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SPEAKERS

Senator Carbo, Vice President Moss, Senator Sorlin, Senator Lemons, Senator Deffendall, Senator Hymel, Advisor Courseault, Senator Metzler, Clerk of Senate Lancaster, Appointee Plasse, VPLA Hinnawi, Advisor Gitlin, Senator Hunter, Senator Nata, Senator Mott, Senator Corcoran, Senator Barnes, Senator Plasse, Senator Hunsaker, Senator Fredrick, Senator Martinez, Vice President Charles, Senator Nguyen, President Charles, VPP Mailhes, Senator Davidson, Senator Raihan

VPLA Hinnawi 00:00

Alright, we're gonna go ahead and get this started. I call this meeting to order at 5:05pm. I'm going to ask for nominations for a temporary Pro-Tempore and parliamentarian. So do I have nominations for a temporary Pro-Tempore? Thank you, Dylan. And I made- I made a little sheet and then do I have nominations for a temporary parliamentarian?

Senator Hymel 00:30

Jenna Hymel, College of Liberal Arts, I Volunteer.

VPLA Hinnawi 00:33

Thank you Jenna. Okay, I will now take a roll call vote. When I call your name please stay present. Okay, Rakeen Barnes? Rakeen Barnes?

Senator Davidson 00:50

He had to talk to a teacher- Oh Dylan Davidson, College of Sciences, but he had to talk to a teacher. He said he's running behind.

VPLA Hinnawi 00:58

Ian Carbo?

Senator Carbo 01:01

Present

VPLA Hinnawi 01:02

Thank you. Max Corcoran? Max Corcoran? Christian Crout?

Senator Hymel 01:12

Present by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:15

Dylan Davidson?

Senator Davidson 01:18

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:19

Lucas Deffendall?

Senator Deffendall 01:20

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:23

Cameron Frederick?

Senator Fredrick 01:24

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:26

Daniel Hunsaker?

Senator Hunsaker 01:27

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:29

Jenna Hymel?

Senator Hymel 01:30

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:32

Cooper Lemons.

Senator Lemons 01:34

Here.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:36

Oscar Martinez?

Senator Martinez 01:37

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:39

Chloe Metzler?

Senator Metzler 01:41

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:43

Brendon Mott?

Senator Mott 01:44

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:46

Henry Nguyen? Henry Nguyen? Linda Plasse?

Senator Plasse 01:57

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:59

Md Mohiuddin Sakib? Md Mohiuddin Sakib? Mahaut Sorlin?

Senator Sorlin 02:10

Present

VPLA Hinnawi 02:11

Gazi Raihan?

Senator Raihan 02:24

Present.

Advisor Gitlin 02:31

Point of procedure if you might be new to this. If you come in late, and you've already been called, you need to motion to be recognized, like Azizah said. Todd Gitlin, motion to be recognized- To recognize you-

VPLA Hinnawi 02:49

Thank you, Todd.

Senator Corcoran 02:52

Max Corcoran, I motion to be recognized

VPLA Hinnawi 02:54

Can I get a second?

Senator Hunsaker 02:55

Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large, I second the motion.

VPLA Hinnawi 02:57

Thank you. All right, with 16 senators present, as of now, we do meet quorum. Are there any corrections or changes to today's agenda? Okay, I actually have some changes. So if you look underneath nominations and appointments, I've already scratched it out on the printed version for you. We will not be nominating a President Pro Tempore today, that'll be held off till next meeting. Also, a little amendment, this wasn't on the copy that I sent out. The entire committee head nominee section is added on there. Okay. Are there any other amendments to the agenda? Okay, does everyone accept it? We can just do like a raise your hand if you accept the amendment. Okay, that's good. With no objections to the agenda it is approved. Are there any corrections or changes to the minutes from last meeting? Brendan?

Senator Mott 04:00

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts. I actually have a few, so this might take a minute, for one- at 11:25 It's actually something I said and I said "election code and code of laws" but the system made a it say I should "election code and code of arms", which is not correct.

VPLA Hinnawi 04:18

Okay. Hold on one second. J? J's our Clerk of Senate, just let me know if you need Brendan to slow down. Okay.

Clerk of Senate Lancaster 04:21

Yeah. I'm taking notes right now.

VPLA Hinnawi 04:25

All right. Beautiful. Brendan, you can proceed

Senator Mott 04:34

Second one which J told me that they are already aware of which is that the- I believe Mitch's- is that how say your name correct? You were trying to speak and it got put with somebody else's line on that part.

VPLA Hinnawi 04:51

Well, thank you Brendan, for bringing that to our attention.

Senator Mott 04:58

And then the last one is at 1:05:31, somebody- it was typed up "Noyez", but it's actually "Dr. Noyes" with an s at the end, instead of a z.

VPLA Hinnawi 05:09

Do you know how to spell it. Can you just spell it? Okay.

Senator Mott 05:11

N o y e s.

VPLA Hinnawi 05:16

Okay, thank you so much, Brendan. Um, yes, we did catch that second one, but it's good that you brought it up. Does anyone else- Well Does anyone object to those corrections to the minutes? Okay, does anyone else have any amendments to the minutes? All right, with no objections to the minutes they are approved. Are there any senator communications or announcements?

Senator Barnes 05:43

I Motion to be recognized.

Senator Metzler 05:45

Chloe Metzler, Sophomore at Large, I second.

VPLA Hinnawi 05:48

Okay, thank you. Can you say your name before you speak Okay?

Senator Barnes 05:50

Sorry.

VPLA Hinnawi 05:56

All right. So are there any other senator communications or announcements, Brendan? Okay. You have three minutes to speak.

Senator Mott 06:03

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts so I might talk about this a little more during Open Fourm if anyone's interested. But I just wanted to say that today I had the privilege of talking with Dr. Nancy Biggio who is the Associate Vice President for the Graduate School here at UNO. And we talked about some things that mainly graduate students have to deal with and some improvements that they wanted to see. And there's actually three big goals that they have that I'm going to share which is: Improved Graduate Student retention and responses to the Graduate Student Office, increased collaboration between the graduate school and a bunch of other campus resources, and to increase applications. And they also want to be more transparent with the funding and financial aid available for graduate students, which is very important to most of the graduate students here. And then the last thing is that they actually did a survey last year, that on the faculty senate did and so um, I was given a contact for Chris Broadhurst on the faculty senate who did that survey, and I will be reaching out to him at some point to ask for that survey from graduate students and graduate faculty. Thank you.

VPLA Hinnawi 07:06

Thank you, Brendan. That is great. Yeah, if you have anything more to add during open forum, I'd love to hear it as a graduate student myself. Okay. Does anyone else have any announcement?

Advisor Courseault 07:19

Point of Privilege, Advisor Tiffany Courseault, could a Senator motion for Cooper Lemons to be recognized

Senator Hunter 07:26

Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large, I motion for Cooper- Cooper to be recognized.

Senator Mott 07:33

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts, I second the motion.

VPLA Hinnawi 07:36

Thank you. All right. We will now move to committee reports. Those do not exist yet, so we just won't be having any today. And we're going to move to Executive Reports. Does the President have a report?

Vice President Charles 07:54

Yes I do.

VPLA Hinnawi 08:03

You have six minutes.

President Charles 08:07

"When the day comes, we ask ourselves, where can we find light in this never ending shade? The loss we carry is see we must wait. We brave the belly of the beast. We have learned that quiet isn't always peace, and that norms and notions of what just is not always justice. And yet, the dawn is ours before we knew it. Somehow we do it. Somehow we weathered and witnessed a nation that isn't broken, but simply unfinished," Amanda Gorman. Now let's talk about what is unfinished. Next week we are presenting before the Senate a new court of laws, referred to as the "Code of Decorum and Conduct" or the "Code of Decorum and Order", to ensure proper conduct and to encourage all Student Government Association officials to strive for excellence in every aspect of you guys's duty and offices. Next, the state of the institution, Senator Mott reached out to me last week pertaining to the library hours, if you have been here in years- last year, we understand that the library hours was 24 hours however, those hours have since been reduced. Unfortunately the State of the University, we are in an economic situation which causes the reduction of hours, so feel free to reach out to me so we can- you know establish the open dialog to open questions on changes within the university's policies or hours for different things. Next- this week, not next- this week, next month, September 20th, we will have our first SGA event all of you guys will be in attendance of this. Azizah- The Executive Board will coordinate this availability this event will be referred to as "Meet SGA". This is the opportunity for you guys to meet you guys' constituents and establish a rapport with the students. We will be providing popcorn and cotton candy- something like that. Just just the purpose of this event is just really get SGA visible and familiar what you guys are doing. Next, we're going to do a voter registration drive this semester. I am meeting with Motorvote tomorrow at one to discuss this. After I solidify our action plan for this, I will reach out to you guys to help and I want to recognize Senator Sorlin for reaching out to me and making sure I do my job. So thank you very much. Next week- actually not next week- Parking tickets, so I

received my first ticket, I hope you guys did not receive your first ticket, but I got mine. With that being said I will be meeting with Amy King next week. She is the Director of Accountability Services- Disability and Accountability Services for students. SGA plays a large role in this process as we have an adjudicating body, which is our Supreme Court, who sits on the Board of Appeals for parking tickets. Does not- This does not mean you abuse your authority of getting your parking tickets vacated, but we do have a role in that and I will be meeting with Amy King. So do you have any questions about this process, let me know. Next week I will- well this week I'll be signing Executive Orders to appoint Alia Boyle to the Supreme Court. She will- I will- she will be here next meeting, I might have to read her statement and then Election Commissioner Talia Talbot that will all come within the next week. With that being said I yield the rest of my time for questions. Senator Mott?

Senator Mott 11:25

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts, I want to make a point of privilege because I forgot to mention it. I just wanted to say that with parking tickets. I was- I've been made aware that a-

President Charles 11:36

Point of Order, and I respect you Brendan, but at this time for questioning so if you do not have a question you need to wait.

Senator Mott 11:42

Okay

President Charles 11:43

Thank you.

Senator Martinez 11:45

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences. Yeah, my question was, do you guys- do you guys like want us to wear anything specific or will that all be detailed in the email about attending.

President Charles 11:52

That will be something specifically- we'll have tables, it will be located in the back part of the UC on that Tuesday. I think we have the hours of 11:00-2:00 if we're not mistaken. But you guys will definitely be informed. Y'all had no questions?

Senator Hymel 12:10

Jenna Hymel, College of Liberal Arts. What day is that like "Meet the Senator" thing?

President Charles 12:15

Thank you. And we will understand we have classes and stuff like that. So we will work out shifts in arrangement, just so you can just be seated. Well, I appreciate all of y'all and thank you.

Senator Hymel 12:15

September 20 is our "Meet SGA". It is a Tuesday.

VPLA Hinnawi 12:36

Thank you, Angelo. Does the Vice President have the report?

