I. Call to Order  
   a. The meeting was called to order at 4:49pm.

II. Roll Call  
   a. There were 9 out of 12 senators present, we met quorum.

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

IV. Communications and Announcements  
   a. Senators  
      i. Aucoin: There will be weekly lunches on Thursdays across the street from UC across Lakeshore drive. There will be vegan options.  
      ii. Early: OL trivia night is this Thursday at 6pm in UC. To make a team it is $30 and this money goes to OL so they can go to SROW.  
   b. Non-Senators

V. Presiding Officer Communications and Announcements  
   a. VP Willis presiding report. Thanks SAC for the hard work for Homecoming week. Many people don’t understand the fees so President Pro Tempore will be giving presentation about them. I am disappointed in the senators because of not attending the SG retreat this past Sunday. We were outnumbered by different organization and also it is disrespectful to Kristin, who also spent SG money on this and no one showed up. This was a perfect time to learn more how to write bills, etc. In the future, if there is an opportunity to better you as a senator, take the opportunity.

VI. President Pro Tempore and Committee Reports  
   a. President Pro Tempore  
      i. Presentation by Senator Christopher, if approved by senate. Approved.  
      ii. Christopher: I need to enforce rules, I can’t do anything about it. 5 minutes added to time for presentation. Presentation ad report attached*  
      iii. Early: what do you think we can do when colleges are finding ways to market the special committee? A special group outside this?
iv. Christopher: Our first step is the game plan, once that happens from SG we need to figure out the marketing with open forums. If we agree, then we will use resources. We need to reach out to students because this is now becoming our responsibility for this to happen. Usually when these fees are passed they often don’t go away. These fees can be here for another 30 years and this has been done at other schools.

v. Lambert: Did student body institute these? And were they for certain students?

vi. Christopher: Everyone pays for these fees even if not in specific college the fees are being used for. The students will ask, “why am I paying for something I’m not in?” But it is worth it. Talked with former Dean of Engineering, Sciences, and Liberal Arts and each one has looked at LA Tech model and basically were told that it has to be all or nothing. This didn’t work out because we didn’t have contact with others, if we want to do this it has to be all-together.

vii. Early: Can you use any of these fees to help program people to help make sure it carries over?

viii. Christopher: We are in the business to make sure we are taking on student workers and things we are realistically paying on. 90% of it salary. We can deal with the 10% and help cover the 5 or 7%, which is a lot of help and does a lot more than you think it does. We can start doing the things we want. People really like speakers, and we can afford this and we need people to come to UNO and say “wow!” because of it.

ix. Aucoin: Would you recommend our idea for everyone pay for every college? Should we have fees separate or all together?

x. Christopher: If passed and only affecting some students, other students won’t understand why just engineering. Having everyone pay they will understand why. All the buildings with labs need fees and academic fees for department fees. These will be a better division of computer labs, academics, and expensive equipment will be a better way to go about it. We just need to figure out what we want. The best way I think would be for all the colleges to do it at once.

xi. Aucoin: All at once means everyone’s fees get voted on by students at once, or do just one fee for everything?

xii. Christopher: I think this should be passed as a single fee then break it down. Different rates even if passed at different times, I understand College of Engineering needs money but the whole school does too.

b. Committee Reports

i. Christopher: **Report attached** two appointments today, Joy Ballard and Josh Lambert.
ii. Hollis: Met twice last week and dealt with problems with constitutions. Decided to move to senate elections in the spring and for the fall being just for vacant seats. Moved towards SAC elections being on ticket election, list of people want to appoint to be approved by senate or approved individually and also have beginnings of budget committee and 9 voting members chaired by VP and 5 subcommittees and dealt with own budgets.

