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- VPLA Lair 00:00
 - I call this meeting to order at 5:03pm. Do we have our Pro Tempore and Parliamentarian present?
- P Parlimentarian Goldstein 00:11 Yes, I'm here.
- VPLA Lair 00:12

Is our Pro Tempore present? Chastity? Okay, would someone mind being the pro tempore for today and keeping time and you'll know Brendon you still have the cheat right? Awesome. I can't hear you at all okay

- Senator Mott 00:50
- VPLA Lair 00:52

Okay, now I can hear you. Awesome. Thank you. Okay, so we will now move on to roll call leremiah Baloney. Jeremiah Baloney. Christine Bourgeois. Christine Bourgeois. Dwayne

	Crenshaw.
5	Senator Crenshaw 01:21 Here.
V	VPLA Lair 01:23 Awesome.
P	Pro Tempore Mott 01:24 Oh, Christina is present by proxy.
V	VPLA Lair 01:27 Thank you. If you're proxying for somebody pay attention for their name, please, but I appreciate it. Candace Dazet.
S	Senator Dazet 01:36 Here.
V	VPLA Lair 01:39 Makayla Diles.
5	Senator Diles 01:41 Present.
V	VPLA Lair 01:43 Julia. I don't know how do you say your last name? Julia Duong.
5	Senator Duong 01:50

I'm here.

- VPLA Lair 01:52

 How do you say your last name?
- Senator Duong 01:54

 Um, the D is silent. So you would like pronounced as yu-ong
- VPLA Lair 01:58 Yu-ong?
- Senator Duong 01:59 but You can say that, du-ong
- VPLA Lair 02:05
 Okay, cool. Katherine Goldstein.
- Parlimentarian Goldstein 02:08
 Here.
- VPLA Lair 02:10
 Allicia Helbing.
- Senator Helbing 02:13
 Here.
- VPLA Lair 02:15

 Daniel Hunsaker. Daniel Hunsaker.
- Senator Hunsaker 02:20 Here. I'm here.

- VPLA Lair 02:22

 Awsome. Chastity Hunter. Chastity Hunter. Nhe Li. Nhe Li. Twanna LeBeau.
- Senator LeBeau 02:39
 Here.
- VPLA Lair 02:40
 Awesome. Chloe Metzler.
- Senator Metzler 02:44 Here.
- VPLA Lair 02:46
 Brendan Mott.
- Pro Tempore Mott 02:47
 Present
- VPLA Lair 02:50 Henry Nguyen.
- Senator Nguyen 02:51 Here.
- VPLA Lair 02:54
 Patrick Raybourn. Patrick Raybourn. Alyssa Rivers. Alyssa Rivers. Tara Rizzi.
- Senator Helbing 03:09
 Present by proxy.

- VPLA Lair 03:14

 Mohammad Mohiuddin Sakib
- Senator Sakib 03:17
 Present.
- VPLA Lair 03:19
 Naw Safrin Sattar.
- Senator Sattar 03:22 present
- VPLA Lair 03:24 Robert white
- Senator Fornatoro 03:26
 Present by proxy.
- VPLA Lair 03:29
 Thank you. Jasmine Carter. Jasmine Carter,
- Senator Smith 03:37 She is present by proxy.
- VPLA Lair 03:39 Awesome. Aziza...
- Senator Hinnawi 03:46
 Hinnawi

- VPLA Lair 03:46 Hinnawi, sorry.
- Senator Hinnawi 03:48
 I'm present, you're good.
- VPLA Lair 03:49

 Thank you. I'm going to struggle with that one for a good minute but hopefully I'm gonna get it down. Jenna Hymel
- Senator Hymel 03:57
 Present
- VPLA Lair 03:59 awesome. And I'm present as well. So,
- Senator Smith 04:05
 Did you ever call Da' Yanah?
- P Pro Tempore Mott 04:17
 Point of information. It seems like a few names weren't called.
- VPLA Lair 04:22
 Um, that could be the possibility. I'm going- if your name wasn't called and you're here, let me know.
- Senator Moss 04:35 Jordan ma

- Appointee Martinez U4:40
 Oscar Martinez
- Senator Smith 04:46
 Da' Yanah Smith.
- Senator Fornatoro 04:50
 Brett Fornatoro.
- Advisor Ballard 04:57

 Also in the chat Trenton Ricard is present by proxy
- VPLA Lair 05:27
 Okay, so I've added Da' Yanah Smith, Da' Yanah, Da' Yanah.
- Senator Smith 05:34
 Da' Yanah.
- VPLA Lair 05:35

 Da' Yanah Smith. I'm tripping over names right now. Jordan Moss, Oscar Martinez, Brett Fornatoro, and Trenton Ricard. Is that everybody else who I have not called?
- Appointee Deffendall 05:50 I'm also here
- VPLA Lair 05:53
 Lukas Deffendall yeah
- P Pro Tempore Mott 05:57
 So that person- Point of Order, that person is up for appointment today.

VPLA Lair 06:01

Yeah, I just realized that. Ok. With 25 out of 31 senators present, we meet quorum. I'm amazed that there are so many of you guys. This is awesome. Okay, Oscar Martinez is also up for appointment. Okay, let me take that one off. That means there are 24 out of everyone. I apologize about this. I'm going to update the roster and have this properly done next time. Are there any corrections to today's agenda? If there are no corrections to today's agenda. Do we have minutes out yet to be approved? Okay. Do we have any senator communications or announcements? If we do -

Pro Tempore Mott 07:54

Brendan Mott, Senior-at-large, since this is not Senate related stuff does everyone want to wish me a happy birthday?

