't have anything to do tomorrow at six o'clock, tune in to a YouTube premiere. Sorry, it's not gonna be live. But it's a YouTube premiere. It's gonna be fun, we're all going to be in the chat talking. And it's gonna be great. And on that note, I would like to go on ahead and announce the two SGA senators of the year because I think it's only fair that y'all get to celebrate. So I talked to our exec team. And everyone pretty much unanimously believes, these two senators went above and beyond. So our new senator of the year who started her fall is Brendan mott. And our returning senator of the year who seriously has just been a light to this organization and worked so hard to hold all of us accountable is senator Haley fretz. And I am just so thankful, literally for all the work that y'all have done this year because it is really just unbelievable how much was put in and I could not be more proud. Okay, and before I start crying, may 25 through the 27th we're having our for those of you who aren't leaving me, we're having a event. It's a retreat. It'll be fun. We're gonna do some planning for the new year. Mark, say that on your calendars may 25 through the 27th. And that's all I have, I would like to remind you that as a tradition, a senior senator should adjourn our meeting tonight. Because that's how we do it. So anyway, thanks, y'all.



VPLA LeBlanc 20:17

Thank you advisor ballard. We appreciate you so much. And I gotta tell you, this is going to be very hard. But does anyone have any questions or comments for the advisor at this time?



20:36

Alexis Bellow Sorry for my blurriness. I'm on an old old computer. The senators, Are they aware that they've been nominated for the awards?



Joy Ballard 20:56

They are now surprised. But yes, um, everyone that is nominated has been let know, they were invited to the ceremony. And this is live. But y'all do get a certificate. So I will work on getting that to y'all as well.



VPLA LeBlanc 21:10

Thank you. Any other questions, comments, concerns? Brendan Mott, Jr. at large. Thank

you so much for the recognition. I like started tearing up. hearing that. That's just thank y'all so much for all that. You're welcome. Senator Mott. You definitely deserve it you and senator fretz as they or anyone else. Senator lair did you have something you needed to share? I thought I saw your hand up. Okay. All right. All right. We will move along. There's no old business we are down to new business. And boy, let me say I have not seen new business like this since the spring of 2018. This is something first bill we have is the pad and tampon dispenser bill. I am going to get pulled up for you guys to view. If you give me one second, while I'm doing this will be principal author and sponsor please take themselves off mute and just introduce the bill. And tell us you know what's going on with it.

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Senator Clotilde Lair 22:26

Hello, Clotilde Lair College of Engineering. We started this bill when we got an email from aunt flow. And aunt flow was a company and they were talking about putting pad and tampon dispensers for free on campus for administrators. And from there are we started working on this bill and it's been a process this this whole semester has been rough. So getting into the bill, and Haley is the sponsor for the bill. I'm the author. We are asking for 11,500 from senate operating count to assist in purchasing five tampon dispensers. And two semesters worth of tampons and pads for the gender neutral bathrooms in library education science buildings, as well as in UC men and female bathrooms, all dispensers will be on first floor for those buildings. It's obvious why this bill is important. We have at least half of campus population who menstruate right and then there's probably even more since there's transgender people and other people who may minstruate. We don't really have numbers on that though. It's important for people who menstruate to have free hygiene products like we already have free toilet paper, free soap etc etc. So why not this as well because it is a necessity. It's not like people can control their bleeding and that's all I have to say. There is a breakdown at the bottom and it shows that we are asking for five dispensers and then 42 tampon cases and 42 pad cases each have a 500 count each. And that is based off of an estimate we got from aunt flow. We scroll down to it would you like me to show y'all the email too.

V

VPLA LeBlanc 24:58

if you want you can you can just quickly email it to me, I can just pull it up on the screen

S

Senator Clotilde Lair 25:02

i already emailed it to you with the bill.



V VPLA LeBlanc 25:06  
Okay? Yeah, yes, no problem. Give me one second guys. I'm going to pull that up.

S Senator Clotilde Lair 25:13  
And it shows it for I believe 4200 administrators for two semesters. Okay. And when I looked online, we have about 8000 students, 4000 of which are female. And then there's a little bit more, those aren't exact numbers, but it's fairly close.

V VPLA LeBlanc 25:49  
This is the email you're talking about. Right? I'm just seeing the bill right now. No, I mean, you want me to pull up the email is what you're saying? Yes, yes. Yes. Yes. That's what they quoted us for. Gotcha. Let me go ahead and add that. are we looking at the right information? Um,

S Senator Clotilde Lair 26:25  
I don't think so. I'm wondering, do you mind if I share my screen? Because I have the exact email pulled up?

V VPLA LeBlanc 26:32  
Yeah. Let's see. If you can

J Joy Ballard 26:38  
I gave you permission.

