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SPEAKERS

Senator Fredrick, Advisor Gitlin, Pro Tempore Davidson, Senator Carbo, VPP, Senator Barahona, Senator Lemons, Senator Mott, Senator Fields, President Charles, Senator Rodarte, Senator Abadie, VPLA Hinnawi, Senator RenÃ©, Senator Isom, Senator Barnes, Senator Bauman, Senator Metzler, Senator Hunsaker, Vice President Moss, Senator Fornatoro

- V** VPLA Hinnawi 00:08
All right. I call this meeting to order at 5pm. Do I have a nomination from Pro Tempore for it and a nomination for Parliamentarian? Anyone?
- S** Senator Mott 00:29
Brendon Mott, Graduate at Large, Ill be the temporary Pro tempore.
- S** Senator Fornatoro 00:33
Brett Fornatoro, Junior at Large, Ill be the Parliamentarian.
- V** VPLA Hinnawi 00:36
Thank you so much. Okay, I'll now take the role. When I call your name, please say here.
- S** Senator Abadie 00:43
Here.
- V** VPLA Hinnawi 00:44
Daniel Abadie.

V VPLA Hinnawi 00:45
Marco Barahona.

S Senator Barahona 00:48
Here by proxy.

V VPLA Hinnawi 00:49
Rakeen Barnes.

S Senator Barnes 00:50
Here.

V VPLA Hinnawi 00:51
Cierra Bauman.

S Senator Bauman 00:52
Here.

V VPLA Hinnawi 00:53
Ian Carbo.

S Senator Carbo 00:54
Here.

V VPLA Hinnawi 00:59
Dylan Davidson.

P Pro Tempore Davidson 01:00
Present by proxy.

Present by proxy.

V VPLA Hinnawi 01:02
Regianna Fields.

S Senator Fields 01:03
Here.

V VPLA Hinnawi 01:04
Brett Fornatoro.

S Senator Fornatoro 01:05
Here.

V VPLA Hinnawi 01:06
Cameron Frederick.

S Senator Fredrick 01:07
Here by proxy.

V VPLA Hinnawi 01:09
Leo Gillum.

S Senator Carbo 01:10
Present by proxy.

V VPLA Hinnawi 01:12
Daniel Hunsaker.

V VPLA Hinnawi 01:13

Jenna Hymel.

S Senator Hunsaker 01:13
Present.

V VPLA Hinnawi 01:19
Camille Isom.

S Senator Isom 01:20
Here.

V VPLA Hinnawi 01:22
Katie Lambert.

V VPLA Hinnawi 01:28
Cooper Lemons.

S Senator Lemons 01:29
Here by proxy.

V VPLA Hinnawi 01:31
Chloe Metzler.

S Senator Metzler 01:33
Present.

V VPLA Hinnawi 01:38
Henry Mieczkowski.

V VPLA Hinnawi 01:42

VPLA Hinnawi 01:42
Brendon Mott.

S Senator Mott 01:43
Present.

V VPLA Hinnawi 01:45
Iniya Rene.

S Senator RenÃ© 01:46
Present.

V VPLA Hinnawi 01:47
Antonio Rodarte.

S Senator Rodarte 01:50
Present.

V VPLA Hinnawi 01:51
With 18 senators present we do meet quorum. Are there any corrections or changes to today's agenda?

V VPLA Hinnawi 01:58
All right. Are there any corrections or changes to the minutes from last week's meeting?
Anyone have any changes for the minutes from last week or last last week before Mardi Gras?
Would no objections to the minutes or agenda? They are both approved. Are there any senator communications or announcements?

S Senator Fornatoro 02:34
This Friday night there's going to be a baseball game against Brown, which is the first game of a three game weekend series. So Friday night if you're looking for something to do or Saturday and Sunday afternoon, there's going to be baseball.

S Senator Carbo 02:50

Ian Carbo, College of Business Administration. There will be a crawfish boil on March 25. From 11am to 4pm. At the cove hosted by UNO alumni called privateer Peela Palooza. It does say that you have to purchase tickets in advance for best price.

S Senator Fields 03:15

Regianna College of Liberal Arts. So is the ticket their college tickets because I've only I've only seen adult tickets on there.

S Senator Carbo 03:30

I was told just simply promote the event I haven't even checked out the ticket prices myself.

V VPLA Hinnawi 03:35

So point of information. I think it's actually just like a general type. Oh, yeah, because it's like more geared towards alumni in general as opposed to the separate events like suck off which is more geared towards the current students but they still encourage our students to go to the alumni event that we just to mingle.