- VPLA Lair 08:02
 Happy birthday, Brendon.
- Senators 08:03
 Happy birthday! Hope you had a wonderful day!
- VPLA Lair 08:11

Are there any other Senator announcements? Are there any Non-senator communications and announcements? All right. With that we'll move on to the reports. Does the Governance Committee ever or is the head of the Governance Committee present? It does not seem so

- Pro Tempore Mott 08:48
 She is not present and she did not leave me with a report.
- VPLA Lair 08:52
 Okay, thank you. I'm does the Rules Committee have a report.
- Parlimentarian Goldstein 08:58

Um, yes, we voted on the ADA bill that was up on the agenda this week. And there were just some formatting issues that needed to be fixed. But we voted in favor of adding it to the agenda once those formatting issues were fixed. So other than that, there's I don't have

anything else to report so I yield the rest of my time for questions.

VPLA Lair 09:28

Does anyone have any questions for the Rules Committee? If not, we'll move on. Does the Finance Committee have a report? Wait Twanna is not present.

- Senator LeBeau 09:44
- VPLA Lair 09:46

You're here Awesome. Can you motion to be recognized because I don't have you down.

- Senator LeBeau 09:54
 Motion to be recognized.
- VPLA Lair 09:56
 Is there a second?
- Parlimentarian Goldstein 09:57
 Katherine Goldstein, College of Sciences, I second that.
- VPLA Lair 10:01
 Ok, awesome. Thank you.
- Senator LeBeau 10:07

The Finance Committee, we weren't able to vote on the bill, because I have a lot of new members. At first it was just two, two of us. And like we had a time set. And now like we have to figure like a new time conflict thing. So we just gonna go on Zoom for the rest of the semester. I feel at a certain time I will send out. But other than that, no, we don't have anything, anything. Else

Pro Tempore Mott 10:34

Just a point of information. Brendan Mott, Senior-at-large. If a time doesn't work, committees are allowed to work, meet via email, you just have to reply all just thought I'd throw that out there.

- Senator LeBeau 10:46
 Okay. Thank you.
- VPLA Lair 10:49

Does anyone have any questions for Twanna? If not, we will move on. Does Student Affairs our report? I don't think Tara's here. So if she has not left her report. Then we will move on to on campus dining and housing. Do you have a report Brendan?

- Pro Tempore Mott 11:23
 No report.
- VPLA Lair 11:26
 All right. Moving into Executive Reports. Does the President have a report?
- President Lemelle 11:32

I do have a report today. I just want to say I hope everybody's doing well. And um, yeah. So that's the first thing. And I just wanted to say, I've been noticing- This is a little bit of a short report, but it's very informational so I need everybody to like pay attention and just hear me out. So I feel like I need to let y'all know that I don't think that we are where we need to be as a Senate in the point of the semester we're in, I know that it has been a rough semester. I know that the hurricane kind of messed this up, and it's towards finals right now. But I just want to let y'all know that I need more from you as a Senate. I don't feel happy with the amount of bills or resolutions we've put out this semester. And I need, I really need you guys to focus. Because this is a student led organization, which means that it's ran by you all. So what I need from y'all is to remember that and act on it and put your best foot forward and stay focused. Because right now, I don't feel like we're acting as- I don't feel like we're putting our best foot forward. I know everybody's working hard and busy. But I need I need to see more results from everyone. And that doesn't just mean y'all that means me too and us as an exec board. So I really just need to see more from us. And even if it's a slow progression, I just need more from you guys, I don't feel like we've been putting our best foot forward, I don't think we've been focused, I don't think that we have been focusing on the right things per se. So I really need us as a group to do better. And to remember that this is a self led organization. So the Senate is the main part of this organization. While the exec board is also another part of it, the Senate is the larger portion of SGA. And so we as an exec board depend on you guys to make sure that the student body is getting represented in the best way. And I know that you guys are working and have school but you know, this organization is also important. And I really need to see some more

results. And I think that we can do that we just have to focus and we need to be on the lookout for things that may change, we need to be on the lookout for what we want to change within SGA what we want to do for our school. So with all that being said, thank you all for being here today. I appreciate it. And just remember that we are here to do more for our student body, we are here to make change, we're here to make a difference. So I need to see us making that difference. And this semester. I'm sad to say, but I haven't seen much of a change. And I appreciate all that you have done so far. But I really need to see more, I would like to see more. And I'm excited to see more. And I'm hoping that we can start doing that soon. So yeah, that's the first part of my report. I'm sorry, it's a little bit on the not so bright side, but I do have a bright side report. Um, also the exec board is in the process of planning a winter fest for before we leave for the holiday. So it's gonna be like a fun event for students to go to before we leave for winter break. And we're hoping to have like, activities and different organizations come and represent themselves and let our student body know like, Hey, this is who we are. This is what we have on campus and hopefully we have you join so that the spring semester student morale and student involvement is up. And once the exec board, Me, Clotilde, Angelo, and Maggie get a skeleton plan we will share with you guys so that if y'all want to help in any way I'd really like to have some of y'all table so that people who are interested in joining SGA in the next semester can do that. So we'll discuss that further as the time comes closer, but I just wanted to give y'all a heads up on what that, that, what's going on with that. And then also,um, there's one other thing. Someone reached out to me they want to do a event or like project for Trans Remembrance Day. And I think it was really good effort, we will be doing it as an exec- I will be doing it as an executive order, because the date that that, their name is Ashtyn, the day that they want to do it was a little bit too close to go through Senate. So I'll be writing an executive order for that event. And so just be on the lookout, that event's coming up soon, we're going to have signs out with people's names that we've lost in over time for, you know, acknowledging their presence and their, their standpoint in life and just giving grace to those people who we've lost. And so those will either be in the quad, or they UC that hasn't been determined yet. But um, yeah, so just be on the lookout for that stop by and, you know, just be aware that's happening within the next two weeks. And I think that's all I have for my report, I yield the rest of my time for questions or comments, or if anybody has anything to say.

