Student Government Senate
Tuesday, February 10, 2015
Session Minutes

I. Call to Order
   a. The meeting was called to order at 4:33pm.

II. Roll Call
   a. There were 11 out of 15 senators present, we met quorum.

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

IV. Communications and Announcements
   a. Senators
      i. Early: The week after Mardi Gras, February 25th, there is a vocal
         performance that is part of the music program. This will be a continuous
         performance throughout semester.
      ii. Aucoin: ISVB are selling shirts as fundraiser to sell shirts for nationals.
   b. Non-Senators
      i. Teagle: I have five flyers about a rally organized by Southern University
         A&M it’s a call to action for a moral responsibility about the state higher
         education. It is important that we are united, if one fall we are all are at
         risk. Tell UNO students. I will be a contact for any questions.

V. Presiding Officer Communications and Announcements
   a. VP Willis presiding report. Sent an email about a bill for athletics, the other was
      for Crawfish Mambo for Denise picking up, thanks for that. I went to COSP with
      Teagle it was cool because we sat with UL system and they have all the different
      school there giving reports. SGA is way cooler than SG. Third, I’m engaged!

VI. President Pro Tempore and Committee Reports
   a. President Pro Tempore
      i. Christopher: I am going to combined governance and Pro Tempore
         reports. We have a lot of nominations and appointments. We have to fill
         finance because of bills being tabled today. Hollis and I have been talking
         about having resumes being submitted, which is a really great idea. And
         we also decided to have legislative to attend events they are sponsoring so
         we can get direct feedback. We will be working on new committees. Will
be talking to new senators about writing bills and having a bill workshop, and this will be happening next week since we don’t have school. At the end of semester, everyone should attend Kristin’s amazing retreat!

b. Committee Reports
   i. Hollis: Good news- we are almost done with constitution. Will be meeting with Teagle then y’all. For the future, it will be mandatory to attend SGA retreat to hold seat in senate. It will be a requirement. These retreats will happen 14 days within the semester. This is the stuff we will be working out later in order to be a senator. We got more work done on fee committee, and before meetings I will be posting what we have done so far and review it and have it ready to debate when we are ready to.

VII. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports
   a. President
      i. Teagle: Good afternoon. I did go to COSP, it was both exciting and disheartening. UNO is not considered a lower funded school, according to the state. I think that now that the next round of budget cuts is a universal cut and now schools are waking up to higher education in cuts. The disheartening part is that no one has the faith that we will put forward. UNO isn’t in the same boat as others. Either we all hang together or separate. If it happens to SUNO it could happen to us. I have an amazing executive team that has picked up the slack. I am being stretched thin and the executive board will be communicating more with everyone than I will be. (VP, Treasurer, etc.) Tomorrow is the university budget committee, and we will be determining the future of the budget. We have added more students to the committee. Today I had to sit in on a faculty meeting. I asked every question that every students has been asking, are we going to close? And she said we are not focused on closing institutions and we are focused on solutions.
      ii. Lambert: What time is the meeting on Friday?
      iii. Teagle: Friday at 3. The committee consists of graduate students.
      iv. Lambert: Have you contacted all graduate students?
      v. Teagle: The Dean gave the list to me.
      vi. Lambert: I was just wondering because I wasn’t informed.
      vii. Teagle: I will have to talk to Dean because the originally agreement was that we can only have on SG representative other than the chair.
      viii. Christopher: Where is the location for the meeting?
      ix. Teagle: That’s a good question.
      x. Deason: It is pending.

b. Treasurer
i. Deason: The senate’s account after Bill S15027 totaling $10,000 leaves a remainder of $16,481.55 in account. I will be creating a live Excel budget sheet, and will be sending it to all senate and will be accessing it live. The budget committee will be meeting first week of March, and I will be providing an email later on with more information regarding first meeting date and expectations of committee overall. We are hosting SG budget workshops for student groups and organizations for how to properly file request forms which is February 20 in the UC room 201c. All budget requests are due March 1 at 4:30pm.

