I. Call to Order/Roll Call
   a. Presiding Officer Fournier called the meeting to order at 4:38 pm. With 15 out of 21 senators present, quorum was met.

II. Approval of Minutes
   a. The minutes were approved with 0 corrections

III. Communications and Announcements
   a. Senators
      i. Christopher: We talked about reforming the constitution, procedures and code 5 laws. I put up the reforms on my Facebook page. I’m sure all of you are friends with me on Facebook, if not, I don’t know why. Go through it over the next couple weeks. It’ll take you a while it’s like 200 pages. It has everything we talked about last semester. It’s easier for everyone to know what’s going on. We know the issues we have with the budget and the technology fee. I would like to rock and roll this semester. I have legislation coming up. One is from the committee garden program, Bingham and I have been talking to that club’s president and we will be getting that bill coming up. We have less money this year so get your bills in early. The problems will get worse before it gets better.
      ii. Walsh: I’m working on free speech zones on campus. I want to reform these. I will talk to administration and they can’t ignore the problem. There is only 2 places to legally protest right now. It will end be the end of the semester. I promise you that.
         1. Aucoin: Is this something you’re doing with your Young Americans for Liberty?
         2. Walsh: We are trying to get rid of the free speech code. We are a red light zone at this school.
         3. Aucoin: I agree with you, I was just check if this is your organization’s spear heading or is this SG’s.
         4. Walk: Mine, but we would love to have a join event to talk about this. It’s terrible that we have these limitations.
         5. Bradford: Can you explain what a free speech zone is?
         6. Walsh: It’s the places where administration says you can protest. You have to give them a week’s notice and sometimes have the cops out
there. It’s just a simple protest, but you have to keep a distance. There’s no reason to only have 2 places to express yourself.

7. Christopher: Can you go in further about where the zones are?
8. Walsh: It’s the quad and the amphitheater.

b. Non-Senators
i. Lyons: I got a bill passed last semester for laptops for the Chemistry lab and I still haven’t received funding. I pushed for it all summer. Where’s my money or laptops?
   1. Paige: The quote I received expired before the purchase order went through because of the time the bill passed. I already requested a new bid and it’s been approved. The spending freeze delays it by exempting it.
   2. Lyons: I’d love to talk to you about it. I e-mailed you. There was no freeze last semester.
   3. Paige: Yes there was. The was one of the last bills in the last meeting, that was April 30th. The last day for a PO was that Monday and they didn’t have it.
   4. Lyons: Did Brandan’s Executive Orders go through?
   5. Paige: Any money that was not spent I have account of that.
   6. Lyons: If they got paid out and we didn’t, I don’t get the.
   7. Paige: Was yours a bill?
   8. Lyons: Yes.
   9. Time was extended.
  10. Lyons: All I know is that I got all my money as a doctoral student, so why this money can’t be approved on time?
  11. Teagle: The budget freeze means that we have to go through an exemption process. They were all told it was a lengthier process. Your senator was supposed to tell you that. It doesn’t mean you won’t get your computers. When a bill is passed, it will be paid. That’s the world of Louisiana politics.

IV. Presiding Officer Communications and Announcements
   a. I am Bradford Fournier, President of the Senate, Vice President of Student Government. I will be running the meetings. I have an office in the SG office. I welcome you to visit me. The people here who have submitted applications for senate seats, the process for you will be completed by next week. You’ll be able to come up, speak and be voted on. If you are not a current senator you will not be voted on this week. Relevant to previous senators, but update on big projects SG has funded. The sand volleyball courts. IT was a project where SG funded $30,000 to have on campus volleyball courts for students. An update: no construction has started and the only word for facility services is that they are unsure but think no SG funds have been spent. There was a big push by SG, but has stalled. The proposed estimates that were given to SG, they were just guesses. The new
guesses are that the drainage for the courts will exceed the previously expected total cost. Also, we have an executive nomination today, we’re happy about that.

V. Pro Tempore and Committee Reports
   a. Pro Tempore
   b. All Committees
      i. Student Affairs: We have issues with money and not being paid on time. We have to let students know they need to be on top of things. This semester we need to get better communication all around. The president needs the Secretary of State to spearhead that movement. We need to see that organizations are getting funded and timely. August, September, October, January, February, and March are good times to get stuff done. We need to have committee filled and functional. When there are inefficiencies in the senate, the senate needs to fix that. We need to reform in the senate and let people know why SG is important.
         1. Teagle: Was that a committee report?
         2. Christopher: I’m the head of the committee so I can say want I want, everything is Student Affairs and I can recruit for it.
         3. Dillworth and St. Amant counted as present.