- P Pro Tempore Mott 12:43
 I have a question.
- President Lemelle 16:26 Yes.
- Pro Tempore Mott 16:26

So Brendan Mott, Senior-at-Large. Um, so, um, one of the questions I have is, um, this isn't me trying to come at you. But do you know of any ways that we have done other than to the kind of like let organizations know they can request funding from us? Because I feel like that's the issue is that, yeah, we can write bills. Yeah, we can write resolutions. But if people aren't asking

us for money, there's really nowhere we can-There's not really much we can do if people aren't asking us for money. So would it be possible maybe for maybe I would be willing to work with you and maybe promote that more? Would you be interested in doing that?

President Lemelle 17:06

So one of the things that a large amount of you guys did not attend, and I don't mean that in a bad way. But the leadership summit was a really successful turnout, a lot of people weren't there. But there were a lot of outside organizations that came to that. And they were asking questions, and, you know, thinking about asking for funding, but there were no senators there to answer questions. I mean, the exec board was there. So that's great. But that was one of the cases where we could have taken that opportunity to let people know that we are here. So that was a big opportunity. So that's one example. Another example is like the winter fest that we're hosting, that's where I'd like to table and people will be there. Because we don't just do things for organizations, we also refund and reimburse and provide financial aid with academic travel. So people want to go to conferences and things like that. So the winter fest, um going to going to the Winterfest, the leadership summit, going to other events on campus. And I know we all have really busy schedules. But um, outside of just hosting events, or doing tabling as SGA networking yourselves by going to other clubs, events, and things like that, that's the best that I would recommend or advise, I truly do have a lot on my plate, but I'm willing to help you plan something to get the word out. Or if you want to create a flyer like anything you have ideas with I'm all for. But that's my advice. And also, there's just so many ways, like I will meet people who are in clubs, like even just networking through that system. But I also think that being involved outside of SGA meetings, which you are, but you know, a lot of senators didn't come to the summit, the leadership summit. And that was a really big opportunity, because there were a bunch of different clubs there.

- P Parlimentarian Goldstein 19:00 I have a question.
- V VPLA Lair 19:01 Name and college.
- Parlimentarian Goldstein 19:02

Sorry. Katherine Goldstein, College of Sciences. Um, so when- I'm sorry if this information is readily available- but I checked my emails, I can't find it. When was the Leadership Summit and how were we notified about it? Just because I looked through my emails and I can't find anything about it. But I mean, I would have liked to have attended if I had been able to.

A Advisor Ballard 19:24

Point of information. It was not open to everyone. Student Organization presidents were

anowed to invite two people from each organization because it wasn't necessary. It was for organization executives, so all of you actually could not have come to that.

- P Parlimentarian Goldstein 19:41 Okay, thank you.
- Senator Moss 19:43

Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large. I have a question or just point of inquiry. Is it possible to maybe have something where like, every month or every other month, we meet with the campus organizations just to kind of see what they have in the works. To be like, what they have planned for their organization and semester, and just offer and see in what ways we can help them just so it's a continued line of communication. So like, they know that we're always here and we're in the loop on what they're doing as well. Is that like a possibility? Or is that already a thing?

VPLA Lair 20:18

VPLA Where if I may interrupt a little bit. Um, so you can do that. But I've seen something in engineering, they are very common. And this is what Jovanovich had set up is that the College of Engineering met up once a month with all of like, the presidents of their organizations. And-

- Pro Tempore Mott 20:44
 Time.
- VPLA Lair 20:47
 Would anyone like to extend time?
- P Parlimentarian Goldstein 20:50
 Katherine Goldstein I motion to extend.
- VPLA Lair 20:53 Second?
- Senator Smith 20:54

 Da' Yanah Smith, College, of Interdisciplinary Studies, I second that motion.

VPLA Lair 21:01

Awesome. So it's extended by I want to say three minutes. Okay, awesome. Um, so they met up once a month with the he was the assistant dean of engineering, and they would all meet up. And we were supposed to, when I was a engineering senator, meet up with them and go to this, you know, talk to like everybody, and get to know everyone, you know, tell them what SGA does. However, this was around when COVID happened. And that didn't end up happening. If you want, you could reach out to your college and see if they'd like to do something similar.

President Lemelle 21:49

My response to Jordan with that, I think that's actually a really good idea. And along with what Clotilde said, so something like that has been done in the past. But even now, SIL, I believe that SIL has a list of all organizations that are on campus, and their emails and their contact information with like, who the president is and who the advisor is, if there is an advisor. So I think that would be something definitely beneficial, especially so that we can get in touch with those groups and get in touch with those groups and let them know directly that that is happening. So Jordan, if that's something that you're interested in, I would definitely, like encourage you to inquire about that. And meet like, you can email me, Clotilde, Angelo or Maggie to get the contact information to figure out where you can get the list, excuse me, get the list of organizations get the list of emails, and so you can get that started up. And you know, I'm sure that there are other people who are willing to join you in like, help you out with that, because I think that's a really good idea. And I've never thought about that. So that's great.

Senator Smith 22:51

Da' Yanah Smith, College of Interdisciplinary Studies. I do agree with the idea that Jordan gave, and I think it's very idea that something that could, you know, be taken as a way of that getting done.

Pro Tempore Mott 23:07

Point of Order. This is time for questioning only. I'm sorry.

Senator Smith 23:12

Okay, I haven't got to my question, but okay.

VPLA Lair 23:16

You have a question. You may ask it.

Senator Moss 23:19

Okay. My only question was, is that what is the exec office hours like that we were able to communicate with the executive board, and also a president as well, besides Monday through Friday, are you all able to communicate us with us on weekends as well?

VPLA Lair 23:38

I have my email open like, basically at all times to get notifications and I ample people have my phone number. So like, I'm available at all times.