Vice President Moss 12:41

All right now my report's gonna be short and sweet. The current Senate operating numbers are \$22,743.25. The executive board will be sending you guys a Google Form Letter next week to get you guys' availability so we can coordinate with your college deans so y'all can start with your reoccurring meetings because Deans are really excited to meet y'all. So we need y'all's availability. And also I'm going to be taking lots of pictures throughout the meeting for the SGA Instagram account. So if you don't mind me I'm actually going to take one now and we're gonna say cheese! Oscar you're not in it. [Laughter] Alright, cool. Alright, so that was it for my report. I yield the rest of my time for questions.

VPLA Hinnawi 13:32

All right, so now it is time for my report. So I just kind of wanted to use my report to just update y'all on a couple of things. First, I'd like to mention the procedural amendment I sent out. I'm gonna go into more detail about it later when we actually talk about new business. But I just wanted to kind of discuss the background to the process of getting a procedural amendment passed. So because we have like a checks and balances system in place, it does go to the Executive Board for their vote, and it does have to be signed by the President. But we're bringing it over here to the Senate first so that way, we have a choice and we have a decision to decide if we want to change anything and go through that process together, since it is a very important document. It's how we, as a Senate, do business. So we just want to make sure it's the best that it can be. Secondly, I'd like to mention, my next point. So I sent that procedural ame- amendment out in emails, emails, I've been emailing y'all a lot lately, and I know some of y'all don't check your emails regularly. And I promise it won't be like this all semester. It's just that right now, we're getting kind of a footing of just like establishing and organizing our Senate, which is why I've been sending out a lot of emails. Soon you'll be split up into committees based off of the ones y'all chose on the Google Form, which will also come a lot with emails. Okay, so just bear with me for a little bit and then I promise my name will only pop up in your email list once a week. Another thing I want to mention, just kind of reelaborate on what Angelo was speaking about for September 20. The "Meet the Senators" event I mean, it's gonna be so much fun. Okay, don't think of it like it's going to be like something you have to attend to. You're going to get to meet everyone you're going to get to hang out in, like, a less formal setting and meet the student body, which is who you're here to represent. So definitely look at this like it's a nice, fun opportunity. Don't look like something we're dragging you to. Another thing I want to discuss is I sent out in the email with the agenda, There's like a link towards the bottom. It's for SAC, they're having an event this week, and they needed some volunteers. I need to remind you guys that SAC is actually a branch of SGA. So all the hands that we can give them would probably be greatly appreciated. And Maggie will go more in depth with that in her report. Um, lastly, I just want to say and I'll remind you again at the end of the meeting, our next two meetings for September 7 And September 14 will be held completely over Zoom. I know that's not fun, but we are giving the room to Sorority and Fraternity recruitment which will be over the next two weeks and they need all the space they can get. So with that, I yield the rest of my time for questions. All right, no questions. Thank you. Does the Vice President of Programming have a report?

VPP Mailhes 16:45

Yes ma'am. Hey everyone. First I just wanted to mention that SAC's meetings are also in room 208. They are Thursdays at 1pm They're in 208, they were in the Gallery Lounge for our first meeting, but they will be in here from now on. You can be a senator and a member SAC like Senator Mott is so you get a free shirt and it's really cool. But secondly, like Azizah mentioned, we do have our event this Thursday. Tomorrow is the Water Fest. It's gonna be 5-7pm And we hosted in the quad. We're having a water slid, we're having water balloon fights, and she mentioned the volunteers. So volunteering, we need help running check in because it is plunge points, and you sign a liability waiver for the waterslide we're also passing out bottled water because it's like hot outside. And we have water balloon fill up. To help fill up water balloons in-between rounds. So that's what you'll be doing volunteering- it's only like hour shifts if you can please do but definitely come for the street, and it's hot outside. But I yield the rest of my time for questions. Yeah.

Senator Martinez 17:47

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences, what's the shirt look like?

VPP Mailhes 17:50

Navy blue it has a pocket and it says SAC. And it says "Member" on the back and you get a free mug. Any other questions?

Senator Barnes 18:02

Rakeen Barnes, College of Engineering, how do you sign up for it?

VPP Mailhes 18:05

Oh Azizah in the email she sent, put the link in the bottom.

VPLA Hinnawi 18:10

Yes. So yeah. Okay. So in the email that has like the agenda for today did you get that email? Okay, if you scroll to the bottom-ish, there's a link on that I sent a little spiel about it. And you can just sign up there and if that doesn't work, just email me.

VPP Mailhes 18:30

Anything else? Thank you.

VPLA Hinnawi 18:39

Okay, and now, the Chief Justice is not here today. But he did leave a report with me so I'm just going to read it for him. Okay, and if I say "my" that's Dwayne. Okay. "My Report is very short. And I would like you all to know I've been in the process of reviewing and revising the judicial court's rules and procedures, as well as organizing and reconstructing the judiciary court and its regulations. One of the things I would like to stress with my recent appointment as Chief Justice is transparency. In the past, we have not had a clear idea of the judiciary court role and activeness on campus and that will be one of the biggest challenges I will be combating as well as clearly outlining and keeping thorough records of how the judiciary court will be run now and in the future. Thank you and I hope to have a productive and revolutionary year." And I will not be taking questions okay. Do the advisors have a report?

Advisor Gitlin 19:52

Happy Wednesday, how's everybody doing?

Senator Carbo 19:54

Really good.

Advisor Gitlin 19:55

Love to hear. So we have a couple of things that we want to discuss with you. We will make this as quick as possible. First, we want to talk about abstaining when voting on a matter, a bill, an appointment. You have three choices: Yes, No, or Abstain. When you make the choice to abstain, you are choosing not to vote. You are in essence giving up the right for your voice to matter. It does mean that you will still count out of the total number of senators, but simply put, you're diluting the process of democracy. If you feel strongly or feel for or against a matter, please vote yes or no. A vote yes or no is not a personal attack on somebody's character, it's not a judgment. You all are here because you are SGA, it simply means that you're voicing your opinion about whether or not you think that matter will better the UNO community and SGA. As your advisors, we want to empower you to use your voice and for you to voice your opinion. In the event that there is a, you know, a matter that you think is really sensitive, there is the option to do a secret ballot. Basically a senator has to motion for a secret ballot, somebody has to second it, and that passes on to majority. The next thing we want to talk about is decorum and the public record. Being a senator is a public position that there's a lot of responsibility. Just so y'all know, our meetings are public records that anybody from students, to college faculty, to college administrators can look at. And to be honest with y'all sometimes President Nicklow will review these. With that in mind, J, our wonderful Clerk of Senate transcribes these meeting notes, and then they're published. As such there are expectations of how a senator, y'all, carry yourself in these meetings, in meetings with administrators, in meetings with students and so on. as laid out by the Senate Operating Rules and Procedures, "All senators must conduct themselves with dignity and respect. All Senators, staff and officers are expected to demonstrate respect for the rights and opinions of other members of the SGA Senate." Basically what this means, be mindful of how you speak how you treat guests, administrators, and each other. Be aware of your- of your word choice and your language. Do not curse. Again, this is public record. You do not want those curse words on public record. Do not disparage or knowingly misrepresent individuals or committees. Finally, do not disrupt the meeting. If y'all have any questions about decorum, what is okay and it's not okay, you can always stop by my office or Tiffany's office.

Advisor Courseault 22:55

And the last thing is, with the microphone and audio, we are working to find a better solution. But what we do ask so that it makes it easier for J to transcribe minutes is just to speak as loudly as possible. This is myself included. The microphone has a certain range. And so again, J transcribes these minutes and it just makes it easier for them. The harder it is to hear the longer it takes for minute transcriptions. Also, when you are speaking, as Vice President of Senate Hinnawi has said, please state your name and your college, because again, this is public record and we want to make sure that we are- that J is selecting the person that is speaking. Also too I do want to go back to the abstention, abstention or abstaining, if you- I want to talk about quorum- I want to yield my time to Azizah to talk about this

VPLA Hinnawi 23:54

Alright, so in order for us to vote on something, we still have to meet quorum. Okay. So in the rules and procedures, it says abstaining doesn't really take you out of the total. Okay, if it did, then we wouldn't make quorum. If everybody votes abstain and four people vote yes, that doesn't mean your vote is completely taken out because four yeses, four voters does not meet quorum. We need to have 50% plus one of our senators. Okay, so I think that's what 10? So, let's try to stay away from abstentions guys.

Advisor Courseault 24:36

And also to add to what Azizah's saying we don't want- you vote what you feel comfortable with. If you're truly not, like Advisor Gitlin has said, if you if you're passionate about something, don't be afraid to vote what you feel there is no judgement but also too- is just keeping in mind that sometimes not going one way or the other, it can impede the democratic process. And so that's what we're trying to convey. And if you don't feel comfortable, please we encourage you to motion for a secret ballot. That exists, it does happen. But we just want to encourage you if you're feeling strongly about something, vote. Vote how you feel there's no judgment.

Advisor Gitlin 25:16

We will- we yield our time for questions for the rest of the time for questions

Senator Mott 25:23

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts. So when do you think it would be- I know this is kind of on the fly- What do you think would be a really appropriate time to abstain?

Advisor Courseault 25:32

That is a really, really good question. If you're just really in between, like I know like a lot of times in the past we've had bills on particularly the Swamp Bill. There are a lot of- a lot of passionate people about that bill. And so, but in the same vein, if you just were unsure if it was just something that we should fund or not, then it's okay. If you just really you're in between you cannot make a decision. Also too if there's a conflict if you have a conflict of interest, what we're voting- what you're voting on, and you feel like your vote, could- it could be a discrepancy, then you can abstain at that time. So that is a really good question, Senator Mott.

Senator Metzler 26:12

Chloe Metzler, Sophomore at Large. This is kind of a silly question, but- -I was wondering if abstaining during appointments, is that- if they also if like it doesn't meet quorum? Like if most people abstain while making an appointment, does- the person does not get into Senate?

Advisor Courseault 26:18

No silly questions. According- and that's also too Senator Metzler, a really good question if you go back to your rules and procedures, and you look under Section 3.3. That is correct. Like Senator Hinnawi said, when you abstain, it doesn't remove you from the voting. You're still counted as a voting present senator, but there is a possibility that if we don't have a majority meaning 50 plus 1 that- that legislation or appointment fails and you are correct it will not pass.

Senator Martinez 27:10

Oscar Martinez College of Sciences. So are we retroactively looking at the points where we did not meet quorum?

Advisor Courseault 27:17

That is also a good question, Senator Martinez. We noticed that on our part, so moving forward- from this day moving forward. So that's a very good question. And thank you for asking that question. These are some good questions.

Advisor Gitlin 27:34

Any others? Thank you.

Advisor Courseault 27:39

Thank you very much.

VPLA Hinnawi 27:51

All right. We will now be moving to new business. Do I have a motion to hear new business?

Senator Mott 27:57

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts, I motion to hear new business

VPLA Hinnawi 28:01

Do I have a second?

Senator Hymel 28:02

Jenna Hymel, College of Liberal Arts, I second that.