S Senator Mott 04:03

It's related to this. There will be separate area for people who are orientation leaders like previously and either graduated or just no longer orientation leaders. So if you know any former orientation leaders just pass the word on. I know that I'm a former orientation leader. So that's how I got the information.

V VPLA Hinnawi 04:27

Thank you, Brendan. All right. Are there any other senator communications or announcements? Awesome. Are there any non-Senator communications or announcements

V VPLA Hinnawi 04:48

The Pro Tempore does not have a report to any committees have report all right. Does the President have report?

P President Charles 05:12

All right, good afternoon, everyone. It's great to see you guys today. Yesterday, we marched on UNO, to commemorate the legacy of black history and civil rights in the United States. And

needless to say, I think we did it. We did it with dignity and respect from our community and faculty and administration. The march was accompanied by inspire Nola and St. Augustine High School and some other campus officials. this march was a struggle to plan it was very difficult, getting things official and getting people on the right page. So when you set out to do things, you know, you're planning events and you're going about your journey that you're no, don't ever be deterred, because in a moment, it may seem like you want to give up in a moment, you may have to fight not physically fight, but with words, do it, do whatever necessary to make sure things happen. But in the end, as you saw yesterday, we might have a little more, which Jordan said that we kind of made history as the first campus organization to hold a demonstration on his campus. So that's kind of a big deal. So give yourself a round of Applause.

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President Charles 06:42

If you do not know it is Women's History Month, which is very important. The Executive Board plans on doing a thing for Women's History Month by celebrating a woman on campus by sending out pretty much sending out a student body email, or getting the students to upload important women in their life and we're gonna use that pictures and those short BIOS to make a gallery walk in the you'll see so that is coming soon. I plan on sending out that email this week.

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President Charles 07:13

Next week, we'll have a admin meeting. I'm gonna follow up on some of those just to make sure that those have been put into place such as close on one that should be fine. I think Todd Can you talk about that your report. My resolution about fraternities, sororities, rooms and academic advisor resolutions to make sure that the academic advisors are being reviewed by the students. Both of those were approved by our administration, but we just need to make sure that we have action on that. I do want to take the time to recognize and appreciate four senators who represented the Senate body at the March Senator Ciara, Senator Kamil, Senator Dillon and Rakeen I really greatly appreciate you guys for representing the Senate. The Student Senate your presence matters. I was one of you could have came but the people that came out greatly appreciate you for coming. And internals next week, the executive was on a sharp focus on the internals of this organization by we have a lot of big documents coming your way that will be on the Senate floor by March 16. We have the new revised constitution, the demerit system, as well as additional resolution authored by me to increase infrastructure on campus I will end with a quote I have multiple quotes but I because it's Women's History.

P

President Charles 09:05

If the first woman god ever made was strong enough to turn the rod upside down all alone. These together also be able to turn it back and get it right upside again. Sojourner Truth Thank you.

P

President Charles 09:17

I hold the rest of my time

I yield the rest of my time.

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Senator Fornatoro 09:18

Brett Fornatoro Jr. at large motion to recognize Senator Davidson.

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Senator Carbo 09:28

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

P

President Charles 09:34

Point of order, out of respect this was the time for questions that was definitely out of decorum to do that. I am not the authority to tell you that but that was a little bit out of order.

V

Vice President Moss 09:59

Vice President, I'm glad to see y'all. I haven't been at a single meeting this semester because of my schedule, but I just did a little bit to be here today. So our current budget numbers are \$16,232.25. And then also today, my email went out for the budget request process. So be on the lookout for that if you have any members of organizations or people reach out to you just send them to my own vice president email. And also I'll be choosing my budget committee soon too. So be on the lookout for those emails.

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VPLA Hinnawi 10:46

All right.

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VPLA Hinnawi 10:47

I just want to talk about one thing real quick. Sometimes I get sent bills and they don't really have a sponsor yet. So I usually try and connect them with senators. So just if anyone gets emails you talking about like, asking you to sponsor them, just try to reach out to them in a timely manner. Because I try to keep it like at least within your college first before I open it up to all the senators. So if you don't want to sponsor like, let them know that they can get to me and I can help them find a senator and that way they can get their bills approved within like a timely manner. Because we do have those like requirements, yes. Okay. Um, I don't really have anything else. So does anyone have any questions for me about anything?

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Senator Abadie 11:35

Daniel Abdaie, College of liberal arts. I think first SGA meeting we were in open forum we're talking about possibly bringing back the student newspaper has anything developed on that?

