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SPEAKERS

VPLA Goldstein, Senator Lemons, Senator Dazet, Senator Wilcuts, Clerk of Senate Corcoran, Senator Sakib, Senator Moss, Senator Deffendall, Senator Hymel, Advisor Courseault, Senator Metzler, Senator Smith, Amber Lemelle, Senator Crenshaw, Senator Fornatoro, Senator Gaines, President Lemelle, Senator Mott, Guest- Lamaria Phillips, Pro Tempore Mott, Senator Sattar, Senator, Senator Hunsaker, Senator Reames, Senator Martinez, Vice President Charles, Senator Payne, Senator Sorlin, Parliamentarian Hinnawi, Senator Nguyen

-  VPLA Goldstein 02:01
Call this meeting to order at 5:02 pm. Can I get a temporary or a nomination for temporary Pro-Tempore? Is Brendon on zoom?
-  Vice President Charles 02:27
I nominate Brendon
-  VPLA Goldstein 02:30
Okay cool. I will now call the roll. When I call your name please say "present" or "present by proxy." Dwayne Crenshaw?
-  Senator Crenshaw 02:41
Present
-  VPLA Goldstein 02:46
Tara Curson? Tara Curson?



02:54

[indistinguishable laughter].



VPLA Goldstein 02:55

I'll take that as present. Candice Dazet?



Senator Dazet 03:03

Here



VPLA Goldstein 03:06

Lucas Deffendall?



Senator Deffendall 03:07

Present



VPLA Goldstein 03:09

Julia Duong? Julia Duong? Brett Fornatoro?



Senator Fornatoro 03:21

Present.



Senator Metzler 03:22

Mary Elizabeth Payne?



Senator Payne 03:25

Here



VPLA Goldstein 03:29

Allicia Helbing?

S Senator 03:30
Present by Proxy

V VPLA Goldstein 03:33
Azzizah Hinnawi?

P Parliamentarian Hinnawi 03:33
Present

V VPLA Goldstein 03:37
Daniel Hunsacker?

S Senator Hunsaker 03:37
Here

V VPLA Goldstein 03:39
Jenna Hymel?

S Senator Hymel 03:41
Present.

V VPLA Goldstein 03:45
Twanna LeBeau?

S Senator Smith 03:48
Here by proxy.

S Senator Reames 03:54
Cooper Lemons?

S Senator Lemons 03:55
Present.

V VPLA Goldstein 04:00
Oscar Martinez?

S Senator Martinez 04:00
Here.

V VPLA Goldstein 04:00
Chloe Metzler?

S Senator Metzler 04:04
Here.

V VPLA Goldstein 04:07
Jordan Moss? Jordan Moss?

S Senator Moss 04:09
Here.

V VPLA Goldstein 04:11
Brendon Mott

P Pro Tempore Mott 04:12
Present.

V VPLA Goldstein 04:14
Henry Nguyen?

S Senator Nguyen 04:15
Here.

V VPLA Goldstein 04:17
Abigail Reames?

S Senator Reames 04:18
Here.

V VPLA Goldstein 04:20
Mohammed Mohiuddin Sakib?

S Senator Sakib 04:23
Present.

V VPLA Goldstein 04:26
Naw Saffrin Sattar?

S Senator Sattar 04:28
Present.

V VPLA Goldstein 04:31
Da'yanah Smith? Da'yanah Smith? Mahaut Sorlin?

S Senator Sorlin 04:41
Present.

V VPLA Goldstein 04:43
And Isabella Wilton?

And Isabelle Wilcuts?

S Senator Wilcuts 04:45
Here.

V VPLA Goldstein 05:05
With 22 out of 25 senators present we do meet quorum. Are there any corrections or changes to today's agenda? With no objections the agenda is approved. Are there any senator communications or not? Are there any non Senator communications or announcements? Okay. Does the Pro-Tempore-

P Pro Tempore Mott 05:43
No report.

V VPLA Goldstein 05:44
Okay do any committee heads have a report? So then we will move to Amber.

V Vice President Charles 05:54
Yes, well.

V VPLA Goldstein 05:59
All right. Well, we'll do the vice president report first. Does the Vice President have anything to report?

V Vice President Charles 06:18
Uh, yes, the Vice President does have a report. I'll make it quick because the VPLA wants to run on efficiency today. That's also good. So I want to thank all senators for coming out to the Senate retreat. It was successful. To those who came- thank you very much. If you did not come, that is okay. So the Senate budget meeting was originally going to be Saturday at 10am to 3pm. And I'm trying to pull up the budget right now because the first line I cannot recall. Point of privilege once I pull the numbers. But that concludes my report.

S Senator Metzler 07:07
Do we have any questions for Angelo?

A

Amber Lemelle 07:15

Sorry, President Lemelle here. How's everybody doing? Um, so first, I wanted to remind you guys that on this Friday, we need volunteers still for the Earth Day tabling. Um, so just email me or Ms. Tiffany about that. Nobody has asked or like, inquired about that still and I talked about it last week. I know, I kept cutting out but that's what I was talking about. So we still need volunteers for that. So that's that. And then I'm sure y'all saw the email but on April 27, the day after SUCbAUF, there's gonna be a Privateer for a day. So kids, like high school students are going to come and shadow a UNO student. And they specifically want like people who are involved at UNO or know a little bit about it. So if you guys can also volunteer for that. That'd be great. Just to show someone who might be interested in UNO around campus, or they're just following you throughout the day. It's a school wide thing. So like, they can go to class with you, you know, all those things. We haven't had any volunteers reach out about that, either. Ms. Tiffany sent out an email, but if you guys didn't get the email, just email her if you are interested in volunteering for that.

P

President Lemelle 08:34

So, okay, so nobody's reached out to me, let me just say that. But if anybody else wants to reach out to me, that will be a good opportunity to get people involved with SGA, especially with the newcomers. So there's that. And then also last week, I don't know if you guys remember we had an elementary school student council come and they did a mock senate meeting. They wrote a mock bill. They all were Senators. And then they had four people who are executives. So they played as the president, vice president and Vice President Legislative Affairs and the SAC Presidents, so, Vice President of programming. And so they did like fake reports. And it was really cute. And they're all so into it. And they went playing the game after we got them lunch. So that was really fun. I'm not going to be here next year, but I encourage y'all to do that or volunteer for it. Because that was like, it was really good. They were actually really engaged. So it was just really cute to see the kiddies like that. But yeah, so that was great. And then also, this is my last thing, IDS. The IDS event happened. I don't know if anybody went but President Nicklow was really impressed with that. So good job with passing that bill, and he shouted out the people who hosted it. So anybody who helped- Da'yanah, I know you were the forefront of that. But anybody who helped Da'yanah, like anybody who's involved- good job to you guys. And President Nicklow's proud of that. So I'm proud of you guys as well. That's pretty much it. And I do have time for questions. Yes?

P

Pro Tempore Mott 10:10

Oh point of privilege. Um Brendan Mott, Pro-Tempore. Um, I think it's just worth mentioning that the reason you might not have seen some people volunteers is that people who are like orientation leaders in the past and peer mentors also got an email separately from April and Tracy. That might have been one that some people didn't reach out to you when it comes to the, um, to the Privateer for a day next week.

P

President Lemelle 10:28

Okay. Anyone else? Y'all never have questions for me.

P

Pro Tempore Mott 10:35

I was just thinking that.

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President Lemelle 10:39

Thank you guys.

P

Pro Tempore Mott 10:43

So there are

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Vice President Charles 10:45

Point of privilege. So there- Vice President Angelo Charles here. \$16,082.46 in the Senate Operation budget.

V

VPLA Goldstein 10:57

Oh yeah, me now. My Report is pretty short tonight. Okay, so just wanted to say good job on passing the Model UN bill last meeting. As you have seen on the agenda, we have a proclamation recognizing them on the agenda tonight. And the Model UN advisor actually sent an email to the President, the University Provost and a bunch of other administrators basically thanking student government for their support for our support in their endeavors. They got, essentially a silver medal, which is a pretty big deal. Also I just want to say that the semester is winding down. We have four Senate meetings left, so if there's any new legislation that comes across your plates or that you want to write- it may not get heard in time if you don't get it to me, like next week basically. I want to thank Jenna specifically for volunteering to sponsor that last bill that I sent out for the filmmakers club. Other than that, I don't have anything. So I yield my time for questions. Anbody have any questions? Next, Maggie is not here today but she did get me a report. Sorry guys, just trying to pull it up.

S

Senator Hymel 13:08

Okay, so basically Vice President of Programming just says that on Tuesday, April 26. The University of New Orleans and the Student Activities Council celebrate 35 years of campus wide crawfish boils. There'll be 1000s of pounds of boiled crawfish on the way for Students Unwinding With Crawfish and Unprecedented Fun. Oh I see, Students Unwinding on Crawfish, beer And Unprecedented Fun or SUCbAUF. The event runs from 11 to 3 or when the crawfish runs out in the University Center parking lot. Students may attend in between classes and faculty/staff may swing by on their lunch breaks or in between meetings. Admission is free for

UNO students, \$5 for UNO Faculty and Staff, and \$10 for the general public- cash only. That was the report and I yield the rest of her time for questions if anybody has any questions you can ask now. Anybody have any questions? So we will now move to new business. Do I have a motion to hear new business?

P Pro Tempore Mott 14:31

Brendon Mott, Pro-Tempore. I motion to hear new business

S Senator Deffendall 14:34

Can I get a second?

S Senator Hunsaker 14:35

Daniel Hunsaker, Junior at large. I second the motion

V VPLA Goldstein 14:38

The first piece of new business is BS-22 D 005. The UNITY Second Chance prom bill. Will the authors and sponsors of this resolution please come forward? State your name for the record. You have six minutes to introduce your bill and its amendment and ten minutes for questioning.

S Senator Moss 14:58

Jordan Moss- Junior at large. I'm going to yield my time to Ash as he is the author to be able to present it.

C Clerk of Senate Corcoran 15:21

Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Ash. I am the current president for unity at UNO, which is our school's, LGBTQIA plus organization on campus. I'm coming before you today to ask for funding for our event, which is a second chance prom. In years past, this was a very big event that UNO was responsible for and that was open to the entirety of the New Orleans queer community. And it was basically designed to give college students a chance to experience prom in their most comfortable way. Because as we're all familiar with being in the south, unfortunately, not everybody got to go to prom and bring who they want or dress how they felt most comfortable. So this is something that we would do to give people that opportunity. Unfortunately, due to COVID, this event kind of fell to the wayside for a time being. But we are reopening, hoping, excuse me to revive this event. So this year, we decided to start small and just focus on our personal community here at UNO. And then if this goes well, we would like to try and re expand out to the Greater New Orleans community. I.E. other colleges. We do have a small- two small amendments. I cannot do math correctly, apparently, and I put the wrong number for the total amounts. there is an amendment for that. And on my end, I

underestimated how long paperwork takes on the backend. So in order to accommodate that we changed the date from this Friday, April 22 to Thursday, May 12, it will still be from 7 to 10 pm. And it will still be hosted at the Sandbar. The only things that we are asking for funding wise are a money to pay the band that we are hiring, which is a UNO jazz band from the music department, food money from UNO- Chartwells and money for an interactive photo booth that we found where it's a mirror and you can take pictures with the mirror and like do activities and stuff that we thought was really cool. And we really would like you guy's help and assistance. I yield the rest of my time for questions.

S

Senator Hunsaker 17:36

Daniel Hunsaker, Junior at large. So it's the one that was emailed. That's not the right number?

C

Clerk of Senate Corcoran 17:41

It's off by like \$100.

S

Senator Hunsaker 17:43

Oh. Okay.

C

Clerk of Senate Corcoran 17:43

So I did the math wrong. That was my bad.

P

Parliamentarian Hinnawi 17:45

Azzizah College of Science. I have a question also. But I just want to say something. The right number is in the bill. It was just like a little discrepancy that was like down at the bottom. My question was, did y'all already start like advertising for it?

C

Clerk of Senate Corcoran 18:05

We posted a flyer on Monday and then took it back down once we made the decision to push the date back. I was going to wait until tonight once I got confirmation that we're able to get the necessary funding and then we were going to go ahead we have a flyer ready to go.

P

President Lemelle 18:20

Well, that's what I was gonna ask about, like the date thing. Because I've seen that, it was different then the-

C Clerk of Senate Corcoran 18:25

Yeah, we were originally at the beginning of the semester we had planned to go for this Friday. But like I said, on my part, I underestimated how long paperwork takes on the back end of things. And so to accommodate that we pushed it back a couple of weeks. And just to give people more time to get ready because we announced it kind of last minute. And that's on me.

S Senator Moss 18:26

Any questions? Any other questions?

S Senator Hunsaker 18:49

Daniel Hunsaker-Junior at large. Just a general question- How many people do you think you'd expect?

C Clerk of Senate Corcoran 18:55

Oh, based on the conversations I've had with people and the fact that we're kind of trying to start it off smaller this year we are planning for approximately 100 people. And then if things go well in the future we'll maybe try to plan for larger crowds but we're going to start small this year since we're bringing it back.

 19:12

We have a question in the chat...Nevermind.

S Senator Metzler 19:22

Any other questions?

S Senator Mott 19:33

Is there like a way we can vote on the amendment with the bill? Or like debate the amendment with the bill? Would that be, like, a slate?

P Parliamentarian Hinnawi 19:42

So it just says that we discuss the amendment then we discuss it entirely and then vote

V VPLA Goldstein 19:50

Okay,

P Parliamentarian Hinnawi 19:50

I feel like the discussion should go pretty quickly. Since we're just fixing things in the bill

V VPLA Goldstein 19:55

Okay, so, we will now enter initial debate. Do any senators rise in opposition to this bill?

P Pro Tempore Mott 20:05

Point of privilege. Brendan Mott Pro-Tempore. It's um, so the first part is actually rising in opposition for support of just the amendments and then the bill itself. But I do not rise in opposition of this bill.

V VPLA Goldstein 20:20

Anybody rise in opposition to the amendment? Cool.

P Pro Tempore Mott 20:32

Brendan Mott, Pro-tempore. Motion to vote on the amendments.

V VPLA Goldstein 20:34

Can I get a second?

S Senator Gaines 20:36

Second.

V VPLA Goldstein 20:37

All in favor? If you're in the zoom, could you just put your names up if you are in favor of voting on the amendment? okay. that's good. Okay, so who now take a roll call vote on the amendment. Amendment number one for BS 22 D 005. When I call your name please vote: Yes. No. or abstain. Dwayne Crenshaw.

S Senator Crenshaw 21:21



Senator Crenshaw 21:21

Yes Tara Curson? Wait, does she not... she doesn't have a proxy. Nevermind. Candice Dazet?



VPLA Goldstein 21:40

Lucas Deffendall?



Senator Deffendall 21:41

Yes.



VPLA Goldstein 21:46

Brett Fornatoro?



Senator Fornatoro 21:47

Yes.



VPLA Goldstein 21:48

Mary Elizabeth Gaines?



Senator Gaines 21:51

Yes.



VPLA Goldstein 21:54

Alisha Helbing?



Senator Metzler 21:55

Yes by proxy.



VPLA Goldstein 21:57

Azizah Hinnawi?



P Parliamentarian Hinnawi 21:59
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 22:01
Daniel Hunsaker?

S Senator Hunsaker 22:02
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 22:04
Jenna Hymel?

S Senator Hymel 22:05
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 22:08
Twanna Lebeau?

S Senator Moss 22:09
Yes. by proxy.

V VPLA Goldstein 22:12
Cooper Lemons?

S Senator Lemons 22:13
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 22:15
Oscar Martinez?

S Senator Martinez 22:16
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 22:18
Chloe Metzler?

S Senator Metzler 22:21
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 22:23
Jordan Moss?

S Senator Moss 22:25
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 22:30
Henry Nguyen?

S Senator Nguyen 22:31
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 22:33
Abigail Reames?

S Senator Reames 22:34
Yes. Mohammed Mohiuddin Sakib?

S Senator Sakib 22:39
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 22:41
Naw Saffrin Sattar?

S Senator Sattar 22:44
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 22:47
Da'yanah Smith?

S Senator Smith 22:51
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 22:55
Mahaut Sorlin?

S Senator Sorlin 22:56
Yes. And Isaell Wilcuts?

S Senator Wilcuts 22:59
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 23:01
With 22 yeses, no no's, and no abstentions, the amendment passes. So then, I mean, she's already introduced her bill, so I'm just gonna go ahead and move to...so does any senator rise in opposition to

S Senator Hunsaker 23:34
Daniel Hunsaker. Point of information. Senator Dazet is running the IFC field day event that's happening.

V VPLA Goldstein 23:40



VPLA Goldstein 25:40

Okay, that's not I mean... she just doesn't vote. It's fine. So does any senator rise in opposition to this bill? Okay. So then the next three minutes will be controlled by the principal sponsor of this resolution. But I guess Jordan yielded her time to you. So, you have 3 minutes to talk more about your bill.



Senator Mott 24:19

Motion about...Brendan Mott Pro-Tempore.



Senator Moss 24:28

Jordan Moss Junior at Large. I was just gonna motion to vote. I think Ash a good job.



VPLA Goldstein 24:34

Okay. So all in favor? Cool. That works. That's fine. So we will now take a roll call vote on the Second Chance to Prom bill. When I call your name, please vote: yes, no, or abstain. Dwayne Crenshaw?



Senator Crenshaw 24:58

Yes



VPLA Goldstein 25:00

Ah Tar-nope. Candice Da- she's also not here. Lucas Deffendall?



Senator Deffendall 25:08

Yes.



VPLA Goldstein 25:13

Not Here. Brett Fornatoro



Senator Fornatoro 25:14

Yes.



V VPLA Goldstein 25:16
Mary Elizabeth Gaines

S Senator Gaines 25:18
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 25:19
Allicia Hellbing?

S Senator Metzler 25:20
Yes by-proxy

V VPLA Goldstein 25:26
Azizah Hinnawi?

P Parliamentarian Hinnawi 25:29
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 25:29
Jenna Hymel

S Senator Hymel 25:30
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 25:33
Twanna LeBeau?

S Senator Moss 25:35
Yes, by proxy.

V VPLA Goldstein 25:38
Cooper Lemons?

S Senator Lemons 25:39
Yes

V VPLA Goldstein 25:41
Oscar Martinez?

S Senator Martinez 25:42
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 25:45
Chloe Metzler?

S Senator Metzler 25:48
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 25:50
Jordan Moss?

S Senator Moss 25:52
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 25:53
Brendon Mott?

P Pro Tempore Mott 25:54
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 25:56
Henry Nguyen?

S Senator Nguyen 25:58
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 26:00
Abigail Reames?

S Senator Reames 26:01
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 26:04
Mohammed Mohuiddin Sakib.

S Senator Sakib 26:05
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 26:07
Naw Safrin Sattar?

S Senator Sattar 26:09
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 26:11
Dayanah Smith?

S Senator Smith 26:15
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 26:16
Mahaut Sorlin?

S Senator Sorlin 26:19
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 26:20
And Isabelle Wilcuts?

S Senator Wilcuts 26:22
Yes.

S Senator Deffendall 26:24
Okay.

V VPLA Goldstein 26:25
So with 22 yeses, no no's, and no abstentions, the bill passes. Congratulations! The second piece of new business is BS 22 D006 to build allocation for the funding of new benches. Will the author of this bill, please come forward, state your name for the record. And you have six minutes to introduce your bill and 10 minutes for questioning.

