



Student Government Association Senate Meeting  
Monday, October 30, 2017

- I. Call the meeting to order
  - 12:07 PM
- II. Roll Call
  - 14 present of 15 senators
- III. Approval of the Minutes
  - Approved
- IV. Communications and Announcements
  - a. Senators
  - b. Non-Senators
- V. President Pro-Tempore and Committee Reports
  - a. President Pro-Tempore
    - No report
  - b. Committee Reports
    - Rules- we met due to bills being presented today, there are no concerns in regarding the bills. As far as facility services, the \$16 student fee will be happening. If you want to be a part of this contact me after the meeting.
    - Student Affairs- I tried to email my co-chairs, never got a response from them.
    - Finance- not represented, tabled.
- VI. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports
  - a. President-
    - Watkins, in Baton Rouge.
  - b. Vice-President
    - Edwards, next Monday we have the senate retreat 12-1 and lunch is provided. If there are questions about this retreat shoot me an email. Operating account is at \$26,000.
    - Aucoin In regards to the sidewalk money, was it put back into the reserve account?
    - Paige, the transfer of funds was never transferred out of reserve.
  - c. Vice-President of Legislative Affairs
    - Next semester we are looking at meetings being at the same time on Mondays starting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
    - I am working on reserving room 407 in library for next semester meetings.

- Upcoming bills still in my office: NPHC plot bill, Math grad society travel bill, Dorms bill, and Sodexo reform bill
  - Please have bills turned in 48 hours on the Thursday before the upcoming meeting
- d. Vice-President of Programming
- No report
- e. Judicial
- No report
- f. Advisors
- Ballard, I am the new coordinator of student governance. I am now full time 8AM-4:30PM everyday in SGA office. If there are things you need done or questions in regards to SGA please come see me.
  - The master calendar of SGA is held by me.
  - If your committee is meeting at any time shoot me an email so I can know in advance. Everyone is Required to attend at least 1 senate retreat a year, so I highly recommend you attend this upcoming retreat on Monday.
  - Aucoin- is is once per year or semester?
  - Ballard- Once a year
  - Kyser- if the meetings are done electronically, do you want full text of meeting?
  - Ballard- Yes, that works for record keeping.
  - Aucoin- Which contact would you prefer us contact you by?
  - Ballard- Please contact me at: jnballa1@uno.edu.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

a. B.F.17J002 NBSE/ SWE Movie Night

- This bill is represented by Aucoin, Edwards, and Webster. We are Hosting an event on November 9<sup>th</sup> in the Engineering auditorium. We are expecting 150 people to attend, this includes other universities and college students This is a movie night, we will be showing the movie, Hidden Figures. We are requesting funds for getting the copyright of the movie itself, which is \$840, then it will be \$570 for the movie itself. We are inviting all other stem majors so they can learn about our organizations before and after the event. Our food rates have been discounted by Aramark for student organizations. There is no entry fee.
- White- is this event open to all students?
- Aucoin- Yes, this will be a recruiting event for everyone especially the high school students coming in.
- Kyser- I support this event, it is an awesome movie and it is also good for supporting social causes and stem majors.
- 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention

b. B.F.17J003 Catholic Privateers Thanks Giving

- Bill represented by Lazarine and Barrileaux. Thank you for having us and assisting us for this bill. Catholic privateers is holding a mass and dinner on the evening before Thanksgiving. You are not required to attend mass to come to this dinner. Last year we projected 250 students, this year we are expecting 350 to show up. There will be turkey, veggies, salad, and deserts. \$616 is the amount we are requesting. We will have an option for tea and lemonade. This event is free to all students and we want to advertise SGA if possible for this event since you will be helping out greatly. We are doing online marketing and chloroplast signs along with flyers on campus.
- Support, Davis- This is a wonderful event for students to get a hot meal to those stuck on campus or have a hard time commuting to get dinner when the cafeteria is not available.