VI. Executive, Judicial and Advisor Reports
   a. President
      i. I was pulled in many good directions this summer. Today I was in University Council. The good news is that current enrollment is 9240. What’s amazing is that that’s 40-50 down from last year. This is the first time we’ve been close to previous enrollment since 2011. President Fos talked about us reaching the plateau early, with an increase in foreign students, we might look at an increase. COSPB wants me to be on a committee. It’ll be the executive commission committee. I was asked to participate in a phone call to the White House. They want us to participate in the “It’s On Us” campaign about sexual violence. It’s on all of us as leaders to educate and create a better student body. We will meet with all student leaders on campus. We need to get as many people as we can on board. The White House youth advisory has resources for us to use. Tuition has gone up and public support has dwindled. We’ve all lose about 80% over the last few years. I found it interesting that Nicholls and Southeastern is in the same boat as us. We also had a Greek Leadership this summer that were phenomenal.
      ii. Time extended.
      iii. The plan is to put on an SG realike like that for SG alone. We’re going work with SIL who did a wonderful jobs on those retreats. We get to look forward to uncomfortable beds. For those that don’t know, a week and a half ago our Secretary of State resigned. My appointment is Kristin Trahan for your approval. She was one of you so you should know what to expect from her. Over the summer we hired a new marketing person. At staycation everyone agreed that
marketing needed to be improved, so we revamped the marketing department, or that one guy.

1. Aucoin: Have you mentioned a council panel group?
2. Teagle: The president’s council. I still want to do that. It’s an important mode for communication to student leaders. I want SG to create the vehicle for student empowerment. SG should be about helping students lead themselves.
3. Aucoin: Do you have an estimated time frame of when that should be a thing?
4. Teagle: Originally it was the plan that we were going to launch that with the “It’s On Us” campaign, but I’m not sure. We have to have that launched by next month.
5. Walsh: When the budget freeze was in effect they said things would get things through quickly. I want to know what’s going on with that. It’s frustrating because we don’t understand.
6. Teagle: Getting money for an event is different than purchasing from the state. When doing a purchase it’s a different process. When paying a vendor, they have tax work in there. It’s less than a month turn around. For purchases, we have to make sure you aren’t using money irresponsibly.
7. Time extended.
8. Teagle: I think we’re going to work on that. Tony is the treasurer, but I’m going to work with him to find out if there’s a part of the process to fix on our end or get mad about it on their end; whether or not this is a one-time style or newly built into the system. I don’t think any of us knew this was going on.
9. Walsh: When they didn’t get the fund for us, they need to say why.
10. Aucoin: How you’re saying numbers are only down 40 students, is that across all colleges? Do we know how many were from each college?
11. Teagle: That’s total enrollment. Not all freshman are even part of a college.
12. Christopher: I think this is a communication issue. Why aren’t we getting information?
13. Teagle: I give a report to the senate when you have a meeting, I report to the student body; I don’t report to the senate.

VII. Treasurer

a. For the fall semester we have $29,715.21, for the spring semester we have $29,715.22. We need to spend the money. Fall will roll over to the spring. We need a new budget committee, if you’re interested let me know.
   i. Reese: If all of the other committees roll over, why doesn’t the budget committee?
   ii. Collado: We have new executives, so you have new committees under them.
iii. Reyes: Do you have the reserve account number?
iv. Collado: I have a meeting with LaJana tomorrow and will find out.
v. Teagle: Can you also find out about my account?
vi. Collado: Yes, I forgot about your account.
vii. Walsh: Can you cc us in that as well?
viii. Collado: Yes.

VIII. Secretary of State
IX. Judicial Report
X. SG Advisors

a. Sipe: I just want to remind senators to be on time, if you have a class, let us know so we aren’t annoyed when you’re late. If you have a proxy raise 2 hands. Speak slowly, Jessica is only here for a semester, then we get someone new. Also, keep your tones in check and be respectful. I don’t want to get in trouble for saying this, but it’s just as frustrating to deal with the budget freeze for administration as it is for you. A lot of that is on Business Affairs. They are busy because every exemption for all departments goes through them. Registration is up for student orgs. If you’re writing bills for student organizations, make sure they’re registered with SIL so they’re available for funds. Also, there’s the exec board, judicial board, and senate. They’re all separate and do their own thing.

