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SPEAKERS


Guest Melancon, VPLA Goldstein, Senator Dazet, Senator Wilcuts, Guest Brown, Senator Hartlin, Senator Moss, Senator Deffendall, Senator Hymel, Advisor Courseault, Senator Smith, Senator Crenshaw, Senator Fornatoro, President Lemelle, Pro Tempore Mott, Senator Rizzi, Senator Sattar, Senator Sakib, Senator Hunsaker, Senator Duong, Senator Martinez, Vice President Charles, Senator Nguyen, Senator Sorlin, VPP Mailhes, Senator Helbing, Parliamentarian Hinnawi


- V** VPLA Goldstein 00:00
I call this meeting to order at 5:03pm on Wednesday, February 23rd, 2022. Our Pro Tempore and Parliamentarian are present so I will now do roll call. When I call your name, please respond that you are present or that you are proxying for someone. Dwayne Crenshaw.
- S** Senator Crenshaw 00:03
Here.
- V** VPLA Goldstein 00:03
Candace Dazet.
- S** Senator Dazet 00:03
Here.
- V** VPLA Goldstein 00:03
Lukas Deffendall.


 Senator Deffendall 00:03
Here.


 VPLA Goldstein 00:03
Julia Duong.


 Senator Duong 00:03
Here.


 VPLA Goldstein 00:04
Brett Fornatoro.


 Senator Fornatoro 00:04
Present.


 VPLA Goldstein 00:04
Bryce Harlin.


 Senator Hartlin 00:06
Here.


 VPLA Goldstein 00:06
Alicia Helbing.


 Senator Rizzi 00:06
Here by proxy.


 VPLA Goldstein 00:06
Azizah Hinnawi.


 Parliamentarian Hinnawi 00:07
Present.


 VPLA Goldstein 00:07
Daniel Hunsaker


 Senator Hunsaker 00:07
Here.

 VPLA Goldstein 00:07
Jenna Hymel.


 VPLA Goldstein 00:08
Henry Nguyen.

 Senator Hymel 00:08
Here.

 VPLA Goldstein 00:09
Nhi Le. Nhi Le. Twanna Lebeau.

 Senator Crenshaw 00:09
Here by proxy.

 VPLA Goldstein 00:09
Cooper Lemons. Cooper Lemons. Micahel Mariana.

 Pro Tempore Mott 00:12
Point of information, I was told by him that he's not taking classes this semester.

S Senator Nguyen 00:12
Here.

V VPLA Goldstein 00:14
Samuel Rivas. Samuel Rivas. Tara Rizzi.

V VPLA Goldstein 00:14
Ok. Oscar Martinez.

S Senator Martinez 00:15
Here.

V VPLA Goldstein 00:15
Chloe Metzler. Chloe Metzler. Jordan Moss.

S Senator Moss 00:16
Here.

V VPLA Goldstein 00:16
Brendan Mott.

P Pro Tempore Mott 00:17
Present.

S Senator Rizzi 00:24
Here.

V VPLA Goldstein 00:26
Mohammed Mohiuddin Sakib.

V VPLA Goldstein 00:28
Naw Safrin Sattar.

V VPLA Goldstein 00:28
Present.

V VPLA Goldstein 00:28
Da' Yanah Smith

S Senator Sakib 00:28
Present.

S Senator Smith 00:40
Here.

V VPLA Goldstein 00:43
Mahuat Sorlin

S Senator Sorlin 00:45
Here.

V VPLA Goldstein 00:46
Izabel Wilcuts.

S Senator Wilcuts 00:51
Here.

V VPLA Goldstein 01:03
With 21 out of 27 senators present we meet in session. Are there any questions or changes to

with 21 out of 27 senators present we meet quorum. Are there any corrections or changes to today's agenda?

P Pro Tempore Mott 01:15

Brendan Mott, Pro Tempore, Vice President Charles and I were talking about the possibility of adding during new business a part on a Constitutional Reform Committee.

V VPLA Goldstein 01:33

Are there any objections to Brendan's change to the agenda? With no objections, that is amended and the agenda is approved. There's no minutes from last week. Are there any senator communications or announcements?

S Senator Smith 02:01

Da' Yanah Smith, School of IDS, I just want to first thank everyone for their support and encouragement even from the president of SGA in regards to doing an unveiling and revealing event for the School of IDS that's going to take place on April 13 and so I look forward to that. I do want to make an announcement. Tara, I would love for you to join this if we are both a part of the School of IDS. So your support is very much needed as well as senators here. I do ask for your support when we do vote on the bill. And also the committees as well. Thank you.

V VPLA Goldstein 02:52

Are there any-

S Senator Rizzi 02:53

Tara Rizzi, senator of IDS, yeah, that would be great. If you could either Groupme, or text, or email me the information that would be great.

S Senator Smith 03:04

Okay.

V VPLA Goldstein 03:09

Are there any question for Da' Yanah? Are there any other senator communications or announcements? Are there any non-senator communications or announcements? Does the Pro Tempore have a report?

P

Pro Tempore Mott 03:29

I do. So, hello, this is Brendan Mott, the President Pro Tempore, head of the Governance Committee. So we had our first in person meeting last week, and we are talking about our Senate Rules and Procedures reform. And the reason I brought up the constitutional thing is that for constitutional reform types of things that requires work from all branches, whereas Senate Rules and Procedures, that's typically to the Senate, so that will be something that will have to communicate with all the branches on and it will be kind of a volunteer basis thing, but it's something that we definitely need to work on. I just wanted to also just make a few reminders that there are just a few things in Rules and Procedures that sometimes we don't really know about. So I recommend that every senator takes a little bit to actually read through the sections specifically about how the meetings are run, maybe not the whole thing if you don't have the time to I recommend you read the whole thing but if you don't have the time to definitely read through the part about how meetings are supposed to be run because there are sometimes things that we're not follow forum completely or decorum completely. And I yield the rest of my time for questions.

