I. Call to Order
   a. The meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm.

II. Roll Call
   a. 15 out of 20 senators present, we met quorum.

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

IV. Communications and Announcements
   a. Senators
      i. Early: This Sunday SAC is hosting Holis. It is the festival of colors. Wear
         a white shirt and color powder will be thrown. There will be good food
         and entertainment. We will be posting on the Facebook page, if you aren’t
         on it you can email me. There is rain predicted, so hopefully it doesn’t get
         rained out and we will be posting that in the Facebook group.
      ii. Talbert: I did do Innovate UNO and also received a medal there. At the
          end of it they expressed their thanks to Student Government of the
          refreshments at the event. I just wanted to pass that on.
      iii. Bauer: I attended the open forum with the president, and there were only
          three of us, which was real sad. It was very informative. It was good that
          we were there.
      iv. Christopher: The UNO budget committee meeting discussed about having
          a survey of the cost benefits of the nonacademic unit and we will be going
          further in this this week. I would like any of you to email me if you have
          any questions. We talked briefly about university closures. Nicholls and
          NSU have a much higher chance of closing than UNO considering UNO is
          the only urban university in the state. The general operating budget
          dropped in a mid year cut from 1.2 million dollars to 1.5 million dollars. It
          is about a million-dollar drop. The way we are going to pay for the deficit
          is buy selling the Jefferson Center. Scholarships are one of the major
          reasons for budgets. They were originally budgeted at 10.4 millions
          dollars but as of now they are already hitting 7 million as of January and
but the end of the year we are looking at probably 14.4 million dollars. This is done in part because attendance has increase in 5% and that’s due to primarily people receiving scholarships. Those scholarships we not designed to be 4-year scholarships. It was designed for people to lose than after a year or two. We are paying much more because people are keeping them for 4 instead of 2. The major problem is that salary went out to 70% this year and the scholarship will be 14%. Salaries are much more of a big issue. The major issue is the 33% of the salary amount is benefits.

b. Non-Senators

V. Presiding Officer Communications and Announcements

a. VP Willis presiding report. We lost a senator due to them having the maximum amount of absences. You only have 2 unexcused absences you lose your seat. If you know you are going to be absent just email me before and let me know, but if you don’t, I count that as unexcused. You can always proxy and there are no limits on the time amount you can proxy. This is a really easy way to not lose your seat. You can always send me an email if you can’t make it to the office to proxy. March 12th is the Proud Privateer dinner banquet, the dress is business casual and it will be fun, lots of good food. I would like to remind everyone that I asked at the beginning of this semester and a few weeks later to not have your phones and computers out during the meetings. It is rude to your fellow senators and me. Any reports are to be printed and brought to the meeting to read. I was told that a senator sent someone to the office to use the SG office computers. Those computers are not for anyone to use beside the office. If a senator needs to use a computer you can use the computers in the SIL office. I believe President Teagle is going to write an EO to make it official. Please speak up so the clerk can hear you, if you have anything to say you are suppose to stand, speak, then sit. Be short and sweet to the point. Also, congrats to Senator Joy on her engagement.

VI. President Pro Tempore and Committee Reports

a. President Pro Tempore

   i. Christopher: Finance and Governance met last week. Remember to have one meeting every two weeks regardless if there is any business.

b. Committee Reports

   i. Ballard: Finance committee met Wednesday at 4:30 and we discussed the library bill and we voted in favor for the bill four to zero, and we hope that you pass it today.

   ii. Christopher: Governance met digitally at 4:30 on Friday and we discussed the issue of appoints that senate needs to make to the Student Government Committee that currently does not meet quorum. We proposed that Senator Ballard Chairwoman of Finance committee and Senator Brailsford
should be motioned today by the senate to be nominated to be put on the budget committee.

iii. Hollis: The committee of financial reform met, and The Constitution is currently being formatted by Senator Christopher. Thank you very much for that and we decided to do away with the temporary restraining orders.