ii. Early: When you make spreadsheet, can you make sure everything is written out because I remember last year looking at someone’s I didn’t know what I was looking at?

iii. Deason: There has been no Excel spreadsheet and there will now be one. It will have the bills listed, totals listed, remaining column, and what was actually spent. It will be good, I promise.

iv. Early: It will have reserve account?

v. Deason: No.

vi. Ballard: What time is meeting on the 20th?

vii. Deason: It is at 1pm. In UC room 201c

c. Secretary of State

i. Trahan: I got the luncheon flyer out and I just waiting for the rest approvals. As soon as I get the email out I will get that posted and get it out there hopefully in the Driftwood, etc. Everyone should be able to see it. As well as the time line, once I get approval I will be sending out the timeline once I hear back. I am bringing someone up to election commission today, but she can’t be here because of meeting times. Her name is Alexandra her nickname is Ali. I work very closely with her and she is very creative and great ideas, and she response in a timely manner. I hope you think so as well. There is an open forum with President Fos on February 27 at 11am in 214 in Kirschmen Hall. There will be signs out to find it. If you can please attend its 11am-2 or 3 pm. It will be a lot of time to come out and speak and there will be food, even if you want to get a free lunch you can.

d. Judicial

i. Miner: I am Chief Justice of Supreme Court. On Friday February 6th, Clerk of Court filed a full court hearing. The case is under investigation. If you see a justice, don’t ask or if you are justice don’t say anything about the case. If you have any questions ask LeeAnne, Clerk of Court- Alyssa Aleman, or myself.

e. Advisors
VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business
   a. B.S15B028 – Innovate UNO
   b. Aucoin was temporary Pro Tempore- UC
   c. Christopher: My bill is to support food for UNO InnovoteUNO. A program in its third generation. I think it would be great for UNO. We need to continue supporting this as student body. I think it is really good.
   d. Aucoin: Items being bought?
   e. Christopher: It will be coffee, snack food, and others through out the day. I honestly don’t remember what they were.
   f. Walker: Could you explain what InnovateUNO is?
   g. Christopher: Any who has research that they are working on. You take whatever you are working on, and it is basically a science fair and they were shooting out a lot for applications. I think it is something y’all should participate in.
   h. Aucoin: Is this open to all UNO students?
   i. Christopher: That’s why they are asking for food so we could get people to come in and look at it. It is very cool.
   j. Deason: There are actually 41 submissions that have been submitted to Innovate UNO. I received my acceptance yesterday. It will be a great event.
   k. Tabled to Finance- UC

X. Nominations and Appointments
   a. UC- moved before New Business
   b. Meara McNitt – Justice
      i. McNitt: I am a film major, a junior. I want be involved in SG but I don’t have the ability to committee myself for Senate so I will like to be a Justice instead.
      ii. Christopher: What makes you a qualified as a Justice?
      iii. McNitt: I currently serve on my sorority’s executive committee which stands as a standards board so we do investigations and punishments.
      iv. Christopher: What organization on campus are you currently apart of? And positions?
      v. McNitt: Alpha Xi Delta sorority- Public Relations VP, UNO Tube- VP, Orientation Leader- chair of spirit committee, Head of committee first year advisory council, Unity, and in Student Activities Council.
      vi. Aucoin: Have you read the SG Constitution and Laws?
      vii. McNitt: I have not but I will.
      viii. Initial Debate: Against
      ix. Initial Debate: For
         1. Early: I lived with her for about 8 months, and she is very good at making sure everything gets done in timely manner. I have seen
her go through stuff with her sorority and makes sure the law is
followed and the rules that need to happen are happening.

2. Talbert: I grew up with her and she has been well liked and well
spoken and very trustworthy when it comes to getting a task done.
I think she can do the job.

