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SPEAKERS


VPLA Lair, Pro Tempore LeBeau, Senator Dazet, Senator Lair, Clerk of Senate Corcoran, Senator Hinnawi, Senator Moss, Senator Deffendall, Parliamentarian Goldstein, Senator Hymel, Advisor Courseault, Senator Metzler, Senator Smith, Senator Crenshaw, President Lemelle, Senator LeBeau, Senator Fornatoro, Senator Marianna, Senator Mott, Senator Rizzi, Senator Sattar, Senator Carter, Senator Sakib, Senator Rivers, Senators, Senator Diles, Senator Martinez, Vice President Charles, Senator Nguyen, VPP Mailhes, Advisor Ballard


- V** VPLA Lair 00:00
Hi everybody! I call this meeting to order at 5:06pm. Is our Pro Tempore and Parliamentarian present?
- P** Parliamentarian Goldstein 00:52
Your Parliamentarian is present.
- V** VPLA Lair 00:54
Oh hi! and our Pro Tempore's present? Chastity? Would anybody be willing to fill in as Pro Tempore for this meeting?
- S** Senator LeBeau 01:09
what do you have to do? Keep time?
- V** VPLA Lair 01:10
Keep time yeah.


 Senator LeBeau 01:12
I do.


 VPLA Lair 01:15
Awesome. Thank you. I will give you this Pro Tempore time sheet. I appreciate it. Awesome we will now move into roll call. When I call your name please say here or present by proxy if you are proxying someone. Jeremiah Baloney. Jeremiah Baloney. Christine Bourgeois. Christine Bourgeois. Jazmin Carter. Jazmin Carter.


 Senator Carter 02:05
Present.


 VPLA Lair 02:08
Thank you. Dwayne Crenshaw. Dwayne Crenshaw. Candace Dazet.

 Senator Dazet 02:18
Here.

 VPLA Lair 02:20
Lukas Deffendall.

 Senator Deffendall 02:22
Here.

 VPLA Lair 02:23
Makayla Diles.

 Senator Diles 02:25
Present.

 VPLA Lair 02:28

V VPLA Lair 02:28
Julia Duong. Julia Duong. Brett Fornatoro.

S Senator Fornatoro 02:37
Present

V VPLA Lair 02:39
Katherine Goldstein.

P Parliamentarian Goldstein 02:41
Present.

V VPLA Lair 02:42
Allicia Helbing. Allicia Helbing. Azizah Hinnawi.

S Senator Hinnawi 02:51
Present.

V VPLA Lair 02:53
Daniel Hunsaker

S Senator Mott 02:54
Present by proxy.

V VPLA Lair 02:57
Were you proxying for Christine as well?

S Senator Mott 02:59
Um she didn't send me anything. I mean, I can motion to if we need to later.

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V VPLA Lair 03:04
We'll get to that later. Chastity Hunter. Chastity Hunter. Jenna. Hymel.

S Senator Hymel 03:13
Present.

V VPLA Lair 03:16
Nhe Li. Nhe Li. Twanna LeBeau.

P Pro Tempore LeBeau 03:22
Here.

V VPLA Lair 03:24
Michael Mariana.

S Senator Marianna 03:25
Present.

V VPLA Lair 03:27
Oscar Martinez.

S Senator Martinez 03:28
Here.

V VPLA Lair 03:30
Chloe Metzler.

S Senator Metzler 03:31
Present.

V VPLA Lair 03:33
Jordan Moss.

S Senator Moss 03:34
Here.

V VPLA Lair 03:36
Brendan Mott.

S Senator Mott 03:37
Present.

V VPLA Lair 03:39
Henry Nguyen. Henry Nguyen.

V VPLA Lair 03:46
Patrick Ian Raybourn. Patrick Ian Raybourn. Trenton Ricard. Trenton Ricard. Alyssa Rivers.

S Senator Nguyen 03:46
Here.

S Senator Rivers 04:02
Present.

V VPLA Lair 04:03
Awesome. Mohammed Mohiudden Sakib.

S Senator Sakib 04:08
Present.

V VPLA Lair 04:10
Naw Safrin Sattar

S Senator Sattar 04:10
Here.

V VPLA Lair 04:18
Tara Rizzi.

S Senator Rizzi 04:20
Here.

V VPLA Lair 04:23
Da' Yanah Smith.

S Senator Smith 04:24
Here.

S Senator Mott 04:39
Brendan Mott, Senior-at-Large, I motion to recognize Dwayne Crenshaw as present.

V VPLA Lair 04:44
Is their a second?

P Parliamentarian Goldstein 04:45
Katherine Goldstein, college of Sciences, I second that.

V VPLA Lair 04:48
I appreciate it. If anyone would like-

S Senator Crenshaw 04:51
Dwayne Crenshaw, College of Sciences motion to be recognized.

V VPLA Lair 04:54
You have already been recognized.

S Senator Crenshaw 04:58
Oh, y'all did?

V VPLA Lair 04:59
Yeah, we did that.

S Senator Crenshaw 05:03
Okay. Thank you.

V VPLA Lair 05:04
Would anyone like to motion to proxy for anybody? You may say it now.

V Vice President Charles 05:11
Point of order, point of inquiry Clotilde, Sneator Daniel Hunsaker had a proxy form correct?

V VPLA Lair 05:18
Daniel Hunsaker, Trenton Ricard, and Christine Bourgeois supposedly all have proxies but I'm not hearing any.

V Vice President Charles 05:25
Did they send- Did they said the proxy form that was due 24 hours in advance? Did they do that?

V VPLA Lair 05:31

Yes, they did that. I'm not hearing anybody saying that.

S Senator Mott 05:34

I said present by proxy for Daniel.

V VPLA Lair 05:37

Oh, let me- let me check if I did for Daniel. Yeah, I did it for Daniel but for Trenton and Christine I'm not sure if they did it.

S Senator Mott 05:47

Can we see who they said for proxy? Because Christine has asked me to proxy in the past and maybe she did again.

V VPLA Lair 05:52

This is not the time or the place if you would like to motion proxy for them, you may. If not, we will move on.

S Senator Marianna 06:01

Michael Marianna, College of Liberal Arts, I motion to proxy.

A Advisor Ballard 06:05

Point of order. You can't proxy for someone that did not specifically expressly asked you to proxy for them because they didn't tell you how to vote. So no, if they have not already said it. Attendance is closed. Please announce the numbers.

V VPLA Lair 06:20

Will do. I will count that out promptly. With 23 of 31 senators present, we meet quorum. Are there any corrections or changes to today's agenda? All right, With no corrections or changes, We will move on. We don't have minutes yet, so we can skip that. Are there any senator communications or announcements?

S Senator Metzler 07:13

Chloe Metzler, Freshman-at-Large, is there someone watching the Zoom chat?

C Clerk of Senate Corcoran 07:19
I'm keeping an eye on it from back here.

V VPLA Lair 07:22
Yeah. If there is nothing to be said for the record we're all good. Are there any senator communications and announcements? All right. Are there any Non-senator communications or announcements? For our committee reports, is the Governance Committee head present? alright it's the rules committee head present?

P Parliamentarian Goldstein 07:59
Yes.

V VPLA Lair 07:59
You may give your report you have six minutes to speak and three minutes of questions.

P Parliamentarian Goldstein 08:05
I don't really have anything to report this week other than Clotilde and I started to revise the Constitution. But it's not done yet. So yeah, other than that-

V VPLA Lair 08:07
Yeah, that's a very intricate process. Sorry.

P Parliamentarian Goldstein 08:18
Yeah, I yield the rest of my time for questions.

V VPLA Lair 08:25
All right. If no one has any questions, is the finance head here?

P Pro Tempore LeBeau 08:29
Yes.

V VPLA Lair 08:30
Awesome, you have six minutes to speak and 3 minutes for questioning.

P Pro Tempore LeBeau 08:35
I really don't- I really don't have anything new. But I do want to thank my- the committee itself for communicating with me in order to communicate with them better. So I want to thank you guys if you're here. I yield the rest of my time for questions.

V VPLA Lair 08:56
If no one has any questions, is the committee head for Student Affairs present? is Tara here?

S Senator Rizzi 09:13
Yes I'm here, I'm so sorry.

V VPLA Lair 09:15
Okay. Do you have a report?

S Senator Rizzi 09:19
Nope, nope. Nothing, nothing to update with.

V VPLA Lair 09:23
Ok, thank you. Does on campus housing and dining have a report?

S Senator Mott 09:28
No report.

V VPLA Lair 09:30
All right. We'll move on to executive reports. Does the President have a report? Is the president present? she didn't leave a report correct?

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President Lemelle 09:44

Me?

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VPLA Lair 09:44

Oh Amber! Hi! Do you have a report?

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President Lemelle 09:45

Yes. Okay. So I do have a small report, nothing big. The main thing I want to talk about is- First of all I want to wish y'all a happy break. I know this semester has been hard and I just want to thank y'all for all the hard work y'all've done and I expect bigger and better things next semester and I believe that we will have that happen. So that's that. And then also I just wanted to let you guys know that next Thursday, the McNeese SGA is going to be coming visit our campus because they're building a new university center for their university, so they'll be coming here and we're gonna kinda have a little panel with them, they're meeting with the exec board. And we're gonna kind of tell them what we like and don't like about the UC and that was organized by SGA. So I wanted to tell y'all about that. And good job with everything. And if you guys have any questions over the break or need anything from me, let me know and I will definitely answer emails. I'll just be around so definitely let me know if y'all need anything.

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VPLA Lair 09:49

Awesome. Does anyone have any questions for our President? Brendan.

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Senator Mott 10:57

Brendan Mott Senior-at-Large, Amber, can you hear me?

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President Lemelle 11:00

Yes I can.

S

Senator Mott 11:02

So I wanted to know, um, is there a way like, I mean, I know it's not for our UC, but I'm just kind of curious. Do y'all have just input in general about just our UC, because I'm just kind of want to know if y'all do?

P

President Lemelle 11:18

Wait can you say that one more time? Like the actual question, because it muffled a little bit.

S

Senator Mott 11:24

I was asking- so y'all are- is, is it just the execs talking about the UC and do y'all have like feedback about it in some way? Or like information about things people do and don't like?

P

President Lemelle 11:36

Oh, so yeah. The reason that we are doing it with just execs is because this is the last meeting for senate but you're more than welcome to join us if you'd like. But yeah they're gonna get a tour, an official tour from someone with the UC and they have keys and stuff so they can look in rooms, lounges, and places that we don't really have access to and afterwards if they have any questions for us as students who utilize the UC. We're just gonna answer those questions. So it's not anything specific, it's just they have questions for us as students who utilize the UC.

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Senator Mott 12:07

Ok, thank you for the information.

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President Lemelle 12:09

Of course. No problem. Anybody else?

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Vice President Charles 12:13

I appreciate you Madame President, Vice President Charles.

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President Lemelle 12:19

Thank you! I appreciate you! I appreciate all of you guys!



Thank you for doing that, that's awesome.

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VPLA Lair 12:27

Does anyone else have any questions for our President? Does our vice president have a report?

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Vice President Charles 12:37

Yes, he does. Vice President Angelo Charles here. The current budget stated numbers for the senate's operating budget is \$19,804.31. That still stands from the two weeks prior that means we did not pass any bills with itemizations on it. So please, again, pass bills survey your peers and do what senators do. That concludes the budget. However, we had administration meeting with the admin and the biggest feedback that we received, like from them, as you know, student government members from us as a student expectation is that you represent your college and you guys should be talking to your Deans and your cords, whoever's in your particular institution, so you can actually get things done. That's a big deal. Before we like rush to push a resolution or bill, we need to make sure that we are seeking some type of recourse prior to bills and resolutions if that's necessary. That concludes my report. I yield the rest of my time for questions.

P Pro Tempore LeBeau 13:43

Twanna LeBeau, College of Liberal Arts. So when is the last day that we can submit a bill for this semester?

V Vice President Charles 13:51

Oh, I think that question is better for our VPLA.

V VPLA Lair 13:54

I can answer it during my report, so just ask again when I finish my report. Does anyone else have any questions for our vice president?

S Senator Carter 14:08

Can you say one more time, I'm sorry, What is expected before you can submit a bill?

V VPLA Lair 14:16

What is expected before you submit a bill? The expectation before you submit a bill is that you do your research and that you try and solve problems with proper channels before you start to write a bill. Unless it's something that is within our bounds. There are certain things that are our responsibility and there's some things aren't our responsibility. That is a long conversation to describe it in depth if you'd like to email me. But right now we're asking questions for the vice president. So does anyone have any questions?

S Senator Carter 14:46

I was just trying to understand what he said. I didn't hear everything that was stated.

V Vice President Charles 14:51

Hey, Jazmin, I'm sorry. I thank you. Thank you and I appreciate your questions. So that is in regards to not necessarily bills and resolutions that is you guys' responsibility. However, I think it would be good, I think what administration means and I don't wanna speak on behalf of them. You know, survey your college, get to talk to your peers and your faculty, specifically the deans to get things done. And to use bills and resolutions as a means to make a statement almost, is not enough. Also alot of solutions can be done when we talk to others as well. I hope that clarifies your question.

S Senator Carter 15:30

Ok I think I understand a little bit better. Thank you.

V Vice President Charles 15:32

Ok thank you.

V VPLA Lair 15:34

Does anyone else have any questions for our vice president? Alright. And then next up is me. I have a little bit of paper for you guys. And I'll try to get through this as quickly as I can. So as for our announcements, Christmas party on the 8th we're gonna have secret Santa and ugly Christmas sweaters, there will be food and we'll be playing games. And if you guys are interested in attending, that would be great. This is the last meeting of the year so that is the last time that you are going to see me because I'm resigning and I will no longer be in senate for the foreseeable future. But it will be fun and I hope to se you guys there if you're able to attend. Again, this is last meeting of the semester. I'm just gonna go over a small list of things that I really wanna say. I'm a better writer than I am speaker so I apologize but basically reading off the list. So this is just a reminder that you need to attend at least one retreat per year to stay in Senate. We've had two prior and hopefully we'll be having more coming up in the spring. Angelo is the one who plans that so if you have like any suggestions or ideas, he would be the one you would be talking to or they can also talk to the new VPLA when we vote them in.

V Vice President Charles 16:54

Point of Inquiry: planning what?

V VPLA Lair 16:59

Retreats.

V Vice President Charles 16:59

VICE PRESIDENT CHARLES 10:59

Oh okay sorry y'all.

V VPLA LAIR 17:06

Yeah, I apologize I've been taking over for like the last 2 retreats. Again I apologize. Also, reminder that if you can not attend a meeting, email me your excuse to my VPLA email or fill out a proxy form. So there's no like either we're not here for a reason, or that you've you know, got somebody so that we will use that for attendance measures. Also in the future, please email the VPLA via the VPLA account unless it's like, you know, unofficial, personal, unrelated to SGA stuff. It just helps keeps things in order and I'm not switching back and forth between the personal email and my VPLA email because between the two it's kind of quite hard to you know, see things before meetings and keep up with the times and whatnot. Also piggybacking on the whole bills and resolutions stuff; please work with your admins and partners to do your research before writing resolutions. If you're able to solve through that, that will be easier than going through the process of writing a resolution. Just letting you know. We're not responsible for every issue on campus. It's not our responsibility it's the person whose responsibility it is for doing that. Because it's easier than writing a resolution or bill. The senator orientation that we had, the last slide has some very good information on that. I know I'm not a very good public speaker. So if you want you can read through that and I can email that to all the guests. And also, all of the documents that I sent out we're going to try and boil them down to a hand-held document so we can send them out so you guys will have that information. General Information stuff are for like meetings whatnot. This is just like a brief overview. When I speak you guys kind of got to be quiet. I want to try keep things in order. Hopefully nothing should be too bad this meeting but again, when I speak you're not speaking so that we can keep the flow and if there's one or two of you guys who are trying to talk, I'll determine who's going to speak. Abstention mean that you don't care or mind the result of whatever it is we're voting on. Basically, you're forfeiting your vote. So if you do care, vote accordingly. Also, if somebody ends up harassing you for your vote, please let me know because that is not acceptable. And again, I want you guys to be able to vote freely. Basically, vote the way that you wish, the way that you want to, don't feel pressured to do you know, maintain status quo by abstaining or voting yes. I want you guys to be able to vote your opinion that is what we're supposed to do. You're not supposed to be a passive institution. We're supposed to be an institution that makes change. We're supposed to be an institution who you know, has different opinions on things. So it's only natural that we will have cases in which we don't agree and we, you know, may vote no on everything. Wonderful. Okay, next thing, we'll be nominating and voting on the new VPLA today. Have somebody you want to nominate for please. I will be leaving but you guys are still able to contact me. I know a handful of you guys have my number and plus my student email will still be open so you can still contact me if you have anything that you want. I am more than open if you know, come talk to me for like any reason or have any questions. And also I will be training the new VPLA, so that should basically cut the time in half where they figure out you know what their job is and actually practicing the stuff. So that's all I really have to say. If you guys have any questions, I know there was one previously I yield my time for questions.

P PRESIDENT LEMELLE 21:21

I have a question for you.

V VPLA Lair 21:22

Yes.

V VPLA Lair 21:23

Pardon, name and college first.

P President Lemelle 21:24

Can anyone nominate someone?

P President Lemelle 21:30

Oh, Amber Lemelle, Madame President. My question is can anyone nominate someone to run for VPLA?

V VPLA Lair 21:44

I would have to defer to my advisor on that one because I don't think so.

A Advisor Ballard 21:49

It must be a seated senator.

V VPLA Lair 21:53

Excellent, thank you.

P President Lemelle 21:54

What did she say?

V VPLA Lair 21:56

It must be seated senator.

P President Lemelle 21:59

Okay, gotcha. Gotcha. Thank you. So I can, it just has to be someone who is already on senate right?

right:

A Advisor Ballard 22:05

No, you are not because you are not a Senator.

P President Lemelle 22:09

Okay. Noted. Gotcha. I'm sorry.

V VPLA Lair 22:11

I appreciate the enthusiasm though. Is anyone else have any questions for me?

P Pro Tempore LeBeau 22:15

Twanna LeBeau, College of Liberal Arts, when is the last day to write bills for this semester?

V VPLA Lair 22:21

Okay, so that would have been previous to this date because this is the last meeting that we're having. However, if you would like to get together and talk to me, there's a potential for making a special session that the cases for doing that are- I don't remember offhand so I would have to look. That would be something to talk about later. Does anyone else have any questions?

S Senator Marianna 22:50

Michael Marianna, College of Liberal Arts, is there a committee or someone that's in charge of the students with disability services?

V VPLA Lair 22:59

Students with Disability Services...

S Senator Mott 23:02

Point of information, Brendan Mott, Senior-at-Large, there is no SGA committee about that. However, I was in the process of writing a resolution and I really wish it would have gone through committee so we could pass it this semester. However, it's going to have to wait till next semester, but that might not be a bad thing. That will give us more of a chance to maybe reconnect with the new senators about this resolution. And possibly talk with the staff who oversee that. So if you'd like you can talk to me after the meeting we can talk more about it.

S Senator Marianna 23:29
Yeah.

V VPLA Lair 23:30
If I may, that would fall more so under like student affairs because it deals with student issues. So I think that would be a great committee to reach out to about that and reach out to Brendan about the resolution that he's writing. Does anyone else have any questions?

S Senator Carter 23:56
Jazmin Carter, College of Engineering, I just had a question about one of the previous meetings. Is that allowed?

V VPLA Lair 24:09
I would say yes, depending on your question. I will stop you if it's not fine.

S Senator Carter 24:15
Oh, okay. I just wanted to know, what was the decision about-

P Pro Tempore LeBeau 24:21
Time.

S Senator Carter 24:23
the graduating engineers?

V VPLA Lair 24:27
I'll answer this really briefly since this is the last question. With the engineering class, it turned out that that is not in fact what was happening. It seems like we're just misinformed. The caps are still on, everything's on.

S Senator Carter 24:42
Oh ok. Thank you.

V VPLA Lair 24:43
Absolutely, um, do we have a judicial person yet? Or is it still blank?

A Advisor Ballard 24:49
They're not present.

V VPLA Lair 24:50
Ok. Vice President of Programming.

V VPP Mailhes 24:55
Hey everyone! SAC is having a holiday trivia stream tonight at 7pm. It's completely virtual, hosted by Gus, the link for it is in @unosac Instagram bio. You can win Amazon gift cards. There's five rounds, the top three players win an Amazon gift card. So come out you have a great chance of winning. People dont come. So yeah. Win an Amazon gift card, get some Christmas money. It's great. I yield the rest of my time for questions.

S Senator Moss 25:29
So it's on the Twitch?

V VPP Mailhes 25:32
Yes. It's the Twitch game. You type in your UNO email to get in. And you have to be a UNO student for it.

S Senator Moss 25:40
Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large, What time?

V VPP Mailhes 25:41
7pm.

S Senator Mott 25:43
Point of order she did say it

Point of order, she did say it.

V VPLA Lair 25:43
Name and college.

V VPLA Lair 25:48
Oh I apologize. Does anyone else have any questions for our Vice President of Programming?

S Senator Hymel 25:57
Jenna Hymel College of Liberal Arts. What was that Instagram?

V VPP Mailhes 26:01
It's @unosac.


S Senator Hymel 26:03
Okay. Thank you


V VPLA Lair 26:04
If no one else has any questions, do the advisors have a report?


A Advisor Ballard 26:19
I do not have much of a report. This is- there's a lot happening on this agenda. So let's stay on track and time stay on topic. Other than that, thanks for a great semester, y'all. I hope you take care of yourself during finals week. Do what you need to do. And I will hopefully see y'all at the holiday party next week. I yield my time for questions.


V VPLA Lair 26:44
We don't have any old business. New business- oh, I mistakenly wrote the disinfection and sterilization resolution. I apologize for that. That has already been passed. And next we'll be moving on to nominations and appointments. First is the VPLA, Vice President of Legislative Affairs, my position. Does anyone have any nominations for this position?


S Senator Fernstrom 27:21


 Senator Fornatoro 27:24
Brett Fornatoro, College of Liberal Arts, motion to nominate Senator Brendan Mott.