S Senator Clotilde Lair 26:57  
Okay, can you guys see what I'm saying?

V VPLA LeBlanc 27:00  
Yes. Okay.

S Senator Clotilde Lair 27:01

Let me see the chat box. Okay. So here it shows that this is for approximately 4200 administrators for 2.5 semesters. And it details. Everything, like normal usage is 10 to 12 pieces per menstruator annually. And it's about 10 pieces per student, along with the amount that was quoted that we put in the bill and prices. All right. That's all I have to say if Haley has anything to add on that.



Senator Fretz 27:49

Haley fretz, sponsor graduate at large, I just wanted to share some stuff with you. Just some specifications give you guys a little bit of information on why we chose the bill and I decided that placing them in the gender neutral bathrooms, and the locations that had gender neutral bathrooms would be the best for inclusivity. We also are going to be placing them in the men's and the women's restrooms in the location that does not have the gender neutral bathroom in order to combat that includes inclusivity. Something that's really important to me, is offering the opportunity to not only have free products on campus, but to take the stigma off of the menstruation cycle, it's something that happens to literally half of the country, half of the world half of our school. It shouldn't be something that's either hard to find or unfriendly to find, if you will. I also want to point out that not everyone out of the half will be using these products. So I'm hopeful that these products will last slightly longer than two semesters, not every student will be using these to obtain all 10 to 20 of those products per cycle. Throughout the year. Many of us are off campus. I know that COVID is kind of combat a little bit with attendance on campus as well. So this number can look kind of large, but I think that it's going to last us quite some time. The email that Desmond pulled up...



Unknown 29:14  
time



VPLA LeBlanc 29:16  
time has been called



Senator Crenshaw 29:19

Crenshaw Senator College of biological sciences motion to extend to extend time. Okay.



VPLA LeBlanc 29:28  
Is there a second?

S Senator Plasse 29:29  
Linda Plasse junior at large? Motion second.

V VPLA LeBlanc 29:32  
So moved. Senator Mott, can you please reset the clock?

S Senator Fretz 29:38  
Thank you guys. As I was saying the photograph that was in the email that I had originally pulled up isn't exactly stylish, if you will, but it is much more appealing than the average tampon pad dispenser for those of you who have seen one and for those of you who haven't, you can easily Google them and they're very plain stainless Steel, almost medical like items. So the Aunt flow products are a little bit more user friendly, again, taking the stigma off of hiding the menstruation cycle, making it a little bit cooler, hipper, if you will. I know that Clotilde has worked really hard on this, as all of you know, it has been an extremely hard semester for everybody. But this is something that I think is really awesome that we could put on campus. And really awesome for SGA to be a part of, we've done some really amazing things with all forms of life and cultures and people. And although not every single student at the University of New Orleans is female and menstruates, a large majority of us are and I think all of us respect that. So I look forward to figuring out what we decide.

V VPLA LeBlanc 30:49  
All right. Thank you, Senator Fretz that information. We will now move to the

S Senator Fretz 30:59  
I'm so sorry. Haley Fretz Graduate at large. I also meant to point out that the pink tax is a very true and real thing and menstruation products do cost more than the average product that consumers purchase and by giving off free product reiterating free they don't have to put a quarter in the machine and turn the knob to receive the product. These items are free for students paid for by us the SGA that was it. Sorry, sorry.

V VPLA LeBlanc 31:28  
Great. Thank you, Senator fretz. All right. We will now move to the amendment portion of the bill. Does anyone have a question?



Senator Roach 31:44

Motion to \*\*\*unknown\*\*\*, Senator Roach graduate student at large.



Senator Mott 31:47

Brendan Mott junior at large motion second.



VPLA LeBlanc 31:50

Right. Are there any objections? Hearing none, we will move along. Go ahead and vote that we will do a roll call. So when you hear your name for this bill, please state it you vote. \*\*Roll Call Vote\*\* With well yeses, zero nose and zero abstentions. This bill passes. Congratulations, Senator Fretz Senator Lair. Oh, great. So now we move on to the next bill. Thank you so much, you guys really did. We will now be moving to the next bill. That is the friendship circles bill. While I am pulling this bill up, will the principal author and sponsor please take themselves off mute. and introduce your bill.



Senator Mott 33:42

Hello, my name is Brendan. I'm a junior at large. And I first of all, I want to thank Desmond and joy for allowing us to push this through even though which in a sense it is partially late, mostly due to facilities waiting until the very last minute to give us the quotes that we needed to actually write the bill. But, um, I'm going to let senator Hunsaker say anything he would wish to say?



