Student Government Senate  
Tuesday, April 28th 2015  
Session Minutes

I. Call to Order  
a. Meeting was called to order at 4:38p.m.

II. Roll Call  
a. 13 out of 16 senators present, we meet quorum.

III. Approval of the Minutes  
a. Senator Early served as temporary Pro Tempore.  
b. Minutes were approved with 0 corrections.

IV. Communications and Announcements  
a. Senators  
   i. Early: Thank you to anyone who stopped by the HIV testing area. It was a success. The UNOTube bill is coming up today. Once again, we did it! It’s the last meeting!  
   ii. Aucoin: The HIV testing did have a great turn out. College of Engineering will be having a ceremony to celebrate the graduating students tomorrow.  
b. Non-Senators  
   i. Callie: On behalf of ODK we want to thank you for helping with the Gala. We have raised enough funds to have two scholarships. We have done our community service hours and turned them in. Thank you again.  
   ii. Lee: I know that Student Affairs has sent an email out already, but the Nepal fundraising event. Please have them in your thoughts and spread awareness to the fundraisers.

V. Judicial Review of Bill of Particulars  
a. Miner: There will no longer be a trial today because Hunter Christopher has resigned from his position. *Report is attached.

VI. Presiding Officer Communications and Announcements  
a. VP Willis presiding report. I received a thank you card from Zeta Tau Alpha explaining their thanks for helping them with BOBC. Also, this is our last meeting, which is bittersweet. I am going to miss y’all.

VII. President Pro Tempore and Committee Reports  
a. President Pro Tempore
b. Committee Reports
   i. Aucoin: Student Affairs met yesterday. We discussed the UNOTube bill. We are in support of it.
   ii. Hollis: The constitution committee met for the final time. We started from the ground with this constitution. I hope y’all have the confidence to vote for this to go through. We will be presenting this for final vote.

VIII. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports
   a. President
      i. Teagle: I will not point out the glaring lack of blue in the back row, but for the rest of you, this will be my last opportunity to remind you that on Tuesdays we wear blue. Joy Ballard will be next year’s president, and I am really looking forward to it. I have faith in her ability to carry on the office. We had an open forum last week and it was interesting. I will tell you that this self-asset fee fight must continue. You must continue to work as senators. The issue is we have a very vocal minority. You will hear a lot of things that are not true about these fees. This is a student fee and was designed by students. I hope you guys continue to fight. Failure is fine as long as it’s a loud failure. I am really proud. I had two goals as president, which was to create a new constitution and to create these fees. I felt the SGA fees and other fees that needed to be created. I can leave this office feeling very confident. I will be calling a special session this Friday before I leave office because Joy did not get a VP or a Secretary of State. I have to give Joy the tools she needs to carry on. You will be getting an official notice in the future. The drama creates a stronger group; it’s good that we have drama as long as we can get through it together. Thank you very much.
      ii. Aucoin: What time is the ceremony?
      iii. Teagle: I have no clue.
      iv. Aucoin: Are you planning on using the rest of your money in your account?
      v. Teagle: I don’t know. I will have to ask the advisors. The Model UN and Nepalese Student Association is wanting to put on a fundraiser. We can’t donate to the fundraiser but we can pay for the cost of the room.
      vi. Aucoin: I saw that there might be a rally at the capitol, is this true?
      vii. Teagle: That is faculty driven rally being pushed by the LSU faculty and administration. I found out about it too late. It is not being organized well by students, and so we are not participating in it.
      viii. Ballard: Are you referring to the rally at UNO that will on campus on Thursday?
      ix. Aucoin: No.
b. Treasurer
   i. Deason: The Senate Operating Account’s remaining balance is $3,547.71, and I will send out an email of the President’s Operating account balance.

c. Secretary of State
   i. Trahan: Zeta Tau Alpha did raise a lot of money from BOBC. Thank you guys for helping us. As for elections, the results are the IDS spring seat went to Teresa Fleming, the Engineering spring seat went to Chance Aucoin, and education spring seat when to Charles Hollis, and the science spring seat went to Pemba Serpa. As far treasurer, congratulations to Josh Lambert and for President is Joy Ballard. The highest votes we had was 710 for president and that is a great number. We will not have to have run off elections. Elections are finished. As for the swearing in ceremony at 2pm on May 1st. It will be somewhere in the UC. Look out for an email for that. On the bright side, everything is over with.
   ii. Aucoin: What is the time frame for the constitution if it should be passed?
   iii. Trahan: There will be a sample ballot released maybe Thursday – Saturday.
   iv. Hollis: I was told that there would be an open forum concerning the constitution?
   v. Trahan: If we do an open forum, we can plan for it to be tomorrow or Thursday, but LeeAnne and I will have to discuss it.