S Senator Fornatoro 26:58
Brett Fornatoro, College of Liberal Arts. So this bill would be allocating \$11,300 which is being drawn from the reserve account. I believe it's the max for the operating accounts \$10,000, let me see.

S Senator Martinez 27:26
In reference to what?

S Senator Fornatoro 27:30
The bill of allocation. But nonetheless, it's being pulled from the reserve account. So it's not a worry for the operating budget. If anyone's familiar with the benches currently found within that

courtyard between the education building, liberal arts, that sort of Plaza right there. They're wooden benches and they are- I don't see anyone sitting on those benches ever. The weather has clearly taken their toll. I just think this is a productive move for the school. That would be a good way to demonstrate what SGA is able to do for its students. I yield my time for questions.

V VPLA Goldstein 27:45
Anybody have any questions for Brett?

S Senator Hunsaker 28:21
Daniel Hunsaker Junior at large. What exactly is the difference between these new benches and the benches that are currently there?

S Senator Fornatoro 28:28
So these benches would be like those blue, like University of New Orleans, benches with the white lettering that are pretty common around campus. However, in this courtyard specifically, they're like wooden benches that are like falling apart and rotting.

S Senator Hunsaker 28:43
Are you referring to the Friendship Circle benches? I think that's what it's called.

S Senator Fornatoro 28:51
Yeah, yeah, Like in that little area

V Vice President Charles 28:55
Vice President Angelo Charles-

P Pro Tempore Mott 28:58
Point of privilege. Brendan Mott, Pro-tempore. It's not that spot. It's the corner that's actually in the middle of the Liberal Arts building. I was working with the same person that that Brett was working with before on the same project. And from what I understood it was that courtyard. Now if I'm mistaken, Brett can tell me that. But I was under the impression that with the courtyard itself like that, they go through the big gates and the liberal arts building and all of the vending machines .



S

Senator Fornatoro 29:18

No this would not be limited to just that area. There would be other benches included in this bill.

V

Vice President Charles 29:25

Has ABM been contacted about the cost of the benches?.

S

Senator Fornatoro 29:28

Yes, there's been an estimate.

V

Vice President Charles 29:31

You have the quote. Did you include it in the bill?

S

Senator Hunsaker 29:33

Daniel Hunsaker, Junior at large. I was gonna ask is this going out of the student government account? What makes it not be a ABM problem or any other parts of the school?

S

Senator Fornatoro 29:33

Yes. I just don't believe that, that they have demonstrated the willingness to fund projects like this. And I believe it's on us, as a student government, to take initiative, set an example as to what we're willing to do for our campus.

P

Pro Tempore Mott 30:09

Brendan Mott, Pro-tempore. So it's not limited to just that area. What other locations? Is it all that area between education and liberal arts? Because we already funded a bill to do the Friendship Circle itself.

S

Senator Fornatoro 30:24

So just off the top of my head, the ones that I was most pointed towards, there's two benches directly in front of the liberal arts building and across from the Cove -that are- they don't even have like paint on them. They're just like, what they're disgusting. And that's like, that's an entrance that a lot of people come to our campus with. And those would be two of the benches

P

Pro Tempore Mott 30:47

Brendan Mott, Pro-tempore. Now, I'm confused because you said the liberal arts building. The liberal arts building is not across from the Cove. So you're actually referring to the Education building?

S Senator Fornatoro 30:57

Right. Yes sounds right.

P Pro Tempore Mott 30:58

Okay

V Vice President Charles 31:00

Yes, um, so far as ABM because I put up a bill there is no quote on how much they will charge student government to installed it. There is only a quote for the chair. So how much the ABM charges to the government to install them?

S Senator Fornatoro 31:16

This was the quote I was provided by from facility services on behalf of -

V Vice President Charles 31:22

Are they doing it for free?

S Senator Fornatoro 31:28

That's not information I was provided.

V Vice President Charles 31:30

Okay. I can get back to you on that if you like.

P Pro Tempore Mott 31:33

Brendan Mott, Pro-Tempore. I have another point of privilege. It actually states that in the financial code that um, if there's a quote from facilities that actually includes the cost of putting the project in place. So therefore that is already included in the bill and their quotes are sufficient enough for the purpose of the bill.

V Vice President Charles 31:49

Point of personal privilege. If we cannot imply that like- I'm not, I can't, I don't have a vote on this. As far as the account goes, we need to make sure that before we purchase these items that they are going to install it. That if we get benches who's gonna put them out there? And it's not, it does not state that there.

V VPLA Goldstein 32:07

I have a question. Point or point of personal privilege. So these benches will have the UNO logo on them?

S Senator Fornatoro 32:17

Yeah, they're- they're pretty common around campus.

V VPLA Goldstein 32:21

Yeah, no, I've seen them. I just thought they would be plain wood benches because Amber brought to my attention. I think it's something of note. The UNO logo currently has Andrew Jackson and I and I personally think, like his statues should be taken down from Jackson Square. And I personally, don't think, I wouldn't want the UNO logo on the benches.

S Senator Fornatoro 32:48

Well, I would suggest that that's probably more of a school issue.

V VPLA Goldstein 32:53

Yeah, absolutely. I just thought they would be paying for wood benches. I didn't realize they were the blue plastic benches. Yeah-

S Senator Fornatoro 32:53

rather than-

P President Lemelle 32:58

Point of Personal privilege. I think the point that Katie's trying to make is that- I think the benches are a good idea but if SGA will be funding them, I don't know if we should support or like advocate for the emblem being there if in future times they may be inquired about changing them. That's what I think you were saying.

- V VPLA Goldstein 33:22
Yeah. I mean like they could even say University of New Orleans I just wouldn't want, you know what I'm talking about-
- S Senator Fornatoro 33:30
Yeah I understand. If the school were to update the logo, would they be then responsible for updating campus?
- P Pro Tempore Mott 33:40
Time's already up. It just time to-
- V VPLA Goldstein 33:43
Time's already up?
- P Pro Tempore Mott 33:46
Yeah
- V VPLA Goldstein 33:48
Anyone want to motion to extend?
- S Senator Deffendall 33:49
Azizah Hinnwai, College of Sciences. Motion to extend.
- S Senator Hunsaker 33:52
Daniel Hunsaker Junior at Large. Second motion.
- P Parliamentarian Hinnawi 33:58
Azizah Hinnawi. Point of information. I had to like look through my pictures because I know I have a picture of the bench outside of the library. One of the new ones and it doesn't have the logo on it- just the University of New Orleans.

V VPLA Goldstein 34:10
Cool. Perfect. That's- I just want to make sure.