Senator Hunsaker 34:04

Yeah, so with the Friendship Circle, I think it's really important, really crucial to the whole campus. I mean, that's where all the freshmen gather, that's where all the tours are taking place. So you really want to make that area look great and appealing to others. I mean, you got the math building, liberal arts building, and an education building. All right, there in the same area. I just remember like walking through there as a freshman and just seeing the garden and stuff. It really does need to be cleaned up and I think this bill will help establish a much, much better area for especially the freshmen who are looking at the college especially because um, I give campus tours and when we give our campus tours, that is one of the areas that we focus on like we tell them this is the Friendship Circle, we give them the legend. So I think an area with such a legend behind it should have a Very good atmosphere that the students would look at when they come onto campus. And also think that the liveliness would be helpful because we plan on doing a lot more

outdoor events in the future as we move back on the campus, so I think prettier outdoor spaces would be ideal for that. I yield the rest of our time for questions.

- V** VPLA LeBlanc 35:31  
Okay, does anyone have any questions for the senators regarding this bill? Okay, hearing none. We will go ahead and move to the amendment portion of the bill.
- S** Senator Roach 35:58  
Motion to questions senator Roach graduate student at large.
- S** Senator Clotilde Lair 36:02  
Second Clotilde Lair College of Engineering.
- V** VPLA LeBlanc 36:05  
Are there any objections? Hearing none, we will move along. This will also be a roll call though. When you hear your name, please state how you vote? \*\*\*Roll Call Vote\*\*\* With 12 yeses, zero nose and zero abstentions. This bill passes. Congratulations to the senators who wrote it. And that would be senator Mott, Senator Hunsaker. All right. We will now move on to the next billing question, which is the science courtyard bill. Alright, so while I am pulling that up, I will share my screen with that one as well. Would the principal author and sponsor, please take themselves off mute and introduce this bill.
- S** Senator Mott 37:48  
Hello, it is us once again, we decided to also write this bill because in the same time as the Friendship Circle thing was happening, I decided to reach out to the the College of Sciences itself because I remember one of the other locations we talked about being very needs work essentially on campus was the courtyards in the science building. And they actually managed to get back pretty quickly. And facility services also sent me quotes for those. So I decided to write a bill up as well. And I thought this is very strategic, because it allows us to use a lot of our budget towards the end of the semester. So that way we can try to use as as much money as forgiven as possible.
- S** Senator Hunsaker 38:27  
Yeah. So with this bill, what I'm finding is that you know, pressure washing the whole areas

very beneficial because this this area, just very dirty, very untaken care of. So just for in the fall, when we have more students returning and everything, it's always good to have that whole science building looking nice and fresh. yield the rest of the time to questions.

**V** VPLA LeBlanc 38:54  
Any questions for the principal author and sponsor of the bill?

**S** Senator Fretz 38:59  
Haley fretz graduate at large, so we're just clean that area, we're not adding to it.

**S** Senator Mott 39:07  
Brendan Mott Jr. at large, we're actually cleaning and adding I'm sorry, if that was not clear, we actually are adding to it. We're adding like new plants and everything. And essentially how it's going to look is one of the courtyards is going to be a tropical theme. And one of the courtyards is going to be a traditional theme because that's apparently how it was intended to be. It just they didn't put those plants there over the years like they were intending to.

**S** Senator Fretz 39:31  
So forgive me Haley Fretz graduate at large. Just to clarify, I know the previous bill has already passed but both of these are to spruce both areas and add to both of them.

**S** Senator Mott 39:41  
Yes

**S** Senator Fretz 39:42  
perfect. Thank you.

**S** Senator Plasse 39:43  
Senator Plasse Jr. at large. I just have like I guess a clarifying question. So for the upkeep of these areas, would that be something ABM has agreed to do or how are we ensuring that this will be kept up? And not just like fall into disarray again.

- S** Senator Mott 40:04  
So I did include on the bill that SGA wants facility services and their vendors to continually perform maintenance on the area. So that was the best I could do to get us to say, Hey, we want to make sure you take care of these areas.
- S** Senator Plasse 40:18  
But there isn't any guarantee that they will. Correct.
- S** Senator Mott 40:23  
There is no 100% guarantee. But I believe that with this statement, we're pushing them to do it, if that makes sense by including that wording in this bill.
- S** Senator Plasse 40:39  
Okay, thank you. And then one more follow up question. Um, so why was the like science courtyard specifically chosen? And are we like planning on branching out to other areas on campus in the future? Or is this just like the end goal?
- S** Senator Mott 40:52  
This was not the end goal for me. In fact, I personally wanted to, if I would have had maybe like longer on campus, like or longer than the semester to do more, I would have tried to get more senators involved and maybe done other courtyards on campus, other outdoor spaces, really my end goal is to spruce up all of campus and make the whole campus more livable and enjoyable and breathable for students, especially on the outdoors.
- S** Senator Plasse 41:20  
Okay, thank you.
- S** Senator Fretz 41:23  
Haley Fretz Fraduate large. Forgive me for not knowing your placement in school Brenndn, but What year are you in ? how much longer will you be here?