 VPLA Lair 27:30
Wonderful. Does anyone else have any nominations. Oh, I got an email from someone else. Daniel Hunsaker nominated Brendan for VPLA as well. Are there any further nominations?


 VPLA Lair 27:50
Yes Absolutely.


 Vice President Charles 27:51
Can you come see real quick?


 Senator Crenshaw 28:01
Crenshaw, Senator, College of Sciences. Can y'all hear me?

 VPLA Lair 28:05
Yes we do.

 Senator Crenshaw 28:07
I nominate Jordan.

 VPLA Lair 28:08
Jordan Moss is there anyone else? I would like to nominate Katie Goldstein.

 Senator Martinez 28:34
I would also- Oscar Martinez, Grad-at-Large I would also like to nominate Katherine Goldstein.

 Parliamentarian Goldstein 28:41
Point of inquiry, in the Constitution, it says that you have to be a Senator for a full term, I think to be elected.

- A** Advisor Ballard 28:50
A term, traditionally, has been defined as one semester. So as long as you're here.
- P** Parlimentarian Goldstein 28:56
okay.
- V** Vice President Charles 28:56
Don't disqualify yourself.
- V** VPLA Lair 29:08
I appreciate your concern. Would anybody else like to nominate anyone before I move on to questioning and voting. The last time to say anything, forever hold your peace, these are the people that you're going to be voting on.
- P** Pro Tempore LeBeau 29:32
Twanna LeBeau,
- V** VPLA Lair 29:33
Yes?
- P** Pro Tempore LeBeau 29:34
College of Liberal Arts, motion to ask a question. I think. Can I ask a question? It's about nominations.
- V** VPLA Lair 29:42
Yes. Ask away.
- P** Pro Tempore LeBeau 29:43
The question that I have is what if, you know God forbid this happens but what if nobody gets voted on like what if like, it's a no throughout the whole board.

V VPLA Lair 29:53
If it's a no throughout the whole board.

S Senator Mott 29:55
Point of Information, Brendan Mott, Senior-at-Large-

V Vice President Charles 29:57
Point of Order, you have to be recognized before you speak by the Vice President. So once she recognizes you, you can speak.

V VPLA Lair 30:04
I apologize, I would like to speak first on this one. If it is no across the whole board. Then you can either nominate somebody else and repeat the process or we can take a break and we could put in a special session. This a very important thing that we need for next semester. And we can meet at another time to vote on said person. Brendan, you may now speak.

S Senator Mott 30:29
I believe the VPLA position is done by a hand-raise vote not a yes or no vote. Is that correct?

A Advisor Ballard 30:37
Traditionally, it's been a secret ballot.

S Senator Mott 30:40
Okay.

V VPLA Lair 30:44
But we still have this discussion beforehand where everybody introduces themselves. As for the ballots, I'll probably rip up some papers and let you guys write down your vote. Excellent. So no one else is nominating anyone else just to be completely clear. Alright. Wonderful. So, we will now call people up one by one to- Brendan, would you want to go first?

S Senator Mott 31:20

Sure

V VPLA Lair 31:22
Wonderful.

S Senator Mott 31:23
Should I stand in the cameras so everybody can see me?

V VPLA Lair 31:25
Yes you can.

S Senator Mott 31:26
That's what I would like to do.

V VPLA Lair 31:31
You have three minutes to introduce yourself followed by three minutes of questioning.

S Senator Mott 31:35
Hello everyone. I'm glad to be running for the appointment for the VPLA for the UNO SGA Senate. So my name is Brendan Mott. If you do not know me, I served as Senior-at-Large this year, and I'm from Destrahan, Louisiana, and a major in Planning and Urban Studies. So I'm very involved on campus and I've worked in jobs in many different departments including Housing, Admissions and SGA where I work for the game room. My goal was always to help students even when I worked on campus, even though I was getting paid to do so. And that is ultimately the job of our SGA. Not only is it the job for us to help students, but it's also the power for us to help advocate for and improve the UNO experience for all students. In my position, I would make myself a valuable resource for all of you and allow each of you to speak with me. I do you live on campus, therefore, within reason I'll be willing to meet you after hours and you cannot come and meet with me between the hours of 8-4:30 when the SGA office is open. I'm also willing to give you contact information for me other than the email if you want to contact me and not have it be on the record. Additionally, to make sure our senators are well versed in our duties, I will do every attempt to work with our vice president to try to have as many Senate retreats as possible, as well as our advisors. And I will also work with the other execs to make sure that all of our students are aware of what we can do as an SGA. As far as SGA experience, I've been involved in SGA since my sophomore year and I'm now a senior. I served on the Student Affairs Committee at one point, the Rules Committee, and the Governance Committee. I was also the head of the Governance Committee last school year and created the On Campus Housing and Dining Committee and served as the head twice. I've

written two bills to fund campus beautification last year and was working extensively on a Disability Services resolution this semester. I've not missed any Senate needs at all since I've been appointed and elected and I was dedicated to this organization. I've read the SGA constitution, code of laws and Senate rules and procedures. And because of the dedication I undertook, I was awarded senator of the year last school year, and I yield the rest of my time for questions

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Senator Metzler 33:50

Twanna LeBeau, College of Liberal Arts, Are you a senior this year? You're a sneior this year right?

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Senator Mott 33:56

Yes.

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Pro Tempore LeBeau 33:57

Okay. So my question is how would you pl- how would you play the role of some VPLA in your senior status without you getting like senioritis?

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Senator Mott 34:09

I don't get senioritis. So that's very bold to say but I don't. I want to give my time back to my school until my last minute until I get that diploma. I also don't get burned out very easily. I like to be busy. Unlike most people I actually like to be busy. I always like to do things. So I don't believe that I would let being a senior get in the way of becoming the VPLA.

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Pro Tempore LeBeau 34:35

Twanna LeBeau, College of Liberal Arts, this is my last question, I promise. What would you bring to the table? What would you- what would you bring to SGA to help it run smoother?

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Senator Mott 34:48

Well, first of all, I'm also- like I said previously, I'm very well versed in a lot of the SGA documents. I'm not perfect, but I do think that since I've been in here for a while, I do know a lot about how it's theoretically supposed to work. So I think I could help to smooth it and ease it along and then I would also try to train senators on how our SGA constitution and how our meetings work outside of just our meetings.

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President Lemelle 35:13

I have a question.

V VPLA Lair 35:16

Yes, name and college.

P President Lemelle 35:18

President Lemelle. My question is, as the VPLA if you're voted, you know, we do meet with the administration every month. And I just want to know how you plan to communicate or how you plan to work with execs being that we meet with them directly every single month. Do you have any plans or do you have any specific ideas about that?

S Senator Mott 35:44

Point of inquiry, can the President ask a question?

A Advisor Ballard 35:48

Yes, she can ask a question, she just can't vote.

S Senator Mott 35:51

Okay. Thank you. Amber. I apologize. I just wanted to make sure for formality. I want to work with the execs too. Yes, my main job is to work for the Senate. But I mean, ultimately, me being the VPLA is by extension me advocating for the students. So what I plan to do is I plan to try to get feedback from students if you and Angelo, Maggie, don't get everything that you're interested in, that students want to see, that the administration we need to know I will try to get that information. I will make sure to keep detailed notes of stuff students say and I will just make sure to also talk with you all beforehand and not just come to the meeting without without good information and communication between all of us.

S Senator Martinez 36:34

Oscar Martinez-

P President Lemelle 36:35

Thank you.

V VPLA Lair 36:38

Oscar Martinez, Graduate-at-Large, how do you believe that in the short amount of time that your tenure would be and the long amount of time over the summer that-

P Pro Tempore LeBeau 36:48
Time.

