Student Government Association Senate  
Friday September 2, 2016  
Session Minutes

I. Call the meeting to order
   a. This meeting was called to order at 2:16pm.
   b. Senator Chance serves as temporary Pro Tempore.
   c. Senator Reason serves as temporary Parliamentarian.

II. Roll Call
   a. There were 6 out of 7 senators present, we met quorum.

III. Approval of the Minutes
   a. There were 0 corrections to minutes. They are approved.

IV. Communications and Announcements
   a. Senators
      a. Senator Jones: Delta Sigma Theta will have a forum on Suicide Prevention. Come out and support in North Hall on the 4th floor.
   b. Non-Senators

V. President Pro-Tempore and Committee Reports
   a. President Pro-Tempore
   b. Committee Reports

VI. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports
   a. President
      a. Vice President Schantz: I am here to give President Torres report, but he does not have one.
   b. Vice-President
      a. Vice President Schantz: It has been interesting talking to other Provost, and how they think they can move the university forward. I have come to realize more and more how unique of a place UNO is by hearing their experiences at other university. The senate operating account $75,436.24 and the reserve account is at about $70,000. We will be holding off on the fall retreat due to getting new senators. I want everyone there for training. I think it was for the better holding off on training. This will be for justices as well due to having mandatory one semester training to attend to. I have started planning for the travel retreat that will be during fall break in October at Washington D.C. It will happen this year since it didn’t last year. Have a good weekend.
   c. Vice-President of Legislative Affairs
d. Vice-President of Programming

e. Judicial

f. Advisors
   a. Sipe: We had a number of application filled out and submitted and we don’t know if we will retain those. I want to charge each of you to find two people in your college to apply and commit. I want you to tell them what they can do here. We have a lot of money here to do awesome things on this campus. I need you rocking and rolling. I will do the same, don’t worry. Just so y’all are aware, I am the Staff Council President I serve on the staff governance side of things. It is not a conflict of interest. I know that President Torres has reached out about attending lunches with future Provosts. One of staff council’s incentives is to take better records with their uses with Sodexo to come to a fruitful end. We want to help them and have them serve us better. I encourage y’all do the same. It is not just money and bills in legislative and can also recommendation with student body. Not everything that you do has to do with money.

b. Questioning:
   i. Senator Reason: I have noticed that the website has some old information.
   ii. Sipe: I have been telling the senate to come to me for me to update the website?
   iii. Senator Reason: Is there a form to get information to you?
   iv. Sipe: I prefer SGA comes up with their own process by either emailing the SGA account or going through senate.

VII. Old Business

   a. The Constitution Reforms Bill
      a. Vice President Schantz: I spoke on the constitution reform at the last meeting. I did not get a lot of requests to see the changes we made. I did print out helpful sheets to show all the changes. Does anyone have any questions or should I just hand these out?

   b. Motion for a 5-minute recess.

   c. Meeting was called back to order at 2:32pm.

   d. Roll Call: 5 out of 7 senators present, we meet quorum.

   e. Senator Bravendar: Any comments?

   f. Motion to vote. Roll call vote: 5 – yes 0 – no. The constitution will go in front of the students for a vote.

   g. Vice President Schantz: Once this is done, it will give us the flexibility on how to change the meetings about how they are ran and done. Thank you for your time.

   h. Point of Information Waltz: Where does this go after?
      i. Vice President Schantz: It is signed by president then to the students.

VIII. New Business

b. Amina Batiste, Stephanie Kramer

c. Introduction:
   a. Kramer: We hold Rent-A-Puppy by the Transfer Student Organization. It is a stress reliever before midterms for students to rent a puppy for $2-3. It is very successful and popular event. We had over 600 students who came last year. We are asking to have funds to get tents for the event. It will allow a shady place for the dogs to rest.

d. Questioning:
   a. Aucoin: What was the price range to rent a puppy?
      Batiste: $5 includes a bag of treats and dogs are available for adoption?
   b. Aucoin: How many students would rent a puppy in previous years?
      Kramer: 600-1000 students. It is not just for transfers. Transfers students make up 45% of student population.

e. Initial Debate: Against

f. Sponsor:
   a. Batiste: This event is extremely successful and the stress of going into midterms. This event is designed to have transfers find a home along with the dogs.

g. Amendment:
   a. Batiste: Change in all prices to $593.75 for the rental of 2 tents. The changing of vendors as well.
   b. Batiste: The purpose of the amendment was to first purpose through Walmart and it is not an approved vendor. The process will take too long and the event is quickly approaching us.

h. Against Amendment:

i. Vote for Amendment: roll call vote: 5 – yes 0 – no. The amendment is attached.

j. Final debate: Against
   a. Aucoin: Just a few points, I do support the event but I just have a few issues about the expected number of people attending will not give much of a profit. I don’t think a lot of the students in my college would agree for it. Possibly buying tent that you would use year after year. I couldn’t agree for renting a tent for $600.

k. Sponsor:
