I. Call to Order
   a. The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm.

II. Roll Call
   a. Presiding Officer Reyes conducted roll call. With 19 of 24 senators, quorum is met.
   b. Hollis: Point of Inquiry: I thought Macloud was revoked?
   c. Walsh: Point of Information: He got his excuses in.

III. Approval of the Minutes
   a. Minutes were approved for the last 2 meetings with 0 corrections.

IV. Communications and Announcement
   a. Senators
   b. Non-Senators
      i. The Big Gay Talent show is tonight. Thanks for helping fund it. It’s at 7 in the UC Ballroom.

V. Presiding Officer Communications and Announcements
   a. I was made aware that what the senate desires is that I print New Business, and then you keep hold of them for when they are Old Business. I also authored a Procedural Amendment. It’s for the recognition of senators. Usually you stand and say who you are. The amendment will have it like it is in parliament. They recognized the senator from each state, or college for us. To recognize you I would say ‘I recognize senator Payne from the College of Engineering’. I commend Senator Lee for the running of last week’s meeting. I wish she was with us now.

VI. President Pro Tempore and Committee Reports
   a. President Pro Tempore
   b. Committee Reports
      i. Hollis: Constitutional Reform Committee. *Report is attached*
      ii. VP: Can you send your report to all the senators in a digital form?
      iii. Hollis: Yes.

VII. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports
   a. President
i. I signed an executive order. It’s my third one. It’s for Super Science Saturday. Its purpose is to bring awareness to the chemistry department. I will always will try to support academic programs. It’s for $731.31. I will be signing two more, one is for Sigma Tau Delta, the English honors society. They are having their initiation ceremony, it’s their only event and also serves as a recruitment event. It will be paying for food. The third is to pay for an event that happened last week with the alumni. It’s the Past President’s luncheon. We got together to mingle and network and talk of the future. We talked about what we can do to facilitate the direction of UNO. About 30 - 35 people showed up. We had an SG president there who’s now the parish priest for St. James Parish. He was SG president 50 years ago this year. We are hoping to keep that up to have a future communication and networking. There were a lot of people there who are lawyers and lobbyist which are good people to have on your side when dealing with reform on a state level. A lot of them didn’t know how tough things have gotten. I gave speech on the status of SG and Fos gave a speech on the status of the University. They learned a lot from those.

1. DiMaggio: Do you know what’s going on at the Children’s Center?
2. Teagle: After it was shut down last year it was reapportioned to be the new international center. The university has a partnership with the Austrian government. They gave us a $1.5 million grant to upgrade a building to create an international building. The Innsbruck Program will move there, ISO, Model UN, and the Bachelors of Art of International Studies will have an office there. That was announced last year, and the construction for that was supposed to be done in October.
3. Reyes: You say offices are being made, we were talking about getting offices for senators for senators to be able to have an hour a week to meet with students, is there any space for senators?
4. Teagle: The colleges need to be responsible for that. Senators need to take that up with them. It needs to be in an accessible place for their particular college’s students. That was the plan, but needs to be done by college.
5. Aucoin: What is the date of the science event?
6. Teagle: One was last Saturday and next one is this Saturday. It’s just for punch and cookies.

b. Treasurer
   i. *attached*

c. Secretary of State
i. I’m removing senators who have 2 absences with no excuses. I had to cut a few more. All fall seats will remain until December 1st. The retreat will be January 9th and 10th and will be a staycation in the UC Ballroom. We will do trainings, then read over the laws, then after that, if there’s any more that people want to discuss, we’ll do that at night. That next Tuesday we’ll have a meeting so then we can bring up whatever we need to bring up. The Notice of Candidacy is due tomorrow at 4:30pm. The initial expenditure report is due on the 19th at 4:30pm. The elections will be the 20-21st. Students will get a personal link in their e-mail, they can only vote for people in their college. There are a few people enrolled in school that don’t fit in a college, they’ll pick their college. I will announce the unofficial results on November 24th at 5:00pm. Then if there are no complaints the final results will be announced November 26th. If we have to have run-off elections, they will be December 1-2. I sent out the retreat agenda. I broke things up into workshops, just to take breaks from training. We will have games and fun and will develop as a team.

ii. Macloud counted as present.

d. Judicial

e. Advisors

i. The Browns are at top of the AFC North. Program cuts news is coming out about the committee. Dr. Tar is the chair of that committee if you have questions you can ask him. They have 3 categories for each programs: sustain/enhance, combine or restructure, and then cut. If you have questions, contact Dr. Tar. There are no students as part of that committee, but if you have feedback direct them to Dr. Tar. Also Louisiana again assumed we’d have more money than we thought we would, so budget cuts will happen. As SG, you need to start thinking bigger pictures. SG has paid for chalk and clocks for classrooms before. Tomorrow is Fall Fest. SG provides funding to support the community, this is your chance to support them with your own pocket. More than 30 organizations will be there and it’s a fundraising event. A lot will be making food to order. VASA will be frying egg rolls to order. The Campus Community Garden Club will be making juice. It will be in the UC Plaza.