3. Teagle: She was the one who actually came to me about this seat.
What I like best about her is that even when I was a senator and
had things said in chambers and she has never been afraid to
contact me and question why I did that. There is no greater
responsibility for the court to make people accountable for actions.
She was the first person in my mind.

x. Open Discussion

xi. Final Debate: Against

xii. Final Debate: For

xiii. Roll call vote: 14- yes 0-no 0- abstentions. She is appointed.


c. Joy Ballard – Finance Committee

i. Ballard: I am a senator and I am very excited to work on the committee. I
have a lot of great ideas.

ii. Hand vote: She is appointed.

d. Kyle Marlantes – Senate, COEng

i. Marlantes: My name is Kyle, and I am an engineering major. I’m a
sophomore. I would like to be appointed as senator because I think I have
an interesting prospective because I transferred from a private school form
Washington state. I would appreciate your votes.

ii. Early: What is something at old university that you don’t see here that you
would like to see here?

iii. Marlantes: I think the main thing I noticed is student involvement. I
believe that student involvement is lacking because of a high number of
commuter students. Those differences are the main thing I see.

iv. Hollis: Do you have any prior experience at previous university of SG or
any student involvement?

v. Marlantes: I wasn’t in SG but I was president of the engineering club and I
over saw a design of water sanitation that was being done in Kenya, and
we did a lot of budgeting. I was on student committee that was in charged
of interviewing candidates and going through resumes. I was involved in
society of engineers and now currently involved in an engineer club here
too.

vi. Initial Debate: Against

vii. Initial Debate: For
1. Aucoin: I felt that he has the passion and will feel it would be a great loss if we don’t accept him.

2. Christopher: I think it’s always good to have transfer students in senate because it is important to see ideas from other university or even something that can’t work but we can learn from an idea brought from somewhere else. This guy wowed Aucoin and it is important that future senators to wow us. It would help to have this guy.

viii. Open Discussion
ix. Final Debate: Against
x. Final Debate: For

viii. Roll call vote: 14-yes 0-no 0-absentions. He is appointed.

e. Derek Guidry – Senate, COEng
i. Guidry: I am technically a transfer student. I have a degree in finance and worked in banking for a few years. I am about a sophomore/junior. I was a senator at my senior semester at McNeese, and I was president of Finance Club there.

ii. Christopher: What is something you see at UNO that should change, or something at McNeese should be at UNO?

iii. Guidry: There isn’t much from McNeese I should pull? As far as student meeting, there was over representation. I would like to see where something that can be done and things are meaningful to people here. I don’t think nothing comes to my mind to bring to UNO from McNeese.

iv. Initial Debate: Against
v. Initial Debate: For

1. Aucoin: I think he is good fit, and I do think he undersold himself because he didn’t bring up that while he was as senator that McNeese was going through there process of a few budget things. I think that is very important for senate.

vi. Open Discussion:

vii. Final Debate: Against
viii. Final Debate: For

ix. Roll call vote: 13-yes 0-no 0-absentions. He is appointed.

f. Matthew Schantz – Senate, COEng
i. Schantz: I transferred here about a year ago from a school outside Washington DC. I started out high school into the army after I worked 7 years as a defense contract. I am here on the GI bill. Otherwise, I am looking forward to SG because I think my experience from other organizations could help out.
ii. Walker: Are there any committees would you look into SG?
Schantz: I would have to look into the responsibilities because my time is limited, but I would look into it.

iii. Christopher: What organizations at community college did you participate in?

iv. Schantz: I was working at the same time, but I wasn’t a member but I made sure that the people in charge specifically the dean of physics that my voice was heard and my opinions were known.

v. Initial Debate: Against

vi. Initial Debate: For
   1. Aucoin: I think he is a wonderful fit for senate and he won the most unique prospective. He brought some issues and some positive things about UNO I never thought about. I think he is well needed.
   2. Hollis: Thanks Aucoin for personally getting these appointments. I really love free agent signings for SG and bringing in people who actually have experience.

vii. Open Discussion:

viii. Final Debate: Against

ix. Final Debate: For
   1. Christopher: I think most Veterans that have gone through SG have shown that they are goal orientated and get things done. This training is good for us. Chance spoke him very highly. All these people have been on point and someone older can give that different prospective as the interpretation of a younger students, this makes it different. He can bring stuff that can benefit importantly.

x. Roll call vote: 13-yes 0-no 0-abstentions. He is appointed.