VPLA Hinnawi 28:04

All right, thank you. The first piece of new business is the procedural amendment. Okay, so since I am the author, I'll just go and explain. Okay. And I'll have six minutes. So I sent out the procedural amendment in an email also with the agenda, which I'm pretty sure, Was everyone able to open it? Okay, cool. Basically, what I did is, and I'll keep this really short and brief, our current rules and procedures has a lot of gendered language, or just some things that were open to a little bit too much interpretation. And we just really wanted to cut that down and make things really clear cut and easier to follow to the point where you would be able to open the rules and procedures and have it with you during the meeting and understand fully what is going on and you would understand how to behave and how to act and how long something is going to take. How long is the discussion? Do I need a second? Like that kind of thing? Okay, any question and how we operate should be in the Senate rules and procedures. And so what I went through is I really tried to put as much as I could think of in there without it being too wordy and too much and I think I did a pretty good job with that. And I think just gonna leave it up there. So does- I yield the rest of my time for questions.

Senator Hymel 29:32

Jenna Hymel, College of Liberal Arts. This was just like an overall question, but the one we have in our email says it's authored by Senator Mott.

Senator Carbo 29:40

It's an older one.

VPLA Hinnawi 29:41

Oh, no, no, no, no. Sorry, are you talking about the amendment or the procedure amendment? There's two so one is like a little worksheet looking thing. Okay.

Senator Hymel 29:50

Sorry.

VPLA Hinnawi 29:51

I'll clarify on that note. So I sent a procedural amendment that is an amendment to our rules and procedures. Okay. Brent, and then came to me and brought up a very good point, and he submitted an amendment which is something we can do on any piece of legislation that comes to our floor. You can submit an amendment during a meeting and that's perfectly fine. Or you can go through the paperwork and just do it before a meeting and then it will be put on the agenda. So if you look under new business underneath A, there's another line that says Amendment One, that is Brendan's amendment, which I will let him discuss after we talk about the procedural amendment, if that's okay. All right. Does anyone have any questions about the procedural amendment just as is? Okay, all right. Well, Brendan, if you want to come up and speak about your amendment?

Senator Mott 31:19

Hello, everyone, my name is Brendan Mott, I'm a Senator for the College of Liberal Arts. So I bring up one amendment to this- this proposed procedural amendment because in the section- Section Three is the rules of order and in 3.8, when they talk about open forum, it is not specifically specified that guests can speak during open forum, and I thought it would be a lot better if that language was clear in there because the way it was worded it almost made it sound to me the only senators could speak through open forum and that's not the way that I saw it as- I didn't really like that idea. And also in previous years, people were allowed to speak during open forum with senators having the- the precedent to speak first. And as such, I added to section three with the 3.8.1.1, that guests are also permitted to present information to the SGA for the betterment of SGA. And another section below that the .2 is that senators will have the priority to speak that way that guests can present matters to the Senate and we can have a productive discussion as long as the things that are being presented are for the betterment of SGA. And I yield my time for questions.

Senator Carbo 32:29

So if decided that what the guests are presenting are not for the betterment of SGA, what is the process at that point?

Senator Mott 32:39

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts, that would actually be up to the Speaker of Senate the VPLA to decide if something was like- [Unintelligible] they oversee the meeting.

VPLA Hinnawi 32:49

Typically, it would just be stopped anything that is inappropriate or anything like that. Also, guests are still able to be censured or asked to leave the room okay. Also, I just want to comment on the amendment. The good thing- another good thing about this amendment is senators won't have to yield their time to any guests anymore. And just for clarification, once you yield your time for someone else to speak, you are no longer allowed to speak during the conversation. Okay? So I thought this was a great addition.

Senator Mott 33:21

Anybody else have any questions?

Senator Corcoran 33:24

Max Corcoran, College of Liberal Arts. So just to clarify, is this saying that guests are allowed to present information at any point in the meeting or just during open forum?

Senator Mott 33:32

It is specifically for during open forum.

Senator Corcoran 33:34

Thank you.

Senator Mott 33:37

Does anybody else have any questions?

Senator Deffendall 33:40

Lukas Deffendall, College of Liberal Arts, What do you mean by Senators having priority to speak?

Senator Mott 33:46

Azizah, can you answer that question, please?

VPLA Hinnawi 33:48

Yeah, of course, so just like it earlier in the agenda, we have communications and announcements of what senators also, copy and paste pretty much from the rules and procedures, have priority to speak. So if everyone else doesn't have a comment to say, then that's when the floor will then be opened up also to guests. That- that's not saying the guests might say something and then a senator has a question and a senator can't ask it. Okay, just means we're giving the senators the first opportunity to speak and then it becomes an open conversation from there.

Senator Mott 34:26

Does anybody else have any other questions?

VPLA Hinnawi 34:32

Thank you, Brendan. Okay, so now this talk is going to go- we're going to move into discussion about this amendment. So just the part that Brendan came and presented. Okay, that's gonna be three minutes for the amendment and three minutes in opposition for the amendment. Okay? All right. Does anyone rise in favor of the amendment?

Senator Davidson 34:57

Dylan Davidson, Senator College of Sciences, I second this ammendment- rise in favor of this amendment.

VPLA Hinnawi 35:02

Why?

Senator Davidson 35:04

Well, I think it just adds a lot of clarification because there was some kind of confusion about who can talk, who can't talk, when and where and what to do and I'm in favor of [Unintelligible]

VPLA Hinnawi 35:14

Thank you Dylan.

Senator Plasse 35:16

Linda Plasse, College of Liberal Arts. I also highly support this amendment. I think that one of the things we've been talking about alot on campuses visibility and making sure that campus is accessible to students, that everyone has a voice and I feel like this amendment just furthers that idea that we should have a voice present in this meeting in addition to senators because they are still affected by the decisions we make.

VPLA Hinnawi 35:38

Thank you, Linda. Does anyone else rise in favor? All right, does anyone rise in opposition to this amendment? All right. Okay, so now we're gonna do a roll call vote only on this amendment, not on the entire procedural amendment, just on this amendment that Brendan presented. Okay. All right, so I'm gonna call the names just vote yes, no, or abstain. Rakeen Barnes?

Senator Barnes 36:13

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 36:14

Thank you. Ian Carbo?

Senator Carbo 36:16

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 36:17

Max Corcoran?

Senator Corcoran 36:18

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 36:19

Christian Crout?

Senator Hymel 36:20

Yes by Proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 36:22

Dylan Davidson?

Senator Davidson 36:23

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 36:24

Lucas Deffendall?

Senator Deffendall 36:25

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 36:26

Cameron Frederick.?

Senator Fredrick 36:27

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 36:29

Daniel Hunsaker?

Senator Hunsaker 36:30

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 36:31

Jenna Hymel?

Senator Hymel 36:32

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 36:34

Cooper Lemons?

Senator Lemons 36:36

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 36:39

Oscar Martinez?

Senator Martinez 36:40

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 36:41

Chloe Metzler?

Senator Metzler 36:42

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 36:44

Brendan Mott?

Senator Mott 36:45

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 36:46

Mitch Nata?

Senator Nata 36:47

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 36:49

Henry Nguyen?

Senator Nguyen 36:49

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 36:51

Linda Plasse?

Senator Plasse 36:52

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 36:54

Mahaut Sorlin?

Senator Sorlin 36:55

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 36:56

Ghazi Raihan?

Senator Raihan 36:57

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 37:01

Okay, with 19 yeases, zero nos, and zero abstentions. The amendment has passed. And now we will move on to discussion for the entire procedural amendment. Okay. All right. We're going to move to three minutes. Does anyone rise in support of the procedural amendment?

Senator Mott 37:23

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts, as someone who has been on SGA for quite a few years. I do have to say especially when I first joined it, even like last year here, especially that the old rules and procedures that are now being presented that wants to clarify a lot more stuff and make it more clear what things we can and can't do. They also had a few sections that were just invisible in the other document like the decorum and the disciplinary actions that was completely missing from the old rules and [unintelligable]. So that's an important thing to add, and other things that just many things are more clear, and it makes it more accessible to not only new senators but senators who've been here for a while as well because sometimes we need to look at the rules for a new situation that comes to fruition.

VPLA Hinnawi 38:08

Thank you, Brendan. Does anyone else rise in support? All right. Does anyone rise in opposition to the procedural amendment? All right, we will now move to a roll call vote then. Yeah, so just vote yes, no, or abstain when I call your name. This is for the entire procedural amendment. Okay. This is for changing the rules and procedures to what is presented in the amendment. All right. Rakeen Barnes?

Senator Barnes 38:51

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 38:53

Ian Carbo?

Senator Carbo 38:54

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 38:55

Max Corcoran?

Senator Corcoran 38:56

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 38:57

Christian Crout?

Senator Hymel 38:58

Yes, by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 39:00

Dylan Davidson?

Senator Davidson 39:02

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 39:02

Lucas Deffendall?

Senator Deffendall 39:03

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 39:04

Cameron Frederick?

Senator Fredrick 39:05

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 39:06

Daniel Hunsaker?

Senator Hunsaker 39:08

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 39:08

Jana Hymel?

Senator Hymel 39:09

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 39:10

Cooper Lemons?

Senator Lemons 39:11

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 39:15

Oscar Martinez?

Senator Martinez 39:16

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 39:17

Chloe Metzler?

Senator Metzler 39:18

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 39:20

Brendan Mott?

Senator Mott 39:21

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 39:22

Mitch Nata?

Senator Nata 39:23

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 39:24

Henry Nguyen?

Senator Nguyen 39:25

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 39:26

Linda Plasse?

Senator Plasse 39:28

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 39:29

Mahaut Sorlin?

Senator Sorlin 39:30

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 39:31

Gazi Raihan?

Senator Raihan 39:32

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 39:33

All right, with 19 yeases, zero nos, and zero abstains. The procedural amendment has passed. [Applause] Okay, we will now move on to nominations and appointments. So, we're going to start off with the Committee Head nominations. Okay. Um, a little bit about this process, after you guys nominated people. I then went forth and I interviewed them and I talked with them and we exchanged ideas. And then I decided who out of those nominations, I would nominated before the Senate okay. So this will be voting to verify them in if you think I made the right choice. I will say we will not be presenting a President Pro Tempore today, I will be saving that for next meeting. All right, will, Jenna Hymel please come forward for nomination as Parliamentarian. Tiffany, If I can ask, Jenna is Christian's proxy, how would she vote for him?

Advisor Courseault 40:55

She would let somebo-.

VPLA Hinnawi 40:57

Yeah. Yeah, we can just mark it as an abstention. Okay. Yeah. But you have three minutes to introduce yourself.

Senator Hymel 41:06

Hi, Jenna Hymel, a lot of y'all know me. A lot of y'all don't. So if you don't know me, Hi, I'm Jenna. I'm a sophomore film student, also the College of Liberal Arts Senator. I am running for the Committee head for the Rules Committee and inevitably the Parliamentarian role. As you all know, I have served as the temporary Parliamentarian this semester so forth. And I hope that you'll have faith in me that I am in charge of it. I feel like I'm okay for the position because I've been very active in SGA. I was a part of governance committee. I was the sponsor of bills and I've written a few. So I yield the rest of my content for questions. I want y'all to ask what y'all want to know.

