I. Call to Order
   a. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

II. Roll Call
   a. Presiding officer Lee conducted roll call, with 20 out of 26 senators present, quorum was met.
   b. Johnson served as temporary Pro Tempore.
   c. Christopher served as temporary Parliamentarian

III. Approval of the Minutes
   a. Tabled until next meeting.

IV. Communications and Announcement
   a. Senators
      i. Johnson: I am selling chocolate $2 for Orientation Leaders.
   b. Non-Senators
      i. Jason Guilbeau: We have an events coming up geared towards juniors seniors and grad students. It’s Dine like a Professional. It’s a luncheon that teaches etiquette. It can help with interviews and give tips and tricks. It can be a doorway to internships or career search. The other person that was supposed to be talk to you all actually has an interview with South Living magazine. That’s the type of people that will be at this event. It’s a great networking opportunity. It’s next Friday, we will probably leave the RSVP open for next week.

V. Presiding Officer Communications and Announcements
   a. I’m Violet Lee, senator for the College of Science. This just was snuck up on me so I ask for your patience. I’m not familiar with this, but I’ll do my best. So I hope you can be patient with me. Thank you.

VI. President Pro Tempore and Committee Reports
   a. President Pro Tempore
   b. Committee Reports
      i. Hollis: We were tabled a procedural amendment. The Governance Committee approves of this measure. We thought this was previously in
place, but feel it’s good to put into law and for future for bills for the
deadline for bill submission to be enforced.

VII. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports

a. President

i. I hope you all realize its midterm elections day. It’s important. There’s a
lot to do with higher ed. A lot of people say they are for ed, but then they
cut it and put the money elsewhere. I met with Dr. Hanson, the temporary
provost for the school. He is working with the faculty senate in the process
of analyzing programs and making recommendations for the programs.
Because of a lot of stuff that was brought up at the last meeting with
senators, the Vice President, me, and the clerk. There are procedural errors
taking place at all levels. Our clerk has done an amazing job. I asked her
to take a look at that. She went line by line through laws of what we
should be doing. There will be recommendations from my office of what
needs to change. The official way for me to do this would be from the
court, but I think we are all mature enough just to talk about it and change
it. We have leadership retreat coming up about ethics of leadership. Also
the COSPB’s second meeting for fall is coming up. We’ll be debating
constitutional changes at the state level. We are hoping for changes at the
UL system level. We’ll discuss the effectiveness of fees and address it at a
state level. For example, the technology fee. For student services fees,
we’re one of the universities who pays the lowest.

1. Aucoin: How much lower are our fees compared to the average?

2. Teagle: There are 9 universities in our system. Within the system,
we’re the second lowest in the system, which the lowest is
McNeese. They have 6,800-6,900 students which is 2000 less than
us, but they have active athletic and social programs. Our fees are
based off a referendum from ‘87. But the economy and how
schools pay has changed and its looking to be paid by schools, and
less by state. We’re about 7th or 8th out of 9. Compared to ULL,
we’re $300 less just on student services fees.

3. Senator Boover recognized as present.

b. Treasurer

i. Attached.

c. Secretary of State

i. I had to forfeit the seats of some senators. I told you all to send an excuse,
but some senators didn’t send excuse at all and didn’t even say why. I
gave them a heads up yesterday. So at least 4 senators lost seats. I will be
keeping track of absences from now on. After every meeting you’ll get an
email if you are losing your seat or getting close and about your absences
or tardiness. The College of Science has 2 open seats. College of Business has 4 open seats, the College of Liberal Arts has 1, College of education has 2, IDS has 3; there’s no one in IDS anymore. The retreat is January 9th and 10th. It will be an overnight retreat, it’s not mandatory, but we’ll be using it to discuss things. It will be in the UC ballroom. I will give you an agenda this week for the retreat. I have all the bills as of today and they should be posted soon. Review your election timeline. From 8:00 – 4:30 someone will sit and make sure there’s no campaigning near the official polling areas. On November 31st, if you have a fall seat, your seat is up, so you’ll miss the last 2 meetings. For elections, make sure you’re not campaigning until after I announce the qualified candidates. If you have to go through elections look through Code 500.

1. Hollis: The senators stricken from record, they’re still on their committees, just as non-senators?
2. Trahan: They are.
3. Aucoin: Who was stricken?
5. Aucoin: Who resigned?

