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VP Jayson Ray, Amber Lemelle, VPLA LeBlanc, Senator Bellow, President of SAC, Daniel H., Joy Ballard, Senator Plasse, Senator Mott

- V** VPLA LeBlanc 01:15
We're here. I apologize about the agenda guys. For some reason. I had it sitting in my drafts. I thought I sent it to you all Monday. And then I look in my draft to get it and it's like it had it had never went out. So excuse me for that. Um, all right. So I call this meeting to order at 5:03pm. And I will now call the roll. So when you hear your name, just let me know that you're that you are here. *** Roll Call*** With 12 out of 14 senators present. We do meet quorum. All right. Next on the agenda is approval of the agenda. Does anyone have any any objections to today's agenda? I don't think we have anything to discuss
- S** Senator Mott 03:54
more got a question about it.
- V** VPLA LeBlanc 03:56
Right now we're on the approval of it. If you need to have a question, you can do a point of inquiry
- S** Senator Mott 04:03
point of inquiry Brendan Mott Jr. at large. So I um, I thought we were supposed to add

something on the agenda this week. On last week, I thought we said that we were going ***Unknown***, as well as something else happening.

V VPLA LeBlanc 04:23
I mean, he could barely hear you, Senator.

S Senator Mott 04:27
I'm sorry. There's construction all around pplace right now. But my question was, I thought we were supposed to have my appointments permanent Governance Committee head as well as something else on the agenda.

V VPLA LeBlanc 04:45
Yes, so there was a discrepancy from last week that resulted in it having to be pushed back to this coming week. So I will make sure that that is sent out to all committees for next week.

S Senator Mott 05:00
Thank you.

V VPLA LeBlanc 05:01
All right. All right. So are there any any objections to today's agenda? Hearing none, we will move along. The agenda is approved to the approval of minutes. Do we receive any minutes? I didn't remember getting anything.

J Joy Ballard 05:21
Point of information, you did not receive minutes. And I would like to go on the record saying that it is my fault, not ambers, because I did not upload them into the software properly. And it is my fault completely. But that has since been corrected. And you should have them over the next couple of weeks.

A Amber Lemelle 05:41
yes, they will be here in the next couple weeks guys.



VPLA LeBlanc 05:46

No problem. We know everybody's working hard. This is going to be the end of our semester and the end of the year. So no stress. Next is the communications and announcements from anyone. We do have three minutes to speak. So are there any communications and announcements that are non SGA related and anyone can speak on this? Senator Bellow, you have anything for us? I'm calling out



Senator Bellow 06:19

senator bellow IDs. Just remember, if you're in the second congressional district, there's a Election Day is April 24. I apologize. I don't have any like early, early voting dates at this time. I'll have it for next meeting. But please remember second congressional district. The election is April 24.



VPLA LeBlanc 06:44

Thank you. I do have some stuff for this. The mayor's office has put out the summer programs that are always offered for any internships or whatever that goes out. I think it's through job on in collaboration with Nora. So that is now out. It looks like that they have a they've committed to serving about 4000 young folks from the ages of 13 to 21. And they have spending about 1.9 million on this summer. So any of you guys who are freshmen through juniors or seniors that are under 21, or 21 may want to look into that. I did it from 13 up until my senior year of high school. It was pretty cool. Over the summer. Is there anything else? Any other communications and announcements? Senator mott, I think you told us about that there was construction going on?



Senator Mott 07:51

That's not really an announcement. They're just doing hurricane repairs in pplace from hurricane seda. Still.



VPLA LeBlanc 07:56

Gotcha. Okay. All right. So next, let's see. Next on the agenda, during any other communications and announcements as committee reports, this governance ever report for us. Senator Mott



Senator Mott 08:23

no Report.



VPLA LeBlanc 08:24

Thank you. rules. Rules have report for us.



08:34

no Report.



VPLA LeBlanc 08:35

Thank you. Finance. senator Fritz made it or no, she's in proxy, does finance have a report for us.



Senator Bellow 08:45

Senator Fritz did not provide me with a report.



VPLA LeBlanc 08:49

Gotcha. Student Affairs Student Affairs a report for us.



08:55

No report.



VPLA LeBlanc 08:56

Thank you on campus dining and housing. report for us?



