I. Call to Order
   a. This meeting was called to order at 2:18pm.
   b. Senator Aucoin served as temp Pro Tempore.
   c. Senator Reason served as temp Parliamentarian
II. Roll Call
   a. There were 5 out of 7 senators present, we met quorum.
III. Approval of the Minutes
   a. The minutes were approved with 0 corrections.
IV. Communications and Announcements
   a. Senators
   b. Non-Senators
V. President Pro Tempore and Committee Reports
   a. President Pro Tempore
   b. Committee Reports
      i. Governance
      ii. Rules
      iii. Finance
      iv. Student Affairs and Information
VI. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports
   a. President – Antonio Torres
      i. President Torres: For those of you who don’t know me, I am the Student
government Association President. Welcome back to all of our returning
senators. I hope everyone had a great summer. A lot has happened over
the summer. Last time we met, elections were coming to a close. We, as a
Student Government Association, we are trying to grow. This has involved
in us tabling over the summer at orientations. Thank you to Tyran, Anissa,
and Matthew Schantz. We were able to get 82 future senators. Today is
one of first of many outreach programs for everyone to join our senate and
judicial side. In additional to that, I was able to secure the vote as a chair
on UL Board of Supervisors. It is a governing board. We represent 90,000
students. I am the only student on the board, which is good for UNO.
Thanks to Dr. Kemker, the Dean of Students, we were able to bring some
changes to UNO Dining. Before you would never see Chick-Fil-A
catering an event. We also got a student menu made for student organizations. That is a big thanks to Dr. Kemker. Some housekeeping things, I was able to get an alum to donate some signs to the SGA office. The officer walls were white and now we have some signage to show our UNO pride. During the summer, our Marketing Director position became open, please send me your resume or Vice President Schantz if you know anyone skilled in those areas. Thank you for coming out today through the rain and even though it’s a Friday. Can’t wait to grow as Student Government Association!

b. Vice President – Matthew Schantz
   i. VP Schantz: One of the primary responsibilities of Vice President is to keep the budget. I deliver a report to the senate every meeting. This week the operating account’s balance is $75,436.24.

c. Vice President of Legislative Affairs – No Report

d. Vice President of Programming – Antonio Torres for LaDajah Steele
   i. VP Steele: The Vice President of Programming couldn’t be here today so I have her report. She is also the President of Student Activities Council. They do all of our programming for SGA. This week we kicked off the first day of school with snowballs, Thursday we had our Welcome Back Luau and we had over 800 people in attendance and tonight at 7pm is we have Mick Super in the UC ballroom.

e. Judicial
   i. Waltz: Judicial does not have quorum. We just need two justices within a month.

f. Advisors

VII. New Business

a. Constitution
   i. Schantz: the constitutions reform met over the summer. We met twice this year and during those meetings we looked over current constitution and discussed what needed to be changed. In April, we passed new bylaws. We made a bunch of edits in the bylaws but changes in the constitution needed to be made to follow bylaws. We changed the wording the change the College of Education. We got rid of the language of the central hiring committee, and we moved some sections of the constitution in the bylaws, we took out twenty pages in the bylaws, we made some changes the reflect the budget, we raised some of the standards to certain positions, and swe got rid of the privateer council. We meet annually to discuss how money will be given out. Those are the changes we had. The next step is that the senate will vote and then it will go up to the students for an entire student body vote.
ii. Motion bill to committees
iii. Hand vote 5 – yes. tabled to committee.

VIII. Nominations and Appointments
IX. Open Forum
   a. Campbell: What is the judicial side?
   b. Waltz: The judicial side of Student Government Association is in charged with handling any disputes within SGA. We are the disciplinarians. We focus just on student issues. We do mediations and aberrations.
   c. Campbell: I came from SELU and there had parking violations.
   d. Waltz: We talked about the SGA sitting on those meetings but we don’t have that type of power to do those things. Amy King is trying to figure that out.