William Leshe Jr. – Senate, COS

i. Leshe: I am a senior in Physics, and I am a treasurer in the study of physics students. I am from Arkansas. I would like to be on the senate.

ii. Aucoin: Have you met with any of leadership throughout the College of Sciences? Do you ever meet with dean or department chair?

iii. Leshe: Yes, I have and even met with the math.

iv. Hollis: First, thank you for coming back. Also, do you have any committees in mind in SG to help as senators?

v. Leshe: Haven’t thought and don’t know what committees there are.

vi. Initial Debate: Against

vii. Initial Debate: For
1. Talbert: I know him personally though him by physics club and I feel we are more than likely to have him want to be apart because he is very busy. He takes on responsibility extremely well. He does more than what is asked to do. He never fails at them. He is very acknowledgeable. He has a lot of experience. I think this a very good opportunity.

2. Aucoin: He seems like a great fit and also for the point when the senate was the worse I saw it and he stills wants to come back and improve it. We can’t ask for too much more.

3. Hollis: Going off of Aucoin. He wants a desire to fix things, and this is something that is very important to this body.

4. Bauer: I am physics secretary, and he has become like my son at school. He is willing to help anything and does free of charge but don’t take advantage of it. He doesn’t get paid and he is free willing.

viii. Open Discussion:
ix. Final Debate: Against
x. Final Debate: For

1. Christopher: Every time I talk to a student that is passionate about UNO makes me happy. It is hard to find people to see that there are solutions possible. It is amazing to see people with a love to solve a problem. I urge everyone to vote for his appointment.

xi. Roll call vote: 13-yes 0-no 0-abstentions. He is appointed.

h. Brian Brailsford – Senate, COS
i. Brailsford: I am senior in College of Science. I was previous assistant scoutmaster to my scout troupe two years ago. I really want to become apart of this because of everything that is coming into play.

ii. Walker: You were in a fraternity, right? Did you hold any positions?

iii. Brailsford: I was a secretary for a semester for Phi Kappa Sigma.

iv. Chris: Where are you from?

v. Brailsford: Mandeville but from originally Wisconsin.

vi. Chris: You have been at UNO as a senior, what made you most frustrated that you wish could be fixed?

vii. Brailsford: How a lot of things students want or need never get passed and the committees. How students don’t have means to communicate to President Fos and their voices aren’t heard. This frustrates me the most especially with all the budgets cuts being talked about. I don’t want to feel powerless anymore.

viii. Aucoin: What do you think are the biggest positives to focus on good side? What would be UNO assets?
ix. Brailsford: Our assets I believe is that we are much more diverse. We have much more variety of ideas, and we have much better viewpoint of what we can do to better university.

tax. Early: What made you chose SG your senior year?
xi. Brailsford: I didn’t have any exposure until I talked to others about it.

xii. Initial Debate: Against

xiii. Initial Debate: For

1. Walker: Speaking is not his strong suit. He was apart of a fraternity. Him and the one other guy was the only reason it stayed together. He is very organized. I think he would be great behind the scenes. I think he undersold himself. I think he would be a great fit.

2. Lambert: I known him for over a week now and after talking to him for a little, I think he wants to help and he sees there are some issues that we have. I think he would be a real asset to have someone like him.

3. Teagle: I would like to point out and he didn’t know the answer and stopped and thought then answered. We need more people who stop and think. He gave an answer that was thought out. I think the whole university needs more people that stop and think.

