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SPEAKERS

Senator Carbo, Senator Peters, Senator Barahona, Vice President Moss, Unknown Senator, President Charles, Senator Brown, Senator Lemons, Senator Hymel, Advisor Courseault, Senator Metzler, Clerk of Senate Lancaster, Overlapping Speakers, Senator Rodarte, Senator Abadie, VPLA Hinnawi, Senator Fornatoro, Aaron Jordan, Senator Crout, Senator Mott, Senator Wilson, Senator Isom, Senator Barnes, Guest Laiche, Senator Morales-Ramirez, Senator Plasse, Senator Hunsaker, Parliamentarian Hymel, Pro Tempore Davidson, Senator Martinez, Senator Lambert, Senator Nguyen, Senator Sorlin, Senator René, Senator Mieczkowski, Senator Fields, Senator Bauman, Senator Raihan, Appointee Lemons

VPLA Hinnawi 00:00

All right, we're gonna go ahead and get started. I call this meeting to order at 5:04pm. The Pro Tempore and Parliamentarian are both present. I will now take a roll call vote. When I call your name please say present. Daniel Abadie?

Senator Abadie 00:20

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 00:22

Marco Barahona? Marco Barahona? Rakeen Barnes?

Senator Barnes 00:31

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 00:33

Cierra Bauman?

Senator Bauman 00:34

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 00:35

Michael Brown?

Senator Brown 00:36

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 00:38

Ian Carbo?

Senator Carbo 00:39

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 00:41

Christian Crout?

Senator Crout 00:42

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 00:43

Dylan Davidson?

Pro Tempore Davidson 00:45

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 00:46

Regianna Fields?

Senator Fields 00:47

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 00:48

Brett Fornatoro?

Senator Fornatoro 00:48

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 00:51

Cameron Frederick?

Pro Tempore Davidson 00:52

Present by Proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 00:54

Leo Gillum?

Senator Fornatoro 00:56

Present by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 00:58

Daniel Hunsaker?

Senator Hunsaker 00:59

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:00

Jenna Hymel?

Parliamentarian Hymel 01:01

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:03

Kamille Isom?

Senator Isom 01:04

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:05

Katie Lambert?

Senator Lambert 01:09

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:12

Cooper Lemons? Cooper Lemons? Oscar Martinez?

Senator Martinez 01:21

Here.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:22

Chloe Metzler?

Senator Metzler 01:24

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:24

Henry Mieczkowski?

Senator Mieczkowski 01:24

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:26

Gabrielee Morales-Ramirez?

Senator Morales-Ramirez 01:31

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:33

Brendan Mott?

Senator Mott 01:34

President

VPLA Hinnawi 01:38

Adam Peters?

Senator Peters 01:39

Here.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:41

Linda Plasse?

Senator Plasse 01:41

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:41

Mahaut Sorlin?

Senator Sorlin 01:45

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:47

Gazi Raihan? Gazi Raihan? Iniya René?

Senator René 01:58

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 01:59

Antonio Rodarte?

Senator Rodarte 02:01

Present.

VPLA Hinnawi 02:03

Damario Strukien? Damario Strukien?

Senator Hunsaker 02:10

Present by Proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 02:13

Katarina Trushyna? Xavier Wilson?

Senator Wilson 02:20

Present

Senator Crout 02:27

I motion for Cooper and Marco to be recognized

Senator Carbo 02:30

Ian Carbo, College of Business Administration, I second that motion.

VPLA Hinnawi 02:44

Okay, with 31 senators present we do meet quorum. Are there any corrections or changes to today's agenda? Linda?

Senator Plasse 02:53

Linda Plasse, College of Liberal Arts. I motion for the Spring Fest Bill to be tabled until next week.

VPLA Hinnawi 02:59

Okay. Are there any objections to tabling this bill to next week? Are there any other corrections or changes to today's agenda? With no objections to the agenda is approved. Are there any corrections or changes to the minutes from last week's meeting?

Senator Martinez 03:28

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences. In two specific portions of the minutes, I mentioned "AED", it is mentioned in the minutes as "AD" so I'd like that changed to AED. I believe there's four points in the minutes where it's off.

VPLA Hinnawi 03:41

Do you have the timestamp?

Senator Martinez 03:42

I do not have the exact timestamp. I can look them up and provide them with the Clerk of Senate when I have an opportunity.

Clerk of Senate Lancaster 03:48

J Lancaster, Clerk of Senate, those have already been changed.

VPLA Hinnawi 03:51

Thank you so much. Are there any other corrections or changes to the minutes from last meeting? Okay with no objections to the minutes, they are approved. Are there any Senator communications or announcements? Daniel?

Senator Martinez 03:51

Thank you.

Senator Hunsaker 04:11

Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large. Over the past weekend we had our big Lambda Chi Alpha philanthropy event called "Watermelon Bust". That was funded partly by SGA, about \$1,000, and we raised over \$5,000 going toward Feeding America. [Applause] So I wanted to thank everybody, you know that was all part of y'all for giving us that money to be able to put on that event. I really appreciate it and then all those watermelons that we used from SGA funding ended up going back to the Gardening Club and they use that for their compost station, so it all goes back [Applause] I really appreciate all of that and then also, several of our Senators in here, were participating in that event from the guys in Lambda Chi Alpha and the women from Zeta- ZTA. So, I really appreciate that.

VPLA Hinnawi 05:04

Thank you. Are there any other? Brendan?

Senator Mott 05:08

Just- I would just like to say that. This is Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large. I am an Urban Planning Student as a lot of you know, and this week, I have been attending the Louisiana American Planning Association Conference and I've found something- we've been doing something very interesting and I thought I would just mention it really quickly here, that- in the conference, the Planning E-Board for Louisiana had their meeting, and they use Robert's Rules. So, what we do in here is not just fancy SGA stuff, people to use it in many different boards. So, I thought I would mention that.

VPLA Hinnawi 05:37

Thank you, Brendan. [Applause]

Senator Fornatoro 05:41

Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large, I do not believe that SGA uses Robert's Rules. In law, we do not have Robert's Rules codified.

VPLA Hinnawi 05:50

Thank you Brett. Are there any other Senator communications or announcements? Awesome. Are there any non-Senator communications or announcements?

Aaron Jordan 06:12

Aaron Jordan, College of Liberal Arts. I'd like the Senate to be aware that I filed a case in SGA court- case number 122-5, which seeks to have either the SGA Senate or the SGA Court clarify what a censure in the SGA entails. That language is silent in the SGA constitution. However, pursuant to case number 122-2, the SGA Court has ruled to censure Senator Oscar Martinez for providing false and

misleading information to the Senate. So, if anyone has any questions about that, I'm glad to answer it. And I hope that the Senate will answer that case.

Senator Carbo 06:51

Ian Carbo, College of Business Administration. Point of information, I also attended the same Supreme Court hearing, and it wasn't for false information. It was more due to the actions of the Senator attacking the character, not because of false information though.

VPLA Hinnawi 07:15

Okay, thank you. Are there any other non-Senator communications or announcements?

Senator Fornatoro 07:21

Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large, in case anyone was unaware already, the student referendum for football has failed by two-to-one vote. There was overwhelming voter turnout, though. About 30% of our students voted, which is a significant increase from typical SGA elections. So nonetheless, there is something to celebrate in terms of the voter turnout. Thank you. That's great.

VPLA Hinnawi 07:46

Okay, are there any non-Senator communications or announcements? Thank you, okay. Does the Pro-Tempore have a report? Thank you, do any other committees have reports? Does the President have a record?

President Charles 08:11

Yes. I do. All right, President Angelo Charles here for the record. I want to start off with my quote, I usually end with one- whatever I'm gonna start off with one. "Distinguishing the signal from noise requires both scientific knowledge and self-knowledge. The serenity to accept the things we cannot predict. The courage to predict the things you can, and the wisdom to know the difference." So, this past week, the student experience fee- I have received several emails from various students, stating that they don't support, or they do support it. One even threatened to impeach me, right? But well, my quote leads back to it is knowing in the noise, right. And so, we have the ability and as- not the ability, but the duty to represent all. Right? You may have your own individual opinion, and we may have our own different thoughts about the student experience fee, but we have the requirement to deliver the choice to the students. And I want to say y'all did that. So, no matter what Instagram say, or Twitter, or Facebook, or students in the UC or the library, we did our jobs. We gave students the right to vote- not the right to vote- the choice to choose what happened. Right? Brett, you stole a part of my report. We all noticed that, right. But with that being said, this is a perfect time to- what do students want, right? We have- we need to engage with our student body and see exactly what they want. And that's just that- that is something important that we need to look forward to. Our SGA Executive Board did release a statement on our Social Media account, it's just a general statement stating our purpose as to why this referendum came to vote. Then, moving on to my next point, we- the Executive Board is calendar planning for the spring, me and Jordan did start that today, but I walked around like an hour on the phone, but we started that's important. And this next semester- it will look really good for us. Definitely. I have drafted my first resolution. I did not think I was going to have to do one, but I did. The resolution is for Academic Advising Evaluations. I spoke with a student- I want to say his name is Thomas

Prochaska. Yes. He mentioned to me how he would like to see- for Academic Advisors to be evaluated in a formal way. If you have been with UNO for a while, you know, that Course Evaluation does exist. I will sign the resolution just after- after the Senate Meeting, or maybe tomorrow, so I can forward that to Administration. So hopefully we see that change. And then, we will be meeting with Administration next week. So, if you guys need anything for me to address in that time, please let me know. But I'm excited to be your President I know I tell you that every time but fill your seats. Like, we have a really important duty and I'm not just up here stating that just a glorified y'all- like- because I like to talk, I really do. But y'all are doing a great job. Continue to do the work. You know, we got to get past this. And I yield the rest of my time for questions.

Pro Tempore Davidson 11:30

Dylan Davidson, College of Sciences. So, would the- will the Adviser Evaluations be anonymous just like the Course Evaluations?

President Charles 11:39

Yes. So, my resolution which I will send out soon- I'll just pull that up if you don't mind- Brett? If you can ask your question while I pull it up.

Senator Fornatoro 11:46

Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large. If you would like a sponsor, I would like to sponsor that bill, because I wouldn't- we had met, and I wanted to write one as well. And if you've draft one, I would definitely sponsor it.

President Charles 11:56

Yeah. So, it's drafted and it's authored already. Because I spoke with you and a student, I will certainly add your name to that, as well as his name and your name as well. Yes

Senator Fields 12:08

Regianna, Liberal Arts, when you said like you're going to talk to the Administration, could you just put in there, like, feminine products in bathrooms?

President Charles 12:24

So actually this is the Administration you need to discuss with. We are responsible for the- the what is it called? Aunt Flow? We are responsible for refilling that. So, what is going on?

Senator Fields 12:36

There's just not like- in some of the buildings- there's not any.

President Charles 12:39

What buildings?

Senator Fields 12:41

Like Millenberg.

President Charles 12:44

SGA, when we did that, I'm gonna refer to-

Advisor Courseault 12:47

Point of information when that bill was written, they only put the Aunt Flow products in the gender-neutral bathroom-

Senator Fields 12:55

Okay.

Advisor Courseault 12:56

-And so, there are only so many gender neutral bathrooms on campus and so the buildings that do have Aunt Flow, they have to gender neutral bathrooms.

Senator Fields 13:02

So can we try to like rewrite that bill, because I've heard like alot of students come to me like "Do you have a Mmmhmm?"

Advisor Courseault 13:11

We can write something, a senator could write something to add to more bathrooms, I think also too, it was a trial run. See how it would fare. So yeah, you guys are more than welcome to write another bill to get it added to more bathrooms.

Senator Fields 13:23

I had another question, but I forgot it.

President Charles 13:28

Any more questions? And I also want to take a moment to recognize SAC for their hard work. They've been working really hard for this Homecoming. [Applause] I forgot to add that to my report. I'm sorry. But, as Brett said, we do not follow Robert's Rules of Order. I don't want to get another lawsuit, so I'm gonna sit down, thank you. [Laughter]

VPLA Hinnawi 13:55

Does the Vice President have a report?

Vice President Moss 13:56

Hello y'all, Vice President Jordan Moss, I'll start with our budget. You all passed the Tri Beta CPR Training Bill last week for \$460. So, the new budget is \$21,655. And also, we're having a makeup retreat on February 3rd- February 3rd, 2023. Some months from now, from 1 to 4, if you are required to get be at that retreat, you did get a calendar invite and I'll also send an email, but that retreat is mandatory to remain in your seat. So, if you did get the calendar invite, you must be there or you will not- no longer be a Senator. I yield my time for questions. Yes.

Parliamentarian Hymel 14:40

Jenna Hymel, Parliamentarian will that retreat also count to like that semester's retreats.

Vice President Moss 14:50

So, according to our current Constitution, you guys are only required to attend one retreat per year. So if you attended the retreat we just had, you're good for the year, if you did not your attendance is required at the one in February.

Senator Plasse 15:07

Linda Plasse, College of Liberal Arts. So, I am currently a resident teacher for my degree. It is a class to complete residency. So, I'm at that school site from 7am to 4pm, every Monday through Friday, and if I miss, I risk failing and restarting the program. So, I unfortunately, physically cannot attend during that time.

Vice President Moss 15:26

Okay so, I'll coordinate with you send you an email and I'll also cc the advisors and we'll address that. Any more questions? All right, thanks.

VPLA Hinnawi 15:47

We'll now move on to my report. Um, I don't know if you guys noticed, I emailed you a very pretty calendar. I apologize for not printing it. I just feel guilty about printing so many papers in color. Um, outside of that. I don't want to drown on your ears out with referendum stuff. But one thing I did notice while the referendum was in play, is there was a lot of voices within the Senate that were out there talking to students, being heard, and y'all were very visible, which I loved. And I really hope that you take that initiative into some of our other projects, or even just if there aren't projects, like get out there and talk to students. I mean, whether they're saying good or bad things about us, you're speaking about the Senate, which means they know y'all exist, which means they can come to you with problems or things they need help on which is a great thing. I think I've talked to certain people that I witnessed with this as a very proud I don't want to call names out, but like y'all did a really good job. And I think if you like go and you do that with students more often like "Hey, what do you want to see? Like what do you need from SGA?" Get that feedback, that could be really cool. And y'all can bring that into bills and we can make some changes in here. I don't know if you guys have felt a change in SGA already so far in this semester, but I definitely do. So, I think we've made a lot of strides already. And I really hope that, by the end of spring, I feel like y'all will be more comfortable going into SGA next year. I feel like we'll be on much better feet. Other than that, I'll yield the rest of my time for questions. Anyone have any questions for me about anything?

Senator Carbo 17:34

Not a question, but I wanted to say thank you for the calendar it helps a lot.

VPLA Hinnawi 17:38

Thank you y'all. It's Cute, right? [Laughter] Awesome. Okay. Cool. Oh, no. I lied. I have one more thing to say. I do want to have like a little committee head meeting at the end of the meeting, real brief. So just stay back. That's all and did the VPP leave a report?

President Charles 18:01

Yeah. So Maggie just really wants y'all to participate in these Homecoming events, and make sure that you're showing up tomorrow night Thursday at seven there will be dance in the UC Ballroom. So, if you're an SGA, we really need to get our points up because we're second. That's not us, we number one, we need to make sure that we are number one to show up to these events. Friday is a pep rally at 12-1. And then the most importantly, is the tailgate and the game. I better see all of y'all there. I will be there. If you need a ride, hit me up, you know my email. Show up to these events, okay that's all and I stand open for Maggie's questions.

Advisor Courseault 18:50

Point of Information to add to Maggie's report. There will be shuttles happening on the hour, every hour in front of the University Center. So, if you know people who do not have cars, we will have shuttles provided that day. Also, for Homecoming Teams. It is really important that you have two people in here, Oscar and Jordan who are running for Student Government Association. There's a \$200 prize for each team. So that \$200 prize- that's- it is through dining. But you can cater your next-

VPLA Hinnawi 19:23

Party!

Advisor Courseault 19:23

-event for \$200 or your party. So, when you show up, just go to the Student Activities Council table to look for the sign-in sheet so that Student Government Association can get a point for your team.

President Charles 19:37

Yes, Oscar?

Senator Martinez 19:39

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences who's winning?

VPLA Hinnawi 19:42

Wait, what?

Senator Martinez 19:44

You said there's points?

President Charles 19:46

Oh yeah. No. So when I- let me clarify, we'd have no idea who was winning the specific election with the Homecoming Court-

Senator Martinez 19:54

Oh no, I'm talking about the game.

President Charles 19:56

The game, the points

Advisor Courseault 19:59

Point of Information, NPHC is winning

President Charles 20:01

NPHC, yes. You got me on that.

Senator Mieczkowski 20:07

Henry Mieczkowski, College of Engineering. Can you sign in for multiple clubs and get points if right multiple clubs are involved? I know that's redundant. That's the question.

Advisor Courseault 20:16

That is a very good question. We have not set any stipulation.

Vice President Moss 20:20

You better put SGA first.

Senator Mieczkowski 20:22

Of course. [Laughter]

President Charles 20:27

Any more questions? Yes.

Senator Abadie 20:29

Daniel Abadie, College of Liberal Arts. What is the dress code for the Homecoming event?

President Charles 20:37

Semi-Formal. No more questions? I'll just stand up here for the Court's report. But I have to wait for permission. Azizah?

VPLA Hinnawi 20:45

Yeah, does the court have a report?

President Charles 20:47

Yes, he does. So, there was a recent case filed as you was notified by the Clerk of Court, pertaining to defining censorship. That's pretty much it. Read the Constitution, and you'll see what the court is able to do or not do in these matters. And then I guess we'll be willing on a response from the court. Do I have any questions?

Senator Martinez 21:13

Point of information I looked at, as far as who received that notification. And I am sure that a lot of individuals were not included on it.

President Charles 21:24

I was not included.

Senator Martinez 21:25

Right. So, I think that that may be a surprise to a lot of individuals.

President Charles 21:29

Yes. Tiffany?

Advisor Courseault 21:31

Point of information, the Clerk of Court will resend it out to all current Senate members. It was a typo on her part, and she does apologize

VPLA Hinnawi 21:48

Do the Advisors have a report? Do I have a motion to hear old business?

Senator Metzler 22:04

Chloe Metzler, Sophomore at Large I motion to hear old business.

VPLA Hinnawi 22:30

All right, the first piece of old business we have is the UNO in the City bill. Will be a sponsor of this bill please state your name for the record. And you have six minutes to introduce your bill.

Senator Wilson 22:45

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts, so this bill is essentially just offering a helping hand to students who needs to get around the city. It was tabled last week. I just didn't feel confident enough to bring it up here. But I am bringing it up here now, and I yield the rest of my time for questions.

Senator Abadie 23:07

Daniel Abadie, College of Liberal Arts. So, my biggest question in terms of this bill is that, you say in line two that "the Student Government Association will distribute these passes." My main question is how will they be distributed? Is there- what's the sign up process for getting these passes? Who will distribute them and logistical questions like that?

Senator Wilson 23:34

So essentially, I want to keep it as an open attainment policy. So just anybody can come in and get it. We already do have the Scantrons that kind of sit where they are, you can just come in reach for that. So, I just want to put those next to the Scantrons

Senator Martinez 23:50

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences, so is it one per student?

Senator Wilson 23:54

So, with the open attainment policy there will be no way to police that, we would have to hope on the goodwill of students.

VPLA Hinnawi 24:01

No, y'all first.

Senator Fornatoro 24:11

Dylan Davidson, College of Sciences, so I see they are one-day passes but is there usually, like if you go to the RTA to get it, it's like expiration date but like it lasts up until a certain time. Is it just you know whatever you start using it that's when the time starts?

Senator Wilson 24:23

Yes. So whatever you first swipe it in at, whatever little machine they have, then it'll be 24 hours from that time.

President Charles 24:34

So, who- oh, wait. He has to go first.

Senator Mieczkowski 24:38

Henry Mieczkowski, College of Engineering, how do you plan to advertise that we will be having these for students?

Senator Wilson 24:46

So, to my knowledge, as far as advertising, that would be the Student Affairs Committee, but I could work with them and also create some kind of digital advertising, whether that be on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, etc.

Vice President Moss 25:02

Vice President Moss, in order for this purchase to go through, we only can pay with purchase orders. Do you know if they will accept that?

Senator Wilson 25:15

I can find that information out.

Vice President Moss 25:17

Okay. So, it's very imperative that they do take a purchase order because if not, then we're- it cannot do anything.

President Charles 25:24

Then the next question from me, President Angelo Charles here, is what is the Administration of this. So, say, once we purchased this, can you walk me through the steps of who's gonna be responsible for administrating in the selection processes as to which students get the Jazzy Passes?

Senator Wilson 25:40

So, with the open attainment policy, it would just be like physically on the same level as the Scantrons on that table. So, somebody could walk in and grab one when they need it and go about their day.

Vice President Moss 25:56

Vice President Moss, I guess, I wanted to know if- because I think you mentioned in one of your whereas statements that it'll be for students or- in your initial statement for students who have like an obligation outside of campus as far as work or anything. With you during the open attainment policy, is there a way or would you be open to doing something else, so there'll be a way for students to not abuse the pass. So, let's say like students coming to maybe just take a night out on Bourbon versus actually needed to get to and from, maybe, the West Bank to work and things like that.

Senator Wilson 26:31

So, there could be a way that we could set aside a certain number of the passes to be reserved for special use cases. So, we could possibly do that. And I'm open to that suggestion.

Senator Bauman 26:45

Cierra Bauman, College of Business, I just have a question. Um, isn't those Jazz Passes supposed to be so students can get around, so they can explore. So should we not limit it if

Senator Wilson 26:58

So, there's many aspects of this bill that kind of work to incorporate everybody. So in its original writing, yes, it was also to include those who just wanted to go out for a night on the town and those who may need to use it for work or any other obligations.

Senator Bauman 27:17

I feel like you should do- I'm sorry, I don't know how to-

VPLA Hinnawi 27:20

Just state your name and your college.

Senator Bauman 27:22

Cierra Bauman, College of Business, well, I feel like you should do the three-day Jazz Passes. So that way you can limit them on how many times they could get them, but you could give them, like, one week, you got to wait at least two weeks for you to get another one.

Senator Wilson 27:39

I think that would have to be a separate bill. I don't know if we could amend that to this.

VPLA Hinnawi 27:45

So, point of information. You would be able to amend it to where it would say that and a point. I do think what might be beneficial from this is if we table this bill until we find out they have purchase orders and during that process while it's tabled, we make some of these amendments. Like for example, maybe we amend it to where they have to come into the SGA office and do kind of like the checkout process to get one pass. And when- that way to Cierra's point we'll be able to kind of track that. But I definitely think like Yeah, yeah, so that's an option.

Senator Fornatoro 28:23

Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large. If you would like to table, I'll raise a motion for you

Senator Wilson 28:30

I think let's hear the rest of the questions.

Senator Peters 28:34

I was gonna motion to table it.

VPLA Hinnawi 28:39

If you have any questions that would help with the amendment writing process for Senator Wilson to like go in and fix it. That way, next time when we do come for this, we don't have to make amendments there. I feel like that can be kind of beneficial. Brendan?

Senator Mott 28:54

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large. I just wanted to say that, um, I spoke with some of my constituents in the Urban planning department. We're very much for public transportation, and they want this idea so if you would- and including myself- so I would love to work with you on this and also talk with friends at the Crescent City Shapers and American Planning Department.

Senator Martinez 29:14

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences. I think a good idea as far as possible amendment would be a checkout process, but like establishing a firm limit as far as weekly- I like what- I like what Senator Cierra mentioned, I think that would be a really good process that we should probably put it on.

VPLA Hinnawi 29:35

Okay, thank you. Does anyone have any further questions for Xavier?

Senator Abadie 29:44

Daniel Abadie, College of Liberal Arts, are you hoping that as in terms of law, future events, because it is a limited number. Do you think this could become a reoccurring expense that SGA foots the bill for and it's something that we maintain if it's popular enough? Is that your hope?

Senator Wilson 30:01

Yeah. So I wanted to use this as the tester project and then come back later on and maybe have it as something that we just budget for and we can provide that to the student population.

VPLA Hinnawi 30:18

Okay.

Senator Martinez 30:19

Oscar Martinez College of Sciences. I- I motion to table this Bill.

Senator Peters 30:24

Adam Peters, College of Engineering, second the motion.

VPLA Hinnawi 30:27

All right, can I get a show of hands? [Show of Hands Vote] All right, thank you so much.

Senator Fornatoro 30:33

Point of Order, Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large. There wasn't a date.

VPLA Hinnawi 30:38

Oh, to next meeting. Okay, sorry. Can you restate the motion?

Senator Martinez 30:42

Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences. I motion to table this bill "UNO in the City" until next week, on Wednesday, during the meeting.

Senator Peters 30:53

Adam Peters, College of Engineering second the motion.

VPLA Hinnawi 30:56

All right. Can I get a show of hands again? [Show of Hands Vote] All right, this bill be tabled to next meeting.

Vice President Moss 31:04

Vice President Moss, Point of Information. I don't remember which Senator just mentioned it, but it is something that if you all guys- if you all are for it, that may be able to be budgeted for in the budget process that we do at the end of the year for longevity if you guys are interested, so that is an option.

VPLA Hinnawi 31:29

All right. We will now move to new

Senator Plasse 31:34

Linda Plasse College of Liberal Arts. Can I motion for Jenna Hymel to be recognized as my proxy?

Parliamentarian Hymel 31:38

Jenna Hymel, College of Liberal Arts, I second the motion.

VPLA Hinnawi 31:43

We're now moving to new business do I have a motion to hear new business?

Senator Peters 31:49

Adam Peters, College of Engineering, I motion to hear new business.

VPLA Hinnawi 31:56

Thank you so much. Okay. The first piece of new business will be the Krewe of UNO Bill. Will the authors and sponsor of the bill please come forward and state your name for the record, and you'll have six minutes to introduce the bill and then followed by six minutes of questioning.

Senator Mott 32:26

Hello, everyone, my name is Brendan Mott. I'm a Graduate at Large Senator here for the Student Government Association. I worked with Miss Reagan Laiche on this bill to help fund the Krewe of UNO Parade, which happens every February and I yield the rest of my time during this period for Miss Reagan to get more information on this.

Guest Laiche 32:45

Yeah, so just a small bit in 2010, the Krewe of UNO was formed by faculty and staff to kind of build some sense of belonging around the student body. It kind of went into hiatus until 2017 when students approached the President and asked if we could bring it back. So, the Student Affairs team has been tasked with the Krewe of UNO each year since then. It's grown not only in participation, but also in interest, so our community organizations have requested access to the Krewe. So, our marching bands are Sophie B Wright and Morris Jeff and then Hynes UNO Charter, which we lovingly go to marching for 100 because they are our next generation of- of marchers in the Krewe of UNO, for basically the heart and soul kind of what makes the Krewe of UNO Parade move through the streets. I guess I will yield the rest of my time for questions.

Senator Wilson 34:01

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts. So, I noticed that for the bands, we are paying down to be in the parade. Now from my experience with parades, you've always had to pay to be in the parade. So why is it that we're paying into them to be in the parade?

Guest Laiche 34:22

It has always been my experience that we have paid bands to participate in parades.

Senator Peters 34:31

Adam Peters College of Engineering, point of information. It is actually more traditional to pay bands, especially high school bands to be in Mardi Gras parades. That is how St Augustine makes a lot of money for their extremely large band. I was in a local high school band and that is how we make money was marching in krewes, they would always pay us

Senator Fields 35:00

Reggiana, College of Liberal Arts. Why is the food bill so high? Like could you find cheaper things, or could you cut out anything, like maybe they don't need soda and juice, maybe just soda or juice and always keep water in there? But

Guest Laiche 35:20

So, I'll address the first, because it is in the UC. We are obligated to utilize Chartwells as per our contract. I am certainly open to modify the Chartwells order.

VPLA Hinnawi 35:36

If I may interrupt. Do you mind speaking a little bit actually on the history of the UNO Parade and your experience with how often y'all have had this event?

Guest Laiche 35:46

Yeah, so it ran for about three years in 2010, and would have started and then 2017 it was a- it was a student request to the President- students requested to the President to bring it back. So, the President tasked Student Affairs with hosting the parade. So, since 2017, a committee has a task force committee basically for the parade has existed. And as we've grown, we have had increased interest from community partners, as well as from the student body to participate.

Senator Mott 36:23

And I can say a little bit more about. So, this parade has been a thing in my time here because I've been here since 2018. And it's always been a really big event, I've actually ridden in the parade before and even during COVID, they managed to hit as a shoebox parade, which was very interesting, but it's a pretty big event, like one many community partners get involved even, like, local news like WDSU Chief Meteorologist Margaret Orr always, like, just gives special UNO forecast. There is some like big participation in this event. And that's like another part of it is that this like is a lot of good- good publicity to UNO, when UNO definitely needs it.

Senator Carbo 37:01

Ian Carbo, College of Business Administration, so when I first saw the bill, I went to like do some research on the schools that you invited, and the ones that you had paid were both charter schools which are really known for their like making a lot of money with their bands, but I think it would be better use to maybe put it to some public schools who don't normally get that representation in Krewes and stuff.

Advisor Courseault 37:31

As a point of information. As a former teacher in New Orleans Public School Systems, all the schools in New Orleans are public schools. They're just charter. They don't make any money. This is their fundraiser to make money. Like Adam is saying, this is- this is a New Orleans tradition if you're not from here is really- I mean it's kind of hard to grapple, but every school in the city of New Orleans, if they have a band, this is their fundraiser to make money. And every school in this city is public. They're just, unfortunately, every school in this city is also Chartered.

Senator Carbo 38:03

And I understood that, I understand paying them as well. I was just meaning like these two bands normally do get a lot of attention. And they are, I'm sure charter schools that don't get as much attention that we could definitely invite, we're only inviting so far it looks like two, and also, we- I am also very kind of like eh- about the Chartwells being \$2.4k

Guest Laiche 38:36

So, relationship with Sophie B. Wright has been since 2010. It is basically a commitment that they have made. So, I also just want to- our Krewe of UNO is a- is the Tuesday prior to the morning- to the Super

Krewes rolling for the start of Carnival season, or the start of the- I guess, five days before Mardi Gras, so getting other schools to commit to that timeframe. Sophie B. Wright has committed to us without exception. Morris Jeff has approached us because they are actually trying to formulate a full-fledged marching band, and they will- and they want to be partners with us to get their students acclimated with formation and with actually marching through and participating in the parade. Those are the two that have committed to us throughout our time with the Krewe of UNO.

Senator Carbo 39:37

Are there any plans to include other New Orleans Public Schools?

Guest Laiche 39:42

Each semester- or each lead up to Krewe of UNO, I always send out, ask most of the bands that are already committed will- will say no. And that basically has happened at this point. Again, with these two that they are always committed. So, we know at least for sure that we'll have two marching bands in the Krewe of UNO

VPLA Hinnawi 40:07

Was that the six minutes for introduction still?

Pro Tempore Davidson 40:09

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 40:10

That was additional six minutes. Okay, does anyone wish to extend time?

Senator Fields 40:14

Reggiana, College of Liberal Arts, I wish to extend time by six minutes.

VPLA Hinnawi 40:20

Thank you. Is there a second?

Senator Fields 40:22

Jenna Hymel Parliamentarian, I second that motion.

VPLA Hinnawi 40:24

Okay, can I get a show of hands? [Show of Hands Vote] Okay, thank you. We'll motion to- I mean, we're going to extend it by six minutes. Let's remember that this is the questioning time period still not the debate time and we'll start with Reggiana.

Senator Fields 40:37

Reggiana, College of Liberal Arts. So, why aren't both of the schools getting the same amount of money? Why is one getting more than the other? And also, how many people do we claim to be in this array because then I don't understand why the cost of catering is so much.

Guest Laiche 40:58

Okay, so the Morris Jeff has been with us for since 2010- I'm sorry- Sophie B Wright has been with us since 2010. Morris Jeff joined us- this will be the third time they participate in the band luncheon. So, it is specifically for- for the bands, for the- for the members and then they're the folks who were- their staff members who come with them.

Senator Fields 41:27

I'm sorry. So, during this parade, and we are- none of the UNO students are in it? The Parade? Like the Luncheon Parade?

Guest Laiche 41:36

The Parade or the Luncheon?

VPLA Hinnawi 41:42

So, okay. So let me explain to the UNO Parade, just kind of from a student standpoint, I think all of the organizations are invited to walk in it, I think even SGA, we've walked in it multiple times. So, if anyone wants to walk in it, we'll probably open that opportunity up to everyone. The bands that come also march it with us the Homecoming Krewe will all march in it. And- who else marches in it? The basketball team, the athletics teams, Nicklow, Greek Life, and then also Bruno palm team. And then the thing is, all of the students now line the streets. So, there's like a clear path. They let you know what times it's rolling. Everyone gets there. Then it leads all of the students in the parade out of the parade, to the UC where they usually give King Cake and drinks to everyone. So, like it's kind of a major event just because, going to your class, you're gonna hit this parade. You know what I mean? So, everyone's involved. I know we have quite a bit of freshmen or just transfer students. I know y'all didn't know about that. I just wanted to make sure that everyone understands the event.

Guest Laiche 42:55

Because it's because- so this is what happened a few years ago, which is why we have a band luncheon, and we're asking in the case of Morris Jeff, these are middle school students, and then also high school students to leave their classrooms at 11am to be here for lineup to be in the parade. And then it ends at 1:30. So they're missing their- their lunch period.

Senator Wilson 43:25

Xavier Wilson College of Liberal Arts, you mentioned that the prices were determined on the longevity of how long we've been working with these organizations. So, are they open to negotiation or who has set these prices? And what is their metric for measuring that?

Guest Laiche 43:44

So we have- When I took over the parade in 2018, the only band we had was Sophie B. Wright, and we started them at, I think, \$500 and have done incremental increases through the years.

VPLA Hinnawi 44:02

Let's start with Brett because-

Senator Fornatoro 44:04

Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large. My question is also regarding the catering. In my experience with this parade from last year, it was an event open to the general public and there are a lot of members of the general public that attend. How would we enforce that this food is exclusive to students or students expected to buy food for the general public?

VPLA Hinnawi 44:28

Okay, so are you talking about the band luncheon food?

Senator Carbo 44:32

The lunch is just for the band?

VPLA Hinnawi 44:36

That's before the parade or after?

Guest Laiche 44:38

It's before.

VPLA Hinnawi 44:38

But it'll be separated from-

Senator Fornatoro 44:39

So, it's not for students. It's for the band?

VPLA Hinnawi 44:41

Yes. It's for the people in the parade. The bands in the parade.

Senator Carbo 44:47

So, Ian Carbo, College of Business. I know that you mentioned because it's hosted at the UC that's why we have to use Chartwells, but I had two questions. Is there any case we can host it someplace else, like the Cove, because that's still a big section of area? And I know that when we host things at the Cove, we don't have to use Chartwells in Phi Kap.

Guest Laiche 45:10

I think you do have to use Chartwells.

Senator Mott 45:14

Point of information, Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large, you do have to use Chartwells in any Dining-Owned buildings. So technically if- you are supposed to use Chartwells in there, and doing it elsewhere would be very difficult, because the parade ends at the UC, so we'd be expecting them to walk elsewhere for lunch after that. I don't think that's a good idea.

Senator Carbo 45:19

Okay. So, my other question is that it says that there's a 130 of like this \$16 charge, which seems to be like, I guess, hamburgers. So, can you break down the \$1,595 charge on like, are we really paying 16 bucks per hamburger or what's happening here?

Advisor Courseault 45:51

Point of information, unfortunately how Chartwells works, if you were to order a nacho bar, if you were to order a burger bar, it's literally per person. And so that includes the burger, the chips-

Senator Carbo 46:04

So, it's \$16 per person. And I've always been- like every event I've been at with UNO and especially when they do the hamburger bars, I don't usually hear a lot of positive reception behind it. So, I'm just arguing things-

VPLA Hinnawi 46:25

Can you clarify your question?

Senator Carbo 46:26

So, my- Well my original question was to clarify like what the \$15.95 is, but it's been clarified it's \$15.95 per person for the burger, chips, not the drink.

VPLA Hinnawi 46:40

Okay, last question, Chloe? Chloe Metzler, Sophomore at Large, I motion to move the- to debate, please. Okay. Thank you we will now-

Senator Fornatoro 46:48

Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large, I second the motion.

VPLA Hinnawi 46:52

Well, it's time. So we will now move into- okay. We will now move into initial debate. Do any senators that rise in opposition to this bill, wish to speak? We're gonna do three minutes for opposition.

Senator Fornatoro 47:17

Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large, I rise in opposition for the sole purpose that this is money being spent on non-students. And this is student money. In my opinion, I'm seeing this as money being collected from students and sent elsewhere. That's all I have

VPLA Hinnawi 47:34

Thank you.

Unknown Senator 47:34

Is this for support or are we still in opposition?

VPLA Hinnawi 47:39

Let's hear some opposition first. I want to make sure that everyone has some time

Senator Abadie 47:43

Point of inquiry, what's the current Senate operating budget?

Overlapping Speakers 47:51

\$21,655- About \$20,000- and a couple hundred more-

VPLA Hinnawi 47:52

And I will make a point of information, all unused funds for things that SGA has, like, put money towards that organization decided not to have to spend are going to go into our budget. So, our budget might also increase at the end of the semester. But I'm not saying, you know, for or against but yeah, so does anyone else rise in opposition or? okay.

Senator Carbo 47:53

Ian Carbo, College of Business Administration. I also have a lot of, like, questions against- the money from SGA is student-led money, and we're giving about 2.4k of it towards an event that's not even aimed at the UNO students, the majority of the food, so I am a little bit hesitant about that. I will definitely be supporting, like, amendments or something to try to knock it down a bit.

VPLA Hinnawi 48:41

Okay, thank you, let's hear the operating budget.

Vice President Moss 48:43

Vice President Moss, I'll give you guys the operating budget, and I also have a point of information so the operating budget is \$21,655. And then the point of information is that the food- the luncheon is open to all of the people who participate in the parade. Correct? Okay.

Senator Carbo 49:04

I was told it was just band.

President Charles 49:09

It's just for the high school students.

Advisor Courseault 49:11

It's just for the band.

VPLA Hinnawi 49:14

She's just telling- she says- okay, all right.

Vice President Moss 49:20

So, it's just for- clarify, the luncheon is just for the band.

Senator Fornatoro 49:28

Brett Fornatoro College of Liberal Arts. I still can't get past the point that this isn't being spent on our students. It's being spent on students of another school. The event, I enjoyed it that attending in- last year when it was held, and I- I marched for SGA. I was involved in the events, but I just don't see SGA money as being spent on other schools, when it should be spent on our school.

VPLA Hinnawi 50:01

Okay, thank you. I'll now open this discussion. Adam?

Senator Peters 50:04

Adam Peters, College of Engineering. I support this bill. It is a really, really, really good look for UNO, to be a part of the community, especially to local schools marching in it. I understand it's a lot of money. However, as we kind of know, UNO is not in sort of the greatest standing, and we can use all the great publicity that we can possibly get. I understand that the numbers look steep. That's actually probably low balling the high schools because I know other schools have gotten paid more for other parades. I know Brother Martin High School at least has. And the food, as much as we'd like to debate it. It's sort of what we're stuck with. And I understand that it's a concern that we're spending it on not UNO students however, the entire event is for the students. The entire event is for the school. It gives a great publicity and it puts a good light on the kids in these marching bands, like they could potentially become UNO students later by having a good experience in a parade put on by UNO. The news coverage is great, we need that. Like, it's just something that really could look great for the school. And that's why I support the bill because honestly, we need a good luck for this school.

VPLA Hinnawi 51:47

Okay, we're gonna go to Cooper next.

Senator Lemons 51:49

Cooper Lemons, College of Liberal Arts I support the bill. The event is for the students, that's like asking for workers to be catering an event for students and then not wanting to pay them because they don't go to school here. The kids are acting as a band to entertain us. And as the other Senator said, we do need a lot of positive coverage and it is something for a lot of students to, you know, enjoy. And also give the students who marched through a nice, you know, familiarity with the campus and with UNO and seeing everything so I think that's just a good experience overall.

Senator Wilson 52:33

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts, I have a point of inquiry. So, if the bands weren't to participate in the parade, it would still take place.

Senator Metzler 52:47

Point of information. She said that the bands had already committed for this, basically that they would be available for this and they-

VPLA Hinnawi 52:54

No so I think what Xavier was asking is, if they decided not to fund the bands, would we still continue on with the parade? I just think-

Guest Laiche 53:07

I would have to take that back to the committee.

VPLA Hinnawi 53:09

Yes. Okay, but let's move back to- Did anyone else want to say anything in support or opposition? Daniel?

Senator Hunsaker 53:16

Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large, I rise in support of this bill simply because I don't see any other- any other option. The university came directly to her, and they formed a committee directly for this because the university can't foot- foot the bill, we're broke. And we can't even afford a parade in New Orleans, the city of parades. Yeah, that's very sad. We have to pay for a marching band. We don't have our own marching bands. All these- all these- all these factors, and all that comes into play, and I just don't see any other option. Chartwells so prices are ridiculous, but it sounds like we have to foot the bill for this in order to have a campus that celebrates Mardi Gras. And a city that cherishes Mardi Gras. So that's why I rise in support.

Senator Rodarte 54:09

Antonio Rodarte, College of Business Administration, I rise in opposition because-

Senator Hunsaker 54:15

No, it's not opposition.

VPLA Hinnawi 54:16

No, you can rise in either right now.

Senator Rodarte 54:20

I rise in opposition mainly because it sounds like, if there was one band I'd pass, and now there's two all of a sudden, and I feel like we should just pay for one band. Also, the food is a lot of money. I personally dislike Chartwells as I've had multiple events, I've had to host some events, I did not have food because the food was that expensive. So that's mainly why I rise opposition because it's two bands all of a sudden, it was one before so-

Senator Wilson 54:53

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts, I also rise in opposition. Because we just answered my question, which is that if we didn't include the bands, the parade would still continue, and I think for two bands who- that's kind of a lot of money. When it hasn't always been that way.

Pro Tempore Davidson 55:14

Dylan Davidson, College of Sciences, I rise in support because I wasn't aware of this. And as a lot of people have already mentioned, this is a great way to like you know, bring people here and it's a fun thing that, us as SGA or people in any organization can be a part of. But I have a point of inquiry. So, I know the reserve account, would-

Vice President Moss 55:34

That's not an option.

Pro Tempore Davidson 55:34

It's not an option?

Vice President Moss 55:35

Not an option.

VPLA Hinnawi 55:37

Okay, we can go into that after-

Senator Bauman 55:44

Cierra Bauman, College of Business, I rise in support for this because, for students we can actually get like the publicity and have more students come out. But also, I feel like we should raise it as a fundraiser, also have like other things like our clubs to have like, sell food to raise money and not just be a band so we can actually make it like a Mardi Gras parade. So, you have the marching bands and everything, but you also have like other little tents around campus that you could raise money for. So they could also be involved. And have more people too- you've got people coming off of campus. People who don't come to UNO, on campus, that also give back to UNO.

VPLA Hinnawi 56:28

Brendan? Okay, last comment, Brendan? Okay, Christian. Christian Crout, College of Engineering, I rise in support of this bill. I obviously coattail off of Senator Adam and Senator Cooper, Senator Brett, and Senator- I'm sorry, I can't see your name. Love you though. But this is an event that's worked in the past. While you know, we did do something during COVID, we were working with straps at the time, but I mean obviously it worked before, it's going to work again. And in the point with the bands, I think that it shows UNO is not afraid to have, you know, cooperation, it's going to open more opportunities for the future between us and the other schools. And it is going to look very good in terms of publicity. And you know, it's just- it's going to open new avenues. This is gonna I believe that this will nip the bud on COVID. That UNO needs to save face and show that we're taking a stand against this whole Apocalypse deal, like, we need to start having fun around here. Thank you and that is time we will now move to amendments. Are there any amendments?

Unknown Senator 57:37

Do they have to be written already?

VPLA Hinnawi 57:39

No, this is amendments that we're coming up with during this meeting. Okay, so we'll start with Ian, do I have a motion to hear this amendment

Senator Fornatoro 57:47

Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large, I motion to hear this amendment.

VPLA Hinnawi 57:51

All right, can I get a show of hands? [Show of Hands Vote] All right. Thank you. Ian?

Senator Carbo 57:57

Ian Carbo, College of Business Administration. I remember mentioning that somebody mentioned earlier that we- they may be in favor of amending out the assorted canned soda which would be a \$150 plus back into the account. I think unfortunately with Chartwells we are going to have to foot a pretty steep bill to have the food there for the event. I am overall in favor of the event. But I would like to see if we could amend the canned sodas out just to give us that \$150 to play with, because \$150 has been the difference for- it would be the difference of- half the UNO in the- UNO in the City Bill. It would- would have been half of that bill. \$150 would have been 1/3 of the Mental Health Bill. And that's money that could be better spent on us as UNO students, yet still having a fun event with all of the positive press coverage that would come with footing the rest of this chart- Chartwells bill

VPLA Hinnawi 59:09

Okay, so you're motioning-?

Senator Carbo 59:11

To amend out the canned sodas, which would add \$150 back into the Senate budget

VPLA Hinnawi 59:19

Point of inquiry to Brendan, the author, was that total combined with juices or were they two separate items?

Senator Mott 59:29

I defer that question to Reagan Laiche.

Senator Carbo 59:31

Iced water and fruit punch was separated.

VPLA Hinnawi 59:34

Alright, thank you, I just wanted to make sure. Now we are going to move into the debate on this amendment to remove the payment for canned sodas. Okay, does anyone rise in opposition to this amendment? Oscar?

Senator Martinez 59:51

Oscar Martinez College of Sciences, listen if we're going to put on a show and we're going to actually have a parade. We're going to actually have a parade. I think it's good that we actually put on a parade, and we feed the people who we're trying to bring and we give them you know a little something- sodas. I know it was half of the- half of some proposed bills, but it's \$150. It is literally \$150 And unfortunately, in the scope of this bill of \$3892.20- It's nothing. So that's why I think this this is not worth standing for as far as an amendment.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:00:37

Okay. Does anyone else rise in opposition to this amendment? We're gonna go ahead Henry, I'm just gonna move on. Henry?

Senator Mieczkowski 1:00:44

Henry Mieczkowski, College of Engineering I stand in opposition of this amendment because even if we do write out the soda, we have to replace it with more fruit punch and ice water which will still cost us money. Whether you know, that saves us 30 bucks or \$150 it's really kind of measly in the grand scheme of things. Kids want soda. It's America. [Laughter] That's all I've got to say.

Senator Peters 1:01:09

Adam Peters, College of Engineering, motion to have Senator Christian Crout, proxy for the rest of the meeting for me.

Senator Crout 1:01:15

I second the motion.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:01:17

Anyone else rise in opposition to this amendment?

Senator Fornatoro 1:01:20

Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large, I rise in opposition for the sole purpose. I want to introduce an amendment to eliminate the Chartwells entirely. We're already paying these bands and now we're going to pay them with the \$16 cheeseburgers?

VPLA Hinnawi 1:01:33

Thank you. We'll hear your amendment next but anyone else raised opposition to this amendment.

Senator Fields 1:01:40

Yeah, I do. Just because like even though I said like the bill for catering is too high like \$150- it's like, it's pointless to remove it and make her like rewrite the bill.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:01:57

Okay, does anyone else wish to speak in opposition to this amendment?

Senator Metzler 1:02:02

Chloe Metzler, Sophomore at Large I agree with Oscar and all of you that have said, I also think that the soda is just a little price compared to the rest of the bill. And not only that, but you would also have to replace the- we'd have to add more iced water or punch. And it just didn't- doesn't make sense and it's not feasible to just remove the soda because we have other expenses.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:02:33

All right. Then we will move to the Senator proposing the amendment. If you wish to speak, if not we'll let somebody rise in support of the amendment.

Senator Carbo 1:02:40

I would like to speak on a few things. Switching the can soda with water. an entire thing of water is \$3 and they had only budgeted like three of them to begin with so you can double the amount of water there without even coming close to the \$150, the amount of money that you would save. And I do understand in the grand scheme of things of this bill, it's not a lot. But in the grand scheme of other bills and other events that we may want to get passed, \$150, or even, let's say \$100, is a pretty- has been shown to be a big chunk of the majority of bills that we have been passing so far. And I think that would just be great to note. Just to notify because it would- gives us the chance to really understand what we're passing and be able to understand because I feel canned sodas are not going to make the break-make or break the event. The kids will still have fun playing the band and still eating. It's- I don't feel like having that extra \$100 charge for something that isn't going to make or break the event isn't something that we shouldn't have there.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:03:57

Thank you. Does anyone else rise in support this amendment?

Senator Rodarte 1:04:05

Antonio Rodarte, College of Business Administration I rise in support, because aren't these like high school and middle school students? Well, they're old enough to know to drink water and not soda? That's just my- That's just what I think.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:04:25

Let's move on to Brendan.

Senator Mott 1:04:27

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large, I just want to say, I motion to vote on the amendment.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:04:33

Does anyone- Oscar? Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences, I second the motion. Can I get a show of hands? [Show of Hands Vote] Thank you. We will now move on to a roll call vote for the amendment to remove canned sodas only. Not the entire bill just for this amendment. When I call your name please vote yes, no, or abstain. Daniel Abadie?

Senator Abadie 1:04:56

Abstain

VPLA Hinnawi 1:04:58

Marco Barahona?

Senator Barahona 1:05:04

Abstain.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:05:04

Rakeen Barnes?

Senator Barnes 1:05:05

Oh, abstain.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:05:07

Cierra Bauman?

Senator Bauman 1:05:09

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:05:09

Michael Brown?

Senator Brown 1:05:13

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:05:14

Ian Carbo?

Senator Carbo 1:05:15

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:05:20

Christian Crout?

Senator Crout 1:05:29

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:05:29

Dylan Davidson?

Pro Tempore Davidson 1:05:30

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:05:33

Regianna Fields?

Senator Fields 1:05:34

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:05:36

Brett Fornatoro?

Senator Fornatoro 1:05:37

Abstain.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:05:39

Cameron Frederick?

Pro Tempore Davidson 1:05:41

Abstain by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:05:43

Daniel Hunsaker?

Senator Hunsaker 1:05:45

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:05:45

Jenna Hymel?

Parliamentarian Hymel 1:05:48

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:05:48

Leo Gillum

Senator Fornatoro 1:05:49

Yes by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:05:52

Kamille Isom?

Senator Isom 1:05:55

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:05:55

Katie Lambert?

Senator Lambert 1:05:58

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:05:58

Cooper Lemons?

Senator Lemons 1:05:59

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:06:00

Oscar Martinez?

Senator Martinez 1:06:01

No

VPLA Hinnawi 1:06:02

Chloe Metzler? Henry Mieczkowski?

Senator Mieczkowski 1:06:08

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:06:10

Gabrielee Morales-Ramirez?

Senator Morales-Ramirez 1:06:11

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:06:13

Brendan Mott?

Senator Mott 1:06:14

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:06:16

Henry Nguyen?

Senator Nguyen 1:06:17

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:06:18

Adam Peters?

Senator Peters 1:06:19

No by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:06:21

Linda Plasse?

Parliamentarian Hymel 1:06:22

Abstain by Proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:06:23

Mahaut Sorlin?

Senator Sorlin 1:06:24

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:06:26

Gazi Raihan?

Senator Raihan 1:06:27

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:06:29

Iniya René?

Senator René 1:06:30

Abstain.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:06:32

Antonio Rodarte?

Senator Rodarte 1:06:34

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:06:36

Damario Strukien?

Senator Hunsaker 1:06:37

Abstain by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:06:39

Xavier Wilson?

Senator Wilson 1:06:41

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:06:46

Okay, did I not call anyone's name? Okay, trying to make sure this time okay. With three yeses, twenty noes, and nine abstentions, well, 8 abstentions cause Chloe's not here, this amendment does not pass. Okay. Now, are there any other amendments?

Senator Fornatoro 1:07:09

Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large, I wish to introduce an amendment where we make-

VPLA Hinnawi 1:07:13

Wait, is there a motion to hear this amendment?

Senator Wilson 1:07:18

Xavier Wilson College of Liberal Arts I motion to hear the amendment?

Pro Tempore Davidson 1:07:22

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

VPLA Hinnawi 1:07:24

Can I get a show of hands? [Show of hands vote] Okay, thank you.

Senator Fornatoro 1:07:31

Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large, I wish to amend off the catering entirely and to just leave the bands. I don't believe that bands aren't going to show up if they're not given \$16 cheeseburgers and I don't expect the student body to be in favor of us buying non-students of UNO \$16 cheeseburgers with their money. But I do- I am very much in support of these bands playing in this parade.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:07:56

Thank you. All right. So we will now move on to the debate for this amendment to- to discuss removing the catering order from the bill. Okay. All right. So, we have a question or are we discussing?

Parliamentarian Hymel 1:08:14

Debating.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:08:15

Yes. Okay. We're going to start with oppositions. All right. So, we'll start with Jenna and then we'll hit Brendan.

Parliamentarian Hymel 1:08:22

Jenna Hymel, College of Liberal Arts. I have been in a band for a long time when I was in high school. Those parades are expensive, and I know that UNO is very short- it is very short. But like being in a band is very expensive. It's a lot of work, and a lot of hard work. So, I feel like we should reward these students for doing this. It's a lot of time out of their day, out of their weekend. Oh, it's not weekend but out of their time to do this. So, a bill essentially saying "You can't have food, but you're gonna play our event," is quite rude. And paints UNO, in a very bad light.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:09:11

Thank you. We're gonna go to Brendan.

Senator Mott 1:09:13

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large. I wholeheartedly rise in opposition to this amendment. Because, um, first of all, we're retaining them over their lunch period, like Miss Reagan already said. Schools are required to provide lunch periods for their students in Louisiana. I'm not sure if it's like that everywhere. But it definitely is like that in Louisiana, if we had a half day when we were ending school at 10 o'clock

in my home parish, we'd have lunch at 8:30. So it is a requirement, we often provide lunch in some kind of way because there is no lunch period.

President Charles 1:09:42

I'm sorry. [Laughter]

VPLA Hinnawi 1:09:44

Before you continue, I just want to remind everyone to please maintain decorum. If you are not, if I didn't, like, point out for you to speak, please don't speak. Cooper?

Senator Lemons 1:09:54

Cooper Lemons, College of Liberal Arts, I also very much rise in opposition. I feel like students would more so be angry that we have a bunch of middle schoolers and high schoolers coming to play for us, missing their lunch for two and a half hours, and then we don't feed them, and I think it'd be a lot bigger issue in a lot of students' eyes than the money that probably might not get used by the end of semester. So, I agree with Senator Hymel and Mott.

Appointee Lemons 1:10:02

Okay, we're gonna come to Dylan

Pro Tempore Davidson 1:10:26

Dylan Davidson College of Sciences, besides it just looking bad. It's middle school and high school kids. I've walked in a parade, just walking like handing out food. They're playing for hours and hours walking around in formation. It's hot and sweaty and they're wearing these- these monkey outfits, and then you're like, you know, "The food's too much so you know, just eat when you get home." Some of these kids don't have that. And it's a little insensitive to just be like, oh, you know, saying, "Oh, it's too much or they were students are paying so much, right?" We're college students. We could get oodles of noodles someone who can't go back to their crib, and like have that food after playing for two hours. Like however much it is a burden to bear for us to pay for the food, it's 10 times harder for them to sit out there and play for us and then not get fed. Thank you.

Senator Bauman 1:11:16

Cierra Bauman, College of Business Administration, I rise in opposition to this because, it's food. Like if you're worried about the money, we just have a fundraiser to raise money, make 10 times more. Like, we could feed the people. It's not a big deal.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:11:36

Okay, so that was time for opposition. So, I'm going to move on to support to allow for support to have a chance to speak up, and if we need to, we'll come back for more opposition comments. Does anyone rise in support of this amendment?

Pro Tempore Davidson 1:11:54

Dylan Davidson, can I motion to move to vote?

VPLA Hinnawi 1:11:57

Well, let's see- Does anyone rise in support of this amendment?

Senator Fornatoro 1:12:02

Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large. I rise in support of this amendment. We are already paying bands and as it was stated by Senator Mott, they are required to be provided food, that should be on their school. If we're paying their school for them to come, then their school should probably be providing them with food, not our students' personal funds, that they are being in a way taxed in the semester to provide to SGA. We're just sending that to pay for \$16 cheeseburgers to a school that should provide that food already.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:12:32

Thank you. Does anyone else rise in support? Okay, Xavier?

Senator Wilson 1:12:36

So just want to piggyback off of what Brett said. And some other comments. Somebody mentioned that it was a reward for them. We could see it as a reward if they were doing it voluntarily, but we are paying for them to be here. And schools are required to provide lunch for their students if this is considered a type of field trip. So, for us to foot that bill, I think there should have been some communication with the school in deciding on who was going to be providing that lunch.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:13:06

Does anyone else support this amendment?

Senator Rodarte 1:13:09

Antonio Rodarte, College of Business Administration, I support it only because of what they said that the school should be paying for it, and not only that, but I don't remember anything being said about the Senate paying for food in years past. Unless that has been a how it works in years past.

President Charles 1:13:31

Point of inquiry. Is the first time SGA is paying for this?

Guest Laiche 1:13:33

It's the first time during my tenure

Senator Rodarte 1:13:37

Is that just for food or just for us to pay for the event in general?

Guest Laiche 1:13:43

In general, yes.

Senator Rodarte 1:13:45

Okay.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:13:47

Okay. Do you have a comment in support of the Amendment?

Senator Wilson 1:13:50

Point of inquiry.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:13:51

Okay, Xavier, go ahead.

Senator Wilson 1:13:53

I have a point of inquiry for Mrs. Laiche. So, previous years SGA did not fund this event. Where did that money come from?

Guest Laiche 1:14:03

From our Student Affairs Budget.

Senator Wilson 1:14:06

Okay, so why is this year is it now being asked of SGA?

Guest Laiche 1:14:13

Well, our budget is slim, and we just don't have the funds.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:14:23

Okay, thank you. Does anyone else rise in support of this amendment?

Appointee Lemons 1:14:28

Point of Inquiry, how many students are coming from, like between the two schools?

VPLA Hinnawi 1:14:38

Actually, Cooper. Let's hold off on that, because this is still for the amendment right now. And we are at time for debate. So, we're now going to move on to a roll call vote of the amendment to scratch the entire Chartwells order from the bill, okay? Just the amendment, not the bill. When I call your name, please vote yes, no, or abstain. Daniel Abadie?

Senator Abadie 1:15:10

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:15:12

Marco Barahona?

Senator Barahona 1:15:14

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:15:17

Rakeen Barnes?

Senator Barnes 1:15:18

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:15:20

Cierra Bauman?

Senator Bauman 1:15:21

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:15:23

Michael Brown?

Senator Brown 1:15:24

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:15:26

Ian Carbo?

Senator Carbo 1:15:27

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:15:28

Christian Crout?

Senator Crout 1:15:29

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:15:30

Dylan Davidson?

Pro Tempore Davidson 1:15:33

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:15:33

Regianna Fields?

Senator Fields 1:15:34

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:15:35

Brett Fornatoro?

Senator Fornatoro 1:15:36

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:15:38

Cameron Fredrick?

Pro Tempore Davidson 1:15:39

No by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:15:42

Daniel Hunsaker?

Senator Hunsaker 1:15:43

Abstain.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:15:45

Jenna Hymel?

Senator Hymel 1:15:46

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:15:48

Leo Gillum?

Senator Wilson 1:15:49

Yes by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:15:51

Kamille Isom?

Senator Isom 1:15:55

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:15:55

Katie Lambert?

Senator Lambert 1:15:57

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:15:57

Cooper Lemons?

Senator Lemons 1:15:58

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:16:00
Oscar Martinez?

Senator Martinez 1:16:01
No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:16:02
Chloe Metzler?

Senator Metzler 1:16:03
No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:16:04
Henry Mieczkowski?

Senator Mieczkowski 1:16:06
No

VPLA Hinnawi 1:16:06
Gabrielee Morales-Ramirez?

Senator Morales-Ramirez 1:16:08
No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:16:10
Brendon Mott?

Senator Mott 1:16:11
No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:16:12
Henry Nguyen?

Senator Nguyen 1:16:14
No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:16:15
Adam Peters?

Senator Crout 1:16:16
No, by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:16:17

Linda Plasse?

Parliamentarian Hymel 1:16:18

Abstain by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:16:20

Mahaut Sorlin?

Senator Sorlin 1:16:21

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:16:22

Ghazi Raihan?

Senator Raihan 1:16:23

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:16:24

Iniya René?

Senator René 1:16:26

No.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:16:29

Antonio Rodarte?

Senator Rodarte 1:16:30

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:16:31

Damario Strukien?

Senator Hunsaker 1:16:32

Abstain by proxy.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:16:34

Xavier Wilson?

Senator Wilson 1:16:35

Yes.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:16:38

Okay, with five yeses, 24 nos, and three abstentions. That amendment has not passed. Are there any other amendments?

Senator Abadie 1:16:56

It's completely understandable that the Student Affairs doesn't have it in its budget to fund this event, because it's obviously very expensive. Is it any- anywhere in the realm of possibility to split the cost between Student Affairs and SGA? In SGA was to take on the- well the bulk of it is the food and the catering. Does this the Student Affairs have it in its budget to just pay for the marching bands?

Guest Laiche 1:17:22

I'm not fully aware, I could certainly get that information to you guys.

Senator Abadie 1:17:27

Thank you.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:17:30

Xavier?

Senator Wilson 1:17:31

Can I motion to table this bill until that information is gathered?

VPLA Hinnawi 1:17:37

Okay, would you be able to get that information by next week?

Guest Laiche 1:17:40

Sure.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:17:41

Okay, so then motion for the bill to be heard next week.

Senator Wilson 1:17:46

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts, I motion for this bill to be tabled until next week.

Senator Fornatoro 1:17:49

Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large, I second the motion.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:17:52

All right, can I get a show of hands? [Show of Hands vote] We are now moving into Open Forum, this is where we discuss matters pertaining to the betterment of SGA. Ian?

Senator Carbo 1:18:20

Ian Carbo, College of Business Administration, especially with the recent bill passing, a lot of Senators' concerns about Chartwells pricing has come up, and I feel that I- my issue with the Krewe of UNO Bill is more issued towards Chartwells' pricing of their food, like Brett said, it's \$16 per cheeseburger, and we

have to use Chartwells. So, they can get away with charging us \$16 per cheeseburger. So, this is something that we should, as a Senate, try to find out more information on why Chartwells is just pricing their options so high. And also, whenever I've gone to event sponsored by Chartwells, many of the people do not enjoy the hamburgers. Because it's a hamburger, buns, maybe cheese if you're lucky. [Laughter] And this is what we're giving to the students- these middle school students was \$16 on- on our chart so we need to talk to Chartwells about this ludicrous pricing.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:19:34

I think that's a great idea, I do in fact- I think Daniel actually assigned a dining delegate, Brendan? Okay, great Brendan?

Senator Mott 1:19:43

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large, I do have a point of information about that. So, I've worked with Chartwells many times and people have expressed many concerns with Chartwells, especially the students who have meal plans who live on campus. I'm open to hearing some more concerns and addressing it with them. I'm not sure what else we can do. Now there is an office on campus that does oversee the contract the University has with Chartwells, which is Auxiliary Services, is that correct, Azizah?

VPLA Hinnawi 1:20:14

Yes, correct.

Senator Mott 1:20:15

So, if this is a such a big issue, I would suggest that we maybe go to talk to Nicholas St. Amant, who is the Director of Auxiliary Services who oversees that contract.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:20:24

Yeah, y'all can definitely set up this meeting. Did you have something-?

Senator Carbo 1:20:29

I wanted to agree with what Senator Mott had said because if we could just get it to where Chartwells didn't have the monopoly on- that all student organizations have to use Chartwells if they want food at their events, in like the UC or the Cove, these other buildings, I think it'd be great for student life in general.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:20:52

Okay, well, let me say something on that. That's not going to change because that is part of their agreement when they decided to work here is that if they're in a building, like especially the UC where all- like pretty much half the building is their dining facilities, um, for us to hire outside catering, which would be them constantly losing money, but we can discuss with them about like the food, taste and quality. As you've seen, there's a dining survey going around, but yeah, we can definitely set up a meeting with Nick because the Execs actually had a meeting with Nick, and we did bring up the food as well and I think hearing from some Senators might be able to push on that a little more. Antonio?

Senator Rodarte 1:21:30

Antonio Rodarte, College of Business Administration, on top of opening with, like that dining conversation, we would like I guess, go to each of our colleges and to every student organization, either under that college or outside of that college and ask them what they think of Chartwells that they haven't developed from the past semester or school year, and to just talk about their experiences of them whether they like it or dislike it, whatever I thought maybe we can open that. I don't know how I would do that. I guess a poll or a survey or something made by the Senate.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:22:03

Yeah. Did you want to comment on that?

President Charles 1:22:05

I work with Nick so it could be super easy. Let's hear from Cooper. Yes. So actually, this one day, we're- me and a few other Senators are meeting to establish a polling situation. I didn't want to tell y'all because it's not totally fleshed out yet, because I like to give out real information, but that's definitely something that we can tackle. In the meantime, far as the taste of the food in the Galley, I don't know where they get that food from, but it is what it is. What else- conversations when Nick. Nick is very receptive to feedback, just I guess, notify us- or do- You know? Do what you want, I don't care. Do what y'all want. Write a resolution, whatever. I don't care.

Senator Lemons 1:22:48

Cooper Lemons, College of Liberal Arts. Whenever we had the Watermelon Bust go on last week, and we used the money that SGA provided, it was very appreciated, but as our officers tried to book through it, you notice that the water bottles they give often for free out through here. They were charging \$4 per bottle, the melons that are going to initially charge us \$24 per, he had to go outside of the bill so that he could find some, which ended up being \$8. So that was not at all up to them, he went to Chartwells' supplier, and they told him offhand it was \$12. So, they're doubling the prices just through the contract. And then on another issue, whenever we had the Student Fee Referendum go out, I heard through several other students they didn't get any email of the vote. They didn't get it to any kind of folder anywhere. So, they didn't get the option to vote and they looked for both days. So, they didn't really know what to do and were pretty upset that they didn't get the option to vote.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:24:00

You know, it's definitely understandable. SIL was in charge of the vote, but we can mention it to them. Brendan?

Senator Mott 1:24:11

I just want to say one more dining thing. Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large. I wanted to say one more dining thing, because I forgot to mention it, I also get to work with housing and in the delegation I'm in- Student Affairs Committee- and that's always a big concern for people who live in Pontchartrain Hall, because it is a law in Louisiana, that if you live in a Residence Hall and you don't have a kitchen, that you have to have a meal plan, and a lot of students, they end up leaving the residence halls because they do not want to have a meal plan. And so, at the end of the day, the University is almost losing

money in residents because of an issue that's happening from an outside vendor. I feel like that's another issue that could be brought up too.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:24:49

Okay, thank you. Dylan. Let's go to you

Pro Tempore Davidson 1:24:52

Dylan Davidson, College of Sciences point of inquiry for VP Moss and President Charles, can y'all elaborate on why- I know this is the first year the SGA is paying or would pay for the parade but why couldn't we use the reserve fund if this is going to be like a every year event?

President Charles 1:25:08

Also, just to add to that, in knowing that, the Krewe of UNO could submit a budget request at the end of the year, if this is something they would like SGA to fund on a reoccurring basis. So historically, we have not paid for this. Because obviously when Administration- we lost money through this year, so each department has allocated a fiscal amount. As to why they didn't decide to budget the Krewe of UNO- I'm gonna be honest with y'all, they could have, they decided not to, to make sure they meet labor margins. When you hire people, you have to pay your employees. So, things are going to be cut, they decided- I'm assuming they decided to cut the Krewe of UNO. Back to your question on the reserve account. Historically, there has been a miscommunication as to how we appropriated funds from this account. In our financial code, they do not specify how we appropriated funds, if the Senate wish to specify how we're appropriate funds from the reserve account, do that. However, the norm, and not the policy, the norm has been five years projects.

Pro Tempore Davidson 1:26:10

So that could be ammended?

Vice President Moss 1:26:11

So, which could be- what could be amended?

Pro Tempore Davidson 1:26:14

So, this could be amended by submitting a budget request?

Vice President Moss 1:26:16

But the budget request wouldn't cover this year, it would be at the end of the year for next year. So, it's kind of like pretty-

President Charles 1:26:23

So, there's only two options that we can pay for this, which would be the Senate and my account. I'm not paying that.

Senator Fields 1:26:34

Regianna, Colleges of Liberal Arts, back to the food thing. I pay for the food from- because I live in Pontchartrain Hall, and I do not eat \$2,500 worth of food. And so, like I really think that is outrageous.

So, it's a big thing that we definitely should talk about it because I am- me and another friend are considering moving to P-Place because we do not want to use the- the food plan anymore because it's just too expensive and we don't use it as much.

Senator Carbo 1:27:17

Ian Carbo, College of Business Administration, I'm actually a RA- Resident Assistant- over at Privateer Place, and through the polling that we have done, we have shown like- we have recently had a major increase in students interested in moving to Privateer Place. And one of the leading factors of that is the no meal plan, and that these students are not required to have a meal plan, so I feel there's- that they're- like legitimate word to what Senator Mott was saying, that residents are moving out of the halls- Pontchartrain Halls, into like Privateer Place and surrounding areas, solely because of the ludicrous amount the meal plan is.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:28:04

Yes. So, with living in the dorms, a meal plan is necessary. It is required. I don't even think that's a rule by us. I'd have to check that, but it's a thing where like, incoming students who live in the dorms, it's a requirement to be met so that we ensure they are fed. You know what I mean? You don't want someone living on campus who's going without food because they can't afford it. So that's definitely a discussion but maybe even talking about decreasing that lowest possible dining plan could be an option or- I just want to make sure everyone can talk, so let's go to Xavier?

Senator Wilson 1:28:40

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts. I don't want to talk about the food, so I've noticed that a few organizations on campus have been renting tables from True Value. I think you would do SGA and the rest of the campus a service, if we worked on buying tables, so if anybody wants to-

VPLA Hinnawi 1:28:59

I'll actually let you know, we have tables.

Senator Wilson 1:29:02

We do have tables?

President Charles 1:29:03

SGA?

VPLA Hinnawi 1:29:04

No, the school.

President Charles 1:29:05

Oh.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:29:09

The ones that are in the UC- the ones that we use for SGA Events- Tiffany question? Do we have to pay to get ABM to bring tables anywhere on campus? That's like a free service, right?

Advisor Courseault 1:29:19

No, that's free.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:29:19

Yes. So tables. I'm sorry. I

Advisor Courseault 1:29:21

I just- Point of Information- ABM, if you get tables like on campus, it's like 10. Anytime you're ordering more than 10 tables, that will be True Value, because you can only book up to 10 tables on campus. But as long as you put in a request two weeks in advance, ABM will deliver it, but just keep in mind it's only a small one.

Senator Wilson 1:29:44

So, if we just work on getting two more, that could help some people out because this- the bill we tabled was for a bunch of tables to be rented.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:29:54

Yeah. Yeah.

Senator Hunsaker 1:29:59

Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large. Going back to what we were talking about with Chartwells. Me, and Senator Lemons, and Senator Barahona. We all know that we were part of that planning process of Watermelon Bust and getting all the supplies needed for it through Chartwells, and as Senator Lemons said, you know, \$8- or sorry, \$4 water they're trying to charge and all this crazy amount. Well, Nick St. Amant is actually a Lambda Chi Alum, and we meet with them every week, and we were talking to him throughout the week. So, this isn't something that I don't think can be addressed through Nick for prices. I think this is a bigger issue that goes back to corporate of Chartwells. So, I don't know how exactly we address that. But this is far bigger than I think our university.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:30:46

So the reason we say go to Nick is Nick with Auxiliary Services is in charge of that contract. So, he might not be able- if he can address it to corporate or he can be the one who says "we're moving contracts" because Nick is in charge of contracts. So that's why like, for our level, Nick is the highest up for us to go to, to my understanding,

Senator Hunsaker 1:31:09

Okay. And then I was also just gonna say like, we should push for better quality of food. I was here Freshman year, and the food was actually amazing. When the first- like the first year Chartwells came there. That was like 2019. Slowly it kind of died out as Chartwells kind of learns that they don't really need to dedicate that much effort to the quality of food. I think we should aim for quality food.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:31:35

Let's do Brendan.

Senator Mott 1:31:37

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large. So, I want to bring up just to ask Angelo when he- ask President Charles when he goes to his UL System meetings with UL Presidents, ask if this is an issue other universities deal with- with meal plans, people living on campus, because this is not a universal policy. This is a UL System Policy. There are some states where you do not have to have a meal plan to live in a residence hall. If you want to live off of microwave meals, you can. Why does the UL System care? It should not be the UL System's job to feed students. In fact, you're making housing less affordable than if you make people have a meal plan.

President Charles 1:32:06

So, I think, recently, I think they had a health bill. I think it's my prerogative that- it's my understanding as to why the UL would make such an imposition as a required food, right. So not everyone is privileged and I'm not supporting the contract. I don't represent- Well I asked a representative for the UL System, but I forgot their name- Um, but with that being said, if we move and SGA can decide to do what- what we want- if we want to, say, write a resolution being resolved that we terminate our contract with Chartwells. That's our recommendation to administration. They can decide that right? But, far as requiring foods on- at dorms. That's what they do? Over there? It's probably just to make sure that those staying there can have access to food. Not everyone has transportation to go outside of New Orleans, or wherever they can go to get food but also, it's a business model, right? We're in contract with people. We're going to require people to say, look, we have these people living in these dorms, they're automatically going to be enrolled to this program. This is your money right here. So, it's business and it's politics and you can decide which one you want.

Senator Mott 1:33:13

Brendan Mott, Graduate at Large, I have a follow up to that. As much as I agree, it's definitely some business and some politics. I just think this should be something we work with other schools, I want to see if this an issue elsewhere and see if we can like to make it- talk about this issue more, because I just think that, at the end of the day if somebody doesn't have a way to get off-campus like they could personally pay that- that \$1,800 for a meal plan, if they can pay for it. They shouldn't require everybody to do it. And I know that's not our decision as the SGA because it's not a UNO policy, but I think we need to bring it up and talk about it.

President Charles 1:33:45

You can send me an email specific questions so I can reach out to my- the UL System Board President and then I think y'all- y'all feel strong about this today. It's clear that we have a stance on this. I do recommend that y'all write a resolution. I do.

Senator Carbo 1:34:04

Ian Carbo College of Business Administration. Jumping back to the topic of the tables. I know that with my recent event, the mental health one that we needed tables for that, and Director Zimmerman was able to get 10 tables from the College of Business Administration easily for that event. So, if SGA has like- needs tables for events, if the UC is willing to put up 10 And we speak to other departments like

the College of Business Administration, or the Athletics department, I think we would be able to come up with like, maximum maybe like 50-60 tables for events.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:34:43

So just to- just to be clear, we have a lot more than 10 tables, personally, I lift a lot of them every day. Um, we have a lot of- we have tables. We can speak and see why there is that 10 table limits, whether that's like an ABM set number, it doesn't have to be. We, like, look around, there's more tables.

Senator Carbo 1:35:08

We have chairs to right? Just?

VPLA Hinnawi 1:35:10

We have chairs, we have different color chairs. [Laughter] We have a lot to offer, but I definitely think that's a conversation to ask why we have that cap. I mean- Brett and then Xavier? Cool?

Senator Fornatoro 1:35:24

Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large. This isn't related to any of the discussions we've had so far, but I would like to look for other Senators in joining me on a policy mission. As it stands currently, attending athletics events. You can't use Privateer Bucks to buy concessions. And I think that's a major flaw in our sports games. And I think that would be a huge draw for students to come out if you can use Privateer Bucks to buy concessions. And so that's something I wanted to serve. Feel free to reach out to me.

Senator Wilson 1:36:04

Xavier Wilson, College of Liberal Arts. I think to clarify my stance on the tables. I would just prefer that we not have to rent tables as frequently.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:36:14

Christian?

Senator Crout 1:36:16

Christian Crout, College of Engineering I motion to adjourn the meeting.

Senator Carbo 1:36:21

Ian Carbo College of Business Administration, I second that.

Senator Hunsaker 1:36:24

I have something to add. Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at Large, so I go to the library pretty often, I'm kind of like that weird kid. But, on Sunday, I went to the library, it's open from whenever 2-10, or something on Sunday nights. I go into the library, there's no one working, not a single soul. Only people in the library are students. And it says at the front desk, you call this number, if you want to speak to Library Services. So, my question is, why can't we have the library 24 hours if we're just going to keep doing this? Where there's no workers? And so like, what's the problem with keeping it open?

President Charles 1:37:06

His name was Dr. Ray Wang, email him. That's the library- that's the Dean of Library.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:37:13

So, I didn't know that- I didn't know about that on Sunday's. Typically, our answer for why they can not be open 24/7, they say because they don't have staff.

President Charles 1:37:24

But they don't have-

Senator Carbo 1:37:25

But they don't have staff. [Laughter]

VPLA Hinnawi 1:37:27

Okay, Let's continue to maintain decorum. We're still in the meeting. But yes, great idea Daniel. Does anyone else wish to comment on that?

Senator Martinez 1:37:39

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

Senator Metzler 1:37:43

Chloe Metzler Sophomore at Large, I second the motion.

VPLA Hinnawi 1:37:45

Wait! Can I get a show of hands? Okay, thank you. Wait! I adjourn this meeting at 6:42pm.