V

VPLA Goldstein 04:44

Anybody have any questions for Brendan?

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Senator Hymel 04:48

Jenna Hymel, College of Liberal Arts, I know we're probably going to talk about this because most of us in College of Liberal Arts are on the committee with you, What specifically are we doing in this that is not decorum?

P

Pro Tempore Mott 05:05

Okay. So first of all, I did find out because sometimes when we try to extend time, it's just a motion and a second but it turns out that is incorrect. Anytime time is to be extended, it's supposed to be a motion a second and then a roll call vote, first of all, and then second of all proxying that was a thing that that I was gonna let a Katie talk about though during her report cause I don't think that's really my place to talk about attendance.

V

VPLA Goldstein 05:30

You can talk about it.

P

Pro Tempore Mott 05:34

Okay so I also made the realization that for proxying, if you are getting proxied unless you have an excusable obligation, you have to still come to one senate meeting per month or it gets marked as an absence.

V VPLA Goldstein 05:51

Anybody else have any questions for Brendan?

S Senator Moss 05:54

Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large, when you say come to one a month, do you mean in person physically or virtually or just either or?

P Pro Tempore Mott 06:01

Either or. You just have to be marked as present at least once a month if you're getting proxied in unless of course you have class or medical related circumstances or anything like that.

V VPLA Goldstein 06:16

Are there any other questions for Brendan? Do any other committee heads have a report?

S Senator Rizzi 06:33

I do. Tara Rizzi, head of the Student Affaris Committee, I basically just put my foot in the door as far as opening up communications, trying to see what the options are for late night caffeine on campus, specifically the library. I'm not sure if the library specifically is going to work out but we are talking about maybe offering late night caffeine at the Sandbar for those who want to be able to study late on campus and be caffeinated. I know for me that was a problem last semester where I really wanted to work in the library on projects and reports and whatnot and I felt like I couldn't really cause I only had a cup of coffee that I brought with me and Starbucks closes so early. So anyway. Yeah, that's what I'm working on.

V VPLA Goldstein 07:38

Anybody have any questions for Tara? If no other committee heads have a report, then we'll move on to Executive Reports. President Lemelle, do you have a report?

P President Lemelle 07:52

Hey y'all. How y'all doing? I just want to say I hope everybody's doing well. Hope you guys are doing good today. First thing I wanted to talk about in my report was the refund situation. So I know y'all saw my email and I've talked to Dr. Nicklow so everybody should be getting their refunds throughout the week. I know some students have, some students haven't. I got a lot of thank you emails, so good job for us. We got a lot of thank you emails about SGA helping and advocating for that, so that's good. Lets students know that we are actually doing things, we're working on stuff for them. I feel like a lot of time you don't know but we do a lot. So good job,

you guys. And if anybody has any questions, I've gotten a lot of emails about questions that I really can't answer, because it's more about financial aid stuff or when they'll get it which is more of a question for the Bursar's office. So I've just been directing them towards the financial aid office, but I responded to all the emails, there were a lot of thank you ones, there was a lot of questions. So I just wanted to update you on that, just give y'all like an insight on what's been going on behind the scenes with that. So that's great. My report is kind of short today. I also just wanted to remind y'all, Katie sent out a reminder this week, about the Faculty Senate Meeting. I still only have one senator reach out to me about going to that. Please- you know a lot of times you guys have things that are important to say I think that are important to say to the faculty or the people that run the University, which is ideally the faculty, because a lot of things they do directly affect us as students. So I think that some of us going to the Faculty Senate Meeting would make a difference or make a change or just show them that we do care about what's going on and what decisions they're making. To give y'all a little bit of insight what's going on behind the scenes: the Faculty Senate is considering or in the process- because they're just like us, they have a Senate, they have a President, they're considering removing all non-faculty members from the board, which would mean that there's nobody representing student body on the Faculty Senate Board. And I'm not saying- that's not a good thing. Our presence there shows them that we are here and if you have things to say, or we should be involved in some of the decisions. I do stand as a representative but just like our meetings when we have open forum, they have open forum as well. So any of us could go at any time. So that is something that's like in the process. It hasn't been 100% decided yet. I've honestly been fighting against that because I don't want us to not have any representation on that board, seeing as though we directly communicate, interact and work daily with the professors and things. So I wrote a statement for that. And there's another meeting next month. So I'm going to read the statement, well I wrote it last month and I was supposed to read it at this meeting, but it didn't happen so I'm going to be reading at the next one. So the next one that's in person, please don't forget to email me if you're interested in going I'd love to have more than just me and the execs or just me and one senator go. If anybody's available on that day just email me and I'll give you the details. And then the other thing is, I remember last week I told you guys I had the meeting was Diversity and Inclusion Board where I mentioned some things about the disability services with Amy King and she wanted to meet with me. So I had that meeting with her today. I'm not going to lie to y'all it didn't really go anywhere, but she said that she did want to come in person so that if you guys know anybody or have direct things you want to give her feedback on or say to her, y'all can relay that to her because I think it's better than just hearing it from me, just because I am the advocate for the student body. So hearing it from people who have experienced this- no one has told me anything directly. It's more of a word of mouth thing. So maybe it would be better for her to hear from multiple people or from the senate itself. So she's going to be coming to one of our senate meetings. I emailed Katie about that today. So she'll be setting that up. Not sure which meeting it's going to be but yes, so that's in the works. Right now. And there are two events that exact board is thinking about planning. So just keep your eyes and ears out for an email from us because we need volunteers. So we would love for y'all to help us with that. And then finally, Joy sent out an email to all of us recently about the recycling shindig and that's going to be on April 22. So I'm just make sure that you reach out to her. I don't know if she just sent it to us but if you're interested in participating in the tabling event for recycling or advocating for recycling, seeing as though we wrote the bill for the recycling and we pay for recycling on campus. I think it's important for some of us partake in that so just let me know if you're interested. Or maybe have Angelo or Maggie or Katie write your name down or I'll send you guys that email but that's pretty much all I have today. I know that was fast and a lot so if y'all have any questions, I yield my time.