d. Judicial

e. Advisors
   i. Paige: Deuces!
   ii. Sipe: Just two notes, Tuition waivers are required by the state for the executive team. Also, justices do not receive stipends in anyway. No one gets a paycheck or stipend. I do want to say, but part of the reason that LSU will be at the rally is because they weren’t at the other one that everyone. As for constitution voting is up to you guys. If you want it at the end of the semester, it is up to y’all. Thank you all for your dedication.

IX. Old Business
a. B.S15D041 – UNOTube
b. Senator Aucoin served as temporary ProTempore
   i. Questioning:
   ii. Initial debate: Against
   iii. Sponsors:
      1. Early: Thank you guys so much for the few people that have told me that they are cool with passing this bill for us to get equipment.
      2. Jordan: Thank you for letting me come up here. This club does mean a lot to me.
3. Aucoin: Student Affairs did favor for this bill to be passed.

iv. Amendment:
   1. Ballard: We are removing Senator Hunter from this bill and putting myself on as a sponsor.
   2. Amendment is passed.

v. Final debate: Against

vi. Sponsor:

vii. Final debate: Support

viii. Roll call vote: 14 – yes 0 – no 0 – abstention. The bill is passed.

c. R.S15D042 – Constitution

   i. Senator Brandt serves as temporary Parliamentarian.

   ii. Questioning:

   iii. Initial debate: Against

   iv. Sponsor:

      1. Hollis we did it!

   v. Initial debate: support

      1. Early: Watching how much work went into this and how it was done was wonderful.


   vi. Amendment:

      1. Amendment 1: For Article 18.1 it will be the oath of office and 18.2 for the chief justice to give the oath to SG president and then SG president will give oath to department heads.

         a. Roll call vote: 15 – yes 0 – no 0 – abstention. The amendment is attached.

      2. Amendment 2: Supremacy Clause for article 17.1.

         a. Roll call vote: 15 – yes 0 – no 0 – abstention. The amendment is attached.

      3. Amendment 3: Additions to article 16.6. and 16.7

         a. Roll call vote: 14 – yes 0 – no 0 – abstention. The amendment is attached.

      4. Amendment 4: The committee has already vote for it and it is to remove Senator Hunter Christopher name where it says committee members.

         a. The amendment is attached due to being a friendly attachment.

      5. Amendment 5: This is a friendly one and to change where it says UNO SGAS to UNO SGA Senate.

         a. The amendment is attached.
6. Amendment 6: Friendly amendment to change all items in the index to be fixed.
   a. The amendment is attached.
7. Amendment 7: To remove the following from article 3 all the following sections will be removed and later formatted in the rules and procedures.
   a. Roll call vote: 15 – yes 0 – no 0 – abstention. The amendment is attached.
8. Amendment 8: A friendly amendment for formatting on all amendments passed.
   a. Roll call vote: 15 – yes 0 – no 0 – abstention. The amendment is attached.
9. Amendment 9: We have to give the people who format to change the definition section, which is in pre-article 1.
   a. Roll call vote: 15 – yes 0 – no 0 – abstention. The amendment is attached.
ii. Final debate: against

viii. Sponsor:

1. Hollis: We have put a lot of work into this. This entire document is based on consensus. The next step is to convince people into voting for the constitution.
2. Aucoin: I would hate for all of the time put into this to be wasted.
3. Teagle: This gives us the opportunity to serve to people. We can use this to protect every part of student life. We are the last people to do this.
4. Hollis: This is something we have worked with other groups for.
ix. Final debate: Support

x. Roll call vote: 15 – yes 0 – no 0 – abstention. The constitution is passed.

