Student Government Senate  
Tuesday, March 31, 2015  
Session Minutes

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

II. Roll Call  
a. 13 out of 19 senators present, we make quorum.

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

IV. Communications and Announcements  
a. Senators  
   i. Aucoin: Change to what I said a few minutes ago due to issue and miscommunication the engineering room is not 294 its 203 instead.  
   ii. Lambert: I spoke to President Fos today and he insured me that not only did he put the self-asset fees on to the board, but he was going to talk to the chair of the board. He insured me that the board would be pushing the fees.

b. Non-Senators

V. Presiding Officer Communications and Announcements  
i. VP Willis presiding report It’s Spring Break everyone be careful and don’t drink and drive.

VI. President Pro Tempore and Committee Reports  
a. President Pro Tempore  
   i. Christopher: Don’t drink and drive. Be safe. People do dumb things over spring break, don’t do dumb things.
   
b. Committee Reports  
   i. Hollis: Reform committee met on our special session on Monday because I was inform on Ballard on referendum to go forwards we had to draft two of the sub committees, and these being the athletic sub committee and the student experience sub committee.

VII. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports  
a. President  
b. Treasurer
i. Deason: The senate operating account after Swampball bill the total is $9,280.35. The President’s operating account balance is $13,076.45.

ii. Ballard: After the Swampball bill because it hasn’t been passed yet, right?

iii. Deason: Yes, if the bill is passed that will be the remaining balance.

Secretary of State

i. Trahan: I am waiting on the approval of the election date of either Monday the 13th or Tuesday the 14th. I will have approval of the date by tomorrow. The fee elections pending, if approved, will take place April 28th-29th. These will be online. The open forums will be through out each week leading up to elections. First will take place on Friday April 10th at 2:30pm, second will be Wednesday April 15th 12:00pm, and the third will take place on Thursday April 23rd at 4:30pm. I hope this gives enough time so we can get majority of students in there. The rooms are to be announced. Election sample ballot will be released on April 9th. Campaigning starts April 10th at 9:00am. April 15th and 16th are general elections.

ii. Banks: April the 15th is suppose to be the rally at the state, right?

iii. Willis: We aren’t going to have is because of SACs is coming so they won’t cancel class. The rally will still be going on but we aren’t going to all be able to skip class and go.

iv. Trahan: I can still change these because they are still pending.

v. Aucoin: These will be spread out around campus or will they all be in the same place?

vi. Trahan: If I can get classrooms around campus, but you have to think of the classroom sizes so the main buildings will be Milneburg, Education, and a few science classrooms.

d. Judicial
e. Advisors

i. Sipe: I want to applaud everyone for last week! We all did a lot of work this weekend for that to get through. There is a lot of work coming, and I want you all to understand the fees and importance of them. Make sure you are ready to advocate for them. For here on out, I am here to help you do what you need to succeed. You need to be ready to push this if you want this to happen, which your votes say you do. You need to be able to explain it will. Contact Senator Lambert and Sectary of State Trahan if you want to help because they are really organizing the open forums, posters, Youtube videos, etc.

VIII. Old Business

a. B.S15C033 – Swampball

i. Questioning
ii. Initial debate: Against

iii. Sponsor
   1. Ballard: I encourage you all to vote. It’s a tradition and these traditions build pride.

iv. Initial Support
   1. Aucoin: This is one of the few traditions, and it will be ashamed to not fund.
   2. Christopher: Swampball is one of the few lasting traditions at UNO, but it brings different groups together. I very much enjoy going to this event every year. I would love for everyone to stand in support of this bill.

v. Final Debate: Against

vi. Motion to final questioning: UC

vii. Roll call vote: 14 – yes 0 – no 1 – abstention. This bill is passed.

IX. New Business

a. B.S15C035 – IDS Furniture
   i. Sponsors:
      1. Fleming: This bill is allocating money to provide furniture for IDS student resource center in the education center in room 128. The center will be open from 8:00 to 4:30 and even later during finals. It will provide a comfortable place for students while studying and just a place to go to. The IDS room now has uncomfortable chairs and buying the new furniture will provide something nice to students.
      2. Banks: We got the bill as low as we could get it. They gave us a good deal on the furniture.

   ii. Questioning:
      1. Ballard: The bill states two different amounts for the furniture.
      2. Banks: We will be getting two chairs and one love seats.
      3. Schantz: It’s the line numbers not the quantities.