4. Christopher: I got to talk him last week, and on one and one he communicates very well. Understanding that he could grasp the concepts quickly was incredible to see.

xiv. Open Discussion:

xv. Final Debate: Against

xvi. Final Debate: For

xvii. Roll call vote: 13-yes 0-no 0-abstentions. He is appointed.

i. Teresa Fleming – Senate, IDS

ii. Fleming: I am part of IDS program studying Sociology and History. This is my first semester here I am a transfer student. I have been an athlete in college before and would like to be on a team and feel apart of something and have goals. I’m on Service Collation. I just want to be of service. People part of service usually succeeds. I want to succeed. I came from Delgado, and I am extremely happy to be here.

iii. Early: Do you think you have any ideas that could help UNO with athletes?

ii. Fleming: I would love to help with something like that. There is an entire Olympics pool being used for high school. I think LSU isn’t going anywhere because of sports. Schools with successful sports don’t go
anywhere. I haven’t thought about it much, but I can put some thought in it.

iv. Hollis: We have also been discussing the issue of athletics at UNO. Would you like to discuss after meeting if you are appointed.

v. Fleming: Sure.

vi. Initial Debate: Against

vii. Initial Debate: For

1. Bauer: I interviewed her, and she wanted to be a lawyer at one time. She is very interesting. I really enjoyed her, and I think she will be very helpful. You could probably get her on committee. She could help IDS. She wants to help her department.

2. Hollis: She has done athletics in college and that takes a lot of work effort and this is more than needed in SG currently.

viii. Open Discussion:

ix. Final Debate: Against

x. Final Debate: For

xi. Roll call vote: 10-yes 0-no 0-abstentions. He is appointed.

j. Monica Green - COLA

i. Green: I am a freshman. I would like to join because I really miss the direction and leadership opportunities. I was really active in JRTC in my high school.

ii. Initial Debate: Against

iii. Initial Debate: For

1. Ballard: I think she would be a great fit. Very responsible. She is very excited and she approached me after I talked about SG in my class.

2. Christopher: I interviewed her as well and she has gone through SG constitution already and brought questions about it. I was highly amazed of her go-getter attitude.

iv. Open Discussion:

v. Final Debate: Against

vi. Final Debate: For

1. Aucoin: She seems like a great person, and if we accept her into the senate, we will have two colleges that are full after tonight.

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

k. Alexandra Stadler – Election Commission

i. Willis: Kristin talked about. It would be great to have her appoint of the team. She is great student leader and will be able to promote elections on campus. Can’t take questions because she isn’t here.

ii. Initial Debate: Against
iii. Initial Debate: For
iv. Open Discussion:
v. Final Debate: Against
vi. Final Debate: For
vii. Roll call vote: 9-yes 0-no 1-abstentions. He is appointed.
l. Joy Ballard – Chair of Finance
   i. Hand vote: She is appointed.
m. Hunter Christopher – Finance Committee
   i. Christopher: Senior senate for entire senate. Ballard wanted me to help her run it because of my experience. The chair is asking me to help her.
   ii. Hand vote: 11-yes 0-no 0-abstentions. He is appointed.
n. Bauer, Green, Aucoin, Ballard, Miller (non-senator), Walker - Finance
   i. Bauer: I was asked by Joy to be on it, and if she can pursue me to say okay she could get anything done. I have agreed to sit on her committee.
   ii. Hand vote: 11-yes 0-no 0-absentations. She is appointed.
   iii. Green:
   iv. Hand Vote: 11-yes 0-no 0-absentations. She is appointed.
v. Miller: I am a freshman and in COLA. I am an International Studies major. I heard about finance committee from Joy. I am interested about what is happening with budget cuts.
   vi. Hand vote: 11- yes 0- no 0-absentation. She is appointed.
   vii. Walker: Major in Finance, and I wanted to do this because I think it makes sense.
   viii. Hand vote: 11-yes 0- no 0-absentation. He is appointed.
o. Brandt and Early – Student Affairs.
   i. Brandt:
   ii. Hand vote: 11-yes 0-no 0-absentation. He is appointed.
   iii. Early: I am historian already and this getting us out in UNO world. I think Student Affairs is doing rap committee and I wanted to do that already. Also, I will discuss some of the plan of actions I have already in Open Forum.
   iv. Hand vote: 11-yes 0-no 0-absentation. She is appointed.
p. Chance Aucoin – Chair of Student Affairs
   i. Aucoin: I think I can be a great for Student Affairs because I care about students.
   ii. Hollis: What made you finally accept to do this?
   iii. Aucoin: When I first turned it down was when it was after not being able to do two days of work. Now getting on top of things I could handle workload. I am the second most senior senator. I feel like part of me has a
duty to take a leadership role to show the younger senators to operate in
the senate.