VII. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports
a. President
b. Treasurer
   i. Deason: The Senate operating balance has a remainder of $14,959.88. The President’s account currently has $14,076.45. The budget committee has 11 budget request as of right now. The committee will meet pending quorum. If anyone has not received the link to the live budget, please let me know.
c. Secretary of State
   i. Trahan: Today was the first day everything is due. The election-filling period has started to today at 9 a.m. and ends at 4:30 on March 5th. Please, if you come in with a form and if one of the clerks or office staff hasn’t time stamped it and initialed it, don’t turn it in. March 9th-13th the mandatory meeting starts. If you sign up to anything please be committed. My office hours will be the only time I will be there. If you signed up please be there. Please go to those meeting or else you will be kicked off of elections. The initial reports will be due on March 27th. Campaigning is able to start April 10th 9:00 a.m. If we have to go in run off elections, I will explain that later. Elections are really simple. I will explain more in the meeting.
   ii. Early: If you are unable to run for elections for next semester? Do you lose your senator this semester?
   iii. Trahan: Seats go up on April 30th. That is when your seat ends.
   iv. Hollis: So does that mean I have to wait till tomorrow to time stamp this?
   v. Trahan: I can take it now and do it when I get out of here.
d. Judicial
e. Advisors

VIII. Old Business
a. B.S15B029 – Library Leisure Reading Pilot Program
b. UC Senator Talbert temporary Parliamentarian.
c. Questions for bill:
d. Early: What is the cost of the bill again?
e. Hollis: $1,800.00.
f. Lepori: If this gets passed, are you going to be doing the same thing in 6 months or a year?
g. Lindsey: We would like to. There will be donations coming and we can reconsider the amount of the bill.

h. Early: What makes this option better than going down to a public library?

i. Lindsey: It is here.

j. Bauer: Have you considered getting used books?
   Lindsey: It is an option, but the shelf life of a paperback is very short and this is why I considered hard cover.

k. Guidry: This is proposed to the new hardback currently?

l. Lindsey: Hardbacks are preferred and are easily acceptable.

m. Fleming: Is it just for pleasure or academic?

n. Lindsey: Pleasure

o. Hollis: It is primarily intended for pleasure.

p. Bauer: If I wanted a fiction book and y’all don’t have it? Can you get it from another library?

q. Lindsey: Yes, you can request to get other books from other libraries.

r. Aucoin: Then why don’t we just use that system for pleasuring?

s. Hollis: There are two issues because one there is a wait and also there is something to be said for actually looking for books for you.

t. Bauer: Are you willing to come down on that price?

u. Lindsey: I am not sure if we can alter it at this point.

v. Hollis: It could be tabled but.

w. Walker: Does this program have any options for Ereaders?

x. Lindsey: Not at this time.

y. Aucoin: Will you be willing to table this and look at ways to bring the cost down

z. Lindsey: Yes.

aa. Hollis: But at the same time it has already been tabled to finance and I trust them that they would have considered the same options that you are bringing up.

bb. Walker: Is there any way that this program will be able to expand into digital books?

cc. Lindsey: I am not sure if they offer the ebooks to academic libraries at this time. We can’t get ebooks from Amazon because its one user at a time. But we can look into it for sure.

dd. Aucoin: After speaking with Senator Bauer, it is my understanding that the finance committee did not meet.

ee. Ballard: Finance committee did meet and did have quorum and did make a decision.

ff. Lepori: What is your yearly annual projected budget for this program?

gg. Lindsey: It is a pilot program and we don’t have a project budget for it. My suggestion is $500 but it is again a pilot.

hh. Fleming: Is there any other way you can use this money academically?
ii. Lindsey: For $1,800 academically, we could pay for one year of small database, we could buy half the number of academic books that we are buying in leisure books.

jj. Christopher: What is the shelf life of a brand new hardcover book?

kk. Lindsey: One to three reads for a paper back book.

ll. Christopher: As of now for UNO library what do you think is the quality compared to other universities in the area?

mm. Lindsey: Compared to other libraries I worked in we are lacking. Both under grad and grad libraries where I went to school both had leisure reading collection for students.

nn. Aucoin: I know library has used book sale, where does money go?

oo. Lindsey: The money goes to the friends of library. They pay for the events in the library and conference travels for librarians and staff.

pp. Fleming: Do you think the possible solutions would be a used book drive to get books instead of using Senate’s money?

qq. Lindsey: I would have to ask the friends of library.

rr. Initial Debate: Against

i. Bauer: I opposed because I wasn’t at the committee meeting, but I don’t believe the price is too high for the amount of books. I think we should find another solution.

ii. Aucoin: I feel like there are ways that can greatly reduce the cost of the bill. I feel like this money can be used elsewhere.

iii. Fleming: I believe money should be used for academic books, and we can go to other libraries for pleasure reading.

