I. Call to Order
   a. The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

II. Roll Call
   a. There were 9 out 13 senators present, we met quorum.

III. Approval of the Minutes
   a. Minutes were approved with 0 corrections.

IV. Communications and Announcements
   a. Senators
      i. Christopher: UNO Students for Justice are having bake sale on February 11th.
   b. Non-Senators

V. Presiding Officer Communications and Announcements
   a. VP Willis presiding report. As stated at the last two meetings, I am tired of having to apologize for senators. It is not right to have people here for a bill that they are supporting and the bill isn’t even ready. The no communicating is unnecessary. It’s not my job to write bills for you or do it for you, but I will help you, but I also need help from you too. You are except to be available for contact and information when I need you, but this problem doesn’t apply to everyone though. We have a scheduled open forum with SIL for February 25th at 11:30-1:30pm and food will be provided. Please look nice meaning casual clothing, not leggings. After this, we can start planning individual forums in colleges on your own. We will be hosting a dinner called Proud Privateers and each member can bring 1 or 2 faculty or staff as an appreciation. The event will be March 12th 6:30-8:30pm. Whoever you bring you will have to say why you are thankful for them. There will be more info to come. Food will also be provided at this event. We received a thank you letter for Chance and SG from The UNO Campus Community Garden Club thanking us for supporting them.

VI. President Pro Tempore and Committee Reports
   a. President Pro Tempore
Christopher: My report basically echoes VP’s report. As senators, Jessica and I have been trying to make cultural different. It is very important for you to do job, and if you feel overwhelmed ask other senators to help you. It is responsible for you to delicate a senator job because we will be expecting you to hold this position. We can only judge people from what you have done and haven’t done. We have an opening in Finance for a chair, and I would like to put Joy Ballard for that.

b. Committee Reports
   i. Governance:
   ii. Christopher: No bill yet. We will be having a meeting online. We still have to figure the date and time for the meeting.
   iii. Hollis: Constitution committee met twice last week. We got a chance to meet with Darius Miner and got his approval with most of the additions of article. Executive committee, Aucoin suggested and it was approved that it was be a executive fee committee that would meet yearly to review fees. The setting of SG meeting dates, this would arrange with office manager. We got a formation of the election committee. The commissioner would be a yearlong hold.
   iv. Christopher: Yearly fees reviewed by the board. This is in The UL system and we haven’t been doing. It would be mirroring what the UL policy does. We would have a master calendar of all functioning meeting of SG.

VII. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports
   a. President
   b. Treasurer
      i. Gleason: The remaining balance of the senate operating account after bills passed is $26481.55.
      ii. Aucoin: Service hours for bill. If student completes service hours for last semester and haven’t used it for last semester can they use them for this semester?
      iii. Willis: No.
   c. Secretary of State
      i. Trahan: If anyone has had questions about bill writing you should have gone to the retreat. The retreat will only have so many spots this semester and if you reserve you better be there. It will be open to SIL not just SG. Also, on February 27 there will be an open forum at 11am. in Kirschman 219. President Fos will be there and all VPs. I have three people in election committee and need to appoint someone. If any of you know someone who would be perfect, please let me know. We are still running on the old constitution for elections. All timelines are on old constitution until new one is passed. Transcript fee would be $5 a semester. We need
to outreach to organizations because they think we are mean. So, we should outreach to organizations and see what we can do to help them. We would overall have a better student body.

ii. Hollis: What was time for open forum?

iii. Trahan: 11am Kirschman 219

d. Judicial

e. Advisors

i. Sipe: Just a side note, registrar doesn’t want to work with us anymore because of senators in this room and of what happened last year of not communicating. There is a reoccurring theme here. There is a gray area of promising something and not doing it. If student count on us and we don’t do it, it’s a serious problem. We aren’t negative people, let’s get back on board and we won’t have to talk about this anymore. If you are looking for development program, too late to apply for funding, there is a one-day conference for students. It’s an opportunity if you’re interested. There is a DJ battle tonight and tomorrow will be Big Hero 6 in The Cove. Come out and support SAC and because we pay the copyright fees to watch Big Hero. Thursday will be Survey Says. It’s free and Thursday night there will be cash prices.

ii. Chris: Can we use a travel fund for that?