Senator Hunsaker 41:29

I am a sophomore right now and I'll help out with that.



Senator Fretz 41:29

Nice, nice. Okay. So we have some accountability left versus the two of you will be taking responsibility on informing them when they need maintenance. I saw in the chat that joy said as long as we're reminding them, they're pretty good at it. So we'll leave that in your hands. You'll be making sure that happens for us.



Senator Mott 41:31

I am a junior. So I do have next school year as well.



Senator Fretz 41:34

Haley Fretz graduate at large. Senaator Hunsaker when are you leaving?



Senator Mott 42:02

I always take walks around campus, so I'm willing to go to the areas and physically make sure that they are upkept.



VPLA LeBlanc 42:11

Any questions. Okay, hearing none, we will move along to the amendment portion.



Senator Roach 42:27

Motion to question senator Roach graduate student at large.



Senator Plasse 42:34

Motion seconded Linda plasse Jr. at large





VPLA LeBlanc 42:36

Any objections? Hearing none, we will move along. When you hear your name called please state how you vote? \*\*\*Roll Call Vote\*\*\* Okay. With 12 yeses, zero no's and zero




abstentions. This bill passes. Congratulations, Senator. Hunsacker and Senator Mott. Let's get those courtyards together next year hoping liberal arts is in that number. All right. Next is the 2021 and 2022 budget. The principal author and sponsor is vice president Ray. Has he made it in yet.


 VP Jayson Ray 44:32  
Yes, I'm here.


 VPLA LeBlanc 44:33  
Wonderful. Hello, Mr. Vice President.

 VP Jayson Ray 44:36  
Oh, sorry about being late.

 VPLA LeBlanc 44:38  
No problem at all. Let me go ahead pull up the budget. Okay. Now, do you want me to pull up the bill or the Excel sheet?

 VP Jayson Ray 44:47  
Um, the Excel sheet.

 VPLA LeBlanc 44:49  
Okay. Ill Go ahead and get that up. So if you want to start introducing it while I get that up, that would be great.

 VP Jayson Ray 45:00  
So if anyone doesn't know I am the outgoing vice president Jason Ray. Just to describe the budget a little bit, so we get our money from the 1987 referendum. You don't know what that is. We can discuss that later. But from the 1987 referendum, we are estimating to get \$453,000 25% of that does automatically go to SAC for their budget, which is \$113,250. And the remaining portion for SGA is budget is \$339,750. I will just touch on a few notable additions or changes we have. Let's see. Yeah, the first thing I want to talk about is the Student Government Association Leadership Award. It should be on line 39. Okay,

there it is. Yeah, so this is something that was added last year, it's our budget. So per the Louisiana Board of Regents, all Student Government executives, so president vice president, vice president Legislative Affairs and president of SAC, which is covered in sac budget, so that's why it's not on here, or required to be paid for their services. Last year. It was changed, so to where it would come out of our budget. That was another thing that can be discussed later on, because it's a lot to discuss. But anyway, so the Leadership Awards for those we have three for 9500 a year. And then the summer tuition and leadership stipend is 2300, totaling out to \$30,800. And we had about 11, budgeted or budget requests. So that's going to be there as well. We don't really have to go to that though. And then one addition that we made to the line item budgets, which will be on right around line 101. We decided as a central budgeting committee that we wanted to add a tablecloth and tent funding into the budget. I think about two years ago, we SGA would write a bill to have a tablecloth fund so that different student organizations can request a tablecloth to use for or for orientations, different events that they have. But that hasn't really been in session for the last two years. So we decided to add that we decided to also include funding for tents, because we know that coming back from COVID, most events are going to have to be held outdoors. So having those tents available to organizations will be very beneficial. So we added \$4,000 to go towards that. And those were the only the really, really the things that I wanted to touch on. So I will yield the rest of my time for questions.



VPLA LeBlanc 48:25

Desmond Leblanc vpla I do have one question. Vice President Ray. The Legal Services account. Did we have that last budget season?



VP Jayson Ray 48:35

Yes, the last budget it was the same amount. It was lower than the previous year because we estimated that we would only have this for one semester due to COVID. Because we didn't know when it would come back. But that of course is not used. And so it's stayed at 22,000 for this year, because we estimate that it will take about a semester to contract out the position. And so 22,000 is estimated for one semester for attorney fee.



VPLA LeBlanc 49:06

Gotcha. Thank you. Any other questions for the vice president regarding the budget? All right, hearing none. I don't know. visor Ballard or Maddie? You guys let me know. Do we debate budget or no?