Senator Mott 09:01

short one. This is just an announcement. People who live in pontchartrain Hall South that miss Jessica who is area coordinator for south Hall is going to be leaving university as well. So theres going to be 2 new area coordinators coming to work for residential life.



VPLA LeBlanc 09:22

Thank you. Any questions for the on campus dining and housing chair? Hearing none, we'll move along to other reports. The president here think she was actually moving today. Working on some stuff today. So I don't think she's here. Okay, joy. Thank you. Vice President Ray. Are you in? Yes.



VP Jayson Ray 09:53

Yes, I'm here.



VPLA LeBlanc 09:54

All right. You're six minutes to speak with three minutes of questioning.



Joy Ballard 09:58

All right. Thank you, sir. The amounts for this week, the Senate operating count has \$36,488.68. And the reserve account has \$193,088. I'll put those amounts in the chat box after. And me and joy decided to extend the deadline for budget requests until Monday because we only have a few of them. I'll be sending out a reminder email to everyone to turn on budget requests later this afternoon. And we will be hopefully voting on the budget committee next senate meeting as well. And you have the rest of my time for questions.



VPLA LeBlanc 10:47

Are there any questions for the Vice President at this time?



Joy Ballard 10:50

Alex bellow IDs. I'm not sure where this goes. But it's related to budget. The bill that got passed that we that passed last week, the author is asking how do they get the funds disbursed to them to go to the local stores to make the purchases? And I wasn't sure how to answer that. So they actually can't, I'm going to email her back today, I was clarifying on the bakery. That was the one that I had to clarify for. But either I have to make the purchase directly and mail the organization or the company check. Or someone can buy things and be reimbursed based on what she has. I can purchase them or Lee anne and can with her p card. So it'll work. But realistically, there's not a way that we can give people money in the end

S Senator Bellow 11:46
Okay, so you stated you're going to reply back to her. Okay. Could you copy me on that please

J Joy Ballard 11:52
absolutely

S Senator Bellow 11:53
Thank you very much.

J Joy Ballard 11:54
No problem.

V VPLA LeBlanc 11:57
Thank you, Senator. bellow. Are there any other questions for the vice president? All right, hearing none, thank you vice president ray and I will be getting back to you shortly. Next on the agenda is me. I do have some announcements, as I was just speaking to Vice President ray, those individuals who are interested in being on the budget committee, I do believe it was senator lair and one other senator, if you can just kindly just stay on the call for a brief quick minute afterwards, just so I can know who you are and report your names to the vice president. And if there are any other senators who are interested in the budget committee. Please let me know after meeting, this is a very fun thing to do. I personally like doing it. But I noticed as I'm graduating I'm trying to give other people a chance. I don't know. I don't think it's going to be in person. this go around. I think it will be held soon. If I'm incorrect. advisor ballard or vice president Ray, please let me know. This will be held in person on zoom.

J Joy Ballard 13:10
zoom Okay. Yeah. So it will be held on zoom. But hey, nevertheless is still cool to everybody get together. So please let me know if you're interested. That is all Oh, one last thing. So the election for vpla will be coming up soon. And anything that I want to try something a little differently for the next couple of weeks. If anyone who is interested in a Vpla position, please let me know you can email me because I would like for us to try to allow other folks to host the last couple of meetings that we have, I believe our last

meeting is a month from today. So the last last three meetings, I want to you know, just get folks who are interested in possibly being a VPLA to run a meeting. See how that goes. So if you can just email me if you are interested. And just let me know which date is you are most comfortable with? If you want to run the meeting on the 14th to 21st or the 28th. That will be cool because the election for the VPLa will happen on May the fifth which is our last me. Am I correct? As about? Okay, yeah. So that will happen may the 5th So just again, let me know if you're interested so we can possibly get that going. I think it would be pretty cool. And that's all that I have you the rest of my time for any questions. All right, with no questions we will move along to the Vice President of programming is president of sac

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President of SAC 14:55

hello, Eric sac president. So I'll start by saying that we have a date for subauf. And the sign up link, Joy's going to put that in the chat she has that, um, it's, I don't remember how much you're talking about last time you like, you sign up for a slot, you pick it, then you could like, go pick up your crawfish. Um, if you volunteer, there's VIP seating for those and all that jazz. We are trying to advertise all of our stuff. Um, like, we've also posted our Carnival flyer, which is for next Friday. So if y'all could like, post, share it and all of our subauf posts and stuff that would be really helpful. And great. We would love support like that. Um, that yield my time for questions.