VIII. Old Business

- B.F14J015 Communicative and Fiduciary Responsibility Act
  - With 17 yes, 0 no, and 3 abstentions, the bill passes.
- B.F14J016 Midterm Election Bill
  - Hollis serves as temporary Parliamentarian.
  - Aucoin: This is just to be able to see the results as they come in?
  - Christopher: Yes, it’s the only event we do, there were tons of people there at the last one.
  - Aucoin: What races are you following?
  - Christopher: All, it’s very important.
  - Aucoin: Why wait until the last moment to introduce this?
  - Christopher: My contact in the faculty was sick.
  - Johnson: The event is in 2 hours, will funding be there in time?
  - LaJana: The only thing waiting is the approval of the body. If they don’t approve it, the department will have to pay. We do payment to Aramark in 30 days.
• With a roll call vote of 19 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions, this bill passes.

• B.F14J017 Kappa Sigma American Warrior Week Bill
  o St. Amant: Will you be selling wristbands for donations?
  o Teagle: The wristbands are to be recommended donations.
    • With a roll call vote of 19 yes, 0 no, 1 abstentions, this bill passes.

IX. New Business

• B.F14K018 Community Garden Bill
  o This is for the campus community garden initiative. It’s to raise awareness of fresh foods and health through a community garden. It will be by the green houses behind the chemistry building. We are working with faculty to make that happen. We conducted a survey and sent it to the deans of each college and they hopefully sent it to their students. We got 111 responses. 80% said they’re interested in participating in it and 90% said they’d buy produce from this. I have schedules for students who are interested to work on it. We’re hoping to also make this a space for service learning. For questions about in the summer, we’re looking to plant certain crops will be low maintenance. Then in the next growing season we’ll turn it under. Upon the election of the VP, they will understand they are ushered into President in the next year. We want to make it a potential space to study. We want to mimic the Holly Grove farmer’s market and have events. We want to model off of distress fest. It should be completed in March 2015. The harvest will be in May and September. It will be on a variety of plants and other functions. Others will be working with facility services for supervision.
    • Hollis: Have you talk to anyone in particular to donate food to?
    • CG: That’s a future step if there’s surplus. We want it for the students first.
    • Teagle: What’s your projected future cost? Is this the majority cost, or do you foresee coming back to ask for more?
    • CG: The rest of the money will be for maintenance, which shouldn’t be as much. Cisterns won’t have to be purchased again. It would be for like changing a spicket. Only thing we’d come back for would be expansion if we get demand past the 5 beds.
    • Payne: The garden will be in a fenced in area as it stands?
    • CG: It will be within the area because we don’t have a full-time manager.
- Payne: Has there been a confirmation that they will expand to make it accessible to students?
- CG: As we build relationships with the biology department, they have had agreement that students will have it accessible. The master planning committee says it has to be in a fenced in area.
- LaJana: Do you have a plan for maintenance during the intersession times; summer and winter?
- CG: We’d grow recover crops for little to no maintenance.
- LaJana: I’m worried about it not being maintained.
- Teagle: Has the club been made aware of the specific requirements for money? You won’t be allowed to ask for money for same project within a fiscal year, if you do, you will have to go to the budget, and the service hours?
- CG: Yes, I polled them about their willingness to do this, and it was yeses across the board.
  - Motion to table to the Beautification Committee.

- Motion for creation of Adhoc Constitution Reform Committee
  o Christopher: What are the rules and members?
  o Hollis: It shall be known for a constitutional reform. With no less than 6 seats, plus 5 for senators or non-senators. It shall exist until drafting of new constitution.
  o Clerk: Point of Inquiry: If it’s a committee, can’t it not have more than 5 seats?
  o Teagle: Correct, if you want more it will have to be done through a suspension of rules and procedures and put up through a piece of legislation.
  o Hollis: 5 seats is fine.
  - With 16 yes, 0 no, and 3 abstentions, the committee is formed.