Joy Ballard 49:29

Yes, y'all can debate it. You do not have the option to make changes, you only have the option to send it back to the committee. Right, you can send it to the committee with exceptions.



VPLA LeBlanc 49:41

Gotcha. All right. So I guess I'm gonna go ahead and just make the executive privilege of skipping amendment and going straight to debate. Does anyone rise in opposition to the budget? Hearing none, does anyone rise in support.



Senator Mott 50:09

Brendan Mott Jr. at large I do rise in support of this budget, I actually helped to write it. So that does make sense. But, um, I think that a lot of the stuff we're providing is very important to the campus, especially the tablecloth and at funds. And so I do believe that we're going to be having a lot of outdoor events on campus next year. So I think that allowing organizations to have these tents that they can rent out is very important to the success of events on the campus in the near future.



VPLA LeBlanc 50:37

Gotcha. Thank you, Senator. Mott. All right. Does the vice president Jayson Ray, do you have anything else you want to share?



VP Jayson Ray 50:49

Just one last thing. I just want to thank everyone that was part of the central budgeting committee once again before we're making a budget is not very easy. So I definitely appreciate all the help with making a budget. And once again, just appreciate everyone's participation.



VPLA LeBlanc 51:10

Thank you. Alright, We will now do a roll call vote. When you hear your name, please state How do you vote? \*\*\*Roll Call Vote\*\*\* All right, with 12. Yes. 12 yeses, zero nose and zero abstentions. The 2021 - 2022. bill passes. Congratulations to the central budget committee and vice president Ray. Right. That is all of the bills. Now we move along to nominations and appointments. This is for the 2021 - 2022. Vice President of Legislative Affairs. I am

going to ask if we can have the first person which is senator Lair to Stay. And can we get senator mott? and senator plases to be put in the waiting room? While senator lair gives her speech?

**J** Joy Ballard 53:13  
Yes, I can manage that for you. Hold on.

**V** VPLA LeBlanc 53:15  
Thank you so much. All right. By the way, guys, before we start, this is the first time we're doing this virtual. So Oh, wait, no, this is the second.

**J** Joy Ballard 53:37  
Yes, but I don't think anyone ran against you. It was a really easy.

**V** VPLA LeBlanc 53:42  
Okay. Then this is the first one where we can possibly have a runoff since I've ever been here. Okay. Senator Lair, you now have the floor to introduce yourself. Tell us about you and why you want to be next year's vice president of Legislative Affairs.

**S** Senator Clotilde Lair 54:07  
Hello, I am Clotilde Lair from College of Engineering. I'm in my second year and I'm doing naval architecture and Marine Engineering. So I'm going to be around a while. I've been in SGA I think it's coming up on two years now. And I've enjoyed being here and I've enjoyed doing things. Originally I started running because I thought nobody else was going to be running. Mostly what I would like to do as vpla is focus on the Senate. And I really think that we should focus on the fact that we're not as unified as I feel like we used to be and I feel like there should be more friendship, more connection, more communication. Between all the senators and I'd really like to go back to that. And that's what I'd like to do if I don't end up becoming VPLA. I'll probably cooperate with whoever else becomes VPLA and try to do that through them. And that's all I have. I yield my time for questions.

**V** VPLA LeBlanc 55:20  
If I can add just a point of inquiry, if, if you can, guys when you're asking questions, if it's possible for you to turn on your cameras, it's not mandatory. It's definitely optional when

you're asking questions or speaking during this part of this nominations, because it's so important. So does anyone have any questions for senator lair?



Senator Bellow 55:48

Alex Bellow, Senator of IDS. Senator Lair? If you're chosen to become the VPLA, will you also be involved in leading any other on campus organizations?



Senator Clotilde Lair 56:05

What do you mean by that?



Senator Bellow 56:06

So will you be holding leadership positions in other organizations that that will be competing for your time, in addition to the time that it takes to lead the SGA?



Senator Clotilde Lair 56:20

Um, as far as I know, I will not be in any other leadership capacities, although I know that I'm in two other clubs.



VPLA LeBlanc 56:29

Thank you. Any other question? Senator Lair, could you tell us how long you've been in senate?



Senator Clotilde Lair 56:43

I believe it's coming up on two years because I joined my freshman year and the second half. And I'm now a sophomore.



VPLA LeBlanc 56:53

Gotcha. Thank you have any other questions? I know someone has questions. Okay, hearing none, thank you, Senator lair, we will go ahead and put you in the waiting room and we will let you know what happens going forward. Okay. So just stand by. Alright, so the next person that we will let in is Senator. Mott. Give me one second. So Senator Mott, welcome. You can now unmute yourself, introduce yourself. Tell us about your

introductions with classification. And why do you want to be next years VPLA .