X. Adjournment
   a. 2:40pm.
Vice President Report

BUDGET

Senate Operating Account: $75,436.24
Senate Reserve Account: ~$70,000

RETREATS

- Three retreats scheduled throughout the year.
- Two must be scheduled within 14 days of the start of each the Fall and Spring semesters. I am designing them to teach legislative and judicial procedure to members of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of the SGA, especially new members who are unfamiliar with procedure.
- Third is a trip to Washington, D.C. for leadership training and to solidify this idea of self-governance in the minds of our SGA members. To draw a tangible parallel that what we are attempting to do here for our student body is ideologically no different from what mankind has attempted to do throughout history: take control of our own destiny.
- In the past we have gone to Disney, and some outspoken members of the student body took issue with that even though Disney offers world-class management training. The hope is that our critics can accept Washington, D.C. as the compromise option.

QUESTIONS

CONSTITUTION REFORM

The introduction of the new Constitution will be tedious for some in the audience because I am going to mention item-by-item every change the Constitution reform committee is proposing. I am doing this in the interest of transparency and so that I may provide any clarifications during this session on the official record. Let's obey the Senate procedure and save any questions until I am finished introducing the proposed changes. For those in the audience, we can discuss any questions you may have during the Open Forum toward the end of this session.

I. Constitution requires reform during the Summer session

II. Meetings
   a. Aug. 5, 2016 – Format and information
   b. Aug. 15, 2016 – Reform discussion

III. Attendees
   a. Executive
      i. Antonio Torres – SGA President
      ii. Matthew Schantz – SGA VP
   b. Legislative
      i. Everett Odom – VP Legislative Affairs
      ii. Chance Aucoin – Senator, College of Engineering
      iii. Anissa Chenevert – Clerk of Senate
   c. Judicial
      i. Shawn Waltz – Chief Justice
   d. Programming
      i. LaDaja Steele – VP Programming
   e. Graduate Student Council (Proposed)
      i. Shawn Waltz – President (proposed)
      ii. Charles Hollis – VP (proposed)
   f. SGA Advisors
      i. LaJana Paige
LeeAnne Sipe

IV. Proposed Reform
a. Housekeeping
   i. In accordance with wrapping Rules & Procedures and Code of Law into one document called the “By-laws,” all references to the former were changed to the latter.
   ii. Changed section 3.4.4 to reflect the consumption of the College of Education into the College of Liberal Arts.
   iii. Article XI concerning the Central Hiring Committee was removed because the CHC is better established in the By-laws.

b. Items moved to By-laws to facilitate easier changes in the future.
   i. Five sections from Article 1.13 controlling scheduling of Senate meetings.
   ii. Removed sections 3.17 to 3.30 concerning Senate organization and responsibilities for inclusion in the By-laws.

c. Changes to reflect budget
   i. “Executive officers shall receive hourly salaries.” “Shall” changed to “may” because we do not pay our Executive officers an hourly salary, but the University of Louisiana Board requires we have language that allows Execs to receive a salary.
   ii. Removed section 3.16.2 that allowed Senate Officers to receive stipends.
   iii. Removed all of Article VI regarding the Privateer Council Department and any other references to that body.
   iv. Removed all of Article XIV regarding the Greek Council and any other references to that body.
   v. Removed references to the SGA Academic Operations sub-committee of the Central Budget Committee and other references to that sub-committee.
   vi. Removed references to the SGA University Maintenance sub-committee of the CBC and other references to that sub-committee.
   vii. Removed references to the SGA University Technology sub-committee of the CBC and other references to that sub-committee.

d. Ideological Changes
   i. Raised GPA to qualify for Senator from 2.0 to 2.25.
   ii. Raised GPA to qualify for the Presiding Officer of the Senate from 2.25 to 2.5.
   iii. Raised GPA to qualify for a Senate Officer from 2.0 to 2.5.
   iv. Changed the responsibility of swearing in officers from the SGA President to the Chief Justice.

e. Graduate Student Council
   i. Recreated Article VI to establish the Graduate Student Council that will pursue the interests of graduate students apart from the Senate. Granted them three representatives on the CBC to establish funding for the new body from the general SGA funding.

V. Next Steps
a. The Senate will vote on whether to adopt the new Constitution or not, then it will go before the Student Body for a vote.