



Student Government Association Senate  
October 16, 2017  
Session Agenda

- I. Call the meeting to order
  - 12:10 PM
- II. Roll Call
  - 9 present, 1 absent
- III. Approval of the Minutes
  - Approved
- IV. Communications and Announcements
  - a. Senators-
  - b. Non-Senators
    - Murino- we all received a message from Dr. Nicklow, all presidents of an organization, there is a mandatory meeting for 4 pm in UC Innsbruck.
- IV. President Pro-Tempore and Committee Reports
  - a. President Pro-Tempore
  - b. Committee Reports
- VI. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports
  - a. President-
    - Last meeting someone wanted an update on the school administration and what has been going on the past two months. Student government has been inquiring about more food options on campus including different types of food trucks along with extended dining hours. Also we all worked to have our first welcome week of events, which had a great turn out.
    - We have plans to change the first floor of library hours to 24/7 for projects and students to use. They will be completely renovating in the upper floors of library also.
    - News on the Gaming Student Lounge, it will open hopefully next month around thanksgiving, in the old copy center downstairs.
    - Next few months we will implement new events on campus for students.
    - President Nicklow has major plans to make our campus more beautiful and able to utilize it more. Along with that, we have a plan to construct some sort of plaza in front of the library, by the quad.
    - Issues are still upcoming, if there are any changes and help that I can assist you with, please tell me. Come in anytime during my office hours.
  - b. Vice-President
    - November 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be a mandatory senate retreat. Food will be provided, so please come.

- Operating budget is currently around \$29,000. Any questions in regards to the retreat or budget, shoot me an email [sgavp@uno.edu](mailto:sgavp@uno.edu).
- c. Vice-President of Legislative Affairs
- The current bills sitting in office are: NPHC plot bill, travel bill, sidewalk bill, and dorms bill.
  - Planning to form committee for Sodexo committee, if there are any interests to any of these bills please contact Amina.
  - There is a 48-hour work day policy for bill being presented to the senate. Please submit them no later than Thursday before next meeting.
  - Elections are in November; all paperwork is located on wall in UC 236.
  - Please be mindful of times for availability and training.
- d. Vice-President of Programming
- e. Judicial
- f. Advisors
- Lajana and Jill- Joy Ballard is our new coordinator for SGA working in SGA as a full time position. She will be able to work with LeeAnne and I for business of SGA along with adding continuity to office.
  - Training for November 6<sup>th</sup>. Please be aware that this is required to be successful in SGA and write bills. I encourage you all to be there.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

a. Innovate UNO Bill-

- Senator Ray- presenting the innovate UNO bill to fund food and drink for the program on Wednesday and Thursday of November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, both days from 9-5pm. Food provided is breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack. This is a research opportunity to show what researchers at UNO have been working on.
- Edwards- How many participants this year registered?
- Nigel-Two years ago we allocated \$1500 to this and there were only 32 undergrads now there are 93 participants as of today, we will likely have that number rise.
- Lajana- Point of information, as bills come up there a tendency that this is a first come first serve basis, so as we vote on this bill be aware that it's a good program to serve the student body. It's something that has been supported before. Meeting only every other week lowers chances to fund events if they are not presented to the senate, if there is a bill upcoming and nothing else pending then you should consider it.
- Aucoin- Support, SGA funded this since I became a senator and that has been for 5 years, we passed it every year.

9 yes 0 no

b. Quad Bill-

- Senator Aucoin and President Watkins- Last semester we passed an amendment to build sidewalk so we will try and revitalize the quad in place of that. We would like to use this money in this project which will affect all students on campus, a project that class of 2013-2014 contributed to design the front of the library.

Reserve account- exact same dollar amount which was allocated of last year.

- Lajana- has this project been to any SGA committee?
- Aucoin- No
- Ballard- If its going to be a resolution, what exactly is entailed for the plan and is there a written plan?
- Aucoin- \$31,450 and there is a cap on it. In the resolution I will explain these exact details.
- Nigel- we have a cat drawing for construction efforts along with costs, if needed, we can attach to the bill for everyone to see.
- Ballard- legally an amendment is to change a line item in a bill, you can not amend the bill to make it a whole new document. This should be tabled until next meeting and be presented with a resolution, along with ideas connected to bill.

#### Bill Tabled

### IX. Nominations and Appointments

#### 1. Senate

- Nathaniel Bonner- Engineering- I'm from college of engineering specifically civil.
  - Aucoin- reasons to join the senate?
  - Bonner-In High School I was very involved. I would like to know what's going on on campus. This is my first semester.
  - The current number of senators in engineering- 3 senators and 6 seats are available

5 yes 2 abstention 0 No
- Ernijah Carter-Liberal Arts
  - Tabled
- Chace Howard- Science
  - I'm a Sophomore Biology major. Involved in Service Coalition, Chi alpha, a fraternity, and the reason I want to join is so that I can have a say about what's going on around campus.

8 yes, 1 abstention 0 No
- Nataveon Howard-Williams-Business
  - I'm a transfer from South Eastern majoring in Business Admin. Currently in Greek Life and the progressive black student union. I'm really just wanting to help out the student body in any sort.

7 yes, 2 abstention, 0 No
- Raphael Mariano- Science (Grad-At-Large)
  - Graduate in math department, I'm also TA in that department. Current president of UNO chapter of mathematics, and the genshiken adviser. I want to be a senator because there is not much representatives from graduates on campus.

8 yes, 1 abstention, 0 no
- John Mason-Liberal Arts
  - I'm a college of Liberal Arts/ theatre major, and a part of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity on campus. Reason for joining, senior and enough time to see progress and change on campus, I would like to help contribute to change and more progress on campus.

6 yes, 3 abstention, 0 no

- g. Christian Roche- Liberal Arts
  - tabled
- h. Matthew Cobos-Business
  - tabled
- i. Dame Sene- Business (Sophomore-At- Large)
  - I'm an Accounting Major From Africa. I am in leadership, PBSU, and ISO. I want to be a senator to have word on campus and bring ideas to campus.
  - Aucoin- is there a particular reason to represent sophomore and not the college of business?
  - Sene- I want to represent the overall on students, I am joining for improvement for the school not particularly my department of major.

8 yes, 1 abstention, 0 no

- j. Joseph Vitali- Liberal Arts
  - tabled

2. Sodexo Reform Temporary Committee Head

- a. Cody Kyser-
  - I'm in the College of engineering. What has come to my concern is maintenance and repairs on campus along with keeping building and landscaping on campus looking good. We have more power and more people to put eyes on things happening on campus.
  - We are allowed to bring all concerns to Sodexo during a campus tour. Others are encouraged to come along.
  - Lajana- Are you referring to the deferred maintenance tour?
  - Kyser-Yes

7 yes, 1 abstention, 0 no

- X. Open Forum
- XI. Adjournment

- 1:01 PM