P Pro Tempore Mott 34:17
Brenden Mott, Pro-tempore. Do you know which specifically the logo- because it's actually different UNO logos. There's the there's the privateer one, which is typically athletics; but there's also the one that just doesn't have the seal; it's just the letters. Could that possibly be the one? Because most of the benches I've seen just have the letters actually up. Not many I have seen have the actual seal on there. In fact, I'm pretty sure it's actually in the campus ordinances- breaking the seal is only supposed to be used for like really super official documents. So I don't know is it like which logo is it? Like that's actually my question.

S Senator Fornatoro 34:44
I guess we could reach out to ABM and ensure that it would be a certain logo. I don't see why that would be a problem.

S Senator Lemons 34:51
Cooper Lemons, College of Liberal Arts. So where exactly would the benches be? because the bill does repeatedly say the Liberal Arts courtyard. And in the past week you said the education building. So just stating where in the bill so that we know where to spec. the project to be going on.

S Senator Fornatoro 35:10
So there will be benches directly inside of the liberal arts courtyard. So that was more so just considering the fact that Education Building is under the supervision of Liberal Arts. so just in my mind, I kind of grouped those buildings together, but it would be also in the area between those two buildings.

V Vice President Charles 35:26
How long is this project going to take?

S Senator Fornatoro 35:29
I don't have a time estimate. But I would imagine this would be probably more doable over the summer. That's- awesome.

P Pro Tempore Mott 35:41
Brendon Mott, Pro Tempore. So I wonder, do you, so do you know, how many benches it is?

S Senator Fornatoro 35:50
Yeah.

P Pro Tempore Mott 35:53
And then follow up? Do you know, this is gonna be on the reserve account? Correct? So like the money that we've saved up over time, not the operating account?

S Senator Fornatoro 36:02
Correct.

P Pro Tempore Mott 36:03
Okay.

S Senator Fornatoro 36:05
Anyone else?

S Senator Moss 36:10
Jordan Moss, can I speak?

V VPLA Goldstein 36:12
Yep.

S Senator Moss 36:14
Jordan Moss, Junior at Large. This is more of a vice president question. But our can we know the amount that's in the reserve account?

V Vice President Charles 36:23

As soon as I find out, I will let everyone know. I do not have that information.

S Senator Moss 36:27

I'm sorry. I don't know if somebody asked that already. I apologize.

V Vice President Charles 36:31

That's a great question. In fact, the leaders should produce that information to us as we may not even have \$11,000. We may have more, we may have less, we don't know. So that is that is that's pertinent information that needs to be provided to us, but it has not.

P President Lemelle 36:48

Point of Privilege. President Lemelle. That's actually something we've been working on to get for like the whole year. We have not been provided with that information even though we've asked multiple times and along with that I'm pretty sure people who are on the senate understanding or in SGA last year remember us continuously asking that and still not having a number. So I just want to let you know that wasn't a bad question. It's just we actually have nothing.

S Senator Moss 37:14

Okay Jordan Moss, Junior at large. Follow up question. How can we vote on this bill when we really don't know the amount of money we have to use? If that makes sense.

V VPLA Goldstein 37:28

Point of privilege. The last time I spoke with Joy, she said that the last she checked there was over \$300,000 in the account.

S Senator Moss 37:37

Oh, that's great.

V VPLA Goldstein 37:42

It may be more, it may be less.

P Pro Tempore Mott 37:43

Point of really what is that exact number? Brendon Mott, Pro-Tempore. Point of personal

privilege. It is more than that amount because you can actually go back and look at the previous meeting where we spent some money from the reserve account. Which was last year's Senate, our last meeting, because I'm the one who wrote that bill. You can see that as an accurate number. It is around \$300,000.

V VPLA Goldstein 38:04

And unspent money from this year's budget will get rolled over into the reserve account as well.

V Vice President Charles 38:12

Again, point of privilege. Do not let us be a date let you know why you say it's not here to say there is no this, is like it's in the air we do not know that, so documents do need to be produced, that's all.

V VPLA Goldstein 38:28

Are there any other questions?

P Pro Tempore Mott 38:32

Out of time.

V VPLA Goldstein 38:34

Alright. We will now move to- we will now enter initial debate. Do any senators rise in opposition to this bill?

P Pro Tempore Mott 38:56

Brendan Mott, Pro-Tempore. I rise in opposition for the reason that I actually did do a bill like this in the past. The main reason I do; is that I personally think this is a good idea as a bill of last resort and at the end of the semester when you really need to spend some budget money. So I think this bill should wait a little bit until later meetings. Like when we know like exactly how much money you have left for the year.

S Senator Hunsaker 39:22

Daniel Hunsake, Junior at large. I rise in opposition because of the location discrepancies that are in this bill.

V VPLA Goldstein 39:34
Those opposing, you have three minutes. Yeah, I mean if that's all you have to say, then cool. Then the next thing that is that y'all might know-

P Pro Tempore Mott 39:50
Brendon Mott, Pro-Tempore. I actually motion to table this until we get all the discrepancies answered.

S Senator Hunsaker 39:55
Daniel Hunsaker, Junior at Large. I second.

V VPLA Goldstein 39:58
Um so I guess we need to do a 2/3's vote. Okay, so we'll now do a roll call vote on the matter of tabling the bill allocation for the benches. When I call your name please vote: yes, no, or abstain. Dwayne Crenshaw?

S Senator Crenshaw 40:22
Yes

V VPLA Goldstein 40:23
Candace? No. Lucas Deffendall?

S Senator Deffendall 40:34
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 40:36
Mary Elizabeth Gaines?

S Senator Gaines 40:39
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 40:42
Alicia Helbing?

S Senator Metzler 40:45
Oh sorry that's me. Abstain my proxy.

V VPLA Goldstein 40:48
Okay. Azizah Hinnawi?

P Parliamentarian Hinnawi 40:53
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 40:54
Okay. Daniel Hunsaker

S Senator Hunsaker 40:57
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 40:59
Jenna Hymel?

S Senator Hymel 41:01
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 41:05
Twanna Lebeau?

S Senator Moss 41:08
Yes by proxy.

V VPLA Goldstein 41:11
Cooper Lemons?

S Senator Lemons 41:12
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 41:14
Oscar Martinez?

S Senator Martinez 41:15
Abstain.

V VPLA Goldstein 41:18
Chloe Metzler?

S Senator Metzler 41:22
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 41:24
Okay. Jordan Moss?

S Senator Moss 41:29
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 41:31
Brendan Mott?

P Pro Tempore Mott 41:31
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 41:33
Henry Nguyen?

S Senator Nguyen 41:35
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 41:37
Abigail Reames?