S Senator Moss 36:52
Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large, motion to extend time.

V VPLA Lair 36:56
By how much, 3 minutes?

S Senator Moss 36:58
Three minutes.

P Parliamentarian Goldstein 36:59
Katherine Goldstein, College of Sciences, I second that.

V VPLA Lair 37:02
Alright.

S Senator Martinez 37:03
Cool. My question is starting over. How do you believe you'd be able to transition to a new-being you're a graduating senior this coming semester. How do you believe that you would be able to contribute in six months and train a new supervisor when other VPLAs would probably have a year do that or more?

S Senator Mott 37:22
Well actually ,point of information, just to let you know, I maybe graduating but I actually have plans to stay at UNO in the fall for graduate school.

V Vice President Charles 37:32

Vice President Angelo Charles, so considering that you have ran for multiple positions within SGA, the executive board and multiple positions throughout the entire department on what makes you qualified for this specific position or is this just an opportunity for you just to get a name on you?

S Senator Mott 37:49

No, I believe that I'm qualified because I have been in the Senate for such a long time, I kind of know how everything works. I've done a lot of resolution writing. I've served on multiple different committees. So I just believe that I just know how the system works and I have had deep connections with our SGA advisors as well.

V Vice President Charles 38:09

Vice President Angelo Charles, so you say you're very- you do a lot of stuff for the campus.

S Senator Mott 38:14

Yes.

V Vice President Charles 38:15

Can you list some organizations?

S Senator Mott 38:16

Sure. So previously, when we had it, I was a member at one of the honors societies on campus, that was the standard, the Golden Key International Honor Society. I'm in the Honors Program. I manage a couple of organizations in my department. I am a former secretary of one of the athletic-ish kind of clubs on campus, the Taekwondo Club. And like I said I used to work for Housing, Admissions. I'm an orientation leader, a peer mentor, and that's most of what I've been involved with.

V Vice President Charles 38:49

Vice President Angelo Charles, so can you explain exactly how you got to make time for the VPLA given that you just listed like several organizations?

S Senator Mott 38:58

Well, first of all, a lot of the organizations I've been a part of, but some of them you can't be in your last semester. So I'm going to have more time to dedicate to this. I won't be an orientation leader in the spring. I won't be a peer mentor in the spring. So I'll have a lot more time to

reader in the spring. I won't be a peer mentor in the spring. So I'll have a lot more time to dedicate to this. And like I already said I- it takes a lot for me to get burned out. I can do it like- Does anybody else have any questions?

V VPLA Lair 39:24
Point of Inquiry to the advisor, I can ask questions can I?

A Advisor Ballard 39:28
No you cannot. Sorry.

V VPLA Lair 39:30
Thank you. I appreciate that. Does anyone else have any questions for Brendan Mott?

V Vice President Charles 39:35
What was your biggest mistake that you made as a senator and how will you work on it as a VPLA?

S Senator Mott 39:40
Oh, my biggest mistake was when one year I didn't really- when I was a kind of new Senator, I thought it was better to petition students before coming to senate or talking to administration and that kind of looked bad in our organization. And then I learned that there is a process and you do have to do things in a very specific way to make sure that we keep good standing with the university and that staff as well as our students.

V Vice President Charles 40:04
Vice President Angelo Charles-

P Pro Tempore LeBeau 40:05
Time.

V VPLA Lair 40:08
Alright. You may sit down. The next person is Jordan Moss. Would you please come up?

S Senator Moss 40:16
I have a question. Can I forfeit my nomination. Is that a thing?

V VPLA Lair 40:23
Can you what?

S Senator Moss 40:24
Forfeit a nomination? Is that a thing?

V VPLA Lair 40:27
Yes. The advisor is saying yes.

A Advisor Ballard 40:28
Yes, you can decline if you do not want it.

V VPLA Lair 40:31
Do you not want it?

S Senator Moss 40:33
I don't not want it but I'm also not prepared. I would like to do more research on the position before I just- I guess I'll just decline, I guess that would be declining.

V VPLA Lair 40:44
All right. Before you decline, I will say that we are voting on this this meeting. And also if you feel ill prepared right now I would also like to say, as I've said earlier, I will be training the VPLA over the summer, if that changes your opinion. That's fine. If you select to decline that's fine. Would you like to decline still?

S Senator Moss 41:07
Yes.



V VPLA Lair 41:10

Then our last person is Katie Goldstein. Would you please come forward? You have three minutes to introduce yourself followed by three minutes for questioning.

P Parliamentarian Goldstein 41:23

Hi, I'm Katie. Clotilde nominated me, so I wasn't 100% prepared for this. I- During my time on the Senate. I've served on the Rules Committee and I started as I said earlier, revising the Constitution with Clotilde. To be 100% honest, I think that Brendan might be significantly more qualified than I am for this position. However, one thing that I wanted to ask the question about but didn't have time because I feel like Brendan is very active on the Senate. And one thing it says in the Constitution is that the VPLA can't actually partake in the Senate debate. So I don't know if he might be better serving as a senator instead of VPLA. Either way. Thank you Clotilde for nominating me and I yield the rest of my time for questions.

S Senator Mott 42:26

Brendan Mott, Senior-at-Large. Do you have any like things that you would like to do as a VPLA? How- what would you try to do to make the Senate run more smoothly?

P Parliamentarian Goldstein 42:35

Honestly, I guess familiarize everybody with Robert's Rules. And, you know, just make sure that everybody has read the Constitution and the rules so that they sort of know how meetings are supposed to flow. I feel like as a new senator, that was one thing that I wasn't very familiar with. It definitely made it harder to participate in our Senate meetings.

V Vice President Charles 42:59

Vice President Angelo Charles, do you feel like you revising the Constitution gives you more ability and an aptitude to actually understand the position that you have been nominated for?

P Parliamentarian Goldstein 43:09

Yes. I mean, I do think so. You know, it's also just helpful in general for seeing what the Senate can and can't do. And sort of see, you know, ways that we are able to help the students, you know, within our colleges and just as a college as a whole and seeing what the role is like each committee head, as well as you know, the executive officers separate roles are so yes, that has been helpful.

V Vice President Charles 43:40

Vice President Angelo Charles- you can go.

S Senator Moss 43:42
Jordan Moss Junior-at-Large, what are some other things that you are involved in on campus?

P Parliamentarian Goldstein 43:48
On campus, I am a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, which is the Pre-med Honor Society. I also have done research in one of the chemistry professor's, Dr. Jursic labs. I do not live on campus like Brendan. So, that is one thing. Other than that, that's it as far as my involvement on campus.

S Senator Metzler 44:18
Chloe Metzler, Freshman-at-Large, so, one of my main concerns is that like, we need somebody that is as good as Clotilde or even better, she is amazing. And do you think that you could like, actually step into her shoes and be as interactive as she is with us. Email us, let us know, stay on top.

V Vice President Charles 44:39
Point of Order, I know she is new but Clotilde nominated her so pretty telling.

P Parliamentarian Goldstein 44:46
I think with the right training and just who I am as a person, I could definitely be as interactive and stay on top of things.

V Vice President Charles 45:00
Vice President Angelo Charles, you always- as a parliamentarian you always even if you didn't know the rules you would go back and make sure that you would do your due diligence, which is important. As parliamentarian, how has it helped you see the vision for the VPLA role?

P Parliamentarian Goldstein 45:19
Because Parliamentarian has to be so familiar with the rules and just helps with outreach, it's helped me see what Clotilde role's is and what would be expected of me.