V VPLA Goldstein 12:50
Does anybody have any questions for Amber?

G Guest Brown 12:56
What did you just say on recycling?

P President Lemelle 13:00
Oh recycling, there's going to be event on Friday, April 22. We're going to host an Earth Day Celebration and it's gonna- I'm just gonna read the email. 'This event will include tabling from lots of sustainable organizations as well as Campus CleanUp', and SGA funds all the recycling bins and services on campus. So I was saying that anybody's interested in tabling for that event to let me know and I can send your information to Joy so that way- I mean, we pay for it. So I think-

G Guest Brown 13:27
NPHC would like to-

P President Lemelle 13:29
Yeah, you would? Okay. Just let me write that down right quick. And then that way, you know, we pay for it, so we might as well partake, right? Yeah, that's the that is. i'll email you.

P Pro Tempore Mott 13:41
It's not time, it's just a question.

P President Lemelle 13:42
Ok, what's up?

P Pro Tempore Mott 13:44
Brendan Mott, Pro Tempore, my question is so I know that we pay for recycling, SGA has paid for it for a minute; what happened to all the recycling bins on campus? We've got some answers not some answers. It's kind of a one of those things have been bounced around and we don't really know what's happening with that. And I want to pay for recycling on campus but if it's not happening, what do we do?

P

President Lemelle 14:08

Okay, that's a good question. I do think that that would be a question for one of our advisors because as far as I know, our recycling bins are still here. There's Mrs. Tiffany, she's got it.

A

Advisor Courseault 14:18

Point of information. We did locate two of the cycle and recycling bins for the UC? That is a very good question, you guys do pay for it. So when it's time for budgeting, mention that in the budget request, because SGA did agree to pay for those, did agree for that funding last year. So definitely when it's time for the budget committee to meet, those are some things that you should bring up because that is a very valid point.

P

President Lemelle 14:49

And along with that, I'm not sure if anybody is in the SGA office often, but there is a big pile of recycling there so some of y'all work in there, some of y'all are in there daily, if anyone ever wants to take out the recycling. But yeah, so that's pretty much it. Does anyone else have any questions for me like regarding anything?

G

Guest Brown 15:12

I don't know we ask financial questions like deadlines. Do we ask you?

P

President Lemelle 15:17

President Angelo, I mean Vice President Angelo goes he usually talks about the finances of SGA. So whenever that happens, you can ask him. But yeah, that's pretty much it. Did anybody else have any questions? Any questions? Ok, I'm done. Thank you guys.

P

Pro Tempore Mott 15:47

Oh, I have a point of order, Brendan Mott, Pro Tempore, if you're not a currently elected or appointed Senator, you cannot speak unless a senator yields their time to you. I'm really sorry to do this to y'all, but that's our rules.

V

Vice President Charles 15:59

If you could allow them to speak to whenever they have a question. I think it's important.

P

Pro Tempore Mott 16:07

I do too I'm just saying we have to go by decourum.

V Vice President Charles 16:11
So we can just suspend the rules.

P Pro Tempore Mott 16:13
Yeah or we can- honestly I can yield my time to speak to them.

V Vice President Charles 16:16
Thank you. Thank you. Vice President Angelo Charles here. The first report I would like to give is say thank you to those of us who participated in SGA parade walk: Jenna Hymel, Bryce Hartlin, Brett Fornatoro, Ash Corcoran, and Alastor Willis. I appreciate all of you for taking the time out and representing the student government and also the past UNO students that have passed on. I'm sure you guys have heard about it. If you have not we did lose a student over this past week and three people in total over the past year. So if everybody could stand in a moment of silence for like 15 seconds, that would be greatly appreciated. Brendan, if you don't mind keeping time. We will be silent for 15 seconds. Thank you. Thank you. All right. Moving on. The first order of business is that we have \$19,804.31 in our current Senate Operating Budget. That's how much we have unless a new bill gets passed within the next week or two. Budget Requests opened this Monday and will end March 30. That's pretty much it as far as my report. I know you guys have more questions about the budget. So as I give this quote, I will yield the rest of my time. "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when know better, do better." Maya Angelou. I yield the rest of my time.

P Pro Tempore Mott 18:03
Brendan Mott, Pro Tempore, motion to yield my time to question to them right over there. I can only do it to one person though. So I'll yield my time to Jayla and another senator will have to yield their time to the other person.

G Guest Brown 18:17
My name is Esther, so I'm a guest. I'm representing Delta Sigma Theta Incorporated. Also NPHC. We have a few questions about the budget that's available for our club and if there's any deadlines to submit a bill in time for this fiscal year.

V Vice President Charles 18:42
So you have- so the question you asked, I think we were at meeting on Monday and you were part of that. So you guys money is gonna come out of reserve account, which is account that's already been allocated to other fiscal things that are allotted in a year, I cannot provide that

answer to you because I don't know the answer. But if a senator would like to ask or request for documents from people higher than me, I do encourage you guys to do so because it is gonna come to fruition in this floor within the next month or two that NPHC is going to need money that was already allocated but we do not know how much money it is. Yeah.