- Senator Smith 23:49
 Okay.
- President Lemelle 23:50

Same with me, um, my office hours, I can like send those out in the next like, within the meeting minutes, maybe so that y'all can get a reiteration of when I am in the office, but my email is also always open on weekends as well. Like, I'm not on campus on weekends, but you're more than welcome to email me. And if I don't respond to the email, like multiple people have DMed me on Instagram as well. So that's also welcome. Um, so yeah, like any, like, I'm always answering my emails or my phone or my Instagram DM so if you ever want to reach out on a weekend, I'm pretty much available.

- Senator Smith 24:25 Okay, Thank you.
- P President Lemelle 24:26 Yeah, girl.
- VPLA Lair 24:28

After the meeting, I can send you guys all like a picture or document of like, what the office hours are to actually and the Robert's rule cheat sheet that I sent all of you guys you have all our office hours. Just saying.

President Lemelle 24:50

Are there any other questions for me? Um, we'll send it out in an email like our lovely VPLA was

in our office hours out again with you know the agenda for next week or the meeting minutes? And then, if y'all ever need any, I mean, I think everybody has our emails. But if you don't have an email, let us know, we can send that out as well. But does anybody else have any questions for me? Even if it's not related to my report like any other questions?

VPLA Lair 25:33

If no one else has any questions, we will move on. And by the way, Jeremiah, would you like to write a motion to be recognized?

- Senator Baloney 25:45
 Yeah, sorry. I didn't know when I step in.
- VPLA Lair 25:48
 Yeah, that's why I paused. Would you like motion to be recognized?
- Senator Baloney 25:53
 Yes. I'm still sort of a new to the oh,
- VPLA Lair 25:59 just say that you'd like to be motioned to be recognize
- Senator Baloney 26:03 motion to be recognized.
- VPLA Lair 26:05
 Is their second?
- Katherine Goldstein, College of Sciences I second that.
- VPLA Lair 26:10

 Awesome I will add you in. While I'm doing that, does VP have a report?

Vice President Charles 26:21

Yes, I do. Hey y'all, how y'all doing today? we have done a report I'll be giving us on SGA budget. Currently in the Senate operating budget, you guys have \$19,804.31 We still do not have information on a reservation account yet. I mean, the reserve account, but soon as we do, we'll let you guys know, I yield the rest of my time for questioning.

VPLA Lair 27:00

All right, if no one has any questions, it's my turn. So my report, um, I definitely agree what Amber was talking about and Brendan, like, but I do have a few things to say. One. You guys, like your job is not to wait for organizations to come forward to you and be like, I have an event, I have a need. Please help me. Your job is not to wait around for people to tell you I need this, that or the other. Your job is to both have people come up to you. And make yourself like known that you're there to help and that if they need something, they can come to you if it's like a large issue, or like if they're like funding events and whatnot, but you need to go out and meet people, you need to let it be known that you're part of SGA. And this is something that you would like to help with. And if you have anything that you need help with, please reach out. But yeah, that's what I wanted to say about that. And also going back to what I said last week, does anyone have anything to report back? Like, did you guys talk to students? What did they say? I'm very curious.

Senator Metzler 28:34

Chloe Metzler, Freshmen-at-large. I asked some of my peers and classmates some changes they wanted to see on campus. They were really-

Senator Mott 28:47

Point of order, kind of, can we do this at this time? Or will we have to motion to suspend Robert's Rules for this?

Joy Ballard 28:56

We would have to suspend Robert's Rules to have such a conversation. I think it would be better placed in open forum.

VPLA Lair 29:03

All right, then we'll talk more about it in Open Forum. Thank you. Um, so aside from that, I do not have anything that I would like to say but if you guys have any questions for me, please let me know. Okay, does the vice president of programming have a report?



I do. Hello, everyone. Hope you're having a good day. SAC is having our annual holiday warm up that will be November 22. From 12 to two in the UC atrium. There'll be hot chocolate we have DIY photo ornaments just to get kids like kids students like the holiday spirit I'm encouraged no just happier boost the morale a little bit. Um, so I want to shout that out. Also, I want to let everyone know SAC is having their calendar planning soon. So if There's any events y'all want to see on campus, like, please let me know like through email, things like that. So you know, we try to plan those in. And also if any of your organization's you're also part of want to collaborate with SAC, or if you have an event idea, you might need some help, you know, fine tuning it playing it out better for the spring semester, please let me know. We want to see like more orgs participating on on campus and stuff like that, too. So any, you know, help y'all need just let me know. But that's all I have. I suspend the rest of my time for questions.

VPLA Lair 30:37

Anyone has questions, we will move on? Do we have a person for judicial yet? All right. Do the advisors have a report?

Advisor Ballard 30:50

hey y'all I do, it's just me tonight for now. Um, so I have a couple of things. I want to say. First of all, welcome to all of the new people. We have a lot of new senators since I was last here. So if y'all don't know me. My name is Joy Ballard. And I am the advisor, one of the advisors for SGA. Um, I know that we talked a lot about like, getting things done. And for new senator, that may seem like a lot. And I get that it's kind of a daunting task. So as Clotilde talked about earlier working with your college. I think that is a brilliant idea. So I, if you are a new senator, it is a fantastic time to send an email to your dean, or to your Department head and just be like, Hey, my name is Joy. And I recently got appointed/elected to be a senator to represent our college, is there anything you'd like to see. And I would guarantee you almost any Dean on this campus has a list. Or they may can put you in contact with those student organizations. So that's an easy win, mark it off your list, do something good for the Senate. So that's my advice. My only other thing, so one, I sent him a new proxy form, the rules and procedure say that we're supposed to complete proxy forms. Because of COVID, we've been doing this through email, um, which is fine. I don't care if we do it through email. But I did create that form, because it will make it easier to transition on in the future. It's just easier for record keeping. So I sent you the form. If you have questions about the form, let me know. I'm also going to work on getting that form on our website, before next week. And finally, um, there's been a lot of controversy in the Senate this week. I'm not going to talk about it. I don't think y'all should talk about it. And that's my report is that we shouldn't talk about it. Um, that being said, I also want to give a cautionary tale, that please remember anything said an open forum is on the record per Sunshine laws in the state of Louisiana. So it is recorded, absolutely verbatim exactly what you said, is going to printed it for all eternity on the SGA website. And I know that that sounds very dramatic. But I do mean it that way. Somebody can Google your name. I don't say that to keep you from saying things. But I do say that. So remember, we can always adjourn a meeting at during open forum and discuss whatever you would like off the record. But you say in an

open forum, it's on the record. And I just think with a lot of new senators. It's a good time to say that. So yeah, that is my reminders. Welcome, everybody. If y'all have any questions for me, I yield the rest of my time. Thanks y'all.