VIII. Old Business

a. B.S15B027 – Physics Club Speaker

i. Committee: Despite the topic, Alex can make it very entertaining. I remember watching the TV show on Universe, and it was great and inspired me to be a physics major.

ii. Lee: The packet is from the office of research and the amount of money the College of Science is bringing in. About 46% of the money will come back to the university.

iii. Christopher: I support all bills of this sort. Bringing in speakers to UNO is one of the easiest ways to get UNO some nationally and regionally standing and to bring students in from the region. This is what we hope to get more of.

iv. Roll call vote: 12- yes 0-no 0-absentations. Bill passes.

IX. New Business

a. B.S15B027 – Physics Club Speaker

i. This is a bill to get a speaker to give a free talk to the public about his research. Filippenko has been on TV documentaries and was on two teams that both won Noble Prizes. We are excited to have him come here. The bill will cover the speaking fee, this is discounted he usually cost more. There will be help with catering the event. This is a fantastic opportunity.
He is a very entertaining speaker and lively on the stage. He keeps your attention. The event will be in the UC ballroom, and we expecting a full house.

ii. Aucoin: If y’all do get approval. Will y’all advertise the location on the flyer?

iii. Committee: Yes, this is just a rough draft. We are already organizing a large advertisement. We will stick with flyers for high school, universities, etc. We are expecting to fill up quickly. UNO students and Pontchartrain Center will have priority seating.

iv. Christopher: If this is successful, will you come to do more speakers?

v. Committee: Physics club is trying to promote new students and this is great for everyone. Einstein week happens every year. If you have anyone that you are interested in we are willing to come talk, let me know.

vi. UC vote to be moved to Old Business.

X. Nominations and Appointments

a. Thaddeus Brandt – Senate, COLA

i. Brandt: I’m a Political Science major and would like to be a Louisiana State Senator because was I was interested in my AP government class. If wasn’t for that, I would be going to the military. I hope to use this to get more motivation to learn more about government. I will also use this opportunity as a chance to catch up on things. I want to show others and myself, that I can make a change. I believe I can make change for the future.

ii. Hollis: Do you have any prior experience in SG?

iii. Brandt: No because in high school I did an internship for the medical field.

iv. Bauer: What year are you?


vi. Lambert: How would you fill the blank space about Jindal?

vii. Brandt: I have see budget cuts and haven’t seen them to going anywhere. There could be a chance he is pocketing them. I don’t believe he should have been able to second run for Governor and don’t think he should run for President. As for as the budget cuts going to the university it would be used to pay off deficits by the end of year. I don’t think education should be taking budget cuts though.

viii. Christopher: In your short time at UNO, what would be the one thing you improve?

ix. Brandt: The events, it should bring more students together.

x. Initial Debate: Against- 0

xi. For the nominee:
xii. Christopher: I met him two weeks ago because he was asking about SG. It’s hard to engage people who haven’t been at UNO long. He went to a charter school that didn’t have enough, and he was aware of what you had to do with so little. We got to talk about how things are now and shouldn’t be that way. He shows a great person for the future. A lot of us going for politics one day and chose to set your goal for state legislature. If he has so much drive then he can do great things for UNO. We need freshman to be here when we leave.

xiii. Ballard: He is in my class and very responsible and this is great for getting people to come to SG, I think he would be positive for senate.

xiv. Open discussion:

xv. Lambert: How many spots are in Liberal Arts?

xvi. Christopher: There are 3 open spots.

xvii. Bauer: What college again?

xviii. Christopher: Liberal arts

xix. Aucoin: I am on the fence for one department for having 4 spots. I was originally going to ask a non-poli-science major about how they felt. I don’t see this guy standing out much.

xx. Lee: I understand concern, but I am getting seats filled and each college should be doing, and if we don’t like that they are getting full, then we should get our seats filled.

xxi. Aucoin: I am a little concerned about one department having an overwhelming amount of Poli-Science.

xxii. Talbert: If anyone thinks there is a problem, you shouldn’t worry about other colleges.

xxiii. Ballard: I think college of LA is having more of an issue because we are Poli-Science and I think there are more problems

xxiv. Teagle: If one college is doing a better job, that is not democratic for one to be punished.

xxv. Aucoin: I am congratulating them.

xxvi. Christopher: The last senator was from The College of Music then now future from Film, this is what our major is for and we have a deeper and we might not be the same major but same college. It is better to have the most qualified.

xxvii. Lee: I get what you are trying to say that it is all Poli-Science.

xxviii. Trahan: Each College has to have a senator recommend you. It’s up to college of LA of whom they want to recommend.