A Advisor Courseault 19:29

Point of information, Advisor Tiffany, I am working on getting the reserve numbers for how much money you have. In regards to your question Esther, because the funds will come out of the reserve account, there's no deadline. That's something that Joy confirmed in our meeting that whenever you all submitted as long as it's 30 days out, because it does have to go through the Rules Committee and our Finance Committee to vote, but there's no deadline for you to submit that bill because it is coming out of reserve funds.

V VPLA Goldstein 20:02

March 11.

G Guest Brown 20:02

Okay, but what about, on behalf of my sorority, the current plan we have now that has a deadline, right?

A Advisor Courseault 20:10

As long as it's before the last Senate meeting, you're fine. The last Senate meeting I believe is May-

V VPLA Goldstein 20:19

I don't know. But I know that we decided in the meeting that y'all would try to have a design decided upon to submit to space allocation by March 11.

G Guest Brown 20:28

You're talking about NPHC.

A Advisor Courseault 20:30

She's talking about their own individuals or sorority.



V VPLA Goldstein 20:36
Oh so that's not gonna come out of the reserve?

A Advisor Courseault 20:38
No.

V VPLA Goldstein 20:38
Oh, that would come out of the Senate Operating Budget.

A Advisor Courseault 20:45
Speak up and say your name.

S Senator Moss 20:47
Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large, that one does have deadline.

V Vice President Charles 20:53
Yes, but that's until what's the last meeting? It's later on in May, but you will basically need a Senator as a sponsor. I don't know if you have a sponsor and Senator yet. I think that's a separate bill for NPHC.

G Guest Brown 21:08
We have a sponsor. I think it's-

V Vice President Charles 21:10
Were you able to get the funds I mean not get the funds but how much it's gonna cost?

P Pro Tempore Mott 21:14
It's me.

P President Lemelle 21:15
He was asking if you guys were able to get out of- President Lemelle, he was asking if you guys were able to get itemized list because in order to write a bill we have to see the exact things

were able to get itemized list because in order to write a bill we have to see the exact things that will be paid for.

G Guest Brown 21:23

For which one?

P President Lemelle 21:34

For your individual. Yeah, for that. So make- I'm not sure if you've done it yet, but get with Brendan and then once you figure out then you can start writing the bill. Because that's the only way

G Guest Brown 21:44

The only hold up is that one company in particular, I believe I would have to- in order to work with them. It was told that I have to get the item shipped here then send a check but I don't believe that company does that. And I can't find the item anywhere, it's not on Amazon or Home Depot. So that's a little difficult to get around.

A Advisor Courseault 22:14

Point of information, I was just gonna say because Brendan, Senator Mott is your sponsor; I would definitely work with Senator Mott to see if he could find other vendors that could help you to get the statue that you're looking for.

A Advisor Courseault 22:28

Y'all have any more questions?

P Pro Tempore Mott 22:30

That's actually just time actually.

V Vice President Charles 22:32

I guess not, Thank you.

V VPLA Goldstein 22:33

Okay, so I'm just gonna try to be super quick with my report today. First thing is Brett and Jordan have started a new ad hoc committee for Student Athletics and they will be looking for

members to join their committee in the coming weeks. This is a great opportunity for the student government to help support student athletes and encourage student involvement and support for athletic teams. Second, I believe that almost everyone has filled out the senator involvement survey by now. If you haven't, I'm just going to assign you a task. I hope that you all have a great Mardi Gras and Spring Break and that you come back ready to hit the ground running and get some legislation passed because we have a lot coming down the pipeline, once classes resume. Also, if you are new senator, if you were appointed last week, I'll be assigning you to a committee shortly after this meeting, and you'll be contacted by your Committee Head. Just everybody ought to be aware that you need to either attend a committee meetings via zoom or in person however you guys decide to meet or respond to the committee emails. If you miss three committee meeting, it's counted as an absence for a senate meeting. And legislate a lot legislation is going to have to pass in your committee before we can hear it on the Senate floor. So it's important that you either respond to those committee emails or attend your meetings so that the legislation can get through your committee. Lastly, I have kind of been slacking on the coordinating the Aunt Flow refill. I'll be reaching out to you guys that volunteered after our meeting so that we can sort something out before classes reseume. Other than that, I'll hope have a fun Mardi Gras and a great Spring Break and I will see you guys when we get back and I yield the rest of my time for questions.

P

Parliamentarian Hinnawi 24:48

Azizah Hinnawi, College of Sciences, I just want to ask, whenever we try to fill up the flow machine thing. So I tried to pull it up I think like a week ago and they're all locked. I really need a key because I know we're also running to other like separate buildings, but I just want to make sure that everybody knew that we needed a key.

A

Advisor Courseault 25:13

Point of information, Tiffany Advisor, my apologies, the key is located in the SGA office. So we can just make sure that whoever's doing it will make the key visible for you to get. If you are trying to do it on your way to class, all I ask is somehow some way you bring the key back.

V

VPLA Goldstein 25:32

Yeah, sorry. We can sort out the details when we get back.

P

Pro Tempore Mott 25:35

Point of information So Brendan Mott, Pro Tempore, one of them- actually a couple of them apparently are broken. The only one I know is broken is the one in this building in the men's restroom, but I heard that one might be broken in the library as well. I don't have confirmation. But do we know how to fix them?