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Senator Mott 58:04

So Hello, everyone. My name is Brendan Mott I served as a junior at large for this previous school year. And I'm happy to say that I'm going to be up for appointment for the vpla for the next school year. Now the reason that I want to do this is because I want to put my best foot forward to make sure the senate runs smoothly. I already have experience of serving on SGA committees because I served on the central Budget Committee, as well as the hiring committee that hired on clerk of Senate amber Lemelle. I also served on the student tech fee committee for this school year. So I helped to make sure that student tech fees got directed towards things that would help the students. And I also have experienced networking with different people around campus such as Residential Life in the ad hoc committee meetings that I made, even with with chartwells and privateer place, which are private vendors that don't really have to speak with us, I managed to get them to talk with us, which I think is a big deal. So I think that I already have the footing to get into this leadership position. And furthermore, I I also have very strategic ways of trying to spend our budget and get the money passed. One of the reasons I did this beautification project towards the end, I know that we all said we wanted to do it that she has a whole one of the dual beatification project, but I wanted to make sure it got done by the end of the semester. So we could use our budget by the end of the year, or at least most of it. So I have very strategic methods and I think it would be great to bring to the position. Thank you, Senator mott.

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VPLA LeBlanc 59:37

Does anyone have any questions or for the senator mott? Senator Bellow IDS Senator Mott if we left it to this role, do you plan on holding any other leadership capacities in any other organizations on campus that would compete For the precious time that you have available to give to this, considering your student first and you know, of course, your priority are your studies?

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Senator Mott 1:00:10

I actually do not have any other leadership roles at any organizations. I do have a job on campus, but I'm still able to put my best foot forward. In my opinion, my job has never been able to overtake this. In fact, it's only like 14 hours a week on campus. And it's such an easy job to I can work on stuff there even if I needed to. So I will always make time for SGA.

S Senator Bellow 1:00:32  
Okay, thank you.

V VPLA LeBlanc 1:00:37  
All right. Any other questions for Senator Mott? Senator Mott, can you just tell us how long you've been in senate? So I've been in senate since roughly last February or March, like right before the pandemic is when I got into SGA. So Senate for me has been zoom Senate.

S Senator Bellow 1:01:05  
I have another question. Alex Bellow IDS Senator Mott. So you're going to be a first semester senior next year. Is that correct?

S Senator Mott 1:01:15  
Yes.

S Senator Bellow 1:01:16  
Okay. Thank you.

V VPLA LeBlanc 1:01:24  
All right. Any other questions for senator mott? Okay, thank you, Senator Mott. We will now put you back into the waiting room. All right. And last but not least, we will add senator plasse. Hello, Senator plasse. Can you introduce yourself to us. Let us know who you are classification and why do you want to be vpla?

S Senator Plasse 1:02:07  
Alright, well, Hello, I am Linda Plasses. I'm a current junior here at Uno. m, I am pretty involved on campus. I've been in a number of organizations in my time here, including orientation leaders, peer mentors, ambassadors, crew leaders, the Senate, obviously Garden Club, I worked in the diversity and equity center. I work in housing, and I'm also in Greek life. So I have been in basically every other part of campus, including sac as well. And I'm just very passionate about campus and where we're heading. I am also a third generation privateer, so I kind of grew up hearing about like, UNO'S, hay days, so to speak.

My parents were actually the Valentine's Day story in 2020, I believe, like right before everything happened with COVID, they were the big story, because they got engaged in Friendship Circle. So I kind of grew up hearing about how great and amazing UNO was, and not to say it still isn't, but I do believe we could be doing better. And one of the reasons I want to be like so involved in SGA and bE vpla is because I do believe that like we have a genuine chance to make a good impact on campus. And especially now with everything happening with COVID. A lot of us are very, I don't want to say divided, but we aren't as connected as we used to be. I remember my freshman year, everyone felt like basically an extended family. We all you know connected no matter who you saw on campus, like you weren't afraid to go up and talk to them. And I want us to be able to get back there. Even if it's just by leading by example, because I feel like SGA we have a bigger impact on campus. And I feel like we realize a lot of the time and maybe more than the student body realizes a lot of the time because we don't always promote what we've done. But I hope to be able to improve that relation moving forward and really just make sure that campus knows like we're here. We're doing our best. We're here to help you guys if you help us. So that's it.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:04:01

Thank you, Senator plasse. Can you tell us how long have you been in senate?



Senator Plasse 1:04:10

I joined last semester at the beginning of the semester. And contacted joy about joining that summer and then joined as soon as I was able to.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:04:19

Okay. Thank you. Any other questions for senator plasse?



Senator Bellow 1:04:23

Aex Bellow IDS is want to ask the same question, what is your time commitment to this role, given the enormity of the role and of course, you being a student, which is your priority will you be leading any other organizations on campus that may compete for the time that it will take to put into the role of Vpla.