VIII. Old Business

- B.F14K018 Community Garden Bill
  - This would be great opportunity for the university to have.
  - Motion to vote, motion passes.
    - With a roll call vote of 19 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention, bill passes.

IX. New Business

- B.F14K019 Mini-Baja Bill
Hernandez counted as present.

- This is for a collegiate design competition. We’ll be going to Auburn. There a 100 team limit and we were able to enter into it. We will compete in 4 events: acceleration, pull, endurance. It’s a 4 hour race. These programs help anyone in engineering to put what we learn in real world studies. It allows us to venture into the real world. We’ve raised $1500 in cash and estimate another $1500. Polaris is looking to give us 50-200% off. We are going to have t-shirt sales. We’re also working with people who sponsored us last year. It’s open to all students. There’s a lot of work that goes into it. Last year a group tried to make modifications to the car for their senior project and make it all wheel drive.
  - Walsh: What’s the cost to enter into the race?
  - COE: We’ve paid the $1150 for each race.
  - Adhikari: How many students are from UNO?
  - COE: We have 20 members this semester.
  - Aucoin: Last year you came back a second time, will you be able to prevent that this time?
  - COE: This will be one bill and we will get what we need.
  - Adhikari: It says there are 1998 teams that took 8th place.
  - COE: It’s supposed to be the 1998 team took 8th place; it’s the year.
  - Hollis: Motion for a 5 minute recess.
    - Walsh: Point of Inquiry: Why?
    - Teagle: The bill would be illegal, you need to suspend rules and procedures to make it legal.
    - Called back to Order at 5:21pm.
      - With a roll call of 20 of 25 senators present we meet quorum.
  - Christopher: Motion for Suspension of Rules and Procedure so bill B.F14K019 does not need to uphold to submit a budget request.
    - Passed.
    - Tabled to Finance Committee.
  - B.F14K020 Model UN Bill
    - Aucoin: Point of Information: Will Lee be informed that something was tabled to her committee?
    - Reyes: Yes.
Model UN was established by two students in 2010. It brings more than 5000 students around world to NY. We’ve been recognized as one of best delegations. We’re asking for announcing of delegation that will happen at NY. This has been a resource for us to reach out to NOLA community and even raise funds through events. We are asking for the Alumni Ballroom for November 20th to have this event. It’s a good opportunity to know how the UN works. We do what real delegates do. It’s good for public speaking practice. It’s great for anyone. Even if you’re not in international studies, it’s still great because your ideas will count and be heard there. I went and it was a great experience, I learned about myself and about the UN. If we will have the center for the program, we will make the event free.

- Johnson: Why use the Alumni center instead of Ballroom?
- MUN: We want to have food that represents the country we’ll be representing and Aramark doesn’t allow that.
- Collado: Who attends this event?
- MUN: It’s attended by the delegates chosen and any students interested in the organization. We will reach out to students through email and word of mouth. It’s also attended by people interested in international affairs. Previously we’ve had other professors from other universities attend.
- Collado: How many students attended last year?
- MUN: We didn’t really reach out last year, but the 2 years before had about 50 students and 20 from outside of the university.
- Teagle: We did have students not on the delegation that were interested in the program last year. We had about 8-9 students that were not actual delegates, then became more involved. The point is to increase that outreach.
- MUN: Previous years had to reach out more, they had more interest.
  - Motion to table this bill to finance committee.
    - Passes.
- B.F14K021 Revised Recognition Act
  - Basically this will make it so that the Vice President is to recognize an individual, say their name and college.
  - Hollis read the act to the Senate.
    - Christopher: Do you have problem with amending it so the wording is clearer. There’s more clear ways to say this.
• Reyes: I can.
• Reese: Would this last until next semester?
• Reyes: It’s a formal act so it would last indefinitely.
  o Motion to table to the Governance committee.
  ▪ Passes.

X. Nominations and Appointments

XI. Open Forum

  a. Christopher: I urge you to attend the constitutional committee meetings. We would love more input. Hollis said we had to settle on certain things because we couldn’t come up with solutions to certain things, but maybe if we had more eyes on it we could. We are formally bound by 5 people, but we would love more input.

  b. Hollis: This is going to be the document which future senators bind themselves to. It’s good for people to know what’s going on so that voting will be easier.

  c. Johnson: When are your meetings?

  d. Hollis: I will send an email to everyone.

  e. Teagle: The Its On Us is still ongoing. Next week is the national week of action set by the White House. Next Thursday is the final pledge drive. We’re not sure about having guest speakers. But we need a high turnout. We need to show how involved people are in this. Even though I thought UNO was not that involved in the campaign, it turns out that some of stuff we’ve done is beyond the scope of others. We had high cooperation and the majority of that is due to Greek Life. A huge percentage of that is from Greek life. They really loved the work by LeeAnne, they enjoyed the posters made up of the Facebook users. They want pictures of UNO doing these things so that we can be recognized. I talked to the president of Tulane, we want to write a joint resolution to put pressure on the city. We need fundamental changes so NOPD treats sexual assault better. There was a woman that claimed to be raped in a bar, The Country Club, but has been attacked by NOPD, the owners, and the community about lying and slut shaming. People act like problems aren’t a problem anymore. We can send a positive message to the city. Dealing with it isn’t just about the victim, it’s also about those who allow it to occur. We need to keep on the same track.

  f. Hollis: Has there been effort to reach out to others?

  g. Teagle: All public universities in La received this invitation. All public universities are participating. Last week I was given a certificate of achievement for the smoking resolution. At this event, I sat next the SG president from Tulane and used the opportunity to extend good will with her. It’s disgusting how bad it is in this community.

  h. Walsh: We should spend time to pressure city council to get uber to get drunk students home.
i. Hollis: Our committee is having a meeting after the senate to discuss philosophical questions of constitution.

