



Student Government Senate
Tuesday, November 13, 2007
Session Minutes

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:50. VP Kohli conducted Roll Call; quorum was met with 13 out of 19 Senators present. VP Kohli announced that there was a temporary vacancy in the Parliamentarian position. Senator Schwalenberg nominated Senator Pollard to be temporary Parliamentarian; Senator Pollard accepted the nomination.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from November 6, 2007, were approved with 0 corrections.

III. Communications and Announcements

- Senators
- Non-Senators

.Kevin Hughes, President of the UNO Filmmakers came to the Senate meeting to announce that they brought other filmmakers for representation.

IV. Presiding Officer Communication and Announcements

VP Kohli announced that this past weekend was a fun-filled weekend for Student Government funded events. First, Thursday night was the Blue and White Gala at the Alumni Center. She stated that it was a lot of fun. There was food and they gave out awards. Friday night was Diwali by the Indian Student Association. She stated that it was a lot of fun, as well. Later that night was Neon Volleyball. She stated that she was disappointed that some of the members of the SG team did not show up. If you make a commitment to be at something, remember to show up because everyone's waiting on you.

V. Pro Tempore and Committee Reports

- Pro-Tempore
Senator Harvard announced that committees need to meet this week. Those committees that were supposed to meet last week, but did not, will be counted as absent.
- Governance
- Campus Beautification
- R.A.P.P.
- Student Affairs
Met Friday but did not meet quorum.
- Finance
Met Tuesday and Senator March resigned from the Committee.
- Technology
Met Friday but had nothing tabled to them, so did not have much to talk about.

VI. Executive, Judicial, SAC, Advisor Reports

- President
- Treasurer

See attachment.

- Secretary of State
- Judicial Report
- Dean of Student Affairs
- SG Advisors

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- B.F07K019 Thanksgiving Day

Author: Michael Harvard **Sponsor:** Michael Harvard and Samuel Neel

Senator Harvard had to present his bill, leaving a temporary vacancy in the Pro-Tempore position. Senator Harvard nominated Senator Bradford for the position; Senator Bradford accepted the nomination. Senator Fortner announced that he was now present.

Harvard: This is a bill to allocate funds from the Student Government Operating Account for the Student Government Thanksgiving Day Banquet on November 22, 2007. Whereas, Thanksgiving is a National Holiday. Whereas, there are students without means to leave campus for the holiday. Whereas, there are many students who would enjoy being with each other for the holiday. Be it enacted by the University of New Orleans Student Government that: The amount of \$999.99 be allocated from the Senate Operating Account to the Student Government to pay for the Thanksgiving Day Banquet. All unused funds shall revert back to the SG at the end of the current fiscal year. The Student Government Executive Branch shall report back to the SH within 30 days upon completion of the event.

I think that this will show our commitment to the students. This will be open to students in Pontchartrain North and South as well as students in Privateer Place.

Bradford: I would like to recognize Sam.

Bazile: I'm all for this event because ya'll did it last year. The thing is, ya'll had a lot more time to plan the event. Have you talked to Aramark to see if there will be workers to work on Thanksgiving?

Harvard: Yes, I have been in communication with them. I checked again with them today, and they are still currently working on the situation. It's not the intent to pass the bill today, but to present it so that it can be on the agenda in time to pay for the event.

Bradford: I would like to recognize Cherie.

Maser: One thing that I noticed about the bill is that you don't have anything on there like specifics as to the place, cost of renting a place. Last year, what wasn't on our bill was covered by the chancellor as far as the \$250 fee that was charged for opening up the UC.

Harvard: We are trying to do it in the Flambeau Room. If not, we have secured the Newman Center.

Bennett: Am I correct in assuming that this is going to go into Old Business and anything that needs to be worked out will be done in amendments?

Harvard: Yes.

Bradford: I would like to recognize Cherie.

Maser: Does that mean you will be amending the amount?

Harvard: If it is in the Newman Center, the father of the center has said that they will provide drinks as well. They are willing to actually waive their fee.

The bill was tabled to Old Business.

- S.F07K020 Summons

Author and Sponsor: Michael Harvard

Harvard: This is a Summons to require Chief Justice Lester Perryman to appear before the Student Government Governance Committee. Whereas, the Judicial Branch is pertinent to the Student Government. Whereas, the Governance Committee is currently working on the Student Government Code of Laws and have questions it would like to ask to the Chief Justice.

Bradford: I would like to recognize Wang.

Wang: We rarely use Summons, have you attempted to contact the Chief Justice?

Harvard: Yes, I have personally emailed him, and did not get a response. I talked to Pam and asked her to also send him an email.

Wang: I understand you said the next scheduled Governance Committee meeting, but there's no exact time or date on it.

Harvard: Okay. Thank you.

IX. Nominations and Appointments

X. Open Forum

Lavoy: As you can see, there are a lot of us here, we've been pretty frustrated concerning the process of getting a bill approved, regarding our film. This is pretty much the primary activity for most of us. We're all film makers, what we learn in class is part of what we do, but without being able to put it in craft, there's really not a whole lot of value in getting a film career.