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VPLA LeBlanc 15:58

Any questions for the president of sac at this time? No questions. All right. Hearing none, we will move along. Thank you. Eric. Do you have any report for us?

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Joy Ballard 16:25

I have some fantastic news for y'all.

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VPLA LeBlanc 16:28

We can't hear you. You. You're a little low.

J

Joy Ballard 16:31

Oh, y'all hear me now? Yes, ma'am. Great. Um, so Tiffany, who is the new sga coordinator of student governance is starting on Monday. So she will be here on Wednesday for the Senate meeting, and learning all about all the things so we're excited to welcome her. Um,

we will probably be setting up some meetings with some of you I know she's gonna pop in and the senate exact meeting as well as the SGA exact meeting to learn a little bit about SGA, which I'll do and what y'all need from an advisor. So be on the lookout for that. She will be in the office on Monday and Wednesday. So if any of you are on campus and want to come say, hey, in person, that'd be great. Um, and other than that, I will second, please sign up to come to subauf, it's going to be a lot of fun. And yeah, that's about it. Um, I'm working on catching up on some purchasing things. I just end my dissertation next Friday. So just lots of things happening. But if I've missed an email from you, or you need something, let me know. And I can get on that. Do you have any questions, or I yield my time?

S Senator Bellow 17:59

I'm Alex bellow. IBS. So the the new employee, Miss Tiffany. So she's going to be our advisor moving forward that does that mean? So that takes place immediately?

J Joy Ballard 18:15

No. So we are going to be co advising sga, I don't plan on ever really giving up the senate completely. But she will be helping me process all of your paperwork and keep things running smoothly. She will also be doing the same thing for SAC. And then after the semester, we will look at kind of splitting those things out based on everybody's strengths. But at the moment, we are co advising both organizations.

S Senator Bellow 18:45

Okay, Alex bellow IDs. So moving forward for the balance of this semester. Whenever we have an advisor related question, we still go to you.

J Joy Ballard 18:58

I will possibly cc Tiffany in on some things so that she can learn process how to answer but email me and I will make sure it happens. Okay,

S Senator Bellow 19:08

thank you very much.

J Joy Ballard 19:10
No problem.

V VPLA LeBlanc 19:16
All right. Are there any other questions for the advisor at this time? Hearing none, we will move along. Thank you very much Ballard. Alright, so we don't have any old business new business or nominations and appointments at this time, we will move to open forum and this is 12 minutes for the betterment of SGA.

S Senator Mott 19:43
Okay, I will start. Brendan Mott Jr. at large. So I actually have an organization that's kind of a new organization that they actually want us to do a bill before the semester is over. But I kind of wanted to ask like, if it's so basically somebody decided to start a Sailing Club. And they're not doing any in person events right now. But they asked me if, if we could purchase materials for their organization? Do we think that'd be possible?

V VPLA LeBlanc 20:19
So I don't know, if you mean purchase something for the organization before the semester ends.

S Senator Mott 20:31
They didn't specify this asked me if I could purchase something.

V VPLA LeBlanc 20:35
So if ballard correct me if I'm wrong week, we can purchase material as long for a organization as long as it's and it will be the property of the university. So in then it would have to be housed here. Right?

J Joy Ballard 20:51
That's correct. That's kind of a loaded question. It's 100%. Depends on what it is. Um, but yeah, I mean, realistically, our budget runs through June 30. So there's still plenty of time to make a purchase this fiscal year.



Senator Mott 21:12

Okay, I just wanted to bring up that point, I'll follow up with organization try to get more information. I just know that they were talking about but somebody I know in the organization will talk about working to get funding to get sailing materials on campus. And I brought up sga could probably do something when we ask them.