X. New Business
a. B.S15D043 – Random Office Stuff
   i. Introduction:
      1. Aucoin: This will use all remaining funds in senate operating account to purchase copy paper for the department in the colleges.
The total is $1,875.00. Cases will be given to colleges and then
given to department.
2. Brandt: Is the $1875.00, a flat or will that cover taxes?
3. Aucoin: We don’t pay taxes.
4. Lee: Did you say you took in account about how many students are
in the colleges?
5. Aucoin: I started off by giving each college 2 cases then a case for
each college depending on how many departments, and so on until
the 50 cases were gone.
6. Teagle: Are you going to attach that this was given from Student
Government, so we can be recognized that we did it?
7. Aucoin: There are stickers we can use to attach to say Student
Government.
8. Paige: Once ordered, is it going to be directly delivered to the
departments? I would suggest the authors and the sponsors make
an email about the paper being delivered.
9. Motioned to Old Business
   a. Questioning:
   b. Initial Debate: Against
   c. Sponsor:
      i. Aucoin: This would use our remaining operating
account. This is much needed by departments.
   d. Support:
      i. Teagle: In the future, I wouldn’t advise to do this.
         We would want to increase the reserve account, but
         I believe this is worthwhile. We should never spend
         money to spend money. The reserve account is a
great thing.
   e. Amendment:
      i. Aucoin: To change the dollar amount and words.
      ii. Against:
         1. Teagle: This is an amendment to add
            additional supplies?
         2. Aucoin: Yes.
         3. Teagle: I stand in opposition because paper
takes place in a central area. I can tell you
that working in my own department, when it
comes to other supplies other than paper
would not be a great idea and wouldn’t be as
helpful as you think it would. I think we
aren’t really helping the colleges with the markers. I think we should stay with the paper.

4. Paige: Where is the extra money coming from?

5. Aucoin: When I was first looking at it, I doubled the amount taken out.

6. Lee: I have been in classrooms where my professors have not had markers.

   iii. Roll call vote: 6 – yes 4 – no 2 – abstention. The amendment is attached

f. Final debate: Against

g. Sponsor:

   i. Marlantes: I think it makes sense to have these supplies for professors.

h. Final Debate: Support

   i. Leshe: How much money does this leave in the operating account?

   ii. Aucoin: It would be a couple of bucks and some change.

   iii. Hollis: The bill overall is strong and also beneficial and let’s supplies our colleges.

   iv. Aucoin: I did check with treasurer to make sure we had enough money remaining for it.

   v. Teagle: I support the bill entirely. This bill is worthwhile. It is really important that you tell people that this takes place.

   i. Roll call vote: 13 – yes 1 – no 0 – abstention. The bill is passed.

XI. Nominations and Appointments

a. Violet, Lee – Senator, College of Science

   i. Introduction:

      1. Lee: I am back! I am Violet Lee for those who don’t know. I was a Senator for the College of Science. I was the chair that was removed illegally. I love being apart of this. I had to step down for complicated reasoning.

   ii. Questioning:

      1. Hollis: Does it feel good to be back?

      2. Lee: Yes! It smells good in here.

      3. Aucoin: You will be taking on less this time?
4. Lee: Yes lessons learned. Also, I have made a bit more friends and understand who I am go to know.
5. Fleming: Are you planning to be on a committee?
6. Lee: It depends on how Student Government develops. I don’t want to take on more than I can handle

iii. Initial debate: against
iv. Initial debate: support
1. Ballard: I worked with her when she was in office. Yes, there were issues, but I think that what she did good far outweighed the bad. Also, she is coming back with a different attitude
2. Hollis: I spoke with her about returning back to the senate. An injustice had been done, and this is a positive first step in healing as a senate. I would like to thank senator Leshe in sponsoring her nomination.
3. Leshe: She works very hard for this senate. When she is not here, this is all she thinks about.
4. Aucoin: She might have taken on a little too much for one person it, but it shows how much she wanted to benefit her college.

v. Open debate:
1. Teagle: Whether or not she did or did not perform poorly a wrong was committed and we should notice that. How she was removed was illegally.
2. Willis: I was one of the people who would get frustrated with her because she took on too much, but I contacted her if she wanted to come back
3. Hollis: I also talked to her and kept a closer look to see what she took on.
4. Paige: I would like to encourage participation in the senate. If she can come back she might bring other people into SG.
5. Bacque: Can you explain what you mean that she was removed illegally?
6. Willis: She was the chairman of finance, and Hunter Christopher removed her. But, he did not have the power to do that.
7. Leshe: She was my first introduction to Student Government. She constantly introduced it to people.