VPLA Lair 34:15

Moving on, we don't have any old business. We don't have any new business. We are moving on to nominees.

Vice President Charles 34:22

Clotilde, Point of order. Last meeting of the Senate table two. I think Senate appointees if it was tabled that mean it would have to be under old business from the last meeting.

A Advisor Ballard 34:37

Point of order per SGA's rules, I know that that is traditional Robert's Rules, but per SGA's rules in their RMP appointment, stay in appointment even if they are tabled so we will get to those and appointments they are still on the agenda.

- Vice President Charles 34:52
 Awesome.
- VPLA Lair 34:56
 All right. Am I good to proceed?I suppose so.
- A Advisor Ballard 35:04 yes
- VPLA Lair 35:07

So moving on to nominations and appointments is Christina Clement here? Christina Clement.

Senator Mott 35:20

Point of inquiry Brendan Mott Senior-at-large, Did we find out what if there's a process of somebody hasn't shown up to a certain amount of meetings and they're up for appointment

Parlimentarian Goldstein 35:31

Katherine Goldstein, College of Sciences, I so I read through the Constitution and the rules and procedures and there is nothing that addresses somebody who's up for appointment and doesn't show up basically so I know some people have talked about basically un-nominating her for appointment but there's so there's nothing in the rules that really addresses a scenario like that.

Pro Tempore Mott 35:56

So further point of inquiry can somebody motion to have them removed or would it have to and or is that not possible? So it's not specifically listed?

Joy Ballard 36:05

Um, as with anything in our rules you can table indefinitely to table indefinitely means it's no longer on the agenda until somebody puts it back on the agenda. So realistically, yes, that is doing what you want to do.

Senator Mott 36:20

Brendan Mott Senior-at-Large I motion to table Christina Clement indefinitely.

P Parlimentarian Goldstein 36:27
Katherine Goldstein, College of Sciences, I second that.

VPLA Lair 36:31

Awesome. Noted. Is Christopher Kelly here. Christopher Kelly .All right.

Pro Tempore Mott 36:49
Motion to Table.

VPLA Lair 36:52

Is there a second? Table till when?

Pro Tempore Mott 36:59

The next meeting since this is their first time I believe

VPLA Lair 37:04

Um actually they were on the agenda last meeting just for point of information.

Pro Tempore Mott 37:10

I'll give I say one more. It depends on what others want of course, as well, but I say for say motion to um, to what's the word table till next week.

- P Parlimentarian Goldstein 37:24
 Katherine Goldstein, College of Sciences, I second that.
- VPLA Lair 37:27

Awesome. Michael Marianna. Michael Mariana. Oh, you're here. Will you please come to the front for a nomination to Senate. You have three minutes to introduce yourself followed by three minutes for questioning. you may proceed.

- Pro Tempore Mott 37:49

 Motion to slate. Brandon Mott Senior-at-Large.
- VPLA Lair 37:55

 Yes. What was your questionagain? Sorry
- Pro Tempore Mott 37:57
 Motion to slate.
- VPLA Lair 37:59

To slate everyone yeah all right. There's Michael Marianna, Lukas Deffendall, Oscar Martinez, and Mahaut Sorlin so um point of inquiry if we slate them they get the same amount of time to speak correct. As a as one person would, right.

A Advisor Ballard 38:33

Yes, but y'all can extend time if you like.

VPLA Lair 38:37

Awesome. So we're gonna slate with those people. I'm going to repeat that again. Because we have a little bit of in between Michael Marianna, Lukas Deffendall, Oscar Martinez and Mahaut Sorlin. You may- you have three minutes to introduce all of yourselves, followed by three minutes for questioning. And we will start off with Michael Marianna.

A Appointee Marianna 39:01

my name is Michael Mariana. I'm a super duper senior. Um, I have- I'm in the College of Liberal Arts. I've been a senator before, for about a year and a half in 2014-2015. I have also been an Oreintation Leader, a Krewe Leader, in Greek life, a UNO Ambassador, I'd like to become a senator just to be involved in another organization. And I think my experience would help a lot especially with drafting bills and helping with other organizations. I think I can bring a lot of experience and a lot of I feel like I can bring a lot to what sounds like you guys are a lot more, I would say civil or like a lot more. Like when I was in there we were dealing with a lot of things like the closing of the daycare and the closing of the Women's Beach Volleyball Team, it's a lot of like, I have experienced with this thing. So I yield my time for questions.

VPLA Lair 40:10

You may not feel your time for questions yet since we have other people to introduce sorry about that. Lukas Deffendall, you are next.

Appointee Deffendall 40:20

Hi, I'm Lukas, Deffendall, I'm a freshmen. For the- and I'm hoping to be appointed for the College of Liberal Arts. I have a couple of reasons why I'm interested. In particular, I'm actually really passionate about trying to interact with students that we have, not only at the college, but at the university, and trying to communicate what they want to the forefront into the Senate. So that we're actually, you know, passing legislation that reflects the individual desire of those people. I also have experience in my own high school, where I worked a little bit with the SGA. And I set up a club dedicated to solving student issues, and using that club as a basically to communicate with the SGA and talk about those issues. So I'm, that's mytime.