iv. Hand vote: 11-yes 0-no 0-abstentions.

XI. Open Forum
a. Willis: I forgot that I wanted to remind you about the picnic in the quad February 25th, 11:30-1:30pm. Look presentable. There will be food, so please come. You get a free absence from a meeting if you do. Proud Privateers is March 12th. You will be able to bring a staff to eat dinner with you and honor them submit names to me by Friday and attach why they should be honored. There aren’t real requirements but we need to tell them at least. Mark that down, 6:30-8:30pm Innsbruck Suite. Please speak louder for Clerk and me.

b. Early: Ideas for Marketing SG. I want them to be a part and not sell to them. Sending out newsletter to students. They could see what we are doing for the school. Doing a radio station or podcast because we would be able to do it and have it timed and put it out there immediately. Keep it have it talk about music, etc. Loyola has their radio stations. Sit with a senator and talk with them about what they want to change and do it every once and while. Some don’t know how to get to SG and talk to them. We could have this every month or few months. Customized buttons for students, which are a huge thing, University of New Orleans College of whatever their college is. It is something small but it shows that SG sponsors this. People start looking in SG. This is what happened with scantrons.

c. Aucoin: Those are amazing ideas. To bring to college of en. We are having our semester icebreaker, which will be February 12th 11:30-3:00pm in the engineering. Breezeway it will be $5 and split up between College of Engineering. I met with chair of Electrical Engineering. I found out that the lowest level labs that the equipment isn’t working properly. Some students had to guess this takes away from the experience. I am going to see if this is something SG could fund. I am meeting with Dean tomorrow to discuss few topics to see when SG can use engineering auditorium that students can have open forum with college senator.

d. Hollis: I am please to see senate is filling, but I remember last semester it was filling and then there was a drop off around election time. Don’t go for election and then come in for appointment it will harder. That practice won’t be valuable in future. With change in constitution this will be easier to make time for and this it will be less of a committee and more experience. Please stay and give it a chance.

e. Sipe: Podcast, we would have to have a transcript, they would automatically make transcript for you.

f. Willis: LeeAnne will be making form for Proud Privateers for you to put the person you are going to bring to dinner.
g. Aucoin: If interested in Student Affairs, let me know. LeeAnne, making posters with senators of college with contact info, would this still be possible?

h. Sipe: This is why we have a marketing person. Talk to Dan our marketing person. SIL will print up to 4 large posters to any student organization over course of year.

i. Christopher: I have been reaching out to get a list of non-salary items we could work with and provide and support for with fee. I will be spending the next day and a half compiling this and it will be a lot of work. I will be making list and submit to Teagle so he can read it because right now it’s a mess, but it’s a work and we will get that working on Friday and find what department wants.

j. Aucoin: Teagle, is there anyway, to see who’s on your fee committee from engineering. I would like to have open forum.

k. Teagle: Right now I have a representative from College of Engineering. I have a graduate student, but no undergraduate student who is not a member of SG. We are still looking because it is a priority of committee.

XII. Adjournment
   a. 6:20pm.