b. Paige: By Friday I should be moved back into UC 248B in the Student Affairs office. I will probably be offline on Tuesday and Thursday to break down the computer and bring it back up. There are some outstanding SG projects from last year that still need to be funded. Some things were dropped because I don’t only work for SG, I work for SA, Driftwood and others. SG is getting computers and TSO needs their banner. We need a new quote for the SG computers. I need to talk to them about what needs to be updated. For volleyball, there hasn’t been a spending fee out yet. It’s not a budget freeze, it’s a spending freeze. They make it so the normal process is that one person gets a quote, send it to the department then they get it. With the spending freeze, they have to sign a memo, then it’s signed by her director, her department chair, and business affairs. For SG, after the bill is approved for the agenda, I put an exemption form so it’s ready if it’s passed.

i. Christopher: Just before it’s out of this room that’s 14 days.

ii. Paige: I will already be looking at those quotes. If the quote is out of date, I will call the vender myself. The time that the chemistry lab bill passed the last senate meeting of the semester, by that time, they were shutting down. Getting that done takes time. I can’t so stuff for just Student Government. I was moved to the Vice President’s office. I’m moving back to the UC, but taking all the other responsibilities from the other office.

iii. Christopher: How did Guidebook go through given that it was for a larger amount and passed after the computer bill?
iv. Sipe: We’ve worked with Guidebook previously. That paperwork was more complete. For the computers, the UCC just installed a new policy, that whole new process is more specific.

v. Paige: That was software versus hardware. The UCC has to approve hardware.

vi. Teagle: The executive budget was involved primarily for the Guidebook.

vii. Christopher: How was volleyball given financial approval if it didn’t have an actual quote.

viii. Paige: They were given to be from facility services. They were provided by the University. All I’m in charge of is that no more than that amount gets spent towards that. I have to rely on the University to get the correct information.

ix. Sipe: Just in reading the way that bill was written. The “whereas” section is important. There was nothing violated in the “whereas” section. The person who did the quotes no longer works here.

x. Christopher: Is there a way we can deactivate funding?

xi. Sipe: No.

xii. Paige: They can only spend it on that exact project. They might have set a quote for nets, they can finagle that, the individual parts can be fixed, but once the funds are exhausted that’s done.

XI. Old Business

XII. New Business

a. Motion to suspend Rules and Procedures for bill B.F14H001 to be put on New Business to be presented today. It has to go through financial approval still.

b. B.F14H001

i. This bill is for Paper Lantern Night. It’s for people to come out to celebrate Vietnamese culture. He have people sing and dance. We include freshman and have alumni talk to them. At orientation we had over 40 people sign up. We’re expecting to have 300 people. This will benefit us. It will showcase UNO’s diversity. It will not just benefit campus, but across the community as well. We have people dedicated enough to come out and speak to us to get money. It shoes dedication and passion for that cause.

1. Reese: We don’t have a bill to look at, will we have that next week?
2. VASA: Yes.
3. Aucoin: What’s the date for this?
4. VASA: September 23rd.
5. Aucoin: What does the charity do?
6. VASA: The charity benefits and enhances Vietnam. It’s a 3rd world country. It helps populate it. They are building water filters.
7. Aucoin: How are you planning on advertising the event?
8. VASA: We’re going to use fliers and social media to get the word out. We’re thinking about doing videos that will spread like the Ice Bucket Challenge. VASA is one of the largest organizations on campus.
9. Teagle: Are you planning on putting an SG logo on them?
10. VASA: Yes, on the fliers.
11. Christopher: I’ve been to the event, but could you elaborate about how you get people to do and get businesses to sponsor.
12. VASA: All UNO students are welcome. It’s free. We get food sponsors. Some of them are from Mikimotos, sushi restaurants and Thai cuisine. New Orleans hosts a lot of Vietnamese people. We’re just trying to make it aware that we’re here.
13. Aucoin: Is this a Privateer Plunge event?
14. VASA: Yes.
15. Aucoin: Have you talked to the Guidebook people?
16. VASA: No, but we will. We want people to come out and network.
17. Paige: What’s the location of the event?
18. VASA: The Alumni Ballroom.