P Pro Tempore LeBeau 45:29
Time.



VPLA Lair 45:34

Is there any interest in extending time or shall we move on?



Senator Fornatoro 45:37

Brett Fornatoro, College of Liberal Arts, motion to extend by three minutes.



Pro Tempore LeBeau 45:52

I second that.



VPLA Lair 45:52

Ok, whoever that was continue your question. Oh ok. Are there any more questions?



Senator Fornatoro 45:54

Brett Fornatoro, College of Liberal-



President Lemelle 45:54

Yes President Lemelle-



VPLA Lair 45:55

I'll let Brett go first and then you afterwards,



President Lemelle 45:58

Sounds good.



VPLA Lair 45:59

What I was kind of concerned about- you said you're not as qualified. What did you mean by that?



Parliamentarian Goldstein 46:04

I just mean that Brendan's clearly been on the senate a lot longer than I have and he's participated in multiple committees and written legislation. I joined the Senate this semester, or was elected for this semester. So I've only been on the senate for a semester, that's all.

V VPLA Lair 46:23
Amber.

P President Lemelle 46:24
President Lemelle, I just wanted to say or I have a question. My question is, I know you have not had as much experience as Brendan on the Senate, and in my personal opinion, I don't think that was necessarily a disadvantage. So my question to you is, do you feel that you are willing to or a moldable person that is willing to shift into this position with an exec board that's already been created and kind of in the flow of things? And when I ask that I mean do you feel like you have the ability to take in criticism, or feedback, or advice in order to grow in this position if you're voted in?

P Parliamentarian Goldstein 47:01
Yes, I do. I'm a pretty adaptable person and I'm a fast learner. So I appreciate constructive criticism and feedback to help me do my job better or even be a better student, whatever it is, whatever role I'm filling, so I do think I'm capable. I just didn't think that- Brendon has significantly more experience.

P President Lemelle 47:24
Ok, thank you. I appreciate it.

S Senator Martinez 47:27
Oscar Martinez, Graduate-at-Large. So do you believe that your experience now is sufficient for the job and if so, would you like it?

P Parliamentarian Goldstein 47:41
I do. I do believe that my experience is sufficient, especially with some really excellent training. I would like the position you know, if everybody thinks that I'm suited for it, I don't want to you know, I don't want to take the opportunity away from Brendan who's clearly devoted a lot of his time to the Senate. But if elected I would do the best job that I could.

S Senator Hymel 48:14

Jenna Hymel, College of Liberal Arts,-

S Senator Dazet 48:15
Candace Dazet, Grad Senator-at-Large, can you tell us about your time management skills or abilities, and how you think you'll be able to dedicate your now more time commitment to this role.

P Parliamentarian Goldstein 48:30
So prior to attending UNO, I worked as an event production manager, so I'm pretty well versed in scheduling and organizing large groups and making sure-

P Pro Tempore LeBeau 48:43
Time.

V VPLA Lair 48:45
Alright. Then we will move on to discussion. Would you both mind leaving the room? We will call you back in when we're ready.

P Pro Tempore LeBeau 49:09
I feel so rude calling time.

V VPLA Lair 49:13
It's alright. We appreciate you.

S Senator Hymel 49:15
Twanna you did great

S Senator Martinez 49:20
Yeah. For real. That was really good.

V VPLA Lair 49:20
So we have six minutes for open discussion. I guess we can start with the opposition. Does

anyone have to say anything in opposition?

V Vice President Charles 49:28
Opposition to what?

V VPLA Lair 49:32
To either of the candidates.

P Pro Tempore LeBeau 49:35
I feel that, my feelings I feel that Miss Gold- Miss Goldste- is it Goldstein

S Senator Martinez 49:43
Goldstein.

P Pro Tempore LeBeau 49:44
It isn't really opposition but I feel like if she stopped doubting herself in stop, you know, feel like she's pushing for us to you know, go towards Brendan, but I think if she stopped doubting herself or stop pushing towards him and more towards herself. Then you know, she would be a very good candidate.

S Senator Martinez 50:01
So to comment on that, I know it's an open discussion. I know Katherine. I was the president of Alpha Epsilon Delta. She's on the committee right now as I believe she's one of the higher executive positions. She doubts herself a lot. But the reason behind that is because she is always 100% on everything. You know what I'm saying? She's, I know her, trust me, and that's why I seconded it. She's got it. Trust me. And if I know anyone who gives 1,000% It's her. And you know, I don't know Brendan, but he's been here a lot. He's got a lot to do. I know the schedules freed up, but I feel like for one semester, this is definitely a resume booster.

S Senator Moss 50:43
Agreed.

S Senator Hinnawi 50:44
Wait wait

wait, wait.

V VPLA Lair 50:45
Hold on. Pause. Name and College. YOU may go.

S Senator Hinnawi 50:52
Oh, yeah, okay, we're doing that. Okay. I thought this was open discussion- I'm sorry.

V VPLA Lair 51:00
You state your name and college for the record.

S Senator Hinnawi 51:02
Gotcha. Aziza Hinnawi, Graduate-at-Large. I know I'm in the wrong area. I just have like, one kind of question. Um, I know, she stated that if Brendan were to take your position, um, that he wouldn't be able to participate in the Senate meetings like the way he does currently. And the way I see him participate as the few meetings that I have attended, he's kind of like a valuable asset in that way. So I just was kind of wondering like, how would him taking this new role refrain him from like, inserting his input on like, because I know he knows a lot of the rules and he knows like, kind of the flow of things. So like, how would he not be able to-

V VPLA Lair 51:41
If you're asking about like my role and my limitations?

S Senator Hinnawi 51:44
Yeah, kind of.

V VPLA Lair 51:45
From my end of things, I have to be very impartial. As you guys have seen, like, I don't over involve myself in meetings and stuff like that. And in particular issues. The only thing you really take stance on is like how we run meetings and whatnot. And you know, I've told you guys you need to do this or hey you can't do that. I can't really be too much involved in discussion unless I'm giving information or being like, okay, hey, contact me and I'll help you with that and so forth. I hope that answers your question

S Senator Hinnawi 52:19

Senator Finnegan 52:19
Yeah, perfect. That was great.

S Senator Hymel 52:22
Jenny Hymel, College of Liberal Arts. I think the everyone- Brendan is a great asset as a senator. So having him removed from that. I think it wouldn't- not that the Senate wouldn't run smoothly, but I think it would not run as well as it is now.

S Senator Deffendall 52:37
Brett Fornatoro, College of Liberal Arts. I think that's unfair to say that we shouldn't take him out of the Senate because then it's on us to fill his role. And I think why would we not vote for the most qualified person for the job?

P Pro Tempore LeBeau 52:54
Twanna LeBeau, but Katherine, She's also she's also qualified. He's just- he has more he has more experience in the Senate. But I feel like, like, for instance, for me, I didn't have experience at my job. And I'm more qualified than a person who has experience in that field. So it's not about like, it's not about how long have you been there? Or whatever. It is about- I don't know.

S Senator Deffendall 53:23
Brett Fornatoro, College of Liberal Arts, I also-

P President Lemelle 53:26
President Lemelle-

V Vice President Charles 53:27
I'm sorry

V VPLA Lair 53:28
I'll let Amber go first then-

A Advisor Ballard 53:31
Point of order, execs are after senators always in debate so if the Senator would like to speak

they get to speak first.

S Senator Fornatoro 53:39

Brett Fornatoro, College of Liberal Arts, I feel that maybe qualifications isn't the best word, but in terms of expertise, he's certainly the best person in the Senate to fill this position.