VII. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports
a. President
i. Teagle: Good afternoon everyone. Last Wednesday the university budget committee met and will meet tomorrow. We are developing the process for the interpreting any cuts to come. This committee was put together with the concept with developing an annual review. What has been happening with recent budget cuts in last 8 years. The cut will come and the administrator will say, “cut this much from department” and this will result in firing a lot of people. This is why we have one counselor at a time. We have no one in career services. There were no thoughts to those cuts, no plan. The committee is putting together the process. I have been in charged to put together a subcommittee. The Dean will recommend a graduate student from every college and the rest will be decided from Dale and I. And one from the following will represent Greek life, SAC, SG, and Athletics. I have asked the treasurer to vice chair this committee. SAC-Oliver Callahan to sit on the committee. SG- Hunter Christopher, and Shawn Walsh and other appointments. Still going through the undergrads. Next Friday will hopefully be our first meeting. The committee will be doing student self-asset fess as well as SSAFs. This is happening and no one has said no to me about it. They will determine the types of fees they believe is necessary. We will hopefully have something to show students no later than end of February. SG fees and these fees need to be presented to students end of February and March.

b. Treasurer
i. No report

c. Secretary of State

d. Judicial

e. Advisors
i. Sipe: Thanks for being here and thanks for patience during homecoming week. I will say that, we are really in crunch time because budget cuts are real. It’s much more than it really seems like. I did have number of students from College of Sciences panicking that UNO will close on July 1. This is Louisiana; I will be shocked if anything will happen that fast. There is not a lot of good news. Think about anything that brings value to
this campus and things that students will back up. Keep in mind how many students we have and how much things costs. Talk to professors and deans about how much things cost and then do the math. If you have 8,000 students how much will things cost? We need to do this soon because February is next week. Be thoughtful and effectuate.

ii. Early: Does SAC have any money that comes from students?

iii. Sipe: The fees will be portioned to go everywhere.

iv. Aucoin: Do you think there is any way we can get info to students?

v. Sipe: Even if you leave Louisiana, everywhere else across the states are having the same issues. Nothing is happening that fast. I will say our Public Relations Director is working on something to send out to campus.

vi. Early: What about UNO Ambassadors getting money?

vii. Sipe: We don’t have any money for student organization that aren’t UNO association. Ambassadors have own money.

viii. Aucoin: Is there anywhere SG senate can have open forums for students?

ix. Early: Can I find where all our fees are going?

x. Sipe: You can’t really get much more detailed than what is on the fee bill.

xi. Christopher: The only self-asset fees are we are paying made from students is Student Services.

xii. Sipe: UNO isn’t money, the state using the money.

xiii. Aucoin: We would be able to do it in the ballroom?

xiv. Sipe: I am encouraging it.

VIII. Old Business

a. PA.S15A025 – Yea-Nay

i. Aucoin served as temporary Pro Tempore.

ii. Chris: The rules and procedures of SG senate of UNO will vote as yes-no not yea-nay.

iii. 9- yes 0-no 0 abstentions. It’s passed.

b. PA.S15A026 – Nominations and Appointment Discussion

i. First, three minutes of speaking time for those who wish to speak against the nominee or appointee. Second, three minutes of speaking time for those who wish to speak in favor. Third, six minutes of open discussion in which senators can question and discuss with each other the merits of their positions. At end of open discussion period any senator may motion to extend the open discussion period by one more than six minutes.

ii. 8- yes 0-no 0-absentation. It’s passed.