V

VPLA Goldstein 25:56

Well I believe lov does but we'll figure all this out when we actually have people going to the

well, I believe joy does but we'll figure all this out when we actually have people going to the machines and we'll get an inventory of which ones are working, which ones are broken. Joy I know can fix them. But I mean all the details we can sort out amongst people who are kind of actually be refilling them. Any other questions? Okay, Maggie?

V

VPP Mailhes 26:31

Hey y'all! Despite popular belief, I do miss coming to these meeting. Right now, I have class at this time and at the end of the day I want to graduate on time. But I do miss seeing all of you. So in terms of SAC, we just had our last event yesterday for Black History Month. We painted a pretty banner and like some paintings of inspirational black women. That was really fun. It was nice. But for March and April, we're really gonna hit the ground running. We're bringing back a lot of traditional UNO events and we're bringing back UNO's Next Top Model, UNO'S Got Talent, SUCBAUF is always happening, and our annual Women's Retreat, so definitely look forward to like bigger things in March and April and just a more sense of normalcy with things that we've had in the past are coming back. And after Spring Break, we're having Karaoke Night at the Sandbar and I would like you all to come. It would be really nice, it's March 8. That's another one I want to throw out there but just so you guys know things are happening. And we are listening to feedback. We have a comment and suggestion box now in our office is right across the hall. If you ever have any ideas for events, please just drop them in there. Like I said, I'm always in my office if you guys ever need me, but yeah, interesting things are happening and we're trying to bring our campus bac to life. I yield the rest of my time for questions.

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VPLA Goldstein 27:42

Anybody have any questions for Maggie?

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Guest Brown 27:46

Guest Esther Brown of Delta Sigma Theta-

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Pro Tempore Mott 27:49

border Brendan Mott, Pro Tempore, So a senator we have to yield their time again, as he

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Parliamentarian Hinnawi 27:54

Azizah Hinnawi, College of Sciences, I yield my time.

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Guest Brown 28:00

What time is the event on March 8?



V VPP Mailhes 28:03

It's from 6-8pm.

G Guest Brown 28:04

You have a flyer?

V VPP Mailhes 28:05

Yeah, It'll be posted tomorrow. We're posting all of our A-Boards.

G Guest Brown 28:08

Thank you.

V VPLA Goldstein 28:12

Any other questions? Tiffany?

A Advisor Courseault 28:21

Advisor Tiffany. My report is going to be short and sweet. The first thing is, don't forget ULS Day is happening on April 5. I'm still waiting for when we are leaving, but I do know that we will have transportation and lunch. It will be open to the entire student body. So if you can just tell your friends. I'm looking to post flyers as soon as I get all the information. Two, I want to thank all the SGA members who walked in the parade. If you guys were not made aware we did lose a student on Monday. So just please keep people in your thoughts but SGA walked in the parade and they honored three of the students that we've lost this year. So thank you so much for everyone that attended in the parade. I believe it was Brett, Jenna, Angelo, Ash, Bryce, and Alastor. If I'm forgetting someone, please charge it to my head and not my heart. Okay, number three, if I have not responded to you, if I have not responded to your email, please don't think I'm ignoring you. I am not. I plan to respond to everybody tomorrow. So don't say Oh, Tiffany, I promise you, you're on my radar, I flagged your email, I will respond to whatever request that you have requested. Number four, T shirts should be here very soon. So please, if you have not filled out the form, please fill out the form so that you can include your shirt size and so that we can just make delivery and pick up as easy as possible. Number five, the game room is open. We are going to have a grand celebration soon, after we come back from spring break. But our hours are from 12 to 8pm Monday through Thursday on if you know of any

P Pro Tempore Mott 30:09

Point of information-

A Advisor Courseault 30:09
You have to be recognized.

P Pro Tempore Mott 30:15
Point of inquiry, Brendan Mott, Pro Tempore, I thought it was 10 to 8 or did that change?

V Vice President Charles 30:20
I don't think it's time for questions until she's done with her report.

A Advisor Courseault 30:25
My apology, it's from 10am to 8pm and we're open Monday through Thursday. So if you know of any organizations that would like to book the game room, please let them know to do campus booking, but we are open from 10 to 8. And the last thing please take care of yourself, please be safe. Spring Break is next week. Don't do any work, just chill. Also I want you guys to rest because when we come back this semester is- it's going to happen y'all, it's going to move very quickly. The exec board, they're working on a couple of events for you guys, SAC is always working on events. Also too, y'all please support SAC. Y'all give them money like part of your budget goes to them. So please support SAC, see what your money does. Please support SAC. SAC, they do a lot of events; support. And I yield the rest of my time for questions.

V VPLA Goldstein 31:27
Anybody have any questions for Tiffany?

S Senator Rizzi 31:34
Tara Rizzi, Senator of IDS, Yes, I had a question. I was wondering if there was any information about the time for the Baton Rouge trip yet?

A Advisor Courseault 31:49
Advisor Tiffany, no Tara there's- no Senator Rizzi, there is not. I'm hoping to have a time this week because it's happening. It is happening but they have not told me anything. So I promise as soon as I get it, I will let you know. And also I forgot to acknowledge our President Lemelle who was also in the parade. My apologies.

P Pro Tempore Mott 32:19
Point of inquiry Brendan Mott Pro Tempore SAC was also in the parade

Point of inquiry, Brendan Mott, Pro Tempore, she was also in the parade

V

VPLA Goldstein 32:23

Are there any other questions for Tiffany? If there are no other questions, we do not have any old business, so we will move on to new business which is the Constitutional Committee.