Senator Plasse 21:33

Linda plasse junior at large, I had a couple things I wanted to bring up, first of all, is just everyone should have gotten the email from Dr. goalz today regarding that we are doing another round of like partnering with oschner and tulane to provide more vaccines to students. So that'll be back Tuesday, April 13, from 9am to 1pm. So that will be next Tuesday. And then also, I work as an undergrad research assistant with the library through the Tolma Scholar Program. And we've been going over the library website and just looking at what can be changed and what could be done better. And one of the things we were talking about is how there's only really like one map for campus. And it's not very user accessible. So I was just going to bring it up and see if there was anything we could do about maybe making like a more disability accommodative or just a more accessible version of a campus map. And like who we should go to to talk about that, because I feel like campus already is kind of a little harder for students with disabilities. And I feel like having a map shouldn't be like another roadblock for our students. So I just wanted to bring that up and see what y'all thought.



Senator Mott 22:47

Brenden mott jr. at large, I do like the idea of having better campus maps in general, because I think our campus maps are actually quite, quite bad, to put it frankly, like, they're not very easy to navigate the building are all the wrong sides. basically, it's not very accurate representation of what our campus looks like. So the question I have is, Does Joy know exactly who makes the campus map?



Joy Ballard 23:19

Um, help me out a little bit. Are we talking about, like, the campus map? they hand out an orientation? Was that ugly thing on the brochure?



Senator Plasse 23:30

Yeah, that's the same one that's listed on the UNO website as well.

- J** Joy Ballard 23:34
Okay, um, I have no idea who made that map? I've never seen that map change. When we're talking about making a map more accessible. I know earlier in the semester, somebody talked about updating our Google Map profile. would an updated Google Map be more accessible? or Are y'all looking for some type of like, drawn map?
- S** Senator Plasse 24:06
Um, in context, for like what we were talking about in the library, it was more so about the printed and drawn one, because it's also linked on the UNO Library website, like that's the one that gets passed around all the time. And it's just like, the font is very small, and it's laid out and not like a very user friendly way. I think it's been a while since it was updated, and like campus changes all the time. So I feel like it's also just kind of due time for that to get a little facelift as well, since we're talking about like updating campus.
- J** Joy Ballard 24:38
Yeah, no, I think that's fantastic. I just wanted to know if maybe something if all those websites linked to like a better version that was interactive, that might be cool. But I also understand that we need something on paper to like hand people. So the paper version. I think we should talk to marketing Um, you could email Sarah Burgess. So I can email you her contact info.
- S** Senator Plasse 25:11
I actually already had that I was a UNO ambassador for a while.
- J** Joy Ballard 25:14
Fantastic. Sarah is going to be who does that like printing and stuff? Well, I don't think she draws in the maps, She could probably tell you who did. All right.
- S** Senator Plasse 25:24
Thank you so much.
- J** Joy Ballard 25:25
Yeah, no worries.



Senator Mott 25:33

I have a question Brandon mott Jr. at large. And I don't know if anybody here can answer it. But, um, so I know that this year, driftwood was put on hiatus because of COVID. And so they weren't happening. Is there going to be a driftwood next school year? Or is it permanently gone? Like, are we not going to have a student newspaper? Because if we're not, I think that's terrible. Basically, I think we need we need a bigger students type of publication on campus. And it's like we don't, there's no way for students to really communicate with our campus life at all. I understand COVID for the big damper, but I feel like COVID, COVID COVID. That's kind of been the thing that's thrown around all school year. And really, there's ways that we could have engaged with certain body all year and it's honestly, looking back, I feel like we could have done a lot more, we could have done better. So I just want to look forward, like we're saying we predict things are going to be back to normal by fall, but by what if they're not? What if we were still doing online, doing remote? I think we need to have a game plan for how to engage our students, if we can't afford driftwood. going forward?



VPLA LeBlanc 26:51

yeah, it was a lot as well, definitely blown away. I'm not disagreeing with you at all, Brandon, I just think when, and we do use COVID a lot. And it's time for us to start figuring out how to live with COVID. Nevertheless, when this pandemic hit, the university had a lot of other things that they needed to deal with. And campus newspaper was totally, I mean, i don't know if it was on their mind, or how we will our students do outreach. So I think that is something that we should reach out to our dean of students to see what's the update on that for next semester, because I know, if I'm stand corrected, there was supposed to be some sort of committee that was meeting to discuss driftwood and how this newspaper would come back, and what would it look like, I don't know if that occurred this semester, well, this year. And again, they're probably going to blame it on a lot of things going on with COVID. So I would just, let's start there. Let's start with talking with the dean of students to see if there's any update on that. And then we will go from there. If there's a balance, okay, with it, I will just email her and CC advisor ballard there just to see if there's an update on that.