vi. Final debate: Against
vii. Final debate: For
viii. Roll call vote: 14 – yes 0 – no 0 – abstention. She is appointed.
b. Davis, Caron – Senator, COBA
c. Matthew Bravender – Senator, COLA
i. Introduction:
   1. Bravender: I am from the COLA. I am a sophomore. I am in the honors program running for VP. I am in Model UN. I wanted to join Student Government to help students.

ii. Questioning:
   1. Schantz: Outside of classes, how often are you on campus?
   2. Bravender: I would say about 10-15 hours. I live about 1 mile from campus.
   3. Hollis: You mentioned other activities you are involved in, what do you feel has prepared you for Student Government?
   4. Bravender: I was in Student Council in high school. I want to do open forums and help my college.

iii. Initial debate: Against
iv. Initial debate: Support
   1. Ballard: I know him in couple of ways. He is a very hard working student. He does above and beyond. He is very driven in what he does. He has attended more senate meetings than some senators.
   2. Hollis: He stuck around through the worse of the meetings. We need to encourage more people to join.

v. Open discussion
   1. Willis: He has been sitting in the back for several meetings now if you didn’t know.
   2. Teagle: I had the service of being on Model UN with him. He took a leadership role from the beginning. He did a really great job. When he recognizes lack of qualities of his own, he finds people who have those qualities and asked them for help. We need more leaders like that.

vi. Final debate:
vii. Final Debate: For
   1. Aucoin: He came to all the meetings.

viii. Roll call vote: 14 – yes 0 – no 0 – abstention. He is appointed.

XII. Open Forum
   a. Hollis: Just to clarify this suit was for the constitution and not anything else.
   b. Torres: When do we talk about when the students will vote for the constitution?
   c. Sipe: The Secretary of State does not make decisions about election she enacts them. Y’all can decide and y’all can have it on the record.
   d. Teagle: Technically we will have a special election. The specific date will be the senate’s decision. What I would really like to get input on is that its unrealistic to have it this week. It is possible though. You need to decide if you want to do it
during finals. It is just an email. You guys need to decide if you want to do it before the end of the semester or have an open forum.
e. Sipe: As the person who runs the software, we can only send out 25,000 elections a week. I can’t send another ballot this week.
f. Paige: We had had a student wide election when they voted for the wellness center. They had an election in front of the library. It is possible to have the elections during finals week.
g. Willis: I think if we should have it during finals week, and it should be on Friday. If we do it the last day during finals week, we wouldn’t get too much push back
h. Torres: What happens if we pushed it to the fall?
i. Willis: It would be better to do it in the summer.
j. Ballard: I think we need this summer to transition, and also I would vote that’s the only option to have it during dial’s. It think the open forum should be this week. I don’t want to show up to open forum and people say they didn’t know.
k. Aucoin: It is either we can have it during this semester during finals, and make it easier on us or next semester would be easier for PR.
l. Leshe: Is there a problem sending it out on May 9th?
m. Sipe: Technically students aren’t enrolled once finals are done.
n. Early: You said special session would be this Friday, and if we put out there about the special session meeting about the constitution.
o. Ballard: That’s not the point of special session. I think it would be inappropriate to be discussing. To answer the PR issue is I would disagree with that, and I plan on selling student self-assets fees. I don’t want to sell both at the same time.
p. Teagle: It’s about what’s best for the university. This constitution is the only logical answer we have for the Student Government. If we wait any time we are punishing the students for the behavior of one senator. The fact we have waited this long is because of one person. We are going to have a hard time explaining it to students, but the fact is, it did take us so long to deal with problems but without this constitution, if you make her wait, this constitution won’t hit the ground running until the mid semester, if we wait till the fall. I disagree on the concept of having it Friday. We are dealing with the PR problem is why do it when most students are off campus. If we did it on Tuesday of finals week.
q. Sipe: I also say that this is a special election for a longer period of time.
r. Teagle: Technically all of this is going to take place after the officers are done.
s. Hollis: Dealing with how it would look with doing it in the fall. There will be transitions and it would be better to work out in the summer.
t. Aucoin: I am indiffererence to this semester or next.
u. Ballard: I motion that we vote on Kristin’s time line. Monday-Thursday elections till 4:30. Unofficial results Thursday at 4:30 and official results Friday 4:30.
v. Vote on timeline: 12 – yes 0 – no 0 – abstention. Timeline is passed.
w. Leshe: I want to say that it has been a pleasure to work with y’all. I am graduating this semester. I am honor and happy to be here for the constitution and be here for all the work that y’all have done.