iv. Walker: I believe the money could be used more efficiently than on 114 books.

v. Guidry: I believe we could look into used books rates before making a decision.

vi. Lepori: I would like to see a yearly projected budget just because you are getting contemporary books that go out of style.

ss. Principal Sponsor

i. Lindsey: Used books have separate shipping cost. With the new books it is all together. As for as the collections becoming old over the years if it seems like no one is using them they would get cycled out. I would like to continue this on and on, but we could only get it approved as a pilot project.

ii. Christopher: From all the universities I have attended, this is the only university that SG isn’t doing a leisure reading. We can only get 5 biology textbooks books for freshman with this price. The library shouldn’t be just used for research. The books have a lot of value.
iii. UC to extend time

tt. Against

i. Bauer: You are saying hardback but I read that they were buying paperbacks. The speaker we paid for brought the university a little bit of knowledge but this is for the library and the library only. All I am saying is can we table to bring the price down.

ii. Aucoin: I want to make sure everything is looked at the fully. I would like to see it get below $1000.

iii. Ballard: If we are re-tabled to finance, we aren’t going to be able to answer your questions because we can’t change the titles on the bill.

iv. Christopher: All of the committees, you don’t call roll for people who aren’t physically there in Google hangout.

v. Guidry: I think it is worth looking at used hardbacks. I think it’s worth doing.

vi. Teagle: Looking for used products are not within Louisiana purchasing. There are no used book dealers that are a state vendor. All vendors are required to go through specific sources. The library would have specific sources that they can go through purchasing.

vii. Aucoin: To my understanding the POs are only for over $1000? Anything under $1000 is a VPO.

viii. Teagle: You are incorrect; all vendors need to be approved.

ix. Guidry: If the broker through Amazon is an approved vendor how does this work.

x. Christopher: Louisiana you have to buy them new, the only way you get out of buying already used process is going through an auction process.

xi. Teagle: Amazon bookseller is specifically a multi-fronted vendor so there are aspects that are not allowed to be used by us.

xii. Lindsey: The library is a weird case we doesn’t use POs and Amazon is an approved vendor. We do purchase used materials.

xiii. Teagle: But we are not.

xiv. Lindsey: Only purchase used DVD program.

xv. Teagle: The funds we were given come out a restricted account. I don’t know and that would have to be something we talk about. We would have to talk to business affairs. We are bound to university guidelines. We have to follow general guidelines.

xvi. Lindsey: We just get a list and buy them from Amazon for the DVD program.

xvii. Teagle: We give the allocated funds to the department. This would be coming from student senate.
xviii. Willis: All of the questions in opposing that you have right now is completely not appropriate because and this was on the agenda last week and should have been asked last week and not one of you stood up and ask a question.

uu. Support

i. Teagle: I stand an support this bill is are largest problem is the lack of connection students often have in their first few years at college. There is something that has been proven of that leisure reading has on the psychological affects of escaping of a leisure book. This can’t be over emphasized. This is what we should be looking for to make our student’s lives better. This cost is worth it. We are providing good community and well being to our students.

ii. Christopher: I understand where the argument of buying used books come from, but we also have to understand if we are buying used products that means they have a shorter shelf life. Please read the bills everyone. This is a good program.

iii. Hollis: The date filled was February 6th. When bill was presented was tabled to finance and someone would have emailed the chairwoman of finance if there were problems.

vv. Amendment process:

i. UC to hear Amendment

ii. Hollis: Noticed the wrong date it should be the 2014-2015 fiscal year not 2015-2016.

iii. UC to move the Amendment

iv. Roll call to motion amendment to bill 18 – yes 0 – no 0 – abstentions. The amendment is attached.

ww. Amendment process: Against

xx. Amendment process: Support

i. Hollis: This is a good program. It makes sense to me.

ii. Christopher: I stand to support this bill. SG doesn’t get many opportunities to improve student’s wellbeing. There is bad news all day at UNO and we can do this because SG to do this. The whole school needs fast amount of investment. We owe it to the students.

iii. Roll call for bill with attached amendment 12 – yes 4 – no 2 – abstentions. The bill is passed.

IX. New Business

X. Nominations and Appointments

a. Ballard and Brailsford – Student Budget committee

b. Guidry and Leshe – Student Budget committee

c. Voting – Red Robin
d. Ballard, Guidry, and Leshe are appointed.

e. Teagle: I am informing the senate that Senator Ballard and Senator Lambert to the action committee. Lambert has agreed to vice chair committee.