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Pro Tempore Mott 32:56

Okay, so I think it goes without saying that our SGA Constitution needs some work. And I think we- so to do some constitutional reform we are required to have people from the Senate to work on constitutional reform. So we do need to form a group or committee of the senators to be on said committee as well as work with our other branches including the Execs and SAC, and the Judicial. So because of this, we just are gonna have to gauge which senators are interested. So if you are interested, you can email me and also just also think if anyone has any questions about the Constitution or anything like that, now would be the time to ask them.

V

VPLA Goldstein 33:51

No, I think- I feel like we- that should be done in the committee.

P

Pro Tempore Mott 33:57

Okay.

V

VPLA Goldstein 33:58

I think if somebody's interested in- firstly we need to vote on the motion to form the committee.

P

Pro Tempore Mott 34:05

Ok, but yes, I believe this committee needs to be formed and we need to get people from all branches per our Constitution itself to reform the Constitution, we need people from each branch. So we are going to need- we need senators and we're going to need to partner with SAC. So if you know anybody who's interested in SAC, Maggie. And Angelo and Amber, I know y'all are very busy, but if y'all ever have the time, please please help us out with that. I'm very passionate about trying to make sure everything's up to date. So that's why I want to form this committee. Now since it's a committee of non senators, is there a different process or is it- well I'll ask people who aren't senators I guess that it's okay to just do the regular procedure.

V

VPLA Goldstein 34:50

Yeah. Well, I mean the-

V Vice President Charles 34:51

This is a formal process. You're trying to update the Constitution. It has to go through the election process. It's very serious.

P Pro Tempore Mott 34:59

Right. What's the process for forming this kind of committee? I don't think it's even mentioned. That's a good question.

A Advisor Courseault 35:06

Point of information, I believe when you all formed the dining committee, you can do a formal roll call vote to form it. However, if you guys do decide to revamp the Constitution, like Angelo said, it will have to be done in time to get it- to have the student body vote on it. And that's one thing I did I forget. I'll add it in open forum. But to form it, you would have to just do the roll call vote. Because I'm pretty sure that's what y'all did when y'all did dining.

P Pro Tempore Mott 35:36

Okay, can we do that we can do the roll call vote for that and we will have to work fast.

A Advisor Courseault 35:40

Yes. Point of information. I forgot to include that. When we come back from Spring Break, the election forum will happen on March 7. And the election will start the election timeline will start on March 8. So if you know anyone that's interested in doing the elections, the election timeline has been updated. So like Brendan said, it's going to be very rigorous because you have to work on this because the student body has to vote on these changes. So if you are interested, because we do really need it, just be sure that you're willing to commit that time that's going to take to do it.

A Advisor Courseault 35:40

And in addition, I should mention that we do not have any provisions for special elections, so we could not just do it later. We would have to do it in our regular elections.

A Advisor Courseault 36:31

We do have room for special elections, but let's not try to use that route.

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P Pro Tempore Mott 36:37
Unless we absolutely have to, of course.

P President Lemelle 36:39
Point of information, also mentioning elections, I talked to a couple of people, if anybody's interested in being on the exec board, direct them to us because there's a lot of things that go on. And I'm sure that the information will be helpful for anybody running. So just make sure or not make sure but if you know anybody or if you yourself want to run for any of the executive positions. Just reach out to us or email us. Thank you.

V VPLA Goldstein 37:08
I was just going to say also that the more people that join the Constitutional Committee, the more we can divide and conquer. So it might not have to be a ton of work for a few people if everybody is willing to help. We should have our roll call vote now?

P Pro Tempore Mott 37:25
Yes.

S Senator Moss 37:28
Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large, when you talk about a lot of work needs to be done to the Constitution; is it like you need to start from scratch because it's outdated or is it like small points that just need to be like reworded or something like that.

V VPLA Goldstein 37:44
We need people go through it and see what needs to be done

P Pro Tempore Mott 37:47
We're not starting from scratch.

V Vice President Charles 37:50
The committee needs to decide whether, looking at- going through the Constitution with a fine tooth comb and seeing like what needs to be fixed. A lot of times we can't even use it as a point of reference to actually render a decision. So it causes a lot of issues.

S Senator Moss 38:05
So it just doesn't really cover everything in detail.

P Pro Tempore Mott 38:10
Essentially, in my experience, the Constitution, it goes too much in detail about things that it doesn't need to and it doesn't get into detail about things it should get into detail about.

V VPLA Goldstein 38:22
I guess we now move to a roll call vote. When I call your name, please vote yes, no or abstain.
Dwayne Crenshaw?

S Senator Crenshaw 38:38
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 38:40
Candace Dazet.

S Senator Dazet 38:42
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 38:43
Lukas Deffendall.

S Senator Deffendall 38:44
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 38:45
Julia Duong. Julia Duong. Brett Fornatoro.

S Senator Fornatoro 38:59
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 39:02
Bryce Hartlin.

S Senator Hartlin 39:03
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 39:06
Alicia Helbing.

S Senator Helbing 39:10
Abstain.

V VPLA Goldstein 39:12
Azizah Hinnawi.

P Parliamentarian Hinnawi 39:13
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 39:16
Daniel Hunsaker.

S Senator Hunsaker 39:17
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 39:19
Jenna Hymel.

S Senator Hymel 39:20
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Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 39:23
Twanna LeBeau.

S Senator Crenshaw 39:24
Abstain by proxy.

V VPLA Goldstein 39:27
Cooper Lemons. Oh he's not here. Oscar Martinez.

S Senator Martinez 39:33
Abstain.

V VPLA Goldstein 39:37
Jordan Moss.

S Senator Moss 39:38
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 39:40
Bredan Mott.

P Pro Tempore Mott 39:40
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 39:42
Henry Nguyen.