Senator Plasse 1:05:05

I currently do not hold any other leadership positions in my other organizations, I am very



involved in all of them. But I don't do more than I believe I can take on I have stepped down from positions in the past to allow myself to have more time. Meaning like, I wasn't a peer mentor this semester, because I was taking more classes. And I stepped down from the diversity center because I took up a research position. So I am pretty good at balancing my time. Um, but like I said, I currently do not have any other positions. At most, I would be a smaller leader in one of my sororities meetings, but we have like two tiers of leadership. So I would be on the second tier, if that makes sense. It's the programming council versus the executive committee.

**S** Senator Bellow 1:05:46  
I Understand. Thank you.

**S** Senator Fretz 1:05:49  
Hello, Haley Fretz graduate at large. I was excited to see that you've nominated to be I believe it was yourself to be a part of this. But I was curious because you are the newest of those. three options. I believe the other two have been just in senate just a little bit longer. I guess my question or concerns for you is how do you think you're going to combat that learn gap? Do you think that you have all holes filled to be VPLA? Are there any concerns or questions that you think you might have? That may make it difficult for you? or what have you done to make yourself feel prepared for this opportunity?

**S** Senator Plasse 1:06:29  
Before I dedicate myself to any position, I am a big person of research. So I have read like all of the literature on SGA. I have read through like the bylaws and just our policies and everything. And I don't recall if you were there last week, I think you were when I lead the meeting, but like, I also studied the script and like wrote notes on every part. And you can even ask joy, like I was asking her so many questions before just to make sure I was prepared. Like, I am not afraid to ask questions if I don't fully understand. Because I would rather like ask questions instead of like leading and just basically not understanding fully what I'm doing. So I wouldn't commit to something if I didn't think I could do it.

**S** Senator Fretz 1:07:10  
Awesome to hear Perfect.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:07:16

Thank you, Senator Fretz and senator bellow. Are there any other questions for senator Plasse? Hearing none, Senator plasse we will move you back to the waiting room for a quick second. Okay. All right. Thank you. Okay, guys, so now this is the time where we will be voting. Advisor Ballard has created a poll for us the she will put in the chat for everybody to vote, and that's about it. Can you also put that in the waiting room for them? Or should we add them in and then send them back to them as well?



Joy Ballard 1:07:56

Okay. I'm gonna bring them back because that's easier.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:08:04

Okay. Welcome back. Advisor Ballard does have a ballot that she's created. She is putting it inside of the chat. So once it goes in, you guys will be able to vote.



Joy Ballard 1:08:23

I have a very important note before I hit Enter, only active senators can vote. So Jayson, Angelo, Julianne and Amber, please do not click this link. If more than 12 people vote, we'll have to do that over again. So just don't vote. Okay. Thanks. But the people running with you can vote. I currently have 11 votes. Is there anyone else waiting to vote? Anybody need a second? You can shoot me a private chat if you're struggling. Wait, I have 12 Nevermind. Awful. Give me one second. Desmond, I am going to type the results to you so that you can announce



VPLA LeBlanc 1:09:48

Yes, ma'am. And I just want to say why this is being done. To the three of you. All three of you are amazing senators. Everybody has done amazing work. Thank you, Senator Mott for stepping up and serving as my interim governance person to permanent to on campus dining and housing. Senator lair. Thank you for keeping me on my toes with making sure I send things out. Senator PLasse, thank you for coming in stepping up, and just doing everything and just doing everything so that way we can, uh, you know, just keep things going. We really appreciate everything that you've done. It is a bittersweet moment because I remember talking to Joy about this. And it was, I had so many good. I had so many things going here. I really wanted to have a party in the beginning. I wanted to have a party at the end. I want cake. I wanted food. I had it all planned, but then the pandemic

happened. And like I said, lives change. Nevertheless, advisor ballard let me know when you're ready. Nevertheless, it's been a challenge. But we all made it. So congrats. I will now announce the election results. We have a tie between senator mott and Senator lair. So congratulations to both of you. Senator plasse? You did come in third. But we do thank you for wanting to serve. Please don't let this be a discouragement for you. Please stay because there's always another time. This will happen again. If you're here. So you can definitely run again. So thank you for running all right. And Senator my senator there Congratulations, you guys have made it to the run off. What's gonna happen now Is I you all do I am a senator. I am not gonna vote.