Joy Ballard 28:25

Yes, please.



VPLA LeBlanc 28:26

Just Okay, just to take something off your plate, I'll go ahead and send the email out to Dr. goalz, and see if there's an update for that. But You are right. And that kind of brings me to the question for you, Senator Mott, and all the other senators, as far as outreach for senate and SGA as a whole. What are some ideas? I think we've kind of mentioned this previously, what are some ideas as far as how are we going to better market SGA and how we're going to collaborate with the other branches of government to market SGA because we're just one branch, but we have technically three other branches that we would have to reach out to as well.



Daniel H. 29:22

Daniel liberal arts. I have a question about I was asked about, UNO, social that would be ever brought up again, or is that just not gonna? happen?



Joy Ballard 29:37

I have an update on UNO social, but I haven't gotten to tell y'all yet. I know you're gonna be thrilled. Um, I have met with the company like two weeks ago. And we are in the process of figuring out how we are going to set up student moderators that we can pay and Once we have those in place, the company has already done some work on there end to make it easier for those moderators to, like, immediately delete hate speech, which was the original problem. So I can fairly certainly say it will be back in the fall. Um, I hope that we have an opportunity to kind of introduce it at some like orientations and summer. But fall, it should be back, I can say that.



VPLA LeBlanc 30:39

Oh, wow. So everything wants to come back when I graduate.



Joy Ballard 30:43

Sorry. I also missed UNO social and personally and made my life easier. also did a lot of harm on our campus, and we can't completely ignore that. Um, that being said, we are finding a work around. We're going to do our best.



VPLA LeBlanc 31:06

That was UNO Facebook? Just saying we had fun reading those comments.

- S** Senator Plasse 31:17
I think the student moderator like idea is great, or like just any sort of moderation because that was like, where the downfall started was like, people were just going off the rails. And like Joy said, like, we can't just we just can't allow that, especially when it becomes harmful to different populations of campus.
- V** VPLA LeBlanc 31:37
But on the good side, UNO, social app did keep us in the know, at all times what was going on on campus, people lose stuff, hey, go to UNO socials. Somebody found it. So yeah, it's great to know that that will be coming back for students to use.
- S** Senator Plasse 31:57
Absolutely. I think it's also just good as like a resource for students getting to know each other because like, as I've been working as an orientation leader for like the past two years, one of the big things I hear his students saying that they just don't know how to meet people, especially since most of their classes are virtual, they just have no opportunity to reach out and then like, I've been told that a lot of student organizations aren't even allowing new members right now. Like people are reaching out trying to join, they're just straight up not answering. And that's gonna kill like our on campus presence, and I don't want that.
- V** VPLA LeBlanc 32:29
right guys, I think we have a visitor today. Mr. divino. am i saying your name correctly, is he here. Okay, we can move on. Well, welcome. Sorry, I didn't notice you there until you started saying something in the chat. Oh, well, welcome to our our Senate meeting. Glad to have you. Alright, are there Anything else? If not, I would entertain a motion to adjourn.
- D** Daniel H. 33:22
I have something. Daniel H liberal arts. So I was asked about why there's so many zoom classes in the fall. Because I thought they said everything was gonna be in person, or most of it?
- V** VPLA LeBlanc 33:39
Well, what I will say is we have to be prepared for anything. I think that is a precaution for

what could happen with respect to what we're dealing with. Because we're not out of that we're not out of the woods with COVID-19. Yet, even though we have a vaccine, that's just what it is, is not a cure. So as a result, I think our university is taking some precautions. once we decide what will happen going forward, they will make the adjustments. But I've been in meetings with Dr. Nicklow to know they're they have contingency plans, on top of contingency plans right now. So it's been it's been very difficult for administration to try to figure things out with this, with this going on, and as a result, that's probably why you see more zoom classes right now. And one of the things what I will add is, thankfully for COVID we didn't even know that we could have do school, like we're doing it right now. It was just something that didn't happen. But thankfully You know, we were able to really figure things out, and how to keep, you know, our university going. So I would say that it's just really a contingency. As far as what can happen from now on through the summer up until the fall is to start. But we can also we can see about getting an official Notice on a official response to that from our dean of students with advisor ballard knows anything she can add.