   iii. Motioned to table to Finance: UC

b. B.S15C036 – Electrical Engineering Supplies
   i. Sponsors:
      1. Schantz: This is a bill to allocate to assist the college of engineering to purchase supplies for the labs. It would update the supplies that are outdated and failing. Power supplies are important to running a successful lab. It would have a positive impact for UNO’s engineering. It is to purchase 12 power supplies.
2. Aucoin: This equipment isn’t being used for just one lab. It is either 5 or 7 different labs. Different engineering have similar labs and will use these power supplies.

ii. Questioning:
   1. Lambert: You said the current power supplies are failing, what type of failing?
   2. Aucoin: We are getting incorrect readings.
   3. Leshe: How many do you currently use?
   4. Aucoin: They have 12 stations. We are looking to get those replaced.
   5. Hollis: How did you shop around for a price?
   6. Aucoin: This is the company the department usually buys from.
   7. Fleming: Is there someone who could come fix them for cheaper? And are you getting new upgraded technology or the same exact ones?
   8. Aucoin: They are upgraded and some of the equipment is older than us. So, some you can’t get accurate readings unlike the new digital ones.
   9. Leshe: Could you do the same on dual feed power supplies on stations?
   10. Aucoin: I have no idea.
   11. Schantz: By dual feed, do you mean one power supply that feeds two separate stations?
   12. Leshe: Yes. I know it could cut the price in half.
   13. Schantz: I believe they would have to have separate controls. You are talking about two separate control stations.
   14. Leshe: If am remembering correctly, it would be 40 more?
   15. Aucoin: If you would email me that I could get in contact with the person in charge of the labs and see if that’s possible.

iii. Motion to table to finance: UC

c. B.S15C037 – SG Budget
   i. Sponsors:
      1. Deason: This is a bill to budget the SG fund allocation. The student budget committee has met to prepare the budget for the upcoming school year. The student budget committee has voted that the budget is ready for student approval. It has been sent out to you all. This budget leaves us with no overage.

   ii. Questioning:
      1. Fleming: I don’t understand any of it.
2. Sipe: So every meeting you hear the treasurer report on the remaining balances. So we have a student budget committee who sets every dollar that is allocated towards SG and then the treasurer reports back on those two accounts. The first set of numbers the allocations going up. Some of the numbers are dictated by the Constitution mostly the executive account. As for the rest, a lot of these things are expenses for the office, and other line items that the SG funds such as the DVD library. The budget committee decided to fund the leisure library as a budget line item. Anything you see here is done every year so it won’t have to come through a bill if they are approved on the budget.

3. Leshe: Why are the scantrons not on here?
4. Deason: That is something we moved to general supplies. So we let the option of the senate to still continue it. It is something the senate can still do.

iii. Questioning:
1. Motion to send to all standing committees: UC

X. Nominations and Appointments
a. Jennifer, Bacque – Senator of Liberal Arts
i. Bacque: I am a sociology major. I want to join because I want to see what its all about because I sat in the last week’s meeting.
ii. Hollis: Do you have any prior experience in SG or committees? Or anything that would help lend service as a senator?
iii. Bacque: I was on Kristin’s voting committee and I am the Vice President of Zeta Tau Alpha. So I run committees a lot.
iv. Aucoin: What is your classification?
v. Bacque: I am a junior.
vi. Initial debate: Against
vii. Initial debate: For
1. Willis: She is coming for College of Liberal Arts senate seat, and Christina Early sponsored her.

viii. Open Discussion
1. Christopher: She seems to have a lot of responsibility since she has an officer position in her sorority. That says a lot.
2. Aucoin: If someone came and saw what we did and coming back shows a lot.
3. Leshe: How long are left on the seats for the people are voted in for this semester?
4. Trahan: She would technically get a fall seat. She would get whatever Christopher had.
5. Lepori: I stand support because she is in a sorority because that would be a good contribution to our discussions because it’s important to get the Greek community into our discussions. Also, she did come to our meetings and was involved. I think she would be great.

6. Trahan: I stand and support because we haven’t had any seats open and now we do and she really wants it.

7. Hollis: I stand in support because for someone wanting to join senate is great.

8. Lepori: I also support because she is a female, and I think it’s important to give females access to discussions. It’s a good step forwards for gender equality.

ix. Final debate: Against

x. Final debate: Support

xi. Roll call vote: 14 – yes 0 – no 1 – abstention. She is appointed.

XI. Open Forum

a. Trahan: I had to move two of the open forums so we don’t run into SACs because it will be a busy day. I will send out an email once I get the rooms.

b. Willis: I thank y’all for coming!

c. Hollis: The constitution reform committee will be meeting as usual because I will like to get it done.

XII. Adjournment

a. 5:15pm.