IX. New Business

X. Nominations and Appointments

a. Joy Ballard, Governance
i. Joy: Trying to get involved, please put me on.
ii. Hollis: Any experience of SG?
iii. Ballard: Never on committee, involved in SG in high school, just joined UNO SG.
iv. Hand vote: UC. It’s approved.
b. Joshua Lambert, Governance
   i. Lambert: I can feel I can do good for the committee.
   ii. Hollis: Same as Ballard.
   iii. Lambert: I’ve never been on a committee but I was involved in SG at Auburn University.
   iv. Hand vote: UC. It’s approved.
c. Denise Bauer, Senate IDS
   i. Bauer: I’m a senior this year and will be graduating in May. I’ve been a long time student. I also work in the Physic department. I’m an IDS major. I’m not caged into one specific, which is HR Management. I have been at UNO since 2001, left at 2005, came back 2008. I was on staff council. I do know this University; I do know you guys because I work in academic. I know the fight of being a student. I try to help students, and I know students run the university. I believe I work for you guys.
   ii. Christopher: Jessica Talbert had great things to say. I think its great we have older people to get involved especially people in IDS. Vote for her. We need more people in Senate.
   iii. Vote: 9- yes 0-no 0-absentations
d. Leroy Johnson, Senate COBA
   i. Johnson: Basically have been a senator for 3 semesters; I have changed majored and I am now accounting that’s why I am running for College of Business.
   ii. Christopher: When you resigned you were chair of committee, but didn’t inform Pro Tempore.
   iii. Johnson: I wasn’t informed that I had to let you know I was leaving chair.
   iv. Aucoin: You have been going back and forth on majors.
   v. Johnson: I will definitely be staying in business. I just can’t do engineering.
   vi. Christopher: Going off of last answer, you were senator for many semesters, are you aware of rules in current constitution?
   vii. Johnson: Yes.
   viii. Christopher: How are you unaware of rules of positions you held?
   ix. Johnson: I guess the campus beautification is not as active, and this is why I didn’t do much as chair.
x. Christopher: Senator Johnson has been here, and I will be more critically on people that are rejoining. I found it he didn’t inform the senate. He has been senator for 3 semesters, but I didn’t see drive. I don’t want to see him come just because we are low on senator chairs, and we have to ask people. I have personally against his appointment. It would be better for him against the student body than him to come to us. The lack on conclusion on bills and will affect the future.

xi. Aucoin: Similar lines of Christopher. I did ask him before this semester if he is staying if he isn’t. He never gave me an answer, and I think it does look bad. People reached out to College of Engineering and since he was leaving he denied them. This looks bad on SG.

xii. Hollis: I fear that my support won’t be as strong, but my support is we are hurting for senators and if we weren’t hurting for senators, I wouldn’t be turning people away.

xiii. Open Forum
   1. Early: Leroy is a wonderful person but doesn’t know how he is as a senator. I do think points are valid, but I also know it’s a lot harder for him to run and get back in. Tell him the things he can do than the things he didn’t do so we can be appointed again. What he needs to do is to earn respect back.
   2. Aucoin: this is not an attack on Leroy or on his personality. He is wonderful and we aren’t trying to attack. It will be harder to run, but we won’t have enough people even after elections.
   3. Hollis: Leroy does have an excellent attendance record, and we almost missed quorum.
   4. Sipe: If you are on the fence you can remove a senator. If you do vote yes, and you regret your vote, you can remove him as senator.
   5. Christopher: It’s not a personal attack, but it’s what we saw as important for people to recognize what you have done for senator. Its for different for Early since you proved to us what you can do not what you have done.
   6. Aucoin: There are elections he can run for if he wants to be dedicated to SG.
   7. Hollis: If elected in or out, I agree we need to tell him what he needs to do.

xiv. Debate:
   1. Christopher: It’s important we engage former senators that want to return, and this will come up again and we have to be stern and they won’t run elections because they know they can become
appointment by us. We need to make an example that you can’t just come back in.

2. Aucoin: My biggest thing is how it was done. It made SG look bad. With the chairmanship wasn’t right how he left.

xv. Support:

1. Adhikari: It is also important to understand what he is doing and has changed major. I think he wants to be in SG even though he has had problems. He is coming back is attachment to SG and we need to respect that.

2. Vote: 3- yes 4-no 0-absentations. He is not appointed.

e. Chance, Aucoin, Student Affairs

i. Aucoin: I think Student Affairs could be much better with everything going on.

ii. Hollis: The committee is without chair; will you be okay with that?

iii. Aucoin: With my schedule it might not be ideal.

iv. Hand vote: 7-yes 0-no 0- abstentions he is appointed.