Blume: There is a question about whether or not this is an annual event, but it's hard to describe the film process. Sixty percent of the crew for this film is freshman; they are looking at this as an incentive to be here at UNO. There's a huge educational experience that can benefit them. It's not an annual event by any means because every movie is different. It's impossible to perceive how much money you're going to need because you don't know what the costs are going to be.

Hughes: We understand why our bill would be deemed an annual event. What we ask for next week is for your support in suspending Rules and Procedures so that the bill can be approved.

Martinez: The work that I have gotten to help me pay off school is because of the experience that I've gotten from the UNO Film Makers. I wouldn't be able to work on feature length films which gives me the money I need to attend class.

Harvard: Do you get grades for what you do as the Film Makers?

Advisor: They don't get grades, but if they don't successfully complete the project, they can't do another one.

Owen: I am not graduated and working professional. The experience I have that allows me to get these jobs is from the UNO Film Makers.

Martinez: We don't get graded, but half of my professors have told me that the reason I got into an advanced class is because I worked with UNO Film Makers.

Matheny: I was recently looking around at film school deciding which college, and a lot of schools have classes, but this is something that is kind of rare. It's special that we are given this opportunity; and that literally made the difference in where I went to school.

Maser: One of the concerns with SG has had in the past is when are the films being shown on campus and when do we get to see the results of this film?

Hughes: We use the UNO Film Festival that we put on once a year to display the films we have worked on. We are actually in the works right now putting together another bill for an in house projector and surround sound system.

Lavoy: As far as fliers go, we actually did have pretty massive, colorful fliers all over campus. The fact that it's a once a year event is because it takes a lot of time and work. If there is a film that is finished, we will be attempting to screen it.

Kohli: Terrell and Mike, one of the things that was brought up last week was the amount of money to pay for the extended stay, I believe it's \$300. Also, the security issues were brought up last week. Is there anything you want to talk about those 2 issues?

Brauninger: Extended stay, historically, has been \$150 at Bienville Hall. We based it on a per day basis. We took the per day rate at Pontchartrain Hall, but it went up to about \$600. I went to my boss with the compromise that we go no higher than double the amount. Our expenses are a lot higher. When you break it down, it's 34 days; that's less than \$10 a day. Next semester will be trying to have the option called College Boxes for students that only need to store their stuff.

Pollard: Motion to extend time.

The motion received a second.

Brauninger: A company will come in and transport it to a storage facility. You can go ahead and leave and call them ahead of time when you return and they will deliver your stuff into your dorm room. That should be about \$200. You mentioned security. Our security system where you use your card access is not operable right now. It should work in about 2 weeks. We're going to add 2 or 3 cameras on the outside of the building to prevent any kind of incidents. We had to change the coding mechanism on the fire alarms. The Vice Chancellor is requiring us to get the student parking lot behind the HPC ready. We have about 200 spaces, and about 500 people. Anyone parking in the residence hall parking lot that are not parked within the white lines will be ticketed.

Harvard: Those people that have been ticketed already, are you going to waive the tickets?

Brauninger: That strictly between the UNO PD. We have nothing to do with the ticketing process.

Harvard: And have you given directions to your residents about parking because residents are given different directions from different staff members.

Brauninger: There will be. Once the parking lots are finished, we will send out a general letter.

Kohli: Also, the lighting was brought up. Some of the Senators were concerned that it is too dark in the parking lot. Are there going to be more lights put out?

Brauninger: We're going to get wide lights put up on the HPC that will flood the entire parking lot. Recently, all our light were dismantled and the lights were replaced to burn brighter.

Kohli: Are there any talks of different visitation policies?

Brauninger: The 24 hour visitation policy has been discussed. I approached my boss with it. We are putting together a plan, if not the 24 hour, a modified version of it. We don't want to breach the security of the building. If we went to 24 hour guest policy, security would be enhanced.

Johnson: Next semester we will have a Hall Council so students can bring their concerns to us.

Harvard: Are there still contractors working on the south building at this time? Cause I know one of the residents is fearful of the contractors because of something that she went through.

Brauninger: There are contractors now, and there will be contractors until both halls are complete. What we have done is we have inventoried all our key systems. We have them sign out keys and sign them back in at the end of the day. That doesn't mean they have access to everyone's room. They have access to all unoccupied rooms. If they have to go into an occupied room, they are required to call so we can send an RA or Office Attendant to escort them.

Patel: I am a resident of Pontchartrain North. I'm not against the hours at night, but during the morning it's ridiculous when you have a buddy come have lunch with you and it's about 11 and they won't let you in because it's not 12.

Brauninger: You have to consider that there were double occupancy rooms at Bienville; so that was so you wouldn't disturb your roommate. We will take that into consideration since now every room is a private room.

There was a motion to extend time; the motion received a second.

Owen: I just wanted to point out that the membership of the UNO Film Makers has at least doubled, if not tripled. I would request that the Senate remember that the three main curricular that draws students to this university are Engineering, Business Administration, and Film. This organization is one of the main draws for the film part.

Bever: Our active membership last year was about 15-20 members at any given member. This semester our active membership at every meeting is between 35-40 members. We have a tentative total of about 150 members.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion received a second.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 pm.