



Student Government Association Senate
Monday February 5, 2018
Session Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order at 12:07 pm
- II. Roll Call vote: 15 out of 18 senators were present
- III. Approval of agenda
 - a. Agenda was approved.
- IV. Approval of minutes
 - a. Minutes were approved
- V. Communications and Announcements
 - a. Senators
 - i. No communications or announcements.
 - b. Non Senators
 - i. No communications or announcements.
- VI. President Pro-Tempore and Committee Reports
 - a. President Pro-Tempore
 - i. Senator White: Governance committee started meeting to start constitution and bylaw reforms. The constitution is the main priority. Meetings are at 12:00 in the off weeks of senate meetings.
 - b. Committee Reports
 - i. No committee reports.
- VII. Exec Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports
 - a. President
 - i. President Watkins: Office is hiring 2 new workers. I signed 2 executive orders this week. One to purchase 10 new hammocks for students to rent from the new student lounge. The second bought lawn games for homecoming that can also be rented out for student organizations. I am working with NOLA tree project non-profit to plant 50 trees at UNO. Undergrad applications for fall are up 27%, and admitted undergrads are up 47%. We are also working with library to be opened 24/7. And renovate the first floor to provide more study space for students.
 - b. Vice President
 - i. No Report
 - c. Vice President of Legislative affairs

- i. VPLA Batiste: Senate retreat will be held March 3rd from 10:00-1:00. Please bring your senate binders. SGA also has a homecoming team this year, our nominee for king is Tyran Strahan. Please be mindful of Robert's Rules of Order in our meetings, Joy and I revised the meeting script and we are going to try to start running meetings in a more orderly fashion.
 - d. Vice President of Programming
 - i. No Report
 - e. Judicial
 - i. No Report
 - f. Advisors
 - i. Advisor Ballard: Thank you all for attending our Homecoming events, and don't forget to make plans for Homecoming on February 17th. The Krewe of UNO parade is also tomorrow depending on the weather. We are working hard to get the student lounge open as soon as possible. The goal is after Mardi Gras. Thank you for holding committee meetings. Even if we are not making quorum, it is nice to see you are trying. Make sure you CC me on your meeting emails.
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. None
- IX. New Business
 - a. Service Coalition Bin Bill
 - i. Senator White and Kirstie Giles:
 1. Recycling on campus run by students. 17 bins on campus, but are all different and falling apart. Asking for 30 new bins at only 1/10th of the cost of the old bins. Also for 30 lids. Will print out 30 large Aboard posters for above each bin.
 2. No plan for old bins yet, possibly donate them to office who want to use them or use as excess.
 3. Will be getting 13 more than currently in use. Putting one in every building.
 4. Emptying recycling will still be students' responsibility.
 5. These bins get free shipping, saving \$200 in shipping.
 - ii. Aucoin: Great program, been around for long time. Worth improving on.
 - iii. Passed
 - b. Robotics Bill
 - i. Senator Vu and Michael Ceraso
 1. This bill is needed to replace senior parts, soldering mask, battery management.
 2. Certain parts have time sensitivity. All parts are time sensitive, needed to compete for completion on April 6th. Possibly even sooner within the next two weeks. Heat/battery management and parts are most time sensitive.
 - ii. Opposition

1. Senator White: Had past issues with passing costly bills for student orgs. A lot of money for something that would only benefit one org.
 - a. Senator Vu: Robotics is open to all students. Attracting not only engineers, but visual arts students too. If we have more to do with the parts we may attract more students. Put on workshops for everyone.
- iii. Support
 1. Senator Aucoin: Group has been on campus for a long time. Most members are in college of engineering and sciences. Gives those colleges good press. Looking at divided up only a quarter per student.
 2. Senator Mariano: Emailed group, emailed back within 24hrs with research on cheaper products
 3. Senator Cognevich: Not just for students in club, recognition for school is greater than the members who attain it.
- iv. Amendments
 1. Amendment was submitted before the meeting to replace 6 parts with a more affordable alternative.
- v. Amendment Passed.
- vi. Final Debate
 1. Senator White: Prefer to table to see if make more cuts.
 2. Motioned to table
 - a. Majority vote not to table.
- vii. Second support
 1. Senator Vu: Need to build next step of robot, if delay anymore may not have chance to test robot.
 2. Senator Mariano: Already contacted the team to verify their items at cheapest.
 3. Senator Cognevich: \$1300 is a small drop in our budget, more than worth it.
- viii. Bill passed
- c. Procedural Amendment
 - i. Motioned to table, unclear wording
 1. Motion passed, tabled to next meeting.
- d. Fountain Bill
 - i. Aucoin
 1. Fountain motor keeps breaking we control purpose. Turn into flowerbed would lower costs and would cost SGA nothing. Changes to be approved by vice president.
 2. Facility services would cover full costs.
 3. If flowers are not taken care of it can easily be changed back.
 4. Flowers will be significantly less maintenance than the fountain.

5. In order to replace the motor, we would need to raise pillar and carve out a larger slot.
 6. More research is needed on the cost of new pump.
- ii. Motioned to table
 1. Tabled to next meeting.
- X. Nominations and Appointments
1. Election Commissioner-Lauren Lane
 - a. President Watkins: The election commissioner runs elections for executives and senate towards end of the Spring semester. Lauren is a sophomore who works in marketing. Joy has done this job and will teach her the ropes.
 - i. Senator Aucoin: Lauren was on committee for past semester, and was only person would show up for meetings. She seems capable and will be able to carry out the job.
 - ii. Lauren is confirmed.
 2. Senator Appointments
 - a. Kenady Hills
 - i. Hills: I am a Sophomore Anthropology and Political Science double major. I am also a UNO Ambassador, campus tour guide, and an RA in Ponchatrain Hall. I am interested because I can see the big difference SGA makes and wants to help make a difference at UNO.
 - ii. Senator Aucoin: How many seats does liberal arts have open?
 - iii. VPLA Batiste: I believe they have about 7 open seats.
 - iv. Confirmed as new Liberal Arts Senator
 3. Senate Committee Appointment
 - a. Senator White: Motion to only vote on those present.
 - i. Motion carries.
 - b. Christine Bourgeois-Governance
 - c. Hannah Miller-Governance
 - d. Cory Pitalo-Governance
 - i. Candidates were approved in a slate vote.
- XI. Open Forum
- XII. Adjournment at 1:23PM