V VPLA Hinnawi 11:54

Yes. So that's like something specifically I want to talk to Dr. Golzs. About but we were kind of just focusing on like this March, whatever. And then every time I see her it was just like, a bad time, but I promise I will get it to you guys for next meeting. I promise. I've been thinking about it. And I've been feeling bad and I was kind of hoping. Thank you. But yes, let me know. Also, if there's any students because she's gonna ask me for names, like, send me an email with students who are interested because I know she's gonna ask me for names and I don't want to just go in there and be like, Oh, well, because I remember Leo was like, it's not for me, my friend's address it, you know, they mean, so I'd rather go in there with more of a solid group of students. So it's not so hypothetical.

S Senator Hunsaker 12:40

Daniel Hunsaker, Senior at large. I guess this is to answer that, but last I heard it was Professor Michael Pickering. But I don't know if y'all know about that, too. I think it's like multiple people.

V VPLA Hinnawi 12:55

Yeah, and I think Dr. Golz like oversees it or something. So she'll definitely be able to put you in contact with everyone. I'm just gonna let her know that we have interest in what to get started and what I can do to streamline.

S Senator Fornatoro 13:12

Brett Fornatoro Jr. at large. Perhaps writing up a resolution regarding restarting the paper be of any use?

V VPLA Hinnawi 13:19

I don't think so. Because it was something that administration was interested in and students weren't when it was brought up in conversation last semester. So I think now that students are interested that it won't be fine. I think it was going to take a conversation honestly. Like I said, I honestly could have handled this after you guys had addressed it but I just got really busy. I'm so sorry. That is on my part. But then also perform actually. Anyone else have any questions? Awesome. Does the vice president of programming report yes?

V VPP 14:04

Hello, just to remind you guys that at the end of this week, we have womens retreat on Friday. And it will be in the UC in the second floor innsbruck from five to eight and also that we're going to have a brunch which will be in the International Center in the international lounge and

that will be from 10 to two. We're gonna have a movie at the amp that will be Tuesday, March 14 at 7pm and we'll be showing so anyone have any questions?

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Advisor Gitlin 14:56

We're coming back from break I do have a report, this a little bit lengthy. I apologize in advance. Women's retreat is happening. That is a Friday. We have a lot of really cool things planned. The theme this year is women in business. This is going to include a networking events with people from a variety of industries everything from food manufacturing to a former Lieutenant Colonel to the CEO of New Orleans charter school. If you're interested, there's still time to sign up if you are going I'm going to challenge y'all to invite five friends to come to this because it's going to be a lot of fun. And SAC has put in a lot of work to make this a really good, good event.

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Advisor Gitlin 15:47

The election timeline has been posted on the website. If you have any questions about that or need the details, I'm more than happy to answer them and you can check them out as well.

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Advisor Gitlin 15:58

I also want to remind you all about some volunteer opportunities that are coming up. We have a career expo next Tuesday, March 7, put on by Junior Achievement. This is a really cool opportunity to kind of like interact with school children and kind of like help them think through what they're interested in and just walk around and act as a mentor for them. If you're interested in signing up for that the I can send you the link. But yeah, and then we also have a volunteer opportunity in April, a French Quarter fest. I mentioned this before French Quarter fest is the world's largest free walking festival. It takes place all over the French Quarter in four days. We are planning to try to lock down the shift where you and students can come. As a volunteer you get food tickets. One of the best things about French Quarter fest is the food. There's food from all over the city and you'll get a free T shirt. They've also given you like merch tickets so you can get \$20 to go to merch. I don't know if that's happening this year. But that's a really cool opportunity. If that's something y'all are interested in. Please see me after this. If you're a fraternity, sorority, athletes, I know we all need some service hours, these would both be really good opportunities to get some of those service hours done.

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Advisor Gitlin 17:31

Finally, I'm going to ask all college liberal arts senators to please see me after this meeting. We just need to touch base about something and finally, Angelo, I want to update you all on the Sharps bill. So I've been in contact and working with risk management and you know, just to kind of finalize some details. All that needs to be done is put an ABM request. I've been waiting on this because I want we need to be as specific as possible as to where we want the location and I just haven't had like in each room that we've designated. And I just haven't had the capacity to do that. Now that we're in a little bit of a lull period. I'm planning to do that this week. Yeah. And I stand open for any questions.

S

Senator Mott 18:24

Are the volunteer opportunities open for all students.

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Advisor Gitlin 18:26

Absolutely. With the French Quarter fest. Um, they need to so they need to sign up through a portal to do it. So if they're interested in it, they we need them to we need to be as proactive as possible for this event.

A

Advisor Gitlin 18:26

Correct.

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Senator Mott 18:26

So somebody I know was thinking about, like going to French Quarter Fest and they want to volunteer to actually say hey, come to see us?