Joy Ballard 1:12:53

We can't break this tie. So because it's a runoff, I have a new ballot. Okay, so I'm going to drop a new ballot and we're going to vote again same rule. alright I have 11 but I'm waiting on one more person.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:14:52

Okay. I do I have the results. Congratulations again to senator lair and senators mott, you guys did make it to the run off. The new VP LA for the 2021 -2022 academic year will be senator Clotilde to lair. Congratulations. Thank you, Senator Mott. You are still an excellent senator. And we hope that you will continue to be here. Congratulations, Senator lair on becoming the new vice president of Legislative Affairs. You have a lot that you will be doing and a lot of stuff that you can do. We're proud of you. Congratulations to all of you, like advisor ballard said. We will move to what was that? Open Forum. This is 12 minutes for the betterment of SGA. Anyone have anything they would like to share?



Senator Fretz 1:16:26

Haley fretz graduateat large. If anybody watching the camera, you can see that I'm having quick emotional reactions. I wanted to thank you guys so much for the recognition. I have loved being a part of SGA. So much, it means a lot to me. So thanks, guys, that was really awesome. And I also want to say that I have high hopes to get those hand sanitizers on campus, working with joy to get some information. And like I said, I will be here until December of this year and possibly in the area of New Orleans past that. But so if anybody again, I know I've said this a gajillion times once to help put those devices together and put them on campus, I would highly appreciate your help. And then I would love your company. Again, I have so love being a part of SGA. And for the two of you who are no longer in the running to be theVPLA if you're interested in being a part of the Finance Committee head and want some information on that I would love to be able to

pass over that crowd and just give you some of the information so that Clotilde would possibly nominate you next year. Other than that I have just truly loved being part of this organization. It has not only been what I initially wanted it to be a resume builder, but it has been really emotional and mental health as we've gone through our crazy pandemic. But it has been fantastic to meet really amazing people on campus as a master's student, which is a little bit more challenging when you only have 10. classmates so love all of you. Congratulations, all that we've done. And I look forward to hearing amazing things about us in the future.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:18:28

Thank you, Does anyone else have anything they would like to share?



Senator Bellow 1:18:33

Now with Bellow IDS I just wanted to thank you all for a great a great year. But thank you guys for a great year, I think you guys did a great job representing the university and the student body, UNO, will always be a part of my life I am and who knows, I may come back for a PhD or something. But um, you know, you guys have definitely made an impact on me and I appreciate all the work that you all have done to address some tough issues, you know, like, you know, Black Lives Matter and police brutality and you know, coming up against holding the administration to account for when they need to be held to account, which are not always easy things to do. So thank you guys for being a great student leaders and thank you for having me.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:19:35

Thank you Senator bellow. What I will add Desmond Leblanc VPLA is something that I have not seen here in at since I've been here we've never had so as I know a female vpla it may have been years ago. But since fall of 2018 it's always been a male. So this is great. So I'm glad to see that. Oh, it's been five years. Wow. Well, that has changed. Congratulations again, Senator Lair. I can be a resource to you if you ever need me. Just call me. We can talk. After this meeting, if you'd like to kind of get you acclimated and knowing which to do, what are your next steps? So yeah, and you will also get to meet your cool team. Very soon. The exec teams that you will be working with.



Senator Clotilde Lair 1:20:47

I would like to get together with you after the meeting as well.

- S** Senator Roach 1:20:54  
Senator Roach graduate student at large. It's been a great, I'm also graduating. It's been fun serving on three different branches of SGA. I've had a great time. And um, yeah, y'all are great.
- V** VPLA LeBlanc 1:21:16  
Love you too. Senator Roach. Oh, I forgot one thing. I'm graduating. I'm also graduating. Right. I'm excited. It's very bittersweet. Yeah, you're right, Senator Crenshaw. You got a thank you all for a wonderful year. Hearing none, I think joy did say the tradition is allowing the seniors to adjourn the meeting, I am a senior. So if the seniors would be the only ones to make this a adjournment that will be great. If no one has anything else they would like to share, I would entertain a motion to adjourn.
- S** Senator Mott 1:22:22  
Before everyone goes i just want say thank you to everyone who is leaving you've all been great role models to us younger senators, and y'all have done an amazing job at helping to run SGA. So im thankful i was able to work with each and every one of you
- S** Senator Crenshaw 1:22:40  
Crenshaw, biological science, just to piggyback off of what Senator Mott said, it has been an honor to work with all of you, especially Haley because you've been like a really like a like big sister like SGA senator, like, since I got in SGA. So this is like is really like weird to think about not having a lot of y'all. Um, so yeah, thank you.
- V** VPLA LeBlanc 1:24:08  
Congratulations to everyone, including myself who is graduating. if there isnt anything else I would entertain a motion to adjourn from seniors.
- S** Senator Roach 1:24:21  
Motion to adjourn.Senator Roach graduate student at large.
- S** Senator Fretz 1:24:26  
Second Haley Fretz Graduate large.



VPLA LeBlanc 1:24:28

All right. Are there any objections? Hearing none, I adjourn this meeting at 6:27pm. Much love to everyone. And we will see you all in the fall. Those that will be here.