S Senator Moss 53:53

Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large, I have two things. One, I personally- not to sound rude or anything but I personally don't feel like Brendan will be able to keep an impartial stance on- like y'all were saying he's more beneficial in Senate. I don't think he will be able to keep an impartial stance when it comes to debate and dealing with issues because he is so vocal and has such a strong opinion when it comes to things. And Second- I don't even know what I was gonna say.

S Senator Deffendall 54:23

Lukas, Lukas Deffendall-

S Senator Martinez 54:24

Oscar Martinez, Graduate-at-Large. Yeah, I just like- I know you mentioned earlier that you know he's got the experience but he's valuable he was a senator, but he will only be you know, I know he plans on going to graduate school. But, you know, I don't even know. Point of inquiry. Can you be the VPLA as a graduate student?

V Vice President Charles 54:50

You can be President as a Graduate Student.

A Advisor Ballard 54:52

Yeah.

S Senator Martinez 54:52

Okay, well, I will rescind the rest of my questions.

V VPLA Lair 54:55

Ok, Lukas then Candace.

S Senator Deffendall 54:55
Yeah, Lukas Deffendall, College of Liberal Arts-

P Pro Tempore LeBeau 54:58
Time.

S Senator Moss 54:59
Motion to extend time, Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large.

P Pro Tempore LeBeau 55:00
I second that.

S Senator Deffendall 55:01
In my short amount of time here, I have noticed he interjects quite frequently and I think it would be useful for him to be that sort of interjecting force up there. Well, I feel like Goldstein, Katherine is like a good senator and qualified for the position. I do think he already kind of acts that way, so he kind of fit in even though it does seem like he's just trying to get that title.

S Senator Moss 55:02
6 minutes please.

V VPLA Lair 55:03
6 minutes. Alright. Continue.

V VPLA Lair 55:11
And then Candace.

S Senator Dazet 55:40
Candace Dazet, Grad-Student-at-Large, I guess to kind of piggy back off of what was last said that's what I noticed too. he is very interjecting with the way he comes across is sometimes a little rude. So I'm not saying that should take away from his job. He knows a lot about you know

what needs to be said when. If he does get this position, I think that the way he talks to people and how he would run this role needs to be addressed. Because like many people have mentioned, how he interjects or how he says certain things about certain things we're talking about can kind of be seen in the negative.

V VPLA Lair 56:26

Jordan then Angelo.

S Senator Moss 56:28

Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large, that was actually my second point to see how he operates. I don't think he will be the best to fill that position, seeing that- seeing as if he has to be the voice for senate, like he has to help us do our job better. So he have to be willing to have a listening ear and be able to hear our opinions and our feelings and be unbiased and help us get to the best solution within and just because he does have such strong opinions. I don't feel I personally wouldn't feel comfortable coming to him about certain things and hoping that he keeps his impartiality and things of that nature just because of how he interacts in Senate and even on campus. If you see him in action on campus. He's the exact same point he is here which is not a bad thing, but I don't think it's the best as we could.

V VPLA Lair 57:18

Angelo, you had a question.

V Vice President Charles 57:19

Yeah, I just have a statement that I just want to say in general that you guys have responsibility to the student body and the student body voted on Brendan several times, and I should say voting voted not on Brendan which a large statement and you guys represent the student body and your vote should represent them at the end of the day, whether you vote for Goldstein or Brendan, it doesn't matter. This is a serious decision, it's a professional choice that will- that y'all will have to deal with for six months and the student body, clearly, has made a decision multiple times.

V VPLA Lair 57:53

Twanna, then Jenna can go next,

P Pro Tempore LeBeau 57:56

She was first.

S

Senator Hymel 57:58

Jenna Hymel, College of Liberal Arts. I think because he is so passionate about what he does here. I think it will be hard for him to be impartial in that position.

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VPLA Lair 58:09

All right. Twanna and then after that, I'd like to step down and say a few things.

P

Pro Tempore LeBeau 58:15

Twanna LeBeau, College of Liberal Arts, I've been knowing Brendan since my freshman year we kind of came, I think, came at the same time. And yeah, he can be impartial sometimes. But it's like I got to know him more this year than any other year because you know, differences that we have, he can become understanding you know, as you get to know him. So I will say for instance, not for instance, if it takes that much time to get to know a person til they are impartial, I don't think six months is enough time. because I've been knowing him for four years.

V

VPLA Lair 58:46

Yes?

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Clerk of Senate Corcoran 58:47

Reading on behalf of President Lemelle. She typed in the chat. I believe that both candidates would be a strong asset as our new VPLA. I think both have the ability to do this job and do it properly. However, I do believe it is important to invest in our organization and utilize some of our new senators so that once we all graduate there will be people behind us to continue this program successfully.

V

VPLA Lair 59:09

Awesome. Tara you're here correct? Tara? Twanna, would you mind stepping up as VPLA for a second? I'll take over ProTempore while I'm speaking.

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Senator Lair 59:30

So hi guys I know I get to be a senator briefly, so just real quick because I gotta go back on the pedestal in a bit but for Katie Goldstein: when I picked her as a head, I only picked her because of her name before. I met her like I had this feeling that she would be great. And I was like, I don't know, but like, I put her in this position and we nominated her and like I didn't even tell her beforehand. She got nominated y'all. And then now she's head of committee and she's doing fantastic. She's killing it. Um, every single thing that I get her, she does it. Every little- it's

just like amazing. Like I've had some issues with heads before in the past in my time or this time and I've never had a single problem with Katie, never. She is very prompt. If there's an issue with anything, she states that there's an issue, and we get it resolved. We get business done. I absolutely love her. Um, I really hope that you guys will vote for her. I see a lot of her what I see in me. I had a lot of experience. I was running against Bredan last year. So how I went out I was not expecting that. But that year we also had somebody named Linda and she was very new. She was very recent, but she had a lot of ambition and I thought that she would win and the only reason she didn't was because she didn't have enough time to commit. But if she would have been VPLA I promise you if she would have been great. And I feel the same way about Katie. But that is time and I apologize you guys, but I'm taking back over as VPLA.

S

Senator Moss 1:01:11

Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large, Point of Inquiry, can we extend time again?

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VPLA Lair 1:01:19

Yes.

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Senator Moss 1:01:21

Motion to extend-

S

Senator Martinez 1:01:31

Oscar Martinez-

V

VPLA Lair 1:01:31

Hold on. So if you'd like to motion for more time, you may do so.

A

Advisor Courseault 1:01:31

Jazmin Carter in zoom has something to say.

V

VPLA Lair 1:01:35

Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large, motion to extend time by 6 minutes.

S

Senators 1:01:39

Second

V VPLA Lair 1:01:40
Name and College.

P Pro Tempore LeBeau 1:01:41
Twanna LeBeau, College of Liberal Arts, second that.

V VPLA Lair 1:01:43
There's somebody who said that they want to say something and then we can go Angelo.

V Vice President Charles 1:01:48
I'm just say, Can we get precedent and priority to the people on Zoom so they're voice can be heard?

V VPLA Lair 1:01:52
Yes, absolutely. I know there was somebody watching Zoom.

C Clerk of Senate Corcoran 1:01:55
It was Jazmin.

V VPLA Lair 1:01:57
And Tiffany wanted to say something as well.

C Clerk of Senate Corcoran 1:02:00
Tiffany speaking on behalf of Jazmin.

A Advisor Courseault 1:02:04
Tiffany, Advisor, Jazmin wanted to speak on behalf of the voting. Jazmin you may go.