xxix. Christopher: I grilled him very heavily when he came to me about SG. We like to know what we are getting in to.

xxx. Time extended- UC
xxxii. Hollis: We are ultimately all senators for UNO and we should act as such.

xxxii. Teagle: I would like to say that I don’t feel that they won’t be that far between majors. We aren’t dealing with something that from a specific major will effect any major. I don’t think this a real valid argument. I don’t feel like it’s appropriate for how a single college is choosing senators.

xxxiii. Final Debate: Against nominee

xxxiv. For nominee

xxxv. Hollis: No experience with candidate, but the fact we have a driven freshman is great. We should vote for him.

xxxvi. Christopher: I think it’s really great that he is from New Orleans. And for those who have lived here long enough and have also gone to a New Orleans high school that wants to fix higher education is great. PLEASE vote for him and let us get some people in here and make it bigger and better.

xxxvii. Bauer: He is a local and wants to help people on campus and want to keep people on campus. He is willing to try and bring something and keep them on campus.

xxxviii. Teagle: The SG needs to compare itself for common conflict; we need as many soldiers in the field as possible. We need someone who is willing to put up a fight. We need people that are willing to put up time to fight for students.

xxxix. Roll call vote: 11- yes 0- no 0- abstentions. He is appointed.

b. Christopher Walker – Senate, COLA

i. Walker: I am in between being a sophomore and junior. I am a double major, film and finance. I’m in Theta Xi and on social and philanthropy committee. I was on a committee for SG but had to drop it because I wouldn’t be able to fully committed. I want to make UNO a better place

ii. Aucoin: Which committee you are interested in?

iii. Walker: Anything with money. I would like to deal with money.

iv. Talbert: How would you use your ties for clubs?

v. Walker: I was here a year ago and the attendance has gone down. I would want more people to come.

vi. Initial debate: Against- 0

vii. Debate for nominee:

viii. Talbert: He has always been enthusiastic and knows a lot of people. He puts all of his effort when he does things. He would be a great addition to the team.

ix. Christopher: I met him about two years ago when working on theta xi bill. He is very organized. After he watched some of the senate once, and he
knew he wanted to do it. He is always willing to go the extra mile, and he also helped recruit two senators from Theta Xi. He always wants to know what’s going on in SG. He has a good record in Senate and is a good PR person.

x. Hollis: I think it’s great that someone would want to come back and dedicate his time to SG. This should be an embrace.

xi. Teagle: Back when I was a senator, Christopher didn’t bring drama to table all he brought was resolutions.

xii. Open Discussion:

xiii. Final Debate: Against- 0
xiv. Support:

xv. Christopher: I can talk about Christopher Walker all day. He is a great person and lets make it happen. Thanks David for shout out.

xvi. Roll call vote: 11- yes 0- no 0- abstentions. He is appointed.

c. Shawn Jeffery Waltz – Justice

i. Waltz: Coming from Florida State. I am not really sure what you want to know so will have remained time for questions

ii. Lee: Why did you decide to run for Justice and not a seat in SG?

iii. Shawn: I did four years as senator at Florida State. I have a lot of experience writing the logs. I think I can interrupt pretty well. Being a Ph.D. student I can do things better. I’m not saying y’all aren’t doing a great job, but I think I can help make it better.

iv. Christopher: What are some projects that you saw happen at Florida State that you can bring to UNO?

v. Waltz: I don’t know if we could bring towing to UNO which was a problem at Florida State. The students were being taken advantage of towing. Myself and a couple other senators found out the towing company was breaking the law, and this made be fall in love with this process. Parking on campus is horrible, SG from FSU declared war. It’s about the power. UNO is very unique school and some things won’t work here, but we could model stuff that is being done at other schools.

vi. Lee: So, why do you know want to be a senator?

vii. Waltz: It is very time consuming.

viii. Bauer: What made you chose UNO?

ix. Waltz: I am interested in student affairs, which UNO offers a great program for.

x. Initial Debate: Against-0

xi. Support:
xii. Hollis: I have had to opportunity to exchange emails with him and he submitted a resume, and we thought why have we not made that a requirement before. I think he is excellent.

xiii. Christopher: Teagle you found the ultimate justice! That’s all I have to say. I am way amazed with him.

xiv. Aucoin: I don’t see a reason to not vote for him.

xv. Trahan: He has come to me with a lot of things for UNO. He has great things and has thought about things we could do for our size.

xvi. Final Debate: against-0  

xvii. Support- 0

xviii. Roll call vote: 8-yes 0-no 0-abstention. He is appointed.

xix. Senator Lee has been given a warning for being called into a point of order.