XIII. Nominations and Appointments
   a. Motion to put David Gaeta on Nominations and Appointments.
   b. Teagle: They are not approved.
   c. Christopher: Why not?
   d. Sipe: I never got the forms to check their grades?
   e. Christopher: Why not?
   f. Kristin Trahan
      i. I’m a former senator. I didn’t miss many meetings. I was appointed by President Teagle for Secretary of State, now we need to get it approved by the senate. If approved, I am ready to hit the ground running. As soon as I’m approved I’m ready to go.
      1. DiMaggio: Just for cautionary leave, you won’t leave us?
      2. Trahan: I will be here for 3 maybe 3 and a half more years.
      3. Christopher: What organizations are you in and what positions do you hold?
      4. Trahan: I am in Service Coalition, recruitment chair for that; ZTA, activities chair; Peer Mentors, where I’m a host for 8 weeks of class; a part of FYAC, org relations chair; and a member of SAC.
      5. Christopher: Do you see that as being hard to do your job and hold all those and a full course load?
      6. Trahan: Most of those positions are handled through email. I already planned out the 10 hours I need to SG.
      7. Walsh: What is the credit hour requirement?
      8. Sipe: 30, she’s already been check and is okay.
      9. Christopher: This makes you ineligible next year. Is that a problem?
     10. Trahan: I am aware.
    11. Motion to table appointment until next week, pending individual vetting by the senate.
    12. Objection.
13. Objection Override.
   a. Voting is delayed, motion passes.

XIV. Open Forum
   a. Teagle: I want to point out the hypocrisy to call to vet when you were accused of rushing things just last semester. I think this is a direct result of someone not getting the position.
   b. Christopher serves as temporary Parliamentarian.
   c. Teagle: It’s hypocritical as a senate. I’ve never been so irritated from a specific person. You left this in the hands of someone who is throwing a hissy fit because he didn’t get appointed for a position he wanted.
   d. Reyes: I don’t see this as personal. The position of Secretary of State, though important, we can live without for a week. This is something that has been thrust upon us. We don’t want things rushed through the senate. It’s not about disliking someone. It’s about taking a week to discuss and see this through. It’s upsetting to see someone who came through SG and was approved to not get funding. It’s upsetting to see people pulling teeth to get funding. Should we not vote on funding when we have funding left?
   e. Walsh: It’s not personal, we can make it personal, and I’ll talk to you after. It’s not a particular person. You should’ve let us know before that.
   f. Aucoin: Episcopal Campus Ministry is having its first lunch of the semester. Come get a home cooked meal by some nice older ladies. It’s on Lakeshore Dr. across from the research center.
   g. Christopher: I’m super excited about Trahan’s appointment as Secretary of State. It would’ve been night to know about this earlier. Everyone here should approve Kristin, we have gotten a lash before for rushing. This is a great way to start the semester. If you can make it out to some of these Privateer Plunge events. People get apathy if they don’t get involved and get a sense of community.
   h. Teagle: You rushed legislation just earlier, you we’re upset, and then you wanted to rush nominations. Why you are adding something that is not consistent with procedure. That’s the point of questioning. We’ve never done that before. I would’ve informed the Vice President and then it’s his responsibility to get that information to you. The issue is, that’s not a reason to push of an appointment. I know I need a Secretary of State right now. I have events asked by the White house that need to be handled by a Secretary of State. So you saying I don’t need a Secretary of State is talking about something you no nothing about. My appointments aren’t for political gain.
   i. Aucoin: I forgot to give the time of the lunch. It’s from 11:00-1:30.
   j. Motion to move back to nominations, passed.
   k. Motion to untable the nomination and appointment, approved.

XV. Nominations and Appointments
   a. Motion for a Pro and Con debate without her in the room; 3 minutes, 2 rounds, approved.
i. Christopher: My reasoning for this is that it isn’t in the procedure. We need to be able to talk before voting.

ii. Aucoin: We all know how she is. I don’t think any of us can make an argument against her. I don’t see why to delay it.

iii. Christopher: Trahan was a great senator. There are few freshman that really came in and get things done. It’s sad to lose her out of the senate. She could do well on the executive board. It would be great for you to vote to affirm; not for any other reason, but that she’s qualified or to be bullied to vote otherwise.

iv. Reyes: I would like to reaffirm that I think she’s a great candidate. I requested that we knew earlier. I didn’t think it was good to rush things. There’s a difference in rushing a presentation than an executive. She’s someone who appeals to other organizations and is capable of the job.

v. Walsh: I will be voting yes. I have no problem with her. I had a problem with the way it was done. I think she’s qualified.

vi. DiMaggio: There was a spot open and Kristin stood up. She accepted and didn’t say no.

1. With a roll call vote of 12 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions, she is appointed.

XVI. Adjournment

a. This meeting was adjourned at 6:11 pm.