Senator Martinez 41:58

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences. What do you feel like your strengths are for this job?

Senator Hymel 42:04

I feel like my strength is that one I read the Constitution. I know the rules. So, and also, I am kind of a go-getter and I will make sure I keep my people in line. And- because this is a very important role. This is the first people that get bills and- how we decide is how bills get to the floor and I want to be able to have a cohesiveness within that committee.

VPLA Hinnawi 42:34

No more questions for Jenna? Okay to step out of the room, thank you All right. We will now move to a discussion about Jenna. Does anyone rise in favor of her nomination?

Senator Plasse 43:18

Linda Plasse, College of Liberal Arts, I believe Jenna Hymel to be highly qualified for this position. She's very active in SGA. She's very knowledgeable about the proceedings. She's very engaged and

enthusiastic. In her own words, she's a go getter. She represents the importance of this role and she respects that role very clearly. So I do believe that she would serve to the best of her ability.

VPLA Hinnawi 43:43

Thank you. Does anyone else rise in favor of her nomination?

Senator Mott 43:50

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts. She was on my committee last year I was the head of the Governance Committee and I will say that sometimes [Cut off by Technical Difficulty]

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VPLA Hinnawi 00:00

Does anyone else rise in favor of Jenna's nomination? Alright does anyone rise in opposition? Okay, well then we will now move to a roll call vote when I call your name, vote yes no or abstain. Rakeen Barnes?

Senator Barnes 00:28

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 00:28

Ian Carbo?

Senator Carbo 00:29

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 00:30

Max Corcoran.

Senator Corcoran 00:31

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 00:32

Christian Crout is an abstention. Dylan Davidson?

Senator Davidson 00:37

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 00:37

Lukas Deffendall?

Senator Deffendall 00:38

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 00:39

Cameron Frederick?

Senator Fredrick 00:40

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 00:42

Daniel Hunsaker?

Senator Hunsaker 00:44

Yes

VPLA Hinnawi 00:50

Jenna Hymel is out. Cooper Lemons?

Senator Lemons 00:56

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 00:58

Oscar Martinez?

Senator Martinez 00:59

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:00

Chloe Metzler.

Senator Metzler 01:01

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:02

Brendan Mott?

Senator Mott 01:03

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:05

Mitch Nata?

Senator Nata 01:06

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:07

Henry Nguyen?

Senator Nguyen 01:07

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:09

Linda Plasse?

Senator Plasse 01:10

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:11

Mahaut Sorlin?

Senator Sorlin 01:12

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:13

Gazi Raihan?

Senator Raihan 01:15

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:16

Azizah Hinnawi, Yes. All right, with 17 yeases, one abstention, and zero nos. Jenna is appointed as our Parliamentarian. Oh congratulations Jenna. [Applause] Would you mind re-entering so that we can get video?

Clerk of Senate Lancaster 01:57

J Lancaster, Clerk of Senate, point of information, during Senator Motts'- whatever that is called- of Jenna Hymel, the recording software did cut off so I'm going to need to get the exact wording from you. I was no longer recording.

Senator Mott 02:12

Okay. How do you want me to say the end? I might forget something. Okay. But I can't remember exactly wording but I rose in support because she was in my committee last year, I was the chair of governance committee and sometimes things in governance need to get a little bit heated and she would would- bang the on the imaginary gavel we had and try to keep order and take that role, which is the exact role that she would have to take in Senate as a Parliamentarian. So I think she's wonderful for the position.

VPLA Hinnawi 02:50

Okay, thank you, Brendan. All right. We'll, let Jenna re-enter. [Applause] Will, Cooper Lemons, please come forward for nominations. Yeah. Um, so Cooper will be on Zoom today because he cannot make it to the meeting and he is being nominated for Chief Financial Officer which is the head of the finance committee. So Cooper.

Advisor Courseault 03:55

Sorry, because it's not- There you go.

Senator Lemons 04:02

Good?

Advisor Courseault 04:03

Yes.

Senator Lemons 04:04

Okay. Hello, Senators, I'm Cooper Lemons. I'm a Senior in Political Science and Interdisciplinary Studies under the College of Liberal Arts. I've been in SGA since last spring, and I've gotten pretty familiar with it since then, and I'm glad to be around now. It's kind of getting rebuilt with the Constitution and rules and procedures getting redone. Under interdisciplinary studies, I've taken several classes for economics and finance-related classes. So those have helped me get pretty familiar with managing money in pretty useful ways and just personal experience with that, as well. I've noticed my ability with that as current treasurer of Lambda Chi Alpha, my fraternity. Since becoming treasurer, we've come out of a pretty sizable amount of dues that we owe to our national organization. We got completely out of that, and this semester, we're looking entirely upwards. And all of our officers have gotten a lot more organized with their budget plans and everything on my behalf. So I hope that we can have the same thing going for the SGA. Also just promoting the financial- financial benefits of SGA to the campus I feel like it's something that could well be done more, so. I hope that I can appeal to those and use my skills where they can benefit the most. I yield the rest of my time for questions.

VPLA Hinnawi 05:50

Does anyone have any questions for Cooper?

Senator Mott 05:54

Do I need to move closer for him to hear me or-?

Senator Lemons 05:57

I can hear you.

Senator Mott 05:58

So Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts, just wanted to ask are you willing and able to hold your committee accountable to ensure that legislation that gets put forward follows our financial code, especially the requirements of things need to be submitted a certain amount of time in advance?

Appointee Lemons 06:15

Oh, yes. Currently, I just did another similar thing in our fraternity. I've been asking all of the officers to give me their budgets at least two weeks in advance, otherwise they don't get approved for it. So I feel like that's a useful standard to keep up and something that I could keep up with for the Chief Financial Officer. Does that answer your question?

Senator Mott 06:43

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 06:45

Does anyone else have any questions for Cooper?

Senator Davidson 06:48

Dylan Davidson, College of Sciences, as CFO of the Financial Committee, what what bills and things would you like to be put the money towards first? Like what would you put in for?

VPLA Hinnawi 07:01

It's actually- point of information, Cooper if you don't mind if I interrupt for a second?

Senator Lemons 07:08

You're good.

VPLA Hinnawi 07:09

Okay, So the Finance Committee doesn't decide where our money goes. Like in regards to bills and stuff. It's more just like the Finance Committee will make sure everything's in check when it comes to where that money is going. Literally, like which company, what it's paying for, making sure that everything is visible to us senators, and then as the Senate we decide whether or not we think that the student government should be funding that.

Appointee Lemons 07:37

If I could make a comment on that, with what I had mentioned about sort of promote- promoting the financial side of SGA I feel like the community organizations on- at UNO could definitely benefit from

that more being more familiar with it and hearing more about it. So maybe that kind of focus with it, though. I know I couldn't directly affect that as finance officer. Does anyone have any other questions for Cooper?

Senator Deffendall 08:08

Lukas Deffendall, College of Liberal Arts, what committee were you on last semester?

Senator Lemons 08:14

Rules.

Senator Deffendall 08:15

Okay.

VPLA Hinnawi 08:22

Any other questions for Cooper? All right, thank you Cooper, we're gonna ask for you to virtually step out for a second. All right, we will now move to discussion. Does anyone rise in favor of Cooper's nomination for CFO, Daniel?

Senator Hunsaker 09:01

Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large, wanted to clear the air Cooper Lemons told me about five minutes right before the meeting saying they couldn't be here. This is something he has always wanted to do- be in charge of finance. He was very disappointed that he can make it due to emergency, something within was an emergency. So obviously he's not trying to- try to- I don't know how to put this but- but the other thing I would say about Cooper is obviously I'm in the same fraternity Lambda Chi Alpha, and he has been the best treasurer we have for about the last decade. Really turned several 1000s in debt to surplus of 1000s He watches the money to a t, keeps everybody- all the officers in check. Me being an officer who planned or last planned event had to spend most money. He definitely kept me in check kept me in line and made sure we follow rules. I mean, sometimes it was very- you know sometimes I want to spend more than we had and you know, Cooper made sure "No, you're spending the bare minimum. No, no, you're gonna need receipts for everything," making sure we're all on pace. And one other thing I want to add was our fraternity advisor has been our fraternity advisor for about thirty years and he hasn't seen a treasurer that has been that strict, and all thirty years that he has been advisor in our chapter. So

VPLA Hinnawi 10:20

Does anyone else rise in favor of Cooper's appointment? All right, does anyone rise in opposition to Cooper's nomination? All right, we're going to just move to a roll call vote. When I call your name vote yes, no, or abstain. Rakeen Barnes?

Senator Barnes 10:51

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 10:51

Ian Carbo?

Senator Carbo 10:52

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 10:54

Max Corcoran?

Senator Corcoran 10:55

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 10:56

Christian Crout?

Senator Hymel 10:57

yes by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 10:58

Dylan Davidson?

Senator Davidson 10:59

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 11:01

Lukas Deffendall?

Senator Deffendall 11:02

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 11:03

Cameron Frederick?

Senator Fredrick 11:04

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 11:06

Daniel Hunsaker?

Senator Hunsaker 11:07

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 11:08

Jenna Hymel?

Senator Hymel 11:09

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 11:11

Oscar Martinez?

Senator Martinez 11:12

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 11:13

Chloe Metzler?

Senator Metzler 11:14

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 11:16

Brendon Mott?

Senator Mott 11:17

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 11:18

Mitch Nata?

Senator Nata 11:19

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 11:20

Henry Nguyen?

Senator Nguyen 11:21

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 11:23

Linda Plasse?

Senator Plasse 11:24

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 11:25

Mahaut Sorlin?

Senator Sorlin 11:26

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 11:28

Gazi Raihan?

Senator Raihan 11:29

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 11:31

Azizah Hinnawi, Yes. With 18 yeses, zero nos, and zero abstentions. Cooper is now the Chief Financial Officer. [Applause] Congratulations, Cooper, you're now the Chief Financial Officer. Okay, will, Daniel Hunsaker, please come up for a nomination as Chief Communications Officer. You have three minutes to introduce yourself.

Senator Hunsaker 12:21

Hi, everyone. My name is Daniel Hunsaker. I'm the Senior at Large. I've been in SGA since about 2021 in the early stages, when SGA was still on Zoom- those were dark times. But you know, I've been there. So yeah, I've been involved in SGA for a while, been on the Student Affairs Committee, and then also served on the ad hoc committee of athletics, also served on the ad hoc committee for housing and dining. So I'm very familiar with what Student Affairs has to offer, with their Student Affairs Committee of what I'm planning out is that I would have individual delegates to do athletics, dining, housing, other student organizations, and my goal is to reach every single student organization we have on campus. Doesn't matter if there's one person it doesn't matter if it's 100 people I want to reach out, because that's what that's what Student Affairs is all about. I've been here for four years, obviously, during pre-COVID times, and then through COVID and then now I'm here again. And I- you know, I've seen it all with what UNO has and I've never been more proud to be part of SGA never been more proud to be at UNO with everything that I've seen everything that's going on with SGA I think- I think we're really on an up- an upward trajectory. I mean, we have signs out and everything. I'm glad to see that and see so many senators in here and obviously I love to pack the house with as many people representing all parts of SGA and with me being nominated as a committee head I would obviously want to be part of all organizations on campus and really put an emphasis on getting more members in SGA and people more involved. Currently, I feel that SGA meetings aren't advertised. I feel that SGA isn't known about too many people on campus. I want SGA to be the organization people think about. I want freshmen to- or I want incoming freshmen to come into this college and say "yeah, I want to join SGA at UNO," I think that's the overall goal. Do I have any questions? I'm just going to go ahead and clap for that. [Applause] Any questions for me?

Senator Corcoran 14:37

Max Corcoran, College of Liberal Arts. I was just curious if you have any specific ideas going into this in terms of things you'd like to accomplish within the Student Affairs Committee besides the delegation system?

Senator Hunsaker 14:49

So what I was talking to Jordan about and Azizah is you know, Jordan is running. We're running the SGA Instagram. I think Instagram- social media is a very powerful tool. I think that's how you get people involved in SGA is through social media. So obviously, you know, helping Jordan out with that. Doing

that kind of stuff and advertising across campus, tabling events. Obviously, I'm very familiar with tabling I've been in Greek life for forever. And part of IFC. So I know how to recruit people. I know how to get people joining, I definitely want to send them to the direction of SGA. Do you have any questions?

VPLA Hinnawi 15:37

Thank you Daniel, you want to step outside for a second? Okay, we will now move to discussion does anyone rise in favor of- in favor of Daniel's nomination? Oscar?

Senator Martinez 16:06

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences. Look, his resume speaks for itself. He's done a lot here. He very much so explained himself very well, what he plans to do. I just think he's overall the best possible choice we have. So you know, do what you got to do. Don't abstain.

Senator Mott 16:28

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts, I too rise in support of Senator Hunsaker as well, just because I'm not only the resume, but also the idea- of the delegation idea that's thrown around the floor, but I 100% believe that Daniel could be the person to fully implement it, especially since the Student Affairs Committee has historically been the kind of quiet committee and I think that that would definitely change now. And then another thing is that a lot of those things, like delegations were ad hoc committees that have like one or two people, so it'd be way better if that- if those types of things have the backing of an actual SGA committee rather than us having to make subcommittees for different interests, even though it's like athletics hasn't done it- there should be interest forever.

Advisor Courseault 17:14

Advisor Tiffany Courseault, on a point of privilege, Cooper Lemons to like to say something.

Senator Lemons 17:24

Cooper Lemons, College of Liberal Arts. My experience with Daniel as he is one of the fraternity brothers and me and him both came to the same class and have gotten to know him very well. And as seeing him as- seeing him as an officer in the fraternity, I've seen his drive his motivation for getting all of his objectives done. And every time that he sets one, it's always for the betterment of everyone. So I've really high hopes for him and I'm glad that he's getting position because I know that he can do a really good job for it.

VPLA Hinnawi 18:01

Thank you Cooper. Does anyone else rise in favor of the nomination? All right. Does anyone rise in opposition to Daniel's nomination? We will move to a roll call vote. When I call your name please vote yes, no, or abstain. Rakeen Barnes?

Senator Barnes 18:30

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 18:31

Ian Carbo?

Senator Carbo 18:32

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 18:34

Max Corcoran?

Senator Corcoran 18:35

Abstain.

VPLA Hinnawi 18:36

Christian Crout?

Senator Hymel 18:37

Yes by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 18:39

Dylan Davidson?

Senator Davidson 18:41

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 18:41

Lucas Deffendall?

Senator Deffendall 18:44

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 18:44

Cameron Frederick?

Senator Fredrick 18:45

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 18:48

Jenna Hymel?

Senator Hymel 18:49

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 18:50

Cooper Lemons?

Senator Lemons 18:52

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 18:53

Oscar Martinez?

Senator Martinez 18:55

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 18:56

Chloe Metzler?

Senator Metzler 18:57

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 18:59

Brendan Mott?

Senator Mott 19:00

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 19:01

Mitch Nata?

Senator Nata 19:03

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 19:04

Henry Nguyen?

Senator Nguyen 19:05

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 19:07

Linda Plasse?

Senator Plasse 19:10

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 19:10

Mahaut Sorlin?

Senator Sorlin 19:10

Yes

VPLA Hinnawi 19:10

Gazi Raihan?

Senator Raihan 19:11

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 19:18

With 17 yeses and one abstain and zero nos, Daniel is appointed as chief communications officer so we can let Daniel back in. [Applause] Okay, and that is all we have for the nominations for committee heads. So now we will move on to Senator appointments. Okay. Will Michael Brown, please come forward for nomination as Senator? And when you come forward, just start with your name- first and last name- and then Senator of what college

Appointee Brown 20:18

My name is Michael Brown. I'm studying history. I'll be College of Liberal Arts. And I used to study business. So I've been around and I think I'd be a good Senator here, I want to represent students ultimately, and hear the voices and act on those voices. And I think I could represent them well. I've done some leadership positions here. I'm an officer at Students United. For the intramural clubs I participate every semester. I've been a captain sometimes. So I've had to organize teams, to make sure everyone comes to events. So I have some experience in that. And ultimately, I just want to know the students are having the best experience they can and to represent their voice in this- in this type of- it's just to help them and I will yield the rest of my time for questions.

Senator Mott 21:22

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts so what kind of, like, legislation like bills would you like to bring to the table? If you have any ideas already?

Appointee Brown 21:31

It's I would like to help- the first- the living conditions on- students that are on campus. I hear complaints about the dorms. I think we've had flooding in the past. So it's one of the first things that comes to mind. As far as improvements we can make

Senator Hymel 21:46

Jenny Hymel, College of Liberal Arts. What do you feel like are your strength what- that would have you would have as a senator?

Appointee Brown 21:59

I feel like I have a lot of passion for this. I'm not a burnt out student yet. [Laughter] So I love this energy. I want to put that energy into this I think could really do a lot here in this Senate- Student Government.

VPLA Hinnawi 22:19

Are there any other questions. Alright Michael, you can step out. All right, we'll now move to discussion does anyone rise in favor of Michael's appointment to the Senate?

Senator Hunsaker 22:59

Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large, I don't know if I do it now or later, but I have a question

VPLA Hinnawi 23:05

for me or for him?

Senator Hunsaker 23:07

Yeah, I guess for- Yeah, for you.

VPLA Hinnawi 23:09

What's up?

Senator Hunsaker 23:10

So was he on this on the agenda last week, and he couldn't make it?

VPLA Hinnawi 23:16

Yes.

Senator Hunsaker 23:17

So what? So did he email you?

VPLA Hinnawi 23:20

Emailed me? Yes, prior to the meeting. I don't have an explanation. As to why that would have been a great question for Michael. Maybe it's an-

Senator Hunsaker 23:28

Point of Information, he had to work

VPLA Hinnawi 23:30

Okay. But I was informed prior to the meeting, like it was beforehand. Now does anyone rise in favor or shall we move on to does anyone rise in opposition to the appointment We'll just move to a roll call vote then. Okay, when I call your name please vote yes no or abstain. Rakeen Barnes?

Senator Barnes 24:02

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 24:02

Ian Carbo?

Senator Carbo 24:04

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 24:06

Max Corcoran?

Senator Corcoran 24:07

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 24:09

Christian Crout?

Senator Hymel 24:10

Abstain by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 24:11

Dylan Davidson

Senator Davidson 24:12

Yes

VPLA Hinnawi 24:14

Lukas Deffendall?

Senator Deffendall 24:15

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 24:16

Cameron Frederick?

Senator Fredrick 24:17

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 24:19

Daniel Hunsaker?

Senator Hunsaker 24:21

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 24:21

Jenna Hymel?

Senator Hymel 24:22

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 24:23

Cooper Lemons?

Senator Lemons 24:25

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 24:27

Oscar Martinez?

Senator Martinez 24:28

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 24:29

Chloe Metzler?

Senator Metzler 24:30

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 24:32

Brendon Mott?

Senator Mott 24:35

No

VPLA Hinnawi 24:35

Mitch Nata?

Senator Nata 24:36

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 24:38

Henry Nguyen?

Senator Nguyen 24:39

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 24:41

Linda Plasse?

Senator Plasse 24:42

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 24:44

Mahaut Sorlin?

Senator Sorlin 24:45

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 24:47

Gazi Raihan?

Senator Raihan 24:48

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 24:53

With 17 yeses, one no and one abstention. Michael Brown is appointed to the Senate Congratulations Michael you're appointed to the Senate. Woo! okay, well, Matthew Ricardo? Is that how you say it?

Senator Corcoran 25:26

Max Corcoran, point of privilege motion to appoint Linda Plasse as my proxy.

Senator Mott 25:34

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts, I second the motion.

VPLA Hinnawi 25:38

All right, you can introduce yourself, start with your name and what college you want to be Senator for.

Appointee Ricardo 25:44

Hi, I'm Matthew Ricardo. I am College of Liberal Arts, philosophy. I'm interested in running SGA just to partly be more connected on campus and to be connected to a student body. I don't have much more of a preface than that. So if anybody has any questions

Senator Martinez 26:04

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences. What kind of leadership experience do you have and how did you hear about the Senate?

Appointee Ricardo 26:10

So I heard about Senate because I know Lukas. And I- actually hadn't heard too much about the Senate prior to that. I'm a sophomore. This is my third year here. And just hearing about it made me like want to join because I prior to this didn't realize how like much power as I guess, but I also don't know like too thoroughly about that to be transparent. So yeah, um, and in terms of leadership. I- like outside of campus like I've been a manager at a retail store for a while like that's not leadership but in terms of like a setting like this. I really don't have too much background yet. Which is another reason why I would like to get involved in this just for personal betterment.

Senator Mott 26:57

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts, so um, I wanted to ask you on what kind of legislation would you want to bring to the table if any, and if not what are any other ideas you have?

Appointee Ricardo 27:09

Again, for transparency sake, I can't answer that yet because I don't exactly like fully know what I would be capable of bringing to the table or like what generally is brought through SGA? Um, I would love to

answer that at further time. But I yeah, I don't feel comfortable- comfortable answering that exactly. Because I don't know like, what my limitations are and what my reach is, I guess

Senator Plasse 27:35

Linda Plasse, College of Liberal Arts, taking that line of questioning to a more general response, do you what do you- sorry? Do you have any general goals or ideas for campus that you would hope to see achieve? Not even necessarily by you personally as a senator, but if appointed, what would you hope to see over your time here at UNO?

Appointee Ricardo 27:55

Um, I would like to see more of a betterment of campus resources. I know that in years past, we had for instance, a child care center that has been shut down. I would love to see something like that brought back that's the kind of thing that I'm like interested in kind of like putting more effort and passion into

Senator Hunsaker 28:17

Daniel Hunsaker, senior at large, you're on a median agenda last week, and I was wondering though, for some clarity, why you were not meeting

Appointee Ricardo 28:26

so for the same reason as Michael. I found out about it, I think at the very beginning of the week, and that was after I was able to take off for work and I just had work but I was able to take off and then off advanced this time to be here today and further meetings. I would have enough you know, heads up to take off

Jenna Hymel 28:47

Jenna Hymel, College of Liberal Arts, Why do you think that you will be a good senator?

Appointee Ricardo 28:57

Um, I think I am a passionate person. And so I don't tend to give up on things and I think when I am passionate about something I tend to kind of- I'm talking in circles- but fight for that thing, until the very end, so

VPLA Hinnawi 29:26

Are there any other questions for Matthew? Alright, could you please step outside? Okay, we will now move to discussion. Does anyone rise in support of Matthew's appointment to the Senate?

Senator Deffendall 29:59

Lukas Deffendall, College of Liberal Arts, I just want to say, Matthew's very passionate. And I don't want anyone here to be scared by his unfamiliarity because I know a lot of us when we first joined didn't know as much as we do now. And I know that he wants to do good for this campus. And he is concerned about things like the childcare and things like that for students. So I know he would you would do a good job on it.

VPLA Hinnawi 30:27

Does anyone else rise in favor? Brendan?

Senator Mott 30:30

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts? I agree with everything on Lukas just said. In addition, I like transparency, and the fact that he was willing to say "I'm not familiar, but I want to learn," I take that as a very good thing. Because it's better for someone to come in here and actually say they don't know and to try to say something that we can't actually do at all. And I think that should be taken into account.

VPLA Hinnawi 30:54

Thank you, Brendan. Does anyone else rise in support? Does anyone rise in opposition to Matthew's appointment?

Senator Martinez 31:05

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences I rise in opposition. There is a difference between transparency and not liking what you see through the mirror. So it's not more that I feel like his passion is not enough. I just wish he had more leadership experience. I understand being a manager is like enough, but I feel like in combination with the other factors you mentioned. I feel like it's going to be more filling a seat. But you know, like I said, I don't really know him, and he might prove himself well, but, you know, that's all I got.

VPLA Hinnawi 31:40

Does anyone else rise in opposition to Matthew's appointment? All right, we'll move to we'll call that then. Sometimes y'all can just motion to roll call vote. Okay. When I call your name, vote yes no or abstain. Rakeen Barnes?

Senator Barnes 32:03

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 32:05

Ian Carbo?

Senator Carbo 32:07

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 32:08

Max Corcoran?

Senator Plasse 32:10

Yes by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 32:13

Christian Crout?

Senator Hymel 32:14

Abstain by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 32:16

Dylan Davidson?

Senator Davidson 32:17

Abstain.

VPLA Hinnawi 32:19

Lukas Deffendall?

Senator Deffendall 32:20

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 32:22

Cameron Frederick?

Senator Fredrick 32:23

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 32:24

Daniel Hunsaker?

Senator Hunsaker 32:26

[Laughter] No. Jenna Hymel?

Senator Hymel 32:40

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 32:42

Cooper Lemons?

Senator Lemons 32:44

Abstain.

VPLA Hinnawi 32:46

Oscar Martinez?

Senator Martinez 32:49

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 32:49

Chloe Metzler?

Senator Metzler 32:51

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 32:53

Brendon Mott?

Senator Mott 32:54

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 32:55

Mitch Nata?

Senator Nata 32:56

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 32:58

Henry Nguyen?

Senator Nguyen 32:59

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 33:01

Linda Plasse?

Senator Plasse 33:02

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 33:04

Mahaut Sorlin?

Senator Sorlin 33:05

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 33:07

Gazi Raihan?

Senator Raihan 33:08

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 33:10

Azizah Hinnawi, No. All right, with 10 yeses, Six nos, and three abstentions. Matthew is appointed to the Senate. Okay, will- Oh, congratulations, Matthew. Yes Brendan?

Senator Mott 33:43

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts, I'd like to motion for five minute recess. We've been here for a really long time

VPLA Hinnawi 33:50

Okay, that's fine. Does anyone second?

Senator Davidson 33:52

Dylan Davidson, College of Sciences, I second the motion.

VPLA Hinnawi 33:56

We will resume at 6:20- Let's say 6:29

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SPEAKERS

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VPLA Hinnawi 00:16

Okay, we will now continue with nominations and appointments. Will Adam Peters please come forward for nomination to the Senate. You'll have three minutes to introduce yourself. Just say your name and what college you'll be running for.

Appointee Peters 00:36

Hello, I'm Adam Peters. I am a mechanical engineering major in the College of Engineering of course. I heard about SGA from Senator Mot- from Senator Mott and became interested in helping the College of Engineering and the student body in general. Something that I'd like to see- just something immediate that has come up in the last couple of weeks. to sort of bring to the attention of the staff would be something like the parking lot that the engineers use that's behind the building has become sort of in disrepair and a car got stuck in it. Which obviously has caused problems. In terms of leadership, I have managed at a restaurant but also, I am the treasurer of the newly reformed Baja Group in the College of Engineering. So, that's it, I yield my time to questions.

Senator Carbo 01:42

The Baja is the car right?

Appointee Peters 01:44

Yes, yeah. Yes, the Baja is a group where we construct an off roading vehicle to compete against other colleges around the country.

Senator Fredrick 01:56

Cameron Fredrick, College of Business Administration, what are some things you would like to see around campus and what piqued your interest of wanting to be a senator?

Appointee Peters 02:11

I would like to see more student involvement. I'd like to see more student activities because I know, especially like engineering students tend not to go to some events just because they're a bit- They're a bit far away from the engineering building. It seems to be a little isolated from the rest of the college and I'd like to see more involvement from that. I believe one of the other appointees, brought up the childcare center, I would like to see that come back. Just because I know there are more than a couple engineering students who do have kids and have to have that school-work-life balance

Senator Mott 03:04

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts, so do you have any specific ways you would try to get engineering students more involved on campus?

Appointee Peters 03:11

I would definitely like to see more postings around because I spend a lot of time in the actual building itself. And it seems that almost no communication gets to the actual building. Like we don't see too many signs posted about anything.

VPLA Hinnawi 03:35

Are there any other questions for Adam? Just want to step outside. Okay, we will now move to discussion. Does anyone rise in support for Adam's nomination?

Senator Metzler 04:06

Chloe Metzler, Sophomore at Large. I rise in favor in fact, I stand here in favor of Adam, because he seems genuine and it actually seems like he came here and he talked about one of the problems that he assessed and, you know, we see a lot of appointees come in and they really don't know, but this- he actually took an extra step and came in here with a problem that he would like to see improvements made to

VPLA Hinnawi 04:31

Thank you Chloe.

Senator Barnes 04:36

Rakeen Barnes, College of Engineering, I support him because we actually- College of Engineering needs more people as Senator. And he seems like he cares a lot about the department and what's going on in it and I feel like we need that in SGA because-

VPLA Hinnawi 04:51

Okay, thank you.

Senator Hunsaker 04:54

Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large, I would say for the same reason that he said, I think when I first joined SGA, we have a single senator that was an engineering major. I would love to see engineering be more involved in campus, obviously, though a very nice building, but it's obviously in disrepair. We

need people that are engineers that know what's going on to get those bills passed to fix that or whatever it is. And then also, you know, UNO is the only engineering school in the city of New Orleans. So I you know, that's a pretty proud statement. It's only a few senators in SGA that are representing engineering and it's kinda sad, and he was obviously really well prepared.

Senator Hymel 05:39

Jenna Hymel, College of Arts I say this not to bash any other senators who represent people, but he came in here to represent the students of engineering. And I feel like with that kind of passion, I feel like he's going to do his job, essentially.

VPLA Hinnawi 05:56

Thank you, Jenna. Does anyone else rise in favor of this appointment? Does anyone rise in opposition to this appointment?

Senator Metzler 06:15

Chloe Metzler, Sophomore at Large, I move to vote on Adam's appointment. [Laughter]

VPLA Hinnawi 06:22

All right, we will never take a roll call vote. When I call your name, vote yes no or abstain. Rakeen Barnes?

Senator Barnes 06:33

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 06:33

Ian Carbo?

Senator Carbo 06:34

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 06:35

Max Corcoran?

Senator Plasse 06:37

Yes by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 06:38

Christian Crout?

Senator Hymel 06:40

Yes by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 06:41

Dylan Davidson?

Senator Davidson 06:43

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 06:44

Lukas Deffendall?

Senator Deffendall 06:45

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 06:46

Cameron Frederick?

Senator Fredrick 06:48

Yes

VPLA Hinnawi 06:49

Daniel Hunsaker?

Senator Hunsaker 06:52

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 06:52

Jana Hymel?

Senator Hymel 06:53

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 06:54

Cooper Lemons? Oscar Martinez?

Senator Martinez 07:04

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 07:05

Chloe Metzler?

Senator Metzler 07:06

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 07:08

Brendon Mott?

Senator Mott 07:09

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 07:10

Mitch Nata?

Senator Nata 07:11

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 07:13

Henry Nguyen?

Senator Nguyen 07:13

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 07:15

Linda Plasse?

Senator Plasse 07:16

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 07:17

Mahaut Sorlin?

Senator Sorlin 07:18

Yes,

VPLA Hinnawi 07:20

Gazi Raihan?

Senator Raihan 07:21

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 07:22

Azizah Hinnawi, Yes. Cooper Lemons?

Advisor Courseault 07:26

Point of Information, Yes. [Laughter]

VPLA Hinnawi 07:29

Thank you. With 19 yeases, zero nos and zero abstentions, we can let Adam back in- Adam Peters has been appointed to the Senate. [Applause] Congratulations, Adam, you have been appointed to the Senate. We will move to the next appointment. Will Aaron Jordan please come forward for nomination to the Senate? You'll have three minutes to introduce yourself and just start with your name and then state what college you want to run for.

Appointee Jordan 08:14

Oh, hello, everyone. I know some of you here. My name is Aaron Jordan. I'm a Junior, College of Liberal Arts, International Studies major. I actually filled out two forms. One was for the liberal arts opening and one was for the junior at large, I'm also a junior. So if I could get the Junior at Large I would- do that. But so I've spoken with some of you about a resolution that I wanted to put forth about political indoctrination on campus. I've heard back from maybe one or two. Not a lot, and it's an important issue. We as the SGA we need not to be afraid to take on the important issues. I bring some real world experience to the SGA, that's what I would like to do. I would like to perhaps be your uncle. Think of- think of that. I've worked in the private sector for a number of years. I've got some real world experience. And I'd like to bring that into the SGA. Oh, before the meeting started, you know, some people were bringing up issues about a snack machine not working or other things like- like that a parking lot, which which are all good issues. But, you know, we have a resolution- the power of the resolutions which is being under-utilized by the SGA I went on the website. I don't really see any, and the resolution is a way that we can go on the record about important issues are happening around the world. I mean, if you go out to the UC, you see flags from all over the world, right? 200 flags, but what's our stance on things like women's rights in Afghanistan? What's our stance on the Taiwan issue? What's our stance on the civil war in Ethiopia? Even though it's a non-binding resolution, we still should talk about these things. We should go on the record by saying that, you know, we're in favor of women having educational rights in Afghanistan. We're in favor of Taiwan making its own future. We should go on the record with that. And when we do that, not only do we make a record of it, but we invite other people from campus who may be interested in those issues to come and talk about it during the last-last part of the- of the meeting. That's what democracy looks like. And that's what I would like to do is to tackle the big issues, the hard issues, political indoctrination on campus, international matters, and bring these forth through a resolution to the SGA and also put on the agenda, maybe one international topic that people might be interested in on campus. We have a lot of international students. I'm sure they would be interested in international matters. And you know, let's move beyond things like a vending machine not working. Let's move beyond a parking lot having a hole in it. And let's start talking about the real world issues that we're ignoring here, which we should be addressing. And if anyone has any questions, I like to answer those

Senator Martinez 11:22

Oscar Martinez College of Sciences. Yeah, so my question is, have you ever been a part of any groups on or off campus?

Appointee Jordan 11:30

Um, I'm sorry, groups?

Senator Martinez 11:33

like, you know, like, you know, like SWISE, Society of Women in Space Exploration? like, you know,

VPLA Hinnawi 11:41

organizations.

Senator Martinez 11:41

organizations, thank you.

Appointee Jordan 11:43

Oh, no, I've never been a part of any clubs on campus. Off campus though, I have volunteered time to some various issues such as, CASA which is an advocate group for kids. And I've spent some some time through the International Studies Department discussing issues on international matters. Come on, I'm sure somebody else has one.

Appointee Hunsaker 12:12

Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large. My question is what made you want to come back to UNO?

Appointee Jordan 12:19

Well, I went to Tulane for a number of years. I worked in the private sector for a number of years. And then when COVID hit, I decided to finish up the last couple of years and UNO was the best option for me. So I actually started during- or starting back up during the COVID lockdown.

Senator Plasse 12:43

Linda Plasse, College of Liberal Arts so obviously as SGA we do hear a lot of different issues and we do hear about issues both on and off campus big and small, if you were appointed Senator, would you still give the same honor and respect to "smaller issues" by your own words as you would for your own agendas?

Appointee Jordan 13:02

Oh, yeah, sure. But the question is- isn't giving one priority over the other, the fact is, is that these large issues that are affecting the entire world has been ignored by this SGA. We're not discussing things about Afghanistan, Taiwan. We're not talking about anything beyond what's happening on campus. And that's something that we really need to start putting- so that we can have a public record to say "listen, this is our stance on this- on this issue, even if it's a non binding one."

President Charles 13:34

President Angelo Charles, so the purpose of this organization is to advocate for students because they- say that you will not be advocating for students that you'll be advocating for worldwide issues?

Appointee Jordan 13:45

But no, because we have a lot of- we have a lot of students here that are everyone's affected by worldwide issues. But the point I'm trying to make is- is that it's totally being ignored. And so if we have students, whether they're from the United States or whether they're international students, why shouldn't we put on the record what our stance is about these important international issues?

Senator Davidson 14:10

Dylan Davidson, College of Sciences, Temporary Pro Tempore, time has done for questions. Thank you.

Senator Mott 14:26

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts, motion to extend the time for question.

VPLA Hinnawi 14:28

Is there a second?

Senator Hunsaker 14:30

Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large, I second the motion.

VPLA Hinnawi 14:34

Okay, we'll extend it by three minutes.

Senator Fredrick 14:39

Cameron Fredrick, College of Business Administration. You mentioned addressing the problems and I want to [Unintelligible], however, we are focused on things happening in campus and making a difference where we are at right now. And I wanted to commend you for bringing up those issues. And I would love to see some of those things today. Some kind of volunteer work or anything like that, but I would like to first prioritize issues people at UNO are facing so that's something you can do or would you only focus on things happening in the world? In the big picture?

Appointee Jordan 15:15

Yeah, well, I think that if- if- if someone- if- of course, if a student approaches me and they have an issue about something happening on campus, of course it should be looked into but what's- what's happening is, is that we are- we are looking through what the SGA is doing through a microscope. We should be looking at through a telescope. Which- which means we need to broaden our horizons on the issues that we pick up. So for example, if we do have a resolution about an international matter on the agenda, and no one else has brought it up, and we're dealing with other matters that are things about on campus issues. They may seem to be small or trivial in the overall scheme of things, then these international matters are not getting looked into they're not getting debated. People are being ignorant. Other people are burying their heads in the sand. And instead of knowing about, you know, what's going on around this planet, people are focusing in on their own microcosm. And so, you know, if there is something that a student would come up to me and ask, Sure, I'd love to look into it. But I'd also like to talk to them about these other matters that are going on around the world that seem to be ignored

Senator Mott 16:31

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts, so have you- have you familiarized yourself with SGA's constitution, Rules and Procedures, and/or just the general things that SGA on this campus does? And I also have a follow up question after that

Appointee Jordan 16:47

Okay. I've looked at the SGA's website. I've looked at some of the bills that have been put- put forth I've seen that there's no resolutions recently. And I know that there is a constitution. I know that there are the bylaws. I've looked at the bylaws because of an issue that I've brought up before with instances of

political indoctrination on campus and going through the complaint process. But the const- constitution I'm still looking into that I'm still I'm still learning my way around and what's your follow-up?

Senator Mott 17:24

I'm going to cancel that question.

Senator Carbo 17:27

Ian Carbo, College of Business Administration-

Senator Davidson 17:29

Temp Pro Tempore, time for questions- the extension is over.

VPLA Hinnawi 17:33

Okay, I'm gonna allow for Ian to finish his question just because we're cutting him off.

Senator Carbo 17:39

So you mentioned like a lot of bigger, the more international issues. But, like, you mentioned, the civil war in Ethiopia and Taiwan, but here- I'm a very new Senator, and I don't know exactly what I could do for those situations here at UNO, but I know like some other issues like you- you mentioned earlier, the engineering parking lot that someone else brought up or an issue that I'm very big with, which is recycling. I can like actually see things that I can do around the campus and I can see like, different issues on how I'm able to directly change these things. I wanted to know what- besides just making resolutions on just letting our opinions known through these resolutions what do you actually want to do for these issues besides just the resolutions?

Appointee Jordan 18:40

Well, besides making a resolution about these matters, you know, we're limited and what we actually can do about it, but the point that we're actually making a resolution is that we're putting it on record we're saying that "this is where we stand on this issue." Now. Oh, the President has said that there's \$22,000 in a bank account. Well, you know, instead of using it for things like maybe snacks for meeting, do you know that we have families from the Ukraine that are living here in the New Orleans area that we can sponsor a family with some of that money, instead of hosting, you know, a meeting and having some some snacks? Yes.

Advisor Courseault 19:22

Point of Information, because it's student fees, we actually cannot fund anywhere outside of students. That's in our constitution as in accordance with the ULL Systems

VPLA Hinnawi 19:33

Yes. So I will end it there that yes, if you could please step outside.

Appointee Jordan 19:37

Glad everyone is so interested.

VPLA Hinnawi 19:56

Okay, we will now move in to discussion. So does anyone rise in support?

Senator Martinez 20:05

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences, I motion for an executive meeting.

VPLA Hinnawi 20:10

Executive Session.

Senator Martinez 20:10

Executive Session, excuse me. Thank you.

VPLA Hinnawi 20:13

I believe that needs a second.

Senator Hymel 20:15

Jenna Hymel, College of Liberal Arts, I second that.

VPLA Hinnawi 20:17

And then also show of hands [Hands Raise] all right, that is majority. Okay.

President Charles 20:26

What that mean-

Advisor Courseault 20:27

Point of Information so what an executive session means that this session is now closed off to people who are not a part of SGA. So it is now a closed session so they didn't do they didn't even take us we have [Unintelligible]

VPLA Hinnawi 20:51

Excellent. Can I just say something? Adam left.

Advisor Courseault 20:55

I'll message him.

VPLA Hinnawi 20:57

Alright. Now we are in Executive Session. Everything you say is still recorded. So just please be respectful and we will move forward with discussion. Okay, does anyone rise in favor of Aaron's appointment?

Senator Hunsaker 21:18

Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large, I motion to move to opposition. [Laughter]

VPLA Hinnawi 21:30

Brendan, did you have something to say?

Senator Mott 21:32

I Second the motion.

VPLA Hinnawi 21:34

Okay. Thank you. Does anyone rise in opposition? Okay, wait- wait. I will call in order of the way I just seen hands raised. We're gonna like, go around in order. Please, if you're going to say something, make it-

Senator Carbo 21:51

Systemic?

VPLA Hinnawi 21:52

Related to the student government and the betterment of the university. Oscar?

Senator Martinez 21:58

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences. So the reason I asked for a lot of his experience with groups is A. He hasn't led a group on campus. And B, he lied about off campus groups or omitted the truth. He has been a part of an off campus group and I think that group has not been painted in the best light. You can do further research on that on yourself. But I believe that, with that knowledge in mind, he is prepared to lie to SGA again or omit the truth to serve his own political needs.

VPLA Hinnawi 22:43

All right. Rakeen, we'll go to you next-

Senator Barnes 22:45

Rakeen Barnes, College of Engineering I'm in opposition because, as he was saying, he had nothing to do with the SGA. It was just all outer situations that we quite literally cannot do anything about.

VPLA Hinnawi 23:08

Thank you, Rakeen. Brendan?

Senator Mott 23:11

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts. I wanted to mention that I-I think that um, I did not like the comments of "I want to be your uncle" and "I have more real-world experience than you." I find that to be a very offensive comment because I think- I have world experience. I pay my own bills, and have a job, and all that stuff. And I was very offended about that comment.

VPLA Hinnawi 23:33

Thank you, Brendan. Linda?

Senator Plasse 23:36

Linda Plasse, College of Liberal Arts. I don't appreciate the terms that he had used in reference to student issues and advocating for students- and advocating for student issues. When I had asked, like, do you think you would be able to do so and respect the issues of our students because that is what we serve? And his response was "yeah, sure" which did not seem like a wholehearted commitment to the issues that we support. And he used the terms "small" and "trivial" in reference to the issues of the student body, which I just do not think is appropriate because if it's an issue brought to us by the student body, then it's not trivial to us anymore as a matter of the student body and he does not seem to understand what we are and are not capable of as SGA.

VPLA Hinnawi 24:19

Thank you, Linda. Jenna?

Senator Hymel 24:22

Jenna Hymel, College of Liberal Arts, and in respect to his comment about sponsoring families from Ukraine and him not able to do that- because it's not in our Constitution. It feels like he has a disregard for our documents, which are quite literally what makes us have the power that we do. And it just, it seems, though, he is here for an agenda, not to represent the students.

VPLA Hinnawi 24:53

Thank you, Jenna.

Senator Davidson 24:54

That's time.

VPLA Hinnawi 24:55

That's time? Daniel?

Senator Hunsaker 24:59

Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large, I motion for extension.

Senator Martinez 25:02

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences. I second that

Senator Carbo 25:10

I motion to vote as- a show of hands because I think it'd be easier.

VPLA Hinnawi 25:15

Is everyone done?

Senator Carbo 25:19

I think he wants to discuss.

Senator Hunsaker 25:22

okay, Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large. As a member of several organizations on campus after my speech about student affairs, how much we want students to be involved, I don't think his appointment would be for the betterment of SGA simply because he referred to the snacks that we fund for organization meetings and stuff like that. Many of us don't have money. Many of us don't have that kind of stuff and this SGA supports that in some way. If we want to put someone in the Senate that doesn't support that then I don't know what SGA is anymore.

VPLA Hinnawi 25:59

Does anyone else rise in opposition? All right. Motion to vote by show of hands.

Senator Davidson 26:10

Second that motion. Dylan Davidson, College of Sciences.

VPLA Hinnawi 26:15

Okay, guys, all right. We'll motion to vote. All in- I guess- Oscar, do you have a comment?

Senator Martinez 26:23

I can motion- Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences. I can motion to deny that correct? Yeah. Okay. I motion to deny the show of hands vote and I motion for a secret ballot.

Senator Hymel 26:40

Jenny Hymel College of Liberal Arts, I denied that motion.

VPLA Hinnawi 26:45

So, we're just going to do a roll call vote then?

President Charles 26:55

Point of order, they are motioning like, to go to vote, correct?

VPLA Hinnawi 26:58

They want to vote. This is the three options: show of hands, the secret ballot, roll call. Okay. Actually, you can't reject a secret ballot. Yeah, so what we're gonna do,

President Charles 27:08

Point of Order, that's part of the new rules and procedures. I didn't sign them yet. So you can do what you want. [Laughter]

VPLA Hinnawi 27:19

Okay, is anyone uncomfortable doing a roll call vote? Honestly? Okay, then we will do a secret ballot. If you want to, rip a piece of your paper from your agenda, the blank part no name. Just write Yes, no, or abstain. And I'll come collect them. Tiffany will come collect them.

Senators 29:52

[Secret Ballot]

President Charles 30:13

Point of order, before you announce the vote. I'm just gonna say after the results are announced please do not discuss this with the individual, no matter the results. The executive board or their advisors will handle this further. Thank you.

VPLA Hinnawi 30:27

Okay, with zero Yes- zero yeses, zero abstains, And nineteen nos. Aaron Jordan was not appointed to the Senate. Okay, thank you. Do we let him back in? Sorry, Aaron you actually did not make appointment to the Senate. Thank you. We will now move to open forum. We're now moving to open forum. This is where we discuss matters pertaining to the betterment of SGA does anyone have anything you want to discuss? Any senators?

Senator Metzler 31:31

Hi, guys. I just wanted to talk about something that I've been thinking about for a while. Um, last year I was kind of thinking about resources that we have on campus for addicts. I feel like there's not enough of them. So I've been going around kind of like talking because I know a couple of addicts, I have had experience with addicts myself and I asked how can you like kind of keep it- you know, kind of help them out a little bit. Such as you know, having Narcan on campus that is readily available, and fentanyl test strips. And lastly, I also talked to some people and I realized that people with diabetes, and also addicts, there's nowhere to dispose of dirty needles on campus. And that's something that's very important and I didn't even realize how important that really could be. And I just wanted to let you know that I am trying to work on something, trying to put something together so that we can- as SGA kind of like better this idea and if anybody would like to talk about it with me or has any ideas they would like to bring to the table- [Unintelligible] - Chloe Metzler.

VPLA Hinnawi 32:48

Point of Information actually, since I work at the University Center, I go through all the training that we're supposed to do as employees of the university, and part of our training is actually- There's a whole course about administering Narcan and everything even though we're not provided with it. So I think that's a great issue. That's great. I think I've seen Ian's hand first.

Senator Carbo 33:11

Ian Carbo, College of Business Administration. I just wanted to bring up a topic that I had been thinking on which was Recycling. A big issue of that- that was a another side of it was like safe disposables. Like how you mentioned, there's no place for like safe disposables, whether it be needles, batteries, things like that, and I feel like with a focus on like recycling and more of these things, we would have- that would be a great help on campus. And I also thought of a few different topics within that, whether it be people not quite- if we did do recycling and there wasn't a bunch of interest in it, there would be a lot more towards like the advertising of it and maybe putting out more like bins in different areas, or if it was like too big, we could open up the possibility of service hours to on campus organizations, just like driving the recycling stuff to the correct centers.

VPLA Hinnawi 34:26

Actually, point of information again Ian, that is another great topic. SGA has dealt with recycling in the past, we actually have a lot of the bins and everything already and previously, pre-COVID, you would actually get paid to be working on like the recycling team as a student position. So there's definitely some stuff we can talk about with that. Also, I love the disposable idea. Maybe adding something in the restrooms, just like how we have ones for sanitary disposables, so we'll probably get in contact about both of those things.

Vice President Moss 35:03

Jordan Moss, Vice President, point of information we actually decided to defund recycling.

VPLA Hinnawi 35:12

That is true because it was not in use. But if you want to bring it back. Yes. Tiffany, did you have something to say about that? Okay, Oscar?

Senator Martinez 35:21

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences. Point of Information, we actually do have a biohazard disposal. It's, I believe, through the College of Sciences, but we don't specifically have a sharps disposal, because I believe it was an extra fee to have that processed separately. So I believe if you could maybe talk to maybe Dr. Schluchter. about possibly getting a sharps disposal bin, maybe just one. It would probably ideal.

VPLA Hinnawi 35:48

Linda?

Senator Plasse 35:50

Linda Plasse, College of Liberal Arts, just kind of going on that same vein of discussion, even aside from the point of view of students with addiction because I know people do tend to have strong feelings one way or another about that. I think that having a sharps disposal option on campus would be beneficial for students with several medical needs. Like, I have to give myself injections once a month in the leg, which is a sharps container issue and students with diabetes or other medical conditions could also highly benefit from this. So I think it's good for a variety of reasons.

Senator Mott 36:24

Brendan Mott, college of liberal arts. I actually do have type-one diabetes myself, and I actually-I have to give myself injections and changes- sometimes- and it's rare that I have to when I'm out and about on campus, usually I'm at my own campus apartment when that happens. But sometimes, medical equipment fails and you have to change your pump sites, and I can't throw it away so I throw it in a Ziploc bag until get home because I don't want to dispose of that in the trash because that's it that's- That's the way the blood borne pathogens spread. So I think that would be a good investment. If we can figure out some way of doing it. And that's my thing on that. And if no one else has anything about I have something else to say but

President Charles 36:59

I do want to add I think so I think that's a great idea if you want to just reach out to me and see how we can move this process forward before we start with a resolution, but I think that's awesome

VPLA Hinnawi 37:10

that's and I would include the comment it should be at a more central location. I know we have like a lot of- already stuff in the science building, but I feel like I've seen people- like some of my friends, that also have diabetes, they'll do their shots in the gym. So it's like you need some more some more central so Okay, cool. Does anyone else have anything on that topic before we move to the next one? All right, great. Brendan.

Senator Mott 37:37

Brendan Mott, College of Liberal Arts I did- I forgot to mention this during during communications and announcements, but I did want to give kind of a cautionary warnings because this year, they want to be much more serious about parking enforcement. So I just want to let people know about so just some basic rules about parking on campus. Here's a few of them. So one: you have have a decal to park on campus and it's about 100 Can someone- does someone have that exact number?

Senator Hymel 38:07

Jenna Hymel, College of Liberal Arts, It is when \$130 If you pay cash \$133 if you pay with card.

Senator Mott 38:13

Okay, but I will continue to also say that um, students must park in the white line spaces, not the yellow or other color spaces. However, some rules that people are less familiar with is that if you have a residential decal from either of the residences, you can actually get a regular decal for free. If you bring that copy. A lot of people are not aware of that. And another thing is that- another thing people are less aware of that that if you have the UNO registered ABA parking pass, you can actually park in any parking spot on campus, except for the 24 hour reserve ones.

VPLA Hinnawi 38:50

Thank you, Brendan. One thing I do want to say about ticketing actually that has to do with SGA. I think our judicial branch has some involvement in what the appeals?

President Charles 39:03

They do.

VPLA Hinnawi 39:03

Yes. So that's a fun fact. I didn't know if any of y'all knew it, but they're involved in the appeals courts for tickets. I think Oscar had his hand up first.

Senator Martinez 39:12

Oscar Martinez College of Sciences. I believe, for those of you who are only here for one more semester, it's \$78 point of information, excuse me.

VPLA Hinnawi 39:22

Thank you. Dylan?

Senator Davidson 39:24

Dylan Davidson, College of Sciences. I saw she was taking pictures earlier and for SGA and SAC meetings and events, if it wouldn't be distracting, like I do photography and not gonna get like pictures during events.

Vice President Moss 39:38

We're gonna talk-

Senator Davidson 39:41

As they were saying earlier, like Instagram, especially like with the UNO organizations it's very important and very useful, because we had a great turnout for that- the block party thing but not it was fire- props to SAC [Applause]

VPP Mailhes 40:01

Point of Information, Director of Campus Traditions Amber Allen planned the Block Party [Applause]

President Charles 40:05

Okay, give it up for Amber

Senator Davidson 40:09

So we have a great student body, a rising student body, but they aren't as involved in organizations as I would like and there's not a lot of transparency and visibility. So I feel like I could offer that to SGA and SAC.

Vice President Moss 40:24

I'm sending you emails.

Senator Carbo 40:29

Two things actually, Point of information for what Brendan said Privateer Place resid- Privateer Place residents also- a UNO parking pass is included with your apartment. You just have to show, like, all your registration and stuff that you stay at Privateer Place. You can get a parking pass for free. Another point of information. I know that although like freshman enrollment was down this year, freshman sign up in formal rush for IFC actually increased pretty substantially which means that these new freshmen may actually be very wanting to be involved on campus in organizations.

President Charles 41:20

I just want to clarify about enrollment, so it's actually not an enrollment issues it's a retainment issue. That we- we're getting people to come and no one's staying

VPLA Hinnawi 41:30

But maybe an involvement will allow for better retention, right?

Vice President Moss 41:38

Jordan Moss, Vice President, I forgot to put this in my report but how y'all were mentioning about, like, the meeting and corrections on the flyers and stuff. I made a new flyer and I'll be giving it to our office staff and they will be putting it up I worked hard on it, so if y'all want to see y'all come look after the meeting.

VPLA Hinnawi 41:59

Oscar?

Senator Martinez 42:00

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences, I motion to adjourn the meeting. Thank you.

Senator Mott 42:03

Brendan Mott, I second that motion.

VPLA Hinnawi 42:07

wait, wait, wait, wait.

President Charles 42:09

Y'all need to vote this time.

VPLA Hinnawi 42:14

Show of Hands? Okay. I adjourn this meeting at 7:15pm.