XII. Adjournment
a. The meeting was adjourned at 5:44pm
First Report For Meeting of the University of New Orleans Committee on Constitutional Reform

Quorum met with four (fifth member arriving later)

We made surprisingly good progress on agreeing to certain changes in principle.

As it stands, Article I will be a statement of who the Student Government Association of the University of New Orleans is and what its purpose is.

Following this will be an affirmation that the SGA will be nondiscriminatory followed by an explicit list of the various criteria of any and all ways in which it will not be discriminatory.

Article II deals with the makeup of the Senate itself.

We agreed, after much debate, to establish a cap upon the number of members within the Senate (the precise number is still being determined as we need to look at the breakdown of students into Areas of Study).

On that note, after still more intense debate, a consensus was reached that senators shall no longer be divided into Colleges, but rather by “Areas of Study” the subdivision of which was to be determined by the Colleges themselves.

Apportionment of seats (ie “redistricting”) will be conducted yearly by a committee from outside of the Senate to be accepted, rejected, or sent back to committee by the Senate. This is provided that said “redistricting” is approved by the SGA Judiciary.

Regardless of how small an Area of Study is, it be allowed to seat a minimum of one senator (this is a formality as Areas of Study are expected to be large enough to seat multiple senators).

In the event that, whether for lack of time or interest, an Area of Study has empty seats, those seats will be available for a member of the relevant college to be appointed to them.
In addition to these senate seats, ten At-Large seats (two for each grade) will be available for anyone from the relevant grade to run for. Terms for these senators (as with all senators) shall be for one year and eligibility will be determined by their grade/credit hours completed in the Fall.

Appointed and Elected senators shall have the same rights, powers, and eligibility.

Senators for their respective Colleges shall select from among their number a speaker to head their respective caucuses and preside over votes and decisions pertaining to their Colleges alone. The idea is that this Caucus head shall be a “first among equals.”

Senate Elections will still be divided between Fall and Spring Terms. This was not the most agreeable consensus, but no one could think of anyway to mitigate the potential downside to having elections all at once.

Eligible senators must be in good standing and have at least a 2.0 GPA.

Spring and Fall terms are now to be called “Term 1” and “Term 2”

Senate Officers, by order of seniority/succession:

- Presiding Officer (also the Vice President)
- President Pro Tempore
- Parliamentarian

The Presiding Officer’s duties:

Assume responsibility of the President in their absence.

Preside over sessions of the Senate
Conduct the Senate sessions according to the rules of procedures maintained by the Rules Committee (to be designated in Article IV)

Determine if quorum is present.

Right now, there is a debate as to whether the Presiding Officer/Vice President should be considered a part of the Executive Branch (as in a Federal System) or the Senate (as with a Parliamentary System).

This debate will determine (amongst other things) which article deals with their eligibility.

As it stands, they must have at least two Senate terms of experience, which may be nonconsecutive provided that the hiatus does not exceed one academic year.

They also must be in good standing with the University, cannot have been removed/expelled from the Senate, and with at least a 2.0 GPA.

President Pro Tempore’s Duties:

Will preside on the absence of the Presiding officer (or serve as President if enough the President and Vice President are absent at the same time).

They will keep time for debates.

(Serve as the ex officio head of the Governance Committee?)
Senators;

The fall Senate Operating Account is as follows:

Total Available for Spring: $29,715.00
Total Available for Fall: $29,715.00
November 4th Balance $19,166.22

Bills Passed November 4th
B.F.14J016 Midterm Election Bill -$520.59
Political Science Department
B.F.14J017 Warrior Week -$996.14
Rho-Theta of Kappa Sigma Fraternity

Balance for fall to Date: 11/11/2014 $17,649.49

Presidents account $17,663.00
November 4, 2014 $17,421.06
Executive Order DT2014-003 -$731.31
Refreshments for Super science Saturday
Chemical Sciences department
Presidents account Balance 11/11/2014 $16,689.75

Thank you,
Effective today all bills for funding will be sent to the treasurer for approval and I will forward them to Lajana for her approval after I have reviewed them. According to section 6, of the SG Constitution, the Treasurer must approve all expenditures. I feel it would be more appropriate to vet bills before they reach the Senate rather than after. Waiting until after it passes the Senate could result in a bill having to start the process over again if a problem were to come up, thus delaying payment to an organization’s vendor. Also some bills have not been properly approved and I am hoping to stop that from happening.