S

Senator Fornatoro 19:07

Brett Fornatoro Jr. at large. I remember in the fall semester when Vice President Moss had amended the election code, I don't see those changes reflected on SGAS website. Okay. I was just wondering if you plan on doing it.

A

Advisor Gitlin 19:22

Yeah, I'll update this week. Cool. Thank you. Any other questions?

V

VPLA Hinnawi 19:42

All right, with no old business or new business. We are now moving to open forum this discuss matters pertaining to the betterment of SGA. Does anyone have any questions? Anything to say? Brendan?

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Senator Mott 20:00

We started with that driftwood thing but also with other things on campus. I feel like we have issue where because of COVID a lot of things that haven't existed for the past couple of years. People just don't know ever existed, like, especially the like, students who came into it or like they might never know we had a newspaper like they might hear like little things, but they may

not realize that it was this big thing. You could go grab a newspaper around campus, same with like some of the restaurants all kinds of different services we used to have and I get like cutting them because they weren't used but like they weren't used properly because they were cut out because it COVID And then when they came back people didn't even know they existed. So I just think that's a good thing to like say.

V

VPLA Hinnawi 20:46

I wouldn't say it was all because of COVID. I think they were having some trouble on before COVID. But I can definitely talk to Dr. Golz about that. And I think they'll be very understanding about reinstating it. So I don't see any pushback there. I don't expect any.

P

Pro Tempore Davidson 21:08

So I apologize for my tardiness at work. As the head of the Governance Committee so I just want to do like a free flow, little thingy thing just to kind of get it rolling. So with governance committee we had I talked to the VPLA last semester where we felt like the committee wasn't really being utilized to its full potential or the stuff that we focus on like, like proceedings, procedural amendments, stuff like that, you know, not every no one's getting impeached like, you know, every Wednesday, so it's not really, really used as much but So the big thing is I need to get to work . So basically, every time we give anytime SGA is funding an event just making sure that the SGA was on there, things like that. So for instance we for next semester for a new appointments by so we would do like vetting so before someone comes up and you know, comes up for for election or appointment to the Senate, we would kind of meet them and you know, haven't heard much, but I know a lot of the new senators when we came in, they called your name and they're like, tell us tell us what you know. So I feel like that would definitely be good for incoming senators and people interested in joining SGA to have that vetting process before so you know, what questions, what you need to know and what questions to answer.

V

VPLA Hinnawi 23:05

Thank you. Anyone else?

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Senator Carbo 23:18

I know that the internet has been a big problem for a good bit of the students today. And hopefully going forward. That issue just fixes itself. But I do feel like if by next Wednesday, a good portion of the students are still having trouble just connecting online to their classes and there should be like a further look into.

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Senator Fornatoro 23:43

Brett Fornatoro Jr. at large. Maybe that would be something writing resolution regarding if anyone was wanted to

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President Charles 23:51

I think then you sent me email this morning. Yeah. Um, so I sit on a student tech fee Committee, which has a lot to do with like the internet, like Wi Fi and stuff like that. I can call a meeting to order if necessary. The issues with the recent Wi Fi. Let's just say it was a one off without that's what we was told. But we are getting Wi Fi upgrades. The campus is transitioning from platforms like moodle we are transitioning away from that. Surprise. I'm sorry, I probably wasn't supposed to say.

V

VPLA Hinnawi 25:02

Especially because if I'm like putting information I think I mentioned this to a few senators. I noticed in the library they have like these monitors and it all says new Wi Fi is coming to the library. So I feel like if we try to say now like we need new Wi Fi our answer from administration is going to be it's in the works. So I think what we need to do is wait for them to announce the new Wi Fi see how that goes and then be like, we need new Wi Fi because right now the only answer you're gonna get is it's happening because it's true.

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Senator Mott 25:40

Does anyone else has anything on Wi Fi because I got something else.

V

VPLA Hinnawi 25:42

Okay, anyone

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Senator Mott 25:47

Okay, my browser was working on my phone but I got a long email from somebody that I didn't want to read word for word because it's very long, but just to say some points of it. So I got an email from a parent, not a student, which is a kind of a first she was saying hey, Brendon, I understand that you're on SGA according to my to my student and she was basically complaining that she has said that she pays for her daughter's meal plan and her and basically everybody else that they know in ponctchartrain halls are just having some serious issues with the meal plans and those include people policing the food stations even though it's it's an all you can eat cafeteria and you should be able to go and get as much as you want. Items running out. Before the galley is supposed to close. There's never milk in the machine. Things are put on the menu that are actually there. Things are not on the menu that shouldn't be there and that's really dangerous for you have allergies. My student has food allergies but then there's only one station in there that can accommodate and then they still won't let her be out the meal plan just a lot of different stuff that we've heard many times I just thought kind of crazy that a parent emailed me saying that because that actually kind of put it more perspective that oh yeah, people are paying for this and might just be the students paying for the meal plans section might look bad to a whole community. So I just want to say like, I don't know what we

can do about this, because I know that that's a third party, but things like just that recurrent issue every year and it's been an issue even before Chartwells and we had a different company. We had issues with the galley that was similar.