S Senator Reames 41:38
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 41:40
Mohammed Mohiuddin Sakib?

S Senator Sakib 41:43
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 41:45
Naw Saffrin Sattar?

S Senator Sattar 41:48
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 41:50
Da'yanah Smith?

S Senator Smith 41:54
No.

V VPLA Goldstein 41:57
Mahaut Sorlin?

S Senator Sorlin 41:58
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 42:00
And Isabelle Wilcuts?

S Senator Wilcuts 42:03
Yes

V VPLA Goldstein 42:06
With 18 yesses, two abstentions, and one no, the Bench build allocation is tabled until the last meeting or until the discrepancies are solved. Okay, so the third piece of new business is BS22 D001: The Model UN proclamation. Will the author of this proclamation please come forward? You have 3 minutes to introduce your proclamation and 6 minutes to defend.

S Senator Fornatoro 43:05
Bret Fornatoro, College of Liberal Arts. So, I thought this was a unique way to use it as a legislative instrument to sort of follow up on a bill that we had previously passed. This bill will be recognizing the achievements of Model UN, their delegates and their performance in the National Conference in New York City. They placed silver as they were representing the country of Nicaragua. This is a powerful opportunity for us to stand behind our student organizations and to recognize their achievements. I yield my time for questioning.

V VPLA Goldstein 43:48
Questions for Brett?

P Pro Tempore Mott 43:51
Brendon Mott, Pro-Tempore. So this bill is basically us making this a statement towards them that we like support what they did or something like that? because it's not explained very well in the rules. So I just want to know exactly what you're trying to do.

- S** Senator Fornatoro 44:04
I believe in the rules that says like recognizing the achievements something along those lines. I don't have the exact wording off the top of my head but-
- V** VPLA Goldstein 44:13
it's a public or official announcement especially when dealing with a matter of great importance
- V** Vice President Charles 44:20
It's a grand old statement.
- V** VPLA Goldstein 44:28
any other questions for Brett?
- S** Senator Martinez 44:32
Sorry. So Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences. So what exactly are we doing?
- S** Senator Fornatoro 44:39
I don't remember the wording.
- V** VPLA Goldstein 44:44
That's just the definition.
- S** Senator Fornatoro 44:46
Words define the rules and procedures.
- S** Senator Hunsaker 44:51
Daniel Hunsaker, Junior at large. I think to elaborate on the past few questions like: Are we just like sending them an email or like- What exactly are we doing? Okay. Like on a piece of paper? Are we giving them a piece of paper? Like I'm still kind of like lost. Are we giving them like a piece of paper?

S Senator Fornatoro 44:59

No this is just a formal way to show that we have that we're watching them that we acknowledge their achievements and this is a legislative way to acknowledge that success Well we're giving them our recognition is what we're doing. It's not like we're giving them money or funds or anything.

S Senator Hymel 45:29

It says actions which do not require a signature from the SGA President which formally and officially announce and declare the special respect and gratitude of the SGA Senate. So it's "grand old statement."

S Senator Fornatoro 45:41

Yeah.

P Pro Tempore Mott 45:45

Brendon Mott, Pro-Tempore. I have a point of, I guess, information which is who would-, because I want to do this with other organizations too. Like if another organization does something amazing we can write a proclamation- thank you for doing this.

V VPLA Goldstein 45:59

Yeah. We could.

S Senator Fornatoro 46:00

Exactly.

A Advisor Courseault 46:03

Point of Privilege. Also too that proclamation will go onto the website for other people to see. Also if the SGA wanted to give, but it means it'll be published on the website.

V VPLA Goldstein 46:25

Any other questions?



P Pro Tempore Mott 46:26
Brendon Mott Pro-Tempore. Motion to vote.

V VPLA Goldstein 46:33
Oh, okay. Can I get a second?

S Senator Hunsaker 46:35
Daniel Hunsaker, Junior at Large. I second.

V VPLA Goldstein 46:40
Audio isn't working. We were just defining a proclamation. Okay. All those in favor of moving to vote? Okay when I call your name please vote: yes, no, or abstain. Dwayne Crenshaw?

S Senator Crenshaw 47:02
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 47:05
Candi- no. Lucas Deffendall?

S Senator Deffendall 47:09
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 47:12
Brett Fornatoro?

S Senator Fornatoro 47:13
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 47:15
Mary Elizabeth Gaines?

S Senator Gaines 47:17
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 47:19
Allicia Helbing?

S Senator Metzler 47:20
Yes by proxy.

V VPLA Goldstein 47:22
Azizah Hinnawi?

P Parliamentarian Hinnawi 47:23
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 47:24
Daniel Hunsaker?

S Senator Hunsaker 47:25
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 47:26
Jenna Hymel?

S Senator Hymel 47:28
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 47:31
Twanna Lebeau?

S Senator Moss 47:33
Yes by proxy.

V VPLA Goldstein 47:36
Cooper Lemons?

S Senator Lemons 47:37
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 47:39
Oscar Martinez?

S Senator Martinez 47:40
Yeah.

V VPLA Goldstein 47:42
Chloe Metzler?

S Senator Metzler 47:45
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 47:47
Jordan Moss?

S Senator Moss 47:49
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 47:50
Brendon Mott?

P Pro Tempore Mott 47:51
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 47:53
Henry Nguyen?

S Senator Nguyen 47:54
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 47:56
Abigail Reames?

S Senator Reames 47:57
Yes,

V VPLA Goldstein 47:58
Mohammed Mohiuddin Sakib?

S Senator Sakib 48:02
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 48:04
Naw Saffrin Sattar?

S Senator Sattar 48:08
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 48:10
Da'vanah Smith?

S Senator Smith 48:11
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 48:12
Mahaut Sorlin?

S Senator Sorlin 48:15
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 48:17
Isabelle Wilcuts?

S Senator Wilcuts 48:19
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 48:20
Okay. With 22 yeases, no no's, no abstensions. The proclamation is planned. Point of

P Pro Tempore Mott 48:36
Point of privilege. Brendon Mott, Pro-Tempore. I think it's important to recognize Senator Deffendall because he was because he was there.

S Senator Deffendall 48:43
Point of privilege. Lucas Defendall, COLlege of Liberal Arts. I will say, people worked really hard for like this whole semester. And I want to shout up the president Jesse Venable and the vice president Nina Balen. I honestly don't know if I got the last name right. But they both worked really hard and all the delegates worked extremely hard to do that. So it is definitely good that they have the appreciation.

V VPLA Goldstein 49:16

I thank you. We will now move to nominations and appointments. We will hear the nominations for LaMaria Phillips position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. LaMaria, will you please come forward and tell the Senate a little bit by yourself and why this position interests you? You have three minutes to speak and six minutes for questions.