S Senator Carter 1:02:13

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Hi everyone, Thank you. I just wanted to say I pretty much agree with President Lemelle. I was very impressed with Brendan's enthusiasm. I haven't known him very much. But from what I've seen of him, he's an incredibly hard worker and I can tell he has the dedication to this organization and would put forth the effort. I was also very much impressed with the other candidate's previous experience it seems like she was an event planner, but that just opened my mind right there like to how much she can handle, and what she can do and her capabilities. So I mean she only spoke and worried about it, but I'm just super impressed by that. And one of my concerns was also what the transition for after, whoever comes next, but I'm sure there's things in place for that but my main point is I was impressed that she was an event planner. That's basically what I wanted to say. Thank you.

S Senator Moss 1:03:20

Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large, just to piggyback on what our Vice President said, I think is very, very important that we take into account what our student body thinks, because in order for us to keep the trust of our student body, in order to benefit the university, we have to have them on our side. So we have someone who doesn't necessarily fit their best ideal of who they'd like to lead them. We're not going to get anything accomplished. So regardless of who's more qualified, or if they're equally qualified, we serve our student body so we have to put them first.

V VPLA Lair 1:03:57

Absolutely. Actually I'd like to switch with Twanna again because I have something to say.

S Senator Lair 1:04:03

So with the whole VPLA thing, I would like to point out something specific. The VPLA does not speak on behalf of the students. They speak on behalf of the Senate. So when they're speaking they're speaking on behalf of you and no one else. So I would like that to first be understood. I have absolutely nothing against Brendan. He'd be fine in an executive position. However, I do believe that he would be a valuable asset in Senate and is not as if you guys are supposed to fill up his position because again, like I've been pushing for you guys to be vocal on your own. And I mean, removing him would give more space to those people who are interested in talking but feel overwhelmed by him, but I still feel like he would be a valuable asset there. And if we remove him that leaves open a seat for Housing and Dining and we will have to pick another person and might I say that has been a mighty struggle on my part to find somebody. So with that in mind, do what you will.

S Senator Moss 1:05:09

Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large, Point of Inquiry, if she gets elected do we have to fill her spot?

V VPLA Lair 1:05:16

Yes we will have to fill her spot

Yes, we will have to fill her spot.

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Senator Moss 1:05:20

So spots have to be filled either way.

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VPLA Lair 1:05:22

Sorry, I've got some personal things.

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Senator Lair 1:05:23

So we will have to fill her spot but her spot will be easier to fill than Housing and Dining. Ok we can switch back now.

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Senator Martinez 1:05:40

Yeah, Oscar Martinez, Graduate-at-Large. I just want to piggyback off of what you said when you're down here in the pit. It's really it's really significant the fact that we put her in a position. Some of the greatest leaders are placed in the positions that they do not want and they actually excel at them significantly. She has done that numerous times. And I just want to reiterate that fact she has always yes. She has always risen to her station. It's no doubt that Brendon would be good but just speaking personally, I know her, I've put her in positions that she believes she was unqualified for and she always gives it 1000. I know I've said that before but I just want to reiterate that.

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VPLA Lair 1:06:26

If I may, Point of Information, I did not expect to win my election at all and this is like neither here nor there for either candidate. But I did not expect to be put in my position. I was expecting everyone else to be voted over me because they were overwhelmingly amazing. And all I said in my speech was that I wanted unity for like all of you I wanted togetherness and that's all I wanted. And everyone else was saying all these great things. Yet I got voted in and here I am. I'm in charge of all of y'all. I love it. I would not want to be voted in again but I love it.

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Senator Fornatoro 1:07:01

Brett Fornatoro, College of Liberal Arts, what sounds like Gold-. What's her first name?

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Senators 1:07:07

Katherine.

S Senator Fornatoro 1:07:08
Katherine Goldstein. I mean, the way you describe it she sounds like she'd be a pretty strong asset in the Senate. So why would we not go to the person with the most knowledge of-

P Pro Tempore LeBeau 1:07:17
Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences. It's mostly because she may be an asset in the Senate. And Brendan may be an asset in the Senate but he is way more vocal than Katherine is and his- the way apparently others have spoken about the way he is portraying himself and spoken to others is not relevant with Catherine that's not an issue with her. And that's why I bring that up.

V VPLA Lair 1:07:43
I will make one last point of information. When I first started my position, I did not have that much information.

P Pro Tempore LeBeau 1:07:48
Time

V VPLA Lair 1:07:49
And that is all. do we want move on to voting?

S Senators 1:07:54
Yes.

V VPLA Lair 1:07:55
Hallelujah! Okay, I'm going to rip up a piece of paper. Oh we have paper!

A Advisor Ballard 1:08:05
Sorry. If you are in zoom, please private message your vote to Tiffany Couresault, our advisor. If you are here, you're going to write your answer on this paper.

C Clerk of Senate Corcoran 1:08:23
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And then give it back to me.

V VPLA Lair 1:08:29
the name of the person if you are a currently seated senator they're just reminding you. On this piece of paper you're going to write who you are going to vote for of the two candidates Brendan Mott and Katherine Goldstein. Ok voting has ended. if there are no further votes,

A Advisor Ballard 1:11:41
Do we let them back in first?

V VPLA Lair 1:11:44
Okay, it seems like there are no further votes so let them back in. I will now announce the results. With 13 votes: Katie. With two votes: Brendan. Katie is now our new VPLA and that will be active after this meeting and I will conduct the rest of the meeting as we go on. Wonderful you guys! I'm very excited Katie. I'll be working with you and we'll be talking more about this during the rest of the semester and over the summer. So for the rest of what we have, we have 2 senate appointments and-

V Vice President Charles 1:12:50
Poin of order, I know I hate interrupting but you keep saying summer. is it the winter? December December break. You mean this break right?

V VPLA Lair 1:13:01
I apologize I mean the winter break. Let's move on to the Senate appointments is Christina Clement here. Christina Clement. All right. Is Mahaut Sorlin here? Mahaut Sorlin? would you guys like to vote on Mahaut Sorlin or would you like to table?

S Senator Moss 1:13:31
Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large, what does tabling mean?

V VPLA Lair 1:13:37
Table means to move it to another meeting. This is the last meeting of semesters you can either vote on her or you can table it till whatever time you would like to table it till.

P Dr. Temperance LeBeau 1:13:53

P Pro Tempore LeBeau 1:13:52

Can we table til next meeting?

V VPLA Lair 1:13:55

Absolutely. Would you like to make the motion.

P Pro Tempore LeBeau 1:13:57

Yes, Twanna LeBeau, College of Liberal Arts, I would like to table it to next semester.

S Senator Moss 1:14:02

Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large, I second that motion.

V VPLA Lair 1:14:05

And just because it's the end of the semester what would we like to do about Christina Clement. We have called it multiple times and continuously tabled it.

S Senator Mott 1:14:16

Brendan Mott, Senior-at-Large, I believe that I motioned to table it indefinitely already.

V VPLA Lair 1:14:22

Excellent. I must have lost that note. Thank you, I will make a note again.

S Senator Moss 1:14:27

Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large, motion to adjourn the meeting.

A Advisor Ballard 1:14:31

Point of Order, we do have to have an open forum first. But you can motion as soon as open forum is called but we do have to call open forum.

V VPLA Lair 1:14:39

Absolutely. So we will move to open forum where we discuss matters pertaining to the betterment of SGA. Anvhody have anvthina that they would like to discuss.?

government or someone else, have anything that they would like to discuss.



Senator Moss 1:14:51

Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large, motion to adjourn the meeting.



Pro Tempore LeBeau 1:14:52

Twanna LeBeau, College of Liberal Art, I second that.