X. Nominations and Appointments
  a. Hollis, Chair of Constitutional Reform Committee
     i. Approved with no objections.
  b. Christopher, Constitutional Committee
     i. Approved with no objections.
  c. Teagle, Constitutional Committee
     i. Approved with no objections.
  d. Aucoin, Constitutional Committee
     i. Approved with no objections.
  e. Willis, Constitutional Committee
     i. Approved with no objections.
XI. **Open Forum**

a. Cormier: I didn’t get to support the Kappa Sig bill, but I think it’s a great event.

b. Teagle: Just to address an issue, communications and announcements is for organizations to announce things which was done correctly today. Open forum is for betterment of the operation of the SG. It’s a time for things that need to be addressed but not in an official manner. I’d also like to speak of abstaining. When you abstain, you remove yourself from the roll. Everywhere else it means that you just aren’t voting on that issue. Ours is written that you are no longer “present and voting”. When you abstain from you lower the level of quorum, from abstentions today we were 1 above quorum. You remove yourself from the roll; you’re saying ‘I’m not present and not voting.’ It can kill business. If you have a question, Jessica has it all. She will send it to me in a memo.

c. Hollis: Thank you for creating the committee. I have an issue on a limit on number of senators on a committee. Email myself and I will see your input. My past senate was purely legislative so I don’t know much about the other branches. Thank you for this meeting.

d. LaJana: I noticed that senators have laptops for checking on things; usually we prepare binders to bring those items with them. We print bills for Old business so those are being available to bring back. If that’s what you want for you to be available send an email to Jessica or me to have.

e. Lee: Can we just print New Business instead of Old Business?

f. Teagle: Your Presiding Officer made that decision. Also I feel the senate often forgets the incredible amount of work done by our senate clerk. The longer our meeting goes, the more work she has to do. We had one of longest meetings last week and she did all of this on her own time at the home. The senate needs to readdress time constraints on the clerk. Two business days is unrealistic. We should expand that. I think you should publically thank the clerk for her work.

g. Kristin: Since I hadn’t been pushing absences, if you sent me an email with an excuse, I pretty much took any excuse this time, but if give an excuse for a meeting missed, LeeAnne and I will decide on its legitimacy. I will get to her before next meeting, be prepared if you missed too many meetings.

h. Me: Did you get my committee email?

i. Aucoin: I didn’t get that email.

j. Boover: I didn’t get an email.

k. Cormier: Congrats to all members and officers of the senate and also Alfonso and Emily for the creation of a beautiful baby girl.

l. Me: I will resend the e-mail but you need to read it. Committees are supposed to meet within 10 days of being formed. If you have a piece of legislation tabled to you, you’re supposed to meet within 24 hours of the next meeting. Also, read
more than I sent, there’s certain criteria that must be included in a committee report.

m. Hollis: Will the members of my committee stay after the meeting please?

XII. Adjournment

a. The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 pm.
Senators;

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| President's Account                           | $17,663.00 |
|                                                | $241.94    |
| President's account Balance                    | $17,421.06 |

Thank you,

*Edwardo “Tony” Collado*

Student Government Treasurer

Last Week the transparency bill was introduced, since this law effects the position of the Treasurer I felt that I should include my comments on it in my report.

The idea of having fee transparency is a good idea I would support that, but I feel that this bill is unrealistic and impractical. My first thoughts when I saw this bill was why is that the treasurer responsibilities are hidden on the second page and not listed in any form in the whereas section. My specific concerns are:

The part where it states the “student government treasurer issues a semesterly report on the finances of each fee assessed by any entity at UNO” it is both impractical and unrealistic to believe that SG has the power to require any entity here to report their fees to us. It would be an exercise in futility. This she either be removed rethought to put this responsibility on UNO who could make this information
mandatory for the various entities thus making it possible for the treasurer to obtain and keep a record of the information.

The requirement that a budget and expenditures of the student government be published and publicly available within 14 days is also unrealistic. To my knowledge there are no government entities that maintain a running budget available for public view. They issue quarterly or yearly reports and make them available for all to see. Which SG also does, budgets for the past 5 years are available for public view during office hours. During my time in office I have only had three request for any financial information one of which is from the author of the bill.

If someone had come forward to discuss this with me in advance we could have probably done a better job of making these changes.

Also I would like to report that due to error by the senate last year’s budget was reduced by $25,000.00 because of the way an amendment was written it was unallocated as such it is just sitting there unusable. During my meeting with Ms. Paige I asked her if there was any way to get that money back for us to use and she informed me that there was not and that at the end of the fiscal year it will roll over into the reserve account.

I encourage you to look carefully at all bills and amendments so that this does not happen again.