VPLA Lair 41:36

Awesome, next is Oscar Martinez.

Appointee Martinez 41:48

Sorry, I'm waiting for my camera. Hi, my name is Oscar Martinez. I'm a first year graduate

student. And I am interested in the position of biology graduate at large. Some of my experiences are I was the president of Alpha Epsilon Delta during the COVID year and I-

- Pro Tempore Mott 42:09 That's time.
- VPLA Lair 42:12
 Would anyone like to motion for more time?
- Senator Moss 42:16

 Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large, motion for more time.
- VPLA Lair 42:20 How much does that
- Senator Dazet 42:21
 Candace Dazet, grad school senator. Second.
- VPLA Lair 42:25

 How much more time? Three minutes?
- Senator Moss 42:27
 Three minutes.
- VPLA Lair 42:29
 So we will extend it by three minutes. Oscar, you may continue.
- A Appointee Martinez 42:35

 Thank you. So yes, I, I was the president of Alpha Epsilon Delta, which is the pre medical honor society during COVID took over for a president that had transferred universities at the beginning of the semester. I basically led that organization from nearly becoming dead to

essentially a full fledged organization again. I got all their paperwork up to date. Everything's good. They're now a full fledged organization. I am a member of Phi Kappa Phi fraternity which is the top 4% of graduating juniors and seniors. I also have had numerous experiences as a coach and a leader, coached cheerleading for around 10 years until I decided to come back to school. I can, I'm yielding the rest of my time.

VPLA Lair 43:21

You may not, as there's one person left, but the next person is Mahaut Sorlin I'msorry, if I butchered your name, Mahaut Sorlin. It's seems as though they're not present. So yes, you may yield your time for questions. Does anyone have any questions for any of our candidates?

- Pro Tempore Mott 43:50

 Point of inquiry what do we do if somebody is not present and to
 - Point of inquiry what do we do if somebody is not present and they were slated with other people?
- A Advisor Ballard 44:01

 It's okay.We can bring them back up next time.
- Senator Hunsaker 44:17

 Daniel Hunsaker Junior-at-Large. I'm motion for Brendan Mott to be my proxy as I have to leave for work.
- VPLA Lair 44:25
 Is there a second?
- P Parlimentarian Goldstein 44:26
 Katherine Goldstein ,College of Sciences.,I second that
- VPLA Lair 44:29

 Awesome. Bye Daniel. Does anyone have any questions?
- Senator Dazet 44:36
 Candace Dazet, Grad School senator, Can I motion to approve slate?

- VPLA Lair 44:43
 I believe we already approved it.
- Senator Dazet 44:47
 Like vote it.
- VPLA Lair 44:50 Moved to vote?
- Senator Dazet 44:51
 Move to vote sorry. Yes.
- VPLA Lair 44:53
 Yes, you may. Is there a second?
- Parlimentarian Goldstein 44:59
 Katherine Goldstein, College of Sciences I second that.
- VPLA Lair 45:02
 All right. By the way, um Joy sorry, bad memory right here um, you said that during the slate did you say that they all stay on slate?
- Joy Ballard 45:18

 No. So we will remove that one person since they weren't here to introduce themselves so we're voting on the people that introduced themselves.
- VPLA Lair 45:27
 Thank you for that clarification.
- Advisor Rallard 45:20

VPLA Lair 45:37

Sorry, I also don't remember this. Um, Katherine, can you remind me? Do we put people out of the room if their appointments? Brendan's saying yes. Can you confirm that?

- Pro Tempore Mott 45:55
 Point of information we do.
- P Parlimentarian Goldstein 45:58 What? Oh, yes. I can confirm that.
- VPLA Lair 46:01

 Awesome. So I'm going to put everybody who was up for vote into the waiting room.
- Advisor Ballard 46:09
 I can help too.
- VPLA Lair 46:15
- Joy Ballard 46:16
 I can help you find them.
- VPLA Lair 46:18

Okay. Thanks. Okay, awesome. That should be everybody. So we will move to roll call vote. Let me pull that up real quick. Okay, when I call your name, please say yes, no or abstain. And I know a lot in the last couple meetings there has been possibly some confusion. But abstain means like you're not voting. You're not giving your opinion. It's basically a no vote. And it doesn't mean anything more than you aren't voting one way or the other. So if you have an opinion, please say it. I will protect your rights to the best of my abilities. If anybody gives you any grief for your vote. Come to me. So we will move into roll call vote. Please say yes no or abstain. All right, Jeremiah. Jeremiah Baloney. Sorry. Jeremiah Baloney.

- Senator Baloney 47:34 Yes.
- VPLA Lair 47:37 Christine Bourgeois.
- Pro Tempore Mott 47:39 Yes by proxy.
- VPLA Lair 47:43

 Dwayne Crenshaw
- Senator Crenshaw 47:44
 Yes
- VPLA Lair 47:46
 Candice Dazet.
- Senator Dazet 47:48 Yes.
- VPLA Lair 47:50Makayla Diles Makayla Diles. Julia Duong. Hope I said that right
- Senator Duong 48:01 Yes.
- VPLA Lair 48:04

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- Parlimentarian Goldstein 48:11 Yes.
- VPLA Lair 48:12 Allicia Helbing.
- Senator Helbing 48:15 Yes.
- VPLA Lair 48:17 Daniel Hunsaker.
- Senator Mott 48:20
 Abstain by proxy
- VPLA Lair 48:25
 Twanna LeBeau. Twanna LeBeau. All right. Chloe Metzler.
- Senator Metzler 48:35 Yes.
- VPLA Lair 48:38 Brendan Mott.
- Pro Tempore Mott 48:41 Yes.
- VPLA Lair 48:44

Henry Nguyen.