G Guest- Lamaria Phillips 49:44

Hi, everyone. My name is LaMaria. Most of you may know me. Most of you may not. As has been said, I'm running for Chief Justice. And I've always been involved in UNO. I started off as a peer mentor. I was a part of SGA Senate. I was Junior at large in 2020 and 2019. And in 2020 Fall, I served as the clerk of court. So I'm excited to put my nomination in for Chief Justice of the court. Because as you guys know, in 2020, the court was not really in session. So I really want to be involved in the court. Oh, also, I think I forgot some things also. I'm sorry, guys. I just got off of work. But I got my degree- I graduated in 2021, my undergraduate in political science, and I'm currently getting an MPA, public administration, right now. So I took a year off in 2021, and wanted just to focus on my MPA. But as I said, I'm excited to get started back in SGA. And continue like doing things for UNO.

V VPLA Goldstein 50:46

Thank you. Does she have any questions for LaMaria?

S Senator Hunsaker 50:53

Daniel Hunsaker, Junior at large. This is just a question for her, or for anybody else. But how many justices are there currently?

V Vice President Charles 51:00

Nine.

V VPLA Goldstein 51:09

Are there any other questions? Okay. Does she need to like leave the room?

V Vice President Charles 51:17

Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 51:18

LaMaria, we're gonna put you out of the room for a minute, while we talk about it and then vote and then we'll bring you back in.

G Guest- Lalaria Phillips 51:23
no problem.

V VPLA Goldstein 51:24
I guess we have- now have six minutes for discussion. Think we have a simple majority.

S Senator Martinez 51:38
Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences. For the record for a Supreme Court if you have a majority or any majority, we need five people. So you don't just want to just vote for somebody else and win.

P Pro Tempore Mott 51:52
Brendan Mott, Pro-Tempore. I wanted to say that I do rise in support. Um, I actually was on the hiring committee when LaMaria was hired to be the Clerk of Court. And she presented herself extremely well. And even though she like-, and she was on the Senate before, so she already knew a lot about SGA law. And she's very passionate about it, in like, making sure that the laws followed and things are done right. So I do rise in support of Lalaria Phillips. Because she also presented herself very well, when she was a senator.

S Senator Moss 52:18
Jordan Moss, Junior at large. Point of inquiry. If we vote her to be Chief of Justice, is that just for the remainder of this semester? And she has to like, rerun next semester? Or is that just like, until further notice?

P President Lemelle 52:37
President Lemelle. Once you're appointed as a justice, you're you're stu- it's kind of like the real Supreme Court justices. Once you're appointed to that position. You have that title until you graduate from UNO. So she would be the presiding officer until she graduated or transferred schools. Like as long as she's here, she will be on the Supreme Court.

V VPLA Goldstein 53:03
Any other questions? Anybody else have anything to say?

P President Lemelle 53:08

 President Lemelle 53:00

I will say, President Lemelle, that I- Oh, before I was, I ran for President LaMaria and I actually worked together I was the Clerk of Senate while she was the Clerk of Court. So I know that she's a really hard worker. She's a hard worker, and I think that she's really passionate and even just working in the SGA office- because this was during like the COVID. So the COVID- during COVID. So it was just us two in the office. And she's really passionate about SGA. And she's super smart. And she's also political science major. So outside of being a person that outside- of being- working for SGA for a year. She just has a lot of valuable contributions.

 VPLA Goldstein 53:59

We will now take a roll call vote on the appointment of LaMaria Phillips to the position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. When I call your name, please vote: yes, no, or abstain. Dwayne Crenshaw?

 Senator Crenshaw 54:20


Yes.

 Senator Deffendall 54:20

Yes.

 VPLA Goldstein 54:24


Lucas Deffendall? Brett Fornatoro?

 Senator Fornatoro 54:25

Yes

 VPLA Goldstein 54:27

Mary Elizabeth Gaines?

 Senator Gaines 54:29

Yes.

 VPLA Goldstein 54:32

Allicia Helbing?

S Senator Metzler 54:35
Yes by proxy.

V VPLA Goldstein 54:40
Daniel Hunsacker?

S Senator Hunsaker 54:41
Yeah.

V VPLA Goldstein 54:42
Jenna Hymel?

S Senator Hymel 54:44
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 54:47
Twanna Lebeau?

S Senator Moss 54:49
Yes by proxy.

S Senator Metzler 54:52
Cooper Lemons?

S Senator Lemons 54:53
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 54:55
Cooper Lemons?

Oscar Martinez?

S Senator Martinez 54:56
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 54:58
Chloe Metzler?

S Senator Metzler 55:01
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 55:04
Jordan Moss?

S Senator Moss 55:05
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 55:07
Brendan Mott?

P Pro Tempore Mott 55:08
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 55:11
Henry Nguyen?

S Senator Nguyen 55:12
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 55:15

— Abigail Reames?

S Senator Reames 55:16
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 55:18
Mohammed Mohuiddin Sakib?

S Senator Sakib 55:21
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 55:23
Naw Saffrin Sattar?

S Senator Sattar 55:27
Yes.

V VPLA Goldstein 55:29
Da'yanah Smith?


S Senator Smith 55:30
Yes.


V VPLA Goldstein 55:33
Mahat Sorlin?


S Senator Sorlin 55:35
Yes. Isabelle Wilcuts?


S Senator Wilcuts 55:39


 Senator Wilcutt 55:39
Yes.


 VPLA Goldstein 55:40
With 22 yeses, no no's, and no abstentions LaMaria is appointed to the position of Chief Justice. [inaudible]... Congratulations LaMaria, you have been appointed.


 G Guest- Lamaria Phillips 56:00
Thank you guys so much, I really appreciate it.


 VPLA Goldstein 56:07
Thank you. Okay, so we will now move to open forum, where we discuss matters pertaining to the betterment of SGA.

 P President Lemelle 56:20
I just forgot to say this in our forum. So let's go ahead and say now, I also want to say congratulations to my vice president Angelo here and Jordan Moss for winning elections. Congratulations!

 VPLA Goldstein 56:40
Anybody else have anything to say?

 P Pro Tempore Mott 56:43
Brendon Mott, Pro-Tempore. I think something that's worth talking about, because it was brought up quite a bit earlier is the fact that, um, there's always these discrepancies with the reserve account. And I understand that a lot of people have access to it. But is there some kind of checks and balances, where we can figure out like, what it is?

 VPLA Goldstein 56:58
We can subpoena the balance?

 P Pro Tempore Mott 57:01
Okay. And how would that be done?