c. B.F.17J004 PBSU Heritage Ball

- Bill represented by Batiste, Suggs, and Rico. We are representing PBSU. We have an event coming up that's being held which is the PBSU heritage ball. This event honors minorities on campus with an award in regards to leadership and other qualifying components. We believe this event is important to bring back to UNO because it acknowledges faculty and staff. We will be providing the full meal which includes, entrée, appetizer, and a snack/ desert. There will be a \$20 entry fee. Food will be unlimited. We pay for the food and then for the bill we are asking for DJ, the venue, and cheese trays. Bill is \$1720. In the past this event has succeeded. It was going well for 5 years in a row, but since we are starting it up again we are doing it on a smaller scale.
- Batiste- all funds for tickets will be going towards scholarships and rewards to winners. Money also includes the décor, the alumni ballroom, and the catering from an outside source.
- Ballard- due to legality services, make sure you keep account of the money being used and present it to SGA after the event.
- Support, Batiste- this event is a good way to bridge gaps and acknowledge minorities on campus, for rewards and scholarships.
- 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention.

d. B.F.17J005 Student Lounge

- Represented by Advisors Paige and Ballard. We first presented this idea of the student lounge last spring and were funded accordingly. The initial bill and budget was \$56,000, we were originally going to receive money from out university's retention fund which would assist with funding of this project also. We were just informed that they no longer have these funds to help. We are asking for additional funds to complete the lounge. (Pictures have been presented.) Some stuff that is checked out in SIL will be located in here during the year. This bill is \$17,963 which is covering

the cost of 3 security cameras that total \$5,300, wiring by IT for \$500, a refurbished commercial pool table \$2,245 (balls, sticks, chalk, and pool cover), 3 TV monitors, games for consoles, estimating \$2,000 from costs online with Best Buy or Amazon. The game systems will include the XBOX1, PS4 Pro, along with games and controllers for each. We do have some funds left from original, which will be used to wrap the outside of the lounge. In the future we will look into requesting \$2,000 each year for cleaning the lounge in each break/ session, replacing games, and replacing damaged or stolen items.

- Aucoin- any concerns for this project since we are funding this fully by SGA?
  - Paige- No, the lounge was said to be a SGA undertaking which would be completed by SGA.
  - Kyser- we voted on it 100%, so we are now responsible for this.
  - Bill Tabled
- e. B.F17J006 Compound Resolution
- Aucoin- president Watkins and I have been working to revitalize the improvement of the in front of the library area (quad). We are voting on the idea of the construction process, not the funds for it.
  - 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention
- f. B.F.17J007 UNITY Fashion Show
- Tabled

## VIX. Nominations and Appointments

### 1. Senate

- a. Jerod Dunbar
- I'm a recent transitioning graduate student in computer science. I am on the executive board for ACM. I'm also a mentor for students, my professor mentioned there are a lot of vacancies in sciences and I believe it's a good way to take a campus wide approach to improving campus.
  - Mariano, support for him he has a lot of knowledge due to experience in that department.
  - 13 yes , 1 abs. 0 no
- b. Chase Lirette
- Tabled
- c. Jeremy Guidry
- Tabled
- d. Noah Hyde
- Tabled
- e. Minahil Khan
- Tabled
- f. Gerard Nelson

- Transfer from LA Tech, I always wanted to be a part of it in high school, but was unable to due to time. Senior year was kind of hard due to classes and workload.
  - 12 yes, 2 abstention, 0 no
- g. Nolan Sherman
- I'm a computer science sophomore, also an ACM officer. I'm interested in SGA due to uniqueness to provide events to students and help promote different things.
  - 12 yes 2 abs 0 no
- h. Huy Vu
- I'm also from the department of computer science. I'm interested due to it being an opportunity to provide students with chances to get involved.
  - Aucoin- you sound very passionate of your student org. Be aware that you are not representing the organization you are representing the science department.
  - Vu- I look forward host events in regards to formal meetings with employer/ interview workshops and how they need to be presented for job interviews. I am also a member of the honor student council, game developments, and VASA.
  - Yes
- i. Christopher Wadsworth
- Tabled
- j. Muniba Zahid
- Tabled
2. Senate Committees – 12 yes 1 obs. 0 no
- a. Bonner –Finance
- Tabled
- b. Howard- Rules
- Yes
- c. Howard-Williams –Governance
- Yes
- d. Mason-Finance
- Yes
- e. Mariano-Finance
- Yes
- f. Sene-Affairs
- Tabled
- X. Open Forum
- XI. Adjournment
- 1:35PM