- Senator Nguyen 48:45 Yes.
- VPLA Lair 48:50 Tara Rizzi.
- Senator Helbing 48:52
 Abstain by proxy.
- VPLA Lair 48:56

 Mohammed Mohuiddin Sakib?
- Senator Sakib 49:00 Yes,
- V VPLA Lair 49:02 Naw Safrin Sattar.
- Senator Sattar 49:05 Yes.
- V VPLA Lair 49:07 Robert White
- Senator Fornatoro 49:09
 Abstain by proxy.
- VPI Δ Lair 40·13

- Jasmine Carter. Jasmine Carter
- Senator Smith 49:20 Yes, yes by proxy.
- VPLA Lair 49:23
 Wonderful. Aziza Hinnawi.
- Senator Hinnawi 49:27 Hinnawi. Yeah.
- VPLA Lair 49:30
 I'm going to get it. Jenna Hymel.
- Senator Hymel 49:34 Yes.
- VPLA Lair 49:36 Da' Yanah. Sorry.
- Senator Smith 49:41 Yes. Yes.
- VPLA Lair 49:45
 Da'Yanah Smith. Jordan Moss. Jordan Moss.
- Senator Moss 49:49 Yes.

- VPLA Lair 49:50
 Awesome. Brett Fornatoro.
- Senator Fornatoro 49:55 Yes.
- VPLA Lair 49:57
 Trenton Ricard
- Senator Sattar 50:01 Yes by proxy.
- VPLA Lair 50:03
 Awesome. With 19 yeses and three abstentions. All of these people are approved. Congrats, y'all, you guys are all voted in.
- Senator Martinez 51:03 Thank y'all.

Pro Tempore Mott 51:24

- VPLA Lair 51:05

 Absolutely. And now we will be moving into open forum and we can discuss what I was talking about: the reports on what you guys heard from students, I'd love to hear it
- I guess I can start Brandon Mott, Senoir-at-Large, since I am a class year senator, it's a little bit-I didn't necessarily talk to a college. But I did talk to some student organizations that I'm either a part of or I know people in, I'm in a consensus that I got, and I really don't understand why. But maybe it's because I know the process. And we know the process. And it's easy for us. But I heard a lot of people just say that, Oh, um, it's hard to find information on how to do these things. I don't think it is personally. A lot of other people I've talked to who are part of SGA or SIL don't think it is, but it seems like organizations think it is for some reason. That's just my consensus about it. And then when it comes to other types of projects, um, I just feel like a lot

of stuff is stuff that we shouldn't fund, um, like, I don't think we should fund a renovation of a building or unless, like, there was no one else to do it like I would, in this case like that,

personally, rather, write a resolution first. And if we had to, like it was absolutely necessary. Yes. But I think us spending should be a last resort on something like that, that really shouldn't be our job.

VPLA Lair 52:43

Yeah, actually, I want to tag on to that there are a lot of things that are not SGA's responsibility. And those things are honestly administration's responsibility. And we need to bring things like that up to them. Like if a building has like mold and stuff. So you know, we passed resolution for that. And if anything's like broken or needs to be fixed, or if like something needs to be put on campus, or if we need better Wi Fi, it should not be funded through us because that is not our responsibility. And also, I'm wanted to ask, Did you get any clarification on what information specifically that was hard to find for them?

Pro Tempore Mott 53:28

Um, a lot of organizations, they want to write bills, they just said they don't know how to write a bill even though it's a template. I just think, um, I think it seems more confusing than it is, is what the problem is like, it's not hard, but they think it's hard, if that makes sense.

VPLA Lair 53:45

So do you think something like hosting a workshop on how to write bills would be good?

Pro Tempore Mott 53:54

Well, we already did that. And, um, yeah, some people came but like, ideally, Every organization should know how to write a bill like, um, point of inquiry, joy, our student organization, like presidents required to go to a training of any kind?

Joy Ballard 54:11

Um, they have to complete a quiz. And like, review the manuals, but there's not necessarily a training other than the Leadership Summit, which SIL does every year.

Pro Tempore Mott 54:25

So Brendan Mott Senior-at-Large, would it be difficult to add something about Bill writing to the quiz or just something that's given to them or something like that?

Joy Ballard 54:36

It's not really appropriate to add it to the quiz because the quiz is about SIL policy and like what

it means to be a student organization. It's really on SGA to tell people their policies. We do invite y'all to the Leadership Summit. But yeah, it's no it's not in the rules and regulations of student organizations that they have to know how to write a bill.

- VPLA Lair 54:59 VPLA Lair-
- Senator Dazet 55:01
 Candace Dazet- Oh go ahead.
- VPLA Lair 55:02

 In a slightly different direction. Would we be able to include it in the leadership summit? Where I or somebody else could talk to them about bills and bill writing?
- Joy Ballard 55:14
 It is every year. You spoke at it this week.
- Senator Hinnawi 55:20
 Can I say something?
- Senator Dazet 55:21

Cadnace Dazet, Grad school Senator What if we- sorry. What? What if you just did- Because you know, some people don't check email, some people don't want to do the research. What have you just made, like a especially now that like, we're used to this, everything's virtual, we've done a lot of zooms, you just made a video how to like step by step like click, click here. Next step, scroll down, click here, right, this, here's a sample template, like, I just find that that sometimes can be more effective, people do need some hand holding with things. So that's just an idea.

Senator Moss 55:55

Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large, just like a point of information. As a president of another student organization on campus, I think it would be beneficial to include something about maybe like writing the bills, when we have to fill out all the information to become a recognized student organization, because I actually just did that whole application in the fall for the organization that I'm president of on campus. And like you said about the quiz, like I actually had to read through everything to be able to take the quiz. But I also think it wouldn't be a bad idea just to

go ahead and include maybe like something about bills and how to reach out to SGA. And everything for funding as well, just because since they already make that a thing to know about the SIL and what it is to be a student organization, I don't think it will be harmful to add like SGA's little bit into that as well, since like, it's something we have to do to even become organization. So I think SGA is part should be required as well.