x. Teagle: Sample ballot will be released on Thursday and unofficial will be announced on Thursday at 4:30. And official will be released on Friday at 4:30. Open forum will be Friday at 6pm.

y. Aucoin: The electrical engineering department sends their thanks for the lab equipment. The College of Engineering will send out emails about internships. I will be getting in contact with police department to get more of UNO pride in parking decals.

z. Early: Again thank you for voting on UNOTube bill. For those who will be here next semester, I will be coming up for appointment. Thank you to the wonderful advisors. I can’t wait to work with y’all next semester.

aa. Fleming: Do we have to do anything over the summer?

bb. Willis: No.

cc. Trahan: If there is going to be anything you need done bring it to my office tomorrow. I will take care of it. Bring food.

dd. Teagle: I just want to point out the fact that I would like to recognize Jessica for coming in and making my life tolerable. I had no problem knowing that the senate was in good hands when I was absent.

XIII. Adjournment

a. 6:57p.m.
Text messages exchanged between Hunter and someone who would rather remain anonymous, Hunter told many lies to defame Student Government.

He opened the conversation saying “... you should know what corrupt and illegal stuff is happening.” We, of course, were not participating in anything corrupt or illegal.

He continued saying “Illegal use of student funds, stipends used to influence the courts through appointed execs, and advisors complacent in the misappropriation of funds and allowance of extreme presidential overreach.” Never did we illegally use student funds, the “appointed execs”, namely Kristen, Blake, and Jessica, had nothing to do with the opinions of the courts and certainly nothing to do with the stipends they received.

He also said, “The last VP resigned last Friday along with the parliamentarian. Because they opposed the plan which David called ‘wiping the senate clean’”. This was completely, and purposefully, misrepresented. President Teagle was referring to wiping the senate sessions clean of the record because they weren’t legal since many people held many proxies. President Teagle was trying to make sure the Student Government was operating legally, not the opposite.

He also commented on how he was trying to find a loop-hole in the system when he got wind of an investigation of his unbecoming behavior. “I am deciding to resign because I am afraid they will call the cops on the housewarming so I get a breach of UNO conduct and can be removed. Then get reappointed Tuesday before they can react.”

He added on the subject of the meetings Teagle pointed out were illegal saying “This is bad because he will get to appoint a new VP who has the power to appoint new senators or conversely decline their appointments” As we all know, the Presiding Officer does not have the authority to decline any appointments for any reason other than if they are not legal to be appointed for that position. The presiding can nominate people who fill out the appointment sheet, which is then confirmed by a recommending senator, and then voted upon by the senate. Therefore, you can see the Presiding Officer has no overreaching power concerning appointments of Senators.

He continues on a later date, “The VP who was appointed last week is a freshman who does not meet credit hour requirements.” “He is receiving a stipend also as you know that is quite large. The appointment is illegal, but David has forced it to happen because of his absolute control over all the branches. The issue is that the money is student money being used inappropriately. And the ignoring of all rules, procedures, and the constitution to push through his agenda.” The VP he is speaking of is Fernando Reyes who was, in fact, not appointed but was put into his position because of the succession rules in the Constitution. This was not an attempt on President Teagle’s accord for any power since he had no control or decision on that matter. It was written in the constitution and was law that he was the next to take the position as the president pro tempore.

On the two counts concerning Hunter removing committee chairmen from their positions, he did so completely illegally. Hunter tried to remove Senator Aucoin from his chairmanship. When the Presiding Officer found out that Senator Aucoin thought he had lost his chairmanship, she corrected the situation. The Pro Tempore has nothing to do with the removal of any committee member. According to Section 8 of Rules and Procedures, “Committee members may be removed from their respective committees by simple majority vote of those committee members present and voting with the approval of the SG President of the Senate.” This clearly says nothing about the Pro Tempore being involved with the removal of a committee member at all. Once the Bill of Particulars was presented, another former senator, Violet Lee, came forward with a similar situation, except she was actually removed from her position through his dictation.