XI. Open Forum

a. Willis: I have heard senators have meet with deans and announce that this is happening that you are trying to be proactive. Let us know that you are being proactive. Whenever you have questions, you stand and address your question then sit. If you don’t raise your hand to ask question, then you won’t get called on. Speak louder the clerk can’t hear you. Chance said, open forum so we were thinking about having open forums for entire students. We will have a picnic in the quad, so go out and look nice. We will go out there and students can meet senators and tell concerns and then we have pool of what we can do. We can have separate forums in the different colleges. It would be Wednesday February 25th at 11-1pm

b. Sipe: SAC programming usually starting on half hour is better.

c. Willis: So it will be 11:30-1:30pm.

d. Early: What if we are getting out of class at that time?

e. Willis: It would be a floating thing. If you come to this you will have an excused absence. You will have a credit, if you don’t have an absence. I will talk to SIL and get that going.

f. Early: Hearing that SG didn’t show up their own thing is sad. I know how it feels; I didn’t know it was happening. I tried attending and y’all knew about it last semester so there is no excuse. That made me really upset. This is coming from your own senator.

g. Aucoin: I know LeeAnne said this we can encourage to talk to deans to find college spot and make posters about who senators are and contact info. We are looking at the engineering center because I talked to my dean today.
h. Christopher: Homecoming was awesome and most weren’t there. So next year everyone should be there. We need to keep people going to events. We are trying to get a football team and also would like anyone to sponsor Theta Xi event. We need to recruit more Greeks and another bill for Innovote UNO and I need co sponsor for those. I will be doing Theta Xi’s will be tonight. They will be doing a something similar to Swampball. Contacted the iClicker people and will be getting 100 iClickers and the teacher’s started kit for voting. This will be assigned to each senator, so you break it you buy it.

i. Aucoin: Theta Xis are normally at the Ask Lafitte desk to find out what it is we need a bill for.

j. Hollis: Our leadership structure will go down and need more active people.

XII. Adjournment
a. 6:20pm.
Reports

Protempore Report:

Updates –

Senator Aucoin Resigned from his Chairmanship of the Technology Committee.

Senator Lee is removed from her Chairwomanship of Finance Committee Due to not submitting her committee report that is required within 10 Business Days of the first SG meeting of the semester.

I was persistent in outlining what was expected of each chair and in contact with them via in person, phone calls, Facebook, and emails. Senator Lee in her defense did submit meeting minutes, but not a report as outlined in our R&P.

In addition please be aware I expect you not to just copy paste a Google hangout as meeting minutes without making sure that each statement has a name attached to it. When you just copy paste it will not attach the speaker to the statements correctly due to Google hangouts using pictures to show speakers instead of names. Please make sure you have any statements properly attributed. It will take only a few extra minutes and provides us with better records.

I will be talking with some Senators about becoming Finance Chair over the next week if you would like to be considered please contact me.

Governance Committee

a) Governance Committee
b) 2:00PM, January 22th, 2015 on Google Hangout at 3:30PM (Moved due to Campus Emergency Closing due to a Police Chase.)
c) Attendance: Quorum was met.
   a. Present
      i. Hunter Christopher (Chairman)
      ii. Charles Hollis
      iii. Violet Lee
d) The Committee Voted Favorably on the Yea/Nay PA (3-0-0)
e) The Committee Voted Favorably with Amendments on the Appointment and Nomination PA. (3-0-0-0)
   a. Amendments drafted:
      i. Limiting Speaker Time to 30 seconds per recognition during open discussion. (3-0-0)
      ii. Creating a built in procedure to add additional time to open discussion. (3-0-0)

Personal Note:
I have two appointments for Governance Committee today Joy Ballard and Josh Lambert, and I would like that the Senate quickly confirm their appointments to Governance so that I can fill my Committee.