Joy Ballard 57:02

Not saying that it would be harmful. I am saying that it would be inappropriate. The things that you take in that test are required by law that SIL tell you about them. Like, we are required by law to do hazing driven training, I am required by law to do risk management training. I am not required by law, to tell anyone how to write an SGA bill until I to put those on the same footing is not appropriate in what we do. That's like student Involvement. Leadership does not work for si- SGA. Like that's not that's just not how it works. We invite you to the leadership summit, but like, it doesn't go in that book. We talk about opportunities for funding, and we talk about how to fundraise. And in that we do say that you can write a bill to SGA. But like that process, it's on SGA to publish.

VPLA Lair 58:08

Awesome, thank you. I'm going to look more into that because I do think that is something that we need to vocalize more, and we did talk a lot about funding in the presentation that we gave, but there's not a whole lot on like Bill writing and stuff. So I will look into that. Does anyone else have anything that they heard from students or like want to say?

- Senator Moss 58:38 Jordan Moss- Go ahead.
- Senator Hymel 58:41

Jenna Hymel, College of Liberal Arts. One thing I heard like you said before, this is something that would definitely be in administration's hands. But just to kind of voice what I heard is that some students have come to me wishing that they had like a recycling program. Something more readily accessible because I know there's a recycling bin

VPLA Lair 59:02

Point of information. We do have a recycling program. I do not know if it is still running or not though.

Senator Hymel 59:09 Yeah, like Pro Tempore Mott 59:10

Furthur point of information. Brendan Mott, Senior-at-Large, it is running on but the-there's only-they don't have bins in the buildings they just have dumpsters behind the buildings and there for cardboard only.

VPLA Lair 59:22

Point of inquiry, is the recycling program, is that our project?

Joy Ballard 59:30

SGA funds it, but we do not run the program. Facilities hire student workers who are supposed to handle it. However, due to COVID they are not hired at the moment because it wasn't sanitary for them to be going through and sorting recycling that was not safe. But we are in talks with bringing that back in January. So hopefully in January that will be fully functioning again. SGA does pay for the contract for the dumpsters but that's all we do just saying.

- Pro Tempore Mott 1:00:02
 Point of inquiry-
- VPLA Lair 1:00:05 I'm sorry. Go ahead.
- Pro Tempore Mott 1:00:08

Brendan Mott, Senior-at-Large, do we know why that they're cardboard only now and they're not all recycled materials like they used to be?

Joy Ballard 1:00:15

Yes, the city of New Orleans only has one recycling company. And they made that call used to be cardboard and paper. But our UNO dumpsters were so bad that they told us they would no longer accept our recycling. Unless it was cardboard only because no one sorted their recycling. So we got in trouble and they changed our contracts.

VPLA Lair 1:00:43
Clotilde, point of inquiry, do we have enough bin, recycling bins on campus for when we start

the recycling program back up again or when they do?

Joy Ballard 1:00:53

Yes, facilities picked them all up and stored them. And so they are all ready to go back out as soon as we have people to pick them up.

VPLA Lair 1:01:01

Wonderful. You making continue Jenna if you had-

Pro Tempore Mott 1:01:05

I do have one more question. Actually, since we're asking Joy these questions. If it is brought back is it only going to be cardboard or a sense is that different than the dumpsters?

Joy Ballard 1:01:18

Our plan as the sustainability circle, which SII is looking for members, so this is a passion project for anybody reach out and I can put you on the sustainability circle. Um, but the plan is to try to get back to paper, plastic and cardboard. New Orleans has never taken glass. But hopefully we will get back to paper and plastic as well.

Senator LeBeau 1:01:43

Point of inquiry, Twanna Lebeau, College of Liberal Arts. Um, I remember that recycling program, I was in the recycling program, I would say back in 2019, before COVID hit, there was a time where they we will go around and we will pick up all the recycling. And we will have to take the labels off and everything off before we put them in a recycling bin. So I wanted to know did they do that after like, was it like when school started back up in...

Joy Ballard 1:02:09

No, that's exactly what I'm talking about. Never came back after COVID and they are planning to bring it back in January.

Senator LeBeau 1:02:16
Okay, that's what I wanted to know.

VPLA Lair 1:02:22

Jenna, if you have anything to add, you know, continue. Do you have anything?

Senator Hymel 1:02:27

Yes, the something that was specified was that possibly like bins around the school? Because I mean, people have lunch outside the library and the University Center. They have plastic bottles, they have things and whatnot that could be recycled and they want to recycle it. But there's no where to do that.

Senator LeBeau 1:02:46

Point of inquiry. Twanna LeBeau, college of liberal arts, they used to have the bins but I know when I was working for Ms. Deborah she said that um a lot of people were putting things in the bins that didn't belong in there. So that's because they were changing a bins to smaller bins to like, the coke bottles or the coke bottle recycling bins. That way people know where to put bottles in here and nothing else. But most of the students were just putting trash in the recycling bins.

Joy Ballard 1:03:17

Also those are the recycling bins I'm talking about that will be coming back in January.

- P Pro Tempore Mott 1:03:25
- VPLA Lair 1:03:28

Do we want to extend time or do we want to adjourn?

Pro Tempore Mott 1:03:37

Brendan Mott, Senior-at-Large I'll motion to extend time just because- Does anyone wanna-Does anybody else want to extend time? If not, then I'll motion to adjourn.

- Senator Metzler 1:03:50
 I'll second that Chloe, Fresh- Chloe Metzler Freshmen-at-Large.
- VPLA Lair 1:03:54

All right, we're adjourned. You guys may leave if you want you can stay after if you'd like and

everybody who got appointed please stay after because I do have to swear you in.