XI. Open Forum

a. Willis: In my report I asked to put computers and phones away and no one did. It is disrespect to my face. The reason we print out everything is so you don’t have any distractions. I will call point of order from now on. All of the questions you asked during Old Business were inappropriate because none of those questions were asked the first meeting because they can’t change the things you are asking them to change is because they can’t table them. Email the sponsors or chair of finance. It was completely disrespect and a waste of everyone’s time asking all of those things. That was so rude. Just because we extend time doesn’t mean you have to repeat the same thing you said. It is wasting time. Keep your attitude in check and whenever you stand you are not to say it to a certain person it is suppose to be in a general announcement to senate or me. You can’t time stamp own pages as well.

b. Bauer: First, I was supposed to be on the finance committee, and I never got the email. I got the minutes saying it’s on the ballot, and that’s when I had my concerns. I did voice my opinion on it. I apologize on my out of order.

c. Willis: It is your responsibility as a senator with any concerns you can email people and just talk to any senator about it.

d. Teagle: I would like to support Willis. Week 1 is to be debate the specifics of a bill, week 2 is the debate the merits of the bill. All the finance committee is supposed to do is make sure this is what SG should finance. This week should have been to make sure this bill is passed not the mechanics of the bill. It is just an inappropriate timing no manner.

e. Early: When someone is asking about a bill the first, is during that week period does the author make amendment to the bill?

f. Willis: Can they amend how much they are asking for?

g. Early: Yes.

h. Willis: Yes.

i. Christopher: There is a lot of misunderstanding how money is being allocated. Anything we cut is going straight to debt. The athletics is not on the general budgets and is totally budgeted from the alumni association. There are zero dollars that we can get money from athletics. We talked about increasing dual enrollment students. We need to double the numbers in the next two years. There are state scholarships for dual enrollment students. We had a student sub committee meeting on Friday, and the first part was the new budget process, which I would advise to read over Senator Hollis’s minutes he has been sending out to everyone. It is too much for me to explain right now in a short amount of
We decided the best possibly way for any fee to be asset is to have something that can be waved. We as students have the control over that. I believe everyone should read over what is happening. These were sent before the meeting. We are ahead of Nicholls, but if you have any more information let me know.

j. UC to extend time.
k. Aucoin: What time is the budget committee on Wednesday?
l. Christopher: The university budget committee meeting is at 9:30 a.m. in room 407 if you have questions please come and ask questions. The good thing is the administration is willing to work with us with whatever we come up with. We need to centralize things. Please read through the documents.
m. Leshe: You are saying 407 which building is that?

n. Christopher: The library.
o. Aucoin: I had a meeting about going out and recruiting, and I also had a meeting with recruiter. I found surprising is that we only have 3 recruiters to find freshmen. Try to meet with freshman, and see if you can go to your old high school and recruit. Try to encourage doing dual enrollment as well.
p. Teagle: At the beginning of the year, I have asked that senators find office space for your college senate within your college. We need to have office space for senators to be made available for colleges. That is something that needs to be done. If that is done that I promised at the beginning of the year I will do what I can to supply. The point is that we have don’t have a single office for senators. You need to talk to deans and departments of colleges. There is plenty of space for offices. If you need assistance with that I can help, but I will not do it for you. I have to know that you are trying. We will have to come up with a solution for an office for IDS.

q. Aucoin: I have been speaking with Dean of Engineering getting space.
r. Christopher: We were looking into getting office space in the 4th floor of library. That just means it is a possibility. The proposal to wave the out of state of tuition for students getting a 3.0 GPA or higher after their one year enrollment. They believed it was great. Also, a freeze on tuition. If given scholarship and keep it they are on a fixed tuition amount unless they lose scholarship then they will have to pay whatever the new tuition is worth.
s. Hollis: Thank you VP Willis and Senator Christopher for helping me out so much with the bill.
t. Aucoin: Trying to do an open forum with each individual college and the following week the college of engineering will be having theirs. It will be happening Monday or Wednesday 1-2pm. This is something we really need to voice their concerns and tell them this plan and get their support to help university.
u. Willis: President Teagle I want to point out that there is a lot of blue.

XII. Adjournment

a. 6:12 pm.