S Senator Nguyen 39:44



Yes.



VPLA Goldstein 39:47

Tara Rizzi.



Senator Rizzi 39:50

Yes.



VPLA Goldstein 39:51

Mohammed Mohiuddin Sakib



Senator Sakib 39:54

Yes.



VPLA Goldstein 39:55

Naw Safrin Sattar.



Senator Sattar 39:58

Yes.



VPLA Goldstein 39:59

Da'Yanah Smith.



Senator Smith 40:00

Yes.




VPLA Goldstein 40:02


Mahaut Sorlin.





Senator Sorlin 40:04


 Senator Sorini 40:04
Yes.


 VPLA Goldstein 40:05
Isabel Wilcuts.

 Senator Wilcuts 40:08
Yes.


 VPLA Goldstein 40:16
With 16 yeses, 2 abstentions and no nos, the motion to form the Constitutional Committee is approved. So if you are interested, I'm just gonna send out an email to all of you and you can respond back if you're interested and then we can go from there. So then if there's no other new business, we will now move to Open Forum. This is where we discuss matters pertaining to the betterment of SGA.

 Guest Melancon 41:01
Hey, how y'all doing? I'm Anthony Melancon. I see a couple of familiar faces. I'm a former Senator. I was just getting to back, actually since covid hit, it was kind of different time especially hopping back to in person classes in school. So I'll be- if I'm allowed back on, I'll be representing the College of Engineering, I'll be a senator there. I love the environment. I love to help out the student body and I stand for everything you guys do.

 VPLA Goldstein 41:32
Did you did you fill out the form?

 Guest Melancon 41:35
No I'm doing it today.

 VPLA Goldstein 41:36
Awesome, so we'll put you on the agenda for the next meeting.

 Guest Melancon 41:40
Okay. Thank you.

V VPLA Goldstein 41:41
Anybody else?

P Pro Tempore Mott 41:48
Point of information-

S Senator Smith 41:48
Da'Yanah Smith, College of IDS, okay. concerning us voting, my opinion is that we should not be voting this late on anything or anybody.

S Senator Smith 41:53
I'm not done. Because we should not be- I mean, it doesn't even make sense to vote for two, a trio, whatever. together. These are individual people who all stand before us and have different ideas of what they want to bring to the table what they have and what they doing. So be wise because we do not need to continue to fill seats with people who ain't doing nothing.

P President Lemelle 42:36
I just want to say, that's a general statement. I don't want anybody to get upset about that. She's right, just make sure you're just thinking wisely and ultimately is this open forum?

S Senator Moss 42:52
Yes.

P President Lemelle 42:55
Alright, but I just want to let you know that is a factual statement but I also don't want anybody to take it personally but she's absolutely right. Okay. Just think about that.

V Vice President Charles 43:04
Join the Constitutional Committee.

S Senator Smith 43:07

Me and Bredan talked about it already.

P Pro Tempore Mott 43:09

Point of information, Brendan Mott, Pro tempore, that's one thing I forgot to talk about during my report, but it turns out if any senator is against a slate, the slate is canceled. So if you would have rose- I apologize but in a previous slate, if anybody would have rose against it-

P Pro Tempore Mott 43:25

I rose against it.

V VPLA Goldstein 43:25

So I'm just gonna really quick say that clearly we all need to read the Rules and Procedures because nobody even knew that it should've been canceled last time. I'm gonna accept fall for that as much as anybody else. So before we discuss any violations of Rules or Procedures any more today, let's just all I know Tiffany said not to do anything over the break, but there's two more days left before break. The Rules and Procedures are not that long. If everybody could just please go read them. They're kind of enlightening.

P Pro Tempore Mott 43:26

it would've been canceled.

S Senator Fornatoro 43:58

Brett Fornatoro, College of Liberal Arts, so as the Presiding Officer had announced earlier, we are starting an Athletics Committee, myself and Senator Moss. So anyone who would be interested in getting more involved in Campus Athletics through Student Government feel free to contact either one of us through email.

V VPLA Goldstein 44:34

Anybody else?

S Senator Moss 44:35

Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large, in regards to the voting, I 100% agree with what she said and my first meeting here I mentioned that maybe it should be possible- I guess that'd be something in the Constitutional Committee a better process for adding senators to the Senate because they generally all get up here and say the same thing. So it's like how are we going to be wise when

they're all saying the same thing. We have nothing to go off of. They're just saying, 'I want to represent the student body' XYZ, they all say that. So you can't really say yes or no based on saying I want to represent the student body. Well of course you're gonna say that this is student government. So maybe in that committee, we need to work on a better process for deciding that, because a two minute, not even two minutes, maybe 45 seconds, a 45 second speech is not long enough.

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Senator Smith 45:28

Da'Yanah Smith, College of IDS, along with their statement, they do open it up to us to ask questions right? So if you want to ask a question regarding what their plans, what their ideas are, then you ask it.

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Pro Tempore Mott 45:47

Brendan Mott, Pro Tempore, I think it's also important to mention that just keep in mind that senators can also be elected. So if you don't want somebody to become a senator, it is still possible for them to become a senator. They will just have to wait of course til elections. So that could still happen. If nobody else in their college ran, they could still become a senator. So even if we blocked them by appointment, they could still be a senator.

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Senator Moss 46:13

Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large, point of inquiry, is there anything saying where senators who don't do anything can have their Senate seats removed because they're taking up space by doing nothing because that should probably be a thing too.

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Vice President Charles 46:30

I have a question? How do you measure that?

V

Vice President Charles 46:32

Cause at this time, none of y'all have passed bills. I'm not trying to be- how do you measure activity?