J

Joy Ballard 35:37

i would Just say I think the thing about seeing, like more zoom classes is a lot of students. We've kind of learned that an online class simply meant that you like posted on Moodle, discussion boards, and they were terrible, right? We've learned new ways to make online classes better. And lots of students have responded well to that. Lots of students are excited about the accessibility of those online classes. So that being said, I don't think I'm not by any means we're going to be online forever. And I think we want as many things in person as not, but a lot of professors are going to also offer an online version, because it is accessible. And because there is a demand, even though most of us are like, Oh, I can't wait to be back on campus. Um, so I think we'll see it fluctuate. While I'm talking, I will also answer Christopher's question about are we so going to do a day at the Capitol, um, they are planning for the end of April, I don't have the details on the day yet a major like social media push for legislators to involve students with a limited number of people going to actually meet with legislators but it will not be the normal like so out on the line thing.

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Senator Mott 37:22

I actually had a point of information Okay, Mott Jr. at large first for Sen. H. So the um, so actually, I don't know if you're aware, but um, they can actually change like class times, dates and settings, up until like, like almost like a week before classes start. So some classes that say that they're online like now maybe by the time fall starts, it might say, Oh, your classes actually in kirschman Hall it's not actually online.



Daniel H. 37:51

Thanks for the insight.



VPLA LeBlanc 37:56

Mr. divino. I think if I didn't say this i'm sorry. you can speak if you are still having microphone issues, that's fine. But you can speak during this time. If you do have questions, all you need to do is just state your name. And just your question. What determines who gets positions for the event? Are you talking about the day at the capital of it? Yeah,



Joy Ballard 38:25

those are hand selected by the system board. As a matter of fact, I don't even know who will go for UNO they'll probably be the SGA President for sure. Outside of that the UL system has a legislative agenda. For example, last year, it was adult learning that is something that the system really believes in. So they pick adult learning students. It's based on their agenda of the year and unfortunately, I don't have any say in that. So but if I get a chance to put a list together, I will announce it. And I know you always go with us so I can reach out because I get that chance, but I can't guarantee that.



VPLA LeBlanc 39:15

Gotcha.



Senator Mott 39:16

So Brandon Mott I actually have a question about the same event. On that event. I could have swore we used to do like a capital day that was open for any students that wanted to go Oh, is that a different event? Like not that event?



Joy Ballard 39:30

Yeah, that is this event but we can't have that event because yes, judiciary is by appointment.



VPLA LeBlanc 39:50

Thank you. anything else?

A Amber Lemelle 39:54
I know we're trying to go but I just want to say I'm really excited for the carnival event because I really liked Cotton candy and people and seeing people so I'm so excited.

V VPLA LeBlanc 40:05
Yes,

P President of SAC 40:06
show up. Everybody come. It's gonna be so fun. I'm really excited.

V VPLA LeBlanc 40:10
Remind us the date again.

P President of SAC 40:11
It's the 16th

V VPLA LeBlanc 40:16
Okay, great. I don't even like the 16th anymore. Well, you'd like it if you came. Well, no, I'm gonna come to your event i don't like it because that's the day a bills is due I don't like bill? This adulting is awful. Joy, you guys could have this back. Seriously

J Joy Ballard 40:50
on it. But the 16th is the day I defend my dissertation. So if y'all want a party with me as a carnival, because I still have to work because you know, such as my life. Come hang out.

V VPLA LeBlanc 41:02
Yes, I will definitely come.

S Senator Plasse 41:06
Absolutely.

P President of SAC 41:08
Good. Can y'all share the post again? Please, if y'all don't mind?

V VPLA LeBlanc 41:12
Yep.

S Senator Plasse 41:14
I've shared them on every platform. I got you.

P President of SAC 41:16
Thank you.

V VPLA LeBlanc 41:19
All right. If there anything else? I don't mind entertaining a motion to adjourn. Unless someone else has anything to say

S Senator Mott 41:27
Brendan Mott jr. at large motion to adjourn,

S Senator Plasse 41:31
I guess motion seconded by Linda plasse Jr. at large the.

V VPLA LeBlanc 41:35
All right. Are there any objections? Okay, hearing none, you guys are good to go. Again. any individual who's interested in the budget committee, just stay on for one minute so that I can know who you are and send that over to the vice president.