XI. Open Forum

a. Willis: This is not how you should act in the senate and must be respectful to each other. If you are a sponsor or an author, I expect a response. It is rude and if you are going to sponsor something and help, you should to be responsible for it. I should be able to call and get info, and I shouldn’t be writing bills for you. I shouldn’t be doing middleman work. Be more proactive. Same two people are doing things in meetings. Go out there and go to department head and they will blast an email out. Get more people. This is ridiculous that we only have this small amount of people

b. Aucoin: I did have a mass email sent to College of Engineering and we should be full after we get the interviews in. I did have a meeting with new Dean and Assistant Dean. We are working to get a protector. There are two small bills for two other organizations I will be doing.

c. Lee: I apologize for the lack of communication. I have been putting wheels in motion since over the break. I have had the meetings personally. I was sick and that’s why I didn’t respond. I didn’t initially know that I was removed from my chair position. That’s why I think it’s not fair to nominate or remove when someone that isn’t there. I have been the only College of Science senator that has been here.

d. Hollis: I have misinterpreted the warning.

e. Bauer: I will apologize about the flyer and not getting to you. I will follow up with it next year, and do it the right thing at the right time. I tried to reach out and grab people.

f. Teagle: I would like to apologize for presiding officer, when I’m here I have no legal authority. But as a passionate student leader I will ignore that often. I don’t want you to think that there is some type of rift between passionate student leaders. I do not have to right to talk to or over talk to senators on the floor. It’s
really important that senators need to take a more active role outside the body. It doesn’t matter how much important things you do. But it doesn’t matter if you can’t tell you exist. We need to have a great impact on outside of this body. We had an opportunity to get SG name out there during HC week, and I felt very alone during that task. I had more support from my fraternity than the actual students of SG. This is the complaint I have during retreats, this is why they know us as cold hearted and mean. Get out the chamber and be campus leaders. I mean show people that you are passionate and involved in campus life. Get involved in SAC events, charitable events, go to fundraisers, you should know many key leaders. Lately executive branch has been very busy because of this load, and not complaining, but the fact is if you are saying you are going to walk the walk you should do it. You do a fantastic job in here, but I am saying we need to get out there what we are.

g. Sipe: Jessica is not a senator, and she rides over the chamber. She will not be picking up your slack. Senators are no better than anyone and they are separate branches that are all part of SG. Joining SG is more than just being a senator. When you have said something you need to say it and be done with it. We shouldn’t always be extending time and repeating the same point three times.

h. Christopher: Please, read your senator rules and procedures. If you come up here and misrepresent the truth of the floor and you can be brought up on charges. I don’t like to babysit adults that are responsible enough to do things. It is not my responsibility to go behind you and make sure they are done. If I tell you to do I shouldn’t have to hold your hand. It’s not everyone else’s responsibility to pick up your slack. I apologize for the registrar thing because I didn’t think it would happen, this year I am not making mistakes like that.

i. Teagle: I haven’t given a report today but the executive budget isn’t about not filling bill or didn’t get bill in budget. Don’t tell organizations about getting executive order.

j. Time extended- UC

k. Trahan: All of this stuff about rules and procedures just look about it. If you had gone to the retreat then you would’ve known. If you haven’t read over them you should read them and know the rules by heart so you know if you can fight against it. Our meetings shouldn’t be fighting about what we don’t know. It is very clean of what it should be.

l. Lee: Read old email.

m. Willis: Send this to LaJana.

n. Sipe: All that run around, I was just telling you what purchasing was saying, and you should work with him.

o. Christopher: The positive spend is that we think, and I will create expiration dates on purchases.
p. Teagle: We can’t do expiration dates. Purchasing has money and they have not
made the purchased. That’s why it has nothing to do with us. Moving things out
of reserve account is different and has to be done and into a project fund.
q. Christopher: This should be something we should work on in the future. By
creating a policy specific to that.
r. Aucoin: I also feel that it shows the flip side and shows how SG is scary. I don’t
think that we voice enough.
s. Sipe: On that note, engineering didn’t spend any money because they didn’t want
to give it back. Communicating with committees. There is follow through as well
t. Christopher: We can do this next week.

XII. Adjournment
a. 6:34 pm.