V VPLA Goldstein 57:04
I just said that we can subpoena.

S Senator Fornatoro 57:08
Brett Fornatoro, College of Liberal Arts. Could that be done through a summons?

S Senator Lemons 57:17
Cooper Lemons, College of Liberal Arts. So relating to the stuff that I lost my program, I had a meeting with one of the three professors getting let go. And he tends to be the leader of it. I let him know Andrew is, meeting with the executive board. And their response, which is basically referring to academic freedom of the Department/College, and how they have no input over it. My professor first very much appreciated SGA, doing something, like you know, trying to reach out with like, looking for what they couldn't. Also very much the trying to offer scholarships to the students. And he offered to come to one of our meetings and speak, like get testimony or some more information on what happened and whatnot, if that will be of interest to y'all. He also gave me a little bit more information about what happened. And it started looking more suspicious as he told me more about it. But that's just very, like it was very appreciated. I just wants to look into what else we could do.

P President Lemelle 58:40
If he wants to come to a meeting to talk about it, send an email to Tiffany?

P Pro Tempore Mott 58:50
Brendan Mott, Pro-Tempore. Okay, so this is something that comes up anytime you have an academic issue. They bring up this academic freedom law that exists in Louisiana. Can administration actually show us what that law actually says?,

V VPLA Goldstein 59:00
So what Dr. Nicklow told us because it doesn't help him at all, like so it's required. It's not a it's not a Louisiana requirement. It's a requirement for a program to be accredited. Basically, the department, the heads of that program have to have academic or like, executive independence over their curriculum. So they basically, it's required by the United States government in order for a program to give accredited degrees. The department has to have independence to determine what their curriculum is.

P President Lemelle 59:34

Real quick. It's kind of like a checks and balances system at the school. Basically, like, if Dr. Nicklow had like all these powers and could change like if he was close to the student, you could make sure they pass or if he didn't like us do it to make sure they fail. So it's kind of a checks and balance system where like the professors are completely in charge of what they let go on in their class, what they teach in there class. How they grade things. It's all in their power. So that power also transfers to the Deans and the chairs of each college. So Dr. Nicklow, said if the chair or the Dean's of the Philosophy College, decide that they don't want that specific program anymore. It's up to the college, like there's nothing that Nicklow can or cannot do about it. But as I said, in our email, we talked about it. It's more of like a thing where a lot of students would have to get together and work towards this.

P

Pro Tempore Mott 1:00:28

Okay, then Brendan Mott, Pro tempore. Another question, then, because, um, this rule was also brought up when we tried to do the [inaudible] thing last year. And other universities in the United States that are accredited have gotten rid of Philosophy. So I'm trying to figure out what exactly this law says. And if UNO was interpreting it way stricter than it has to be interpreted? Can someone figure out what this law or what the regulation says exactly? And so I can read it and see it.

V

VPLA Goldstein 1:00:55

But I mean, if you think about it, like that doesn't make sense, because why should President Nicklow, who doesn't have a background in philosophy have any say over what the Philosophy Department-

P

Pro Tempore Mott 1:01:03

I mean, I agree, I'm just saying that other schools definitely have had people like when we did the Proctor You Bill but let's just a good example, I get where schools have banned Proctor You and have banned certain textbooks and things like that. So I don't understand how that's being used in these two different contexts that are not really related. Because to me curriculum, and the software use and test taking is not the same thing.

S

Senator Lemons 1:01:26

Cooper Lemons, School of Liberal Arts. For like, the extra context that he gave me. It was- he agreed with the thing that we just heard from the executive board with academic freedom on dissolving the program. But he gave context to like a series of events of that happening. It was, in early December, at the end of last semester, they had been approached by the department to add more philosophy credits. Because they're saying like, yours doesn't reach enough for it to be considered an actual philosophy major. The heads of the program disagreed with that. They've said, we think that this is covering enough. And it's also would probably cause most of the students in the program to drop because I would be adding around 12 credits, to our plan. Most of us are double majors. They had said no to that. They were told, okay, we'll be planning to cut the program from the philosophy department that- so they were starting to make plans

to basically make it its own, like, independent program within the College of Liberal Arts. Similar to like, the International Studies, and while they're in the process of figuring that out, they got told the news that they were being fired. And that was like they had no sort of explanation or justification for it. They just got told you don't have your job anymore.

P Pro Tempore Mott 1:03:04

Brendan Mott, Pro-Tempore. That actually has another question. So there's checks and balances of the school president, Where's the checks and balances with departments? That's my question.

S Senator Fornatoro 1:03:12

Brett Fornatoro, College of Liberal Arts. From what I understand the philosophy department has ties to the Koch brothers. And whenever there's problems in philosophy, I hear that that's typically-

V VPLA Goldstein 1:03:25

what we were told at our meeting with the administration is that there was a grant that was funding the program to that specific program. And basically, the funds from the grant dried up. Now, that doesn't mean somebody couldn't apply for another grant . There's all kinds of academic funding out there, you have to apply for.

S Senator Lemons 1:03:49

Cooper Lemons, College of Liberal Arts. He told me during the meeting, that they had just gotten approved for \$1.4 million grant. And then got told the program would be ending, so they had to reject the grant. So now the grant will no longer be coming to the school.

V VPLA Goldstein 1:04:03

Well, that's probably why the president and the provost really supported the program.

P Parliamentarian Hinnawi 1:04:08

Azizah Hinnawi, College of Sciences. I hadn't been to a Faculty Senate meeting, but was this addressed in one of their meetings? Like did they discuss this at all on their part?

S Senator Lemons 1:04:08

Yeah

V VPLA Goldstein 1:04:20

I don't know. I've been to a couple and I don't think so. But also I don't know that. I mean, again, it goes back to department, like departmental independence and I don't know that that's something they can address

P President Lemelle 1:04:32

Based on the- President Lemelle. Right, the ones I've gone to- I didn't go last time. Before that they will not discuss that happening. I don't know how long ago this happened. This happened more recently, right?

S Senator Lemons 1:04:50

The dates he told me for like, being told to address credit issues to being fired was around December 14 to mid January. For about a month they got told your program's ending too. You no longer have jobs.

P President Lemelle 1:05:05

So in that [inaudible] they also didn't discuss it during those senate meetings.

V VPLA Goldstein 1:05:17

Does anybody else have anything? Can I get a motion to adjourn? Oscar Martinez, College of Sciences. I motion to adjourn the meeting.

S Senator Lemons 1:05:33

Cooper Lemons, College of Liberal Arts. I second this motion.

V VPLA Goldstein 1:05:36

All in favor? I adjourn this meeting at six o'clock. Good