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Senator Moss 46:38

But that's just another thing. Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large, that would just be another thing. And then whoever was on that committee would have to like, sit down maybe we need things throughout the year senators, you need to at least do this table. You need to at least do this. You need to bring a certain amount of bills, something like that. We need to have a measurable thing.

V Vice President Charles 46:57
You need to write that down.

V VPLA Goldstein 46:58
So I'm just gonna again say that we all should really go read the Rules and Procedures and the Constitution because there are certain participation rules as far as attending a certain number or missing certain numbers of meeting or you have to attend a retreat, at least one retreat. So there are actually rules and provisions for a lot of the stuff we're talking about right now that clearly we haven't read. So, I feel basically, this committee that we just formed is going to address all of this but before we sit here and talk about it a whole bunch, let's make sure that we've all read it. That's all.

P Pro Tempore Mott 47:56
Brendan Mott, Pro Tempore, I agree with what both of y'all are saying, we should not be putting random people up here. However, we don't currently have the problem of people fighting for seats. So I am okay with making these provisions but we do have to keep that in mind as well. Do we want to fight that battle if we're not having that issue at this current moment? But maybe we should because at the same time that can become an issue. So do we want to prepare for it or do we not want to prepare for it? It's ultimately up to all of us.

G Guest Melancon 48:22
Y'all should probably try and fix it. I totally I mean Anthony Melancon, I'm not certain yet but maybe you guys will or won't vote for me but based on my past experience being on the board, it's not a problem. You know? I totally agree with what you're saying. but right now, UNO, we're a small school already. I think we need all the help we can get, especially from students trying to be active in and just added to the schedule because they never can get enough minds, brains, opinions, what people think, what they believe in is always good to look at it a different perspective. That's really why I like SGA. I mean, my two minutes aren't even up yet. I mean, if I was doing it, but you know, that's part of the reason I like SGA because I might not think that way Azizah and Oscar think, but we both have three different brains and ideas and we come together as one form up a bill or rule or something in the Constitution that can be used against somebody in this room. You guys right now should just keep that in mind. Especially when talking to each other.

S Senator Fornatoro 49:44
Brett Fornatoro, College of Liberal Arts, kind of touching back to the slating Is there anything on omnibus bills? cause it'd be kind of...

V VPLA Goldstein 49:56

wait, is there anything on what?

S Senator Fornatoro 49:57

An omnibus bill

V Vice President Charles 49:58

It's a bill with multiple parts. That's a very Political Science question. I don't think they know what you mean. I know what it is but I don't think they know

V VPLA Goldstein 50:08

We should probably read the rules.

P Pro Tempore Mott 50:09

Point of information, Brendan Mott, Pro Tempore, there's no, there's really nothing about omnibus bills. We don't get that political science deep in SGA. However, if you wanted to add a provision about that in the Constitution you could, in theory, now would people want that, that's the big question, because I don't really know what an omnibus bill is. Could you explain what that is?

S Senator Fornatoro 50:35

Yeah. So what I'm referring to is when you write a bill and you have multiple things inside of the same bill, so you could be funding, in the example of our SGA, you could fund multiple events in one bill instead of breaking them apart. So it could be efficient, but it could also be similar to...

V Vice President Charles 50:56

Well, a budget is technically kind of like an omnibus bill meaning that we have some differences. If we got rid of it, we're not gonna do well.

P Pro Tempore Mott 51:07

Bredan Mott, Pro tempore, in my experience, a lot of times people don't try to put multiple things in one bill but if they do, it's just a bill. It's just and we can motion to amend it if we only want to fund half of something and not the other half of something or vice versa. We can have motion to do an amendment to separate the bills or anything like that.

V VPLA Goldstein 51:26

So I mean, I think, honestly, any legislative instrument we want to address we absolutely can in the Constitution. But this again, is going to be something that, Brett, I think you should join the Constitutional Committee, because it sounds like you're interested in reforming the Constitution. I'm not trying to like stop anybody from open discussion. I'm just saying, I feel like we are basically discussing things that are very appropriate for the committee we created.

P Parliamentarian Hinnawi 51:57

Azaizah Hinnawi, College of Sciences, I just want to emphasize that slating and everything, there's deep sections of the Constitution where it goes into detail. So yeah, I definitely think that this conversation is definitely for the committee. You know, right now we can go in circles but look at the Constitution.

S Senator Moss 52:18

Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large, does anybody know if the cleaning services company at UNO is a third party?



Yes.

S Senator Moss 52:25

If so, do know how to contact them because our UC bathrooms are always dirty and I would like to talk to somebody about that.

P Parliamentarian Hinnawi 52:37

Azizah Hinnawi, College of Sciences, I work in the University Center. So I have a lot of trouble with ABM. We actually just recently switched ABM maybe like two years ago or sometimes from Sodexo so we're still fairly new with them, but we've had a lot of problems with them, this current semester and even well into last semester. I don't know if we have any say over that because I know we have a contract with them just like we do with the dining services. So I don't know if we even have a say over that. But they've been...

V VPLA Goldstein 53:14

I would just say that you might need to contact facilities.

P Pro Tempore Mott 53:17
And that is time on that.

P Pro Tempore Mott 53:18
so if someone wants to extend Open Forum then that's the end of that.

V VPLA Goldstein 53:18
Okay,

V VPLA Goldstein 53:22
Can I get a motion to adjourn?

S Senator Moss 53:23
Jordan Moss, Junior-at-Large, motion to adjourn

S Senator Smith 53:28
Da'Yanah Smith, College of IDS, I second that motion

V VPLA Goldstein 53:34
I adjourn this meeting at 5:58pm.