P President Charles 27:25

I guess I'm expected to respond. I think that's like, senator said, I'm gonna turn into a chicken and I feel like that because all we do is eat Chikfila. So I don't get to experience the galley as much. But with that being said, I think the conversation needs to be had. It's a recurring issue. I've been in SGA for a long time. I've just been an SGA enough to know that this has something I think it's time. I think it's time to stop and it's just it's time. Yes.

S Senator Mott 28:01

I'm going to write a resolution but I would like to see if other senators possibly if you notice that it looks like you just go in the galleys because you go in the galley because I know that I go in there. And ill send out an email as well, so if you have any information could you possibly send it my way?

V VPLA Hinnawi 28:18

You know, it'd be great idea. Tabling outside that I can get you, oh just let me know when you're available and they'll just put it out there.

S Senator Hunsaker 28:33

I know last semester we talked about how apparently the gallery can get feedback and whatever but I have no issue with the gallery. I'm a regular at the gallery of a meal plan even though I don't live on campus. Kind of weird. But um so yeah, I actually caught the workers put a happy faces on a survey machine they have in the front. I don't know if anybody else has noticed that. But yeah. The workers must be assigned to go out there every day and put little happy faces.

V VPLA Hinnawi 29:07

So actually, what I was just told recently, like about a week ago when I was here, was that the boss or chef, when he actually checks those week to week like so if you go in there and actually put in your complaints he will see those. So that's probably why it's mainly based on the base map is because someone's actually checking those. Yeah, that's what they told me. Wow. And I want to get close though before we get back to finish because I seen your hand up

S Senator Metzler 29:41

Yeah, so today, I went to the galley because I saw that they had like sesame chicken wraps on

their menu. And when I walked in there, there was no sesame chicken. So I'm kind of feeling this conversation today.

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Senator Mott 30:02

That is technically true, they do check. Also just seen people who work at the counter go up and post the smiley face and it says it doesn't leave open feedback. So that's not that is true that they definitely are doing that to a certain extent. Maybe not to an extreme extent, but it's definitely skewing the results and that is very problematic.

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Senator Fields 30:19

Regianna College liberal College of Liberal Arts. Um, yeah, I have not used the meal plan not once this semester because I've been so disappointed like, I when I go in there and I look and I don't use it. So my mom was like, I need my 2100\$ worth. That was bad. Yeah, so the galley is not it's not a fun place.

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Senator Rodarte 30:54

I went in today, and I saw there was like chicken and stuff. And so I got some food and stuff. And I noticed that after I left the food the workers are kind of beings mean , to people I don't know why. But then I got a smoothie and the smoothie guy was really cool to talk to so but before that, I got food one time and as Senator once said earlier, they're a little bit more I guess, meaner, more sort of protective of the food or I dont know why. There's usually a lot of it and so I thought okay, because three slices of pizza so too, but she took the plate and put it back on the pizza. thing. So Oh, yeah. Not allowed.

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VPLA Hinnawi 31:58

I know that was kind of shocking. should not be allowed.

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Senator Rodarte 32:05

Taken aback by it.

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VPLA Hinnawi 32:07

Well, we could go all day. But I think to think proactively, that's probably the best use of our time. So maybe some of our senators like Regianna you might want to get involved and Antonio with your pizza thing. You might want to get involved and like, all kind of like work together with Brendon and maybe get a resolution going. Because it doesn't make sense to just sit here and complain. Although I enjoyed your source, and did you have something else or

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Senator Carbo 32:42

I know you've mentioned tabling earlier and I would be down to go out and table and receive some of the students feedback on this issue.

V

VPLA Hinnawi 32:54

Yeah, just let me know when you're available and I can get your table .

S

Senator Mott 33:00

I'm not sure. I'll be available to put the table during all the times people want since that's it, but I am willing to make a Microsoft Google form with a QR code I can put it give to people to take away this ask for around campus.

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Pro Tempore Davidson 33:13

Dylan Davidson, College of Sciences, motion to adjourn the meeting.

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VPLA Hinnawi 33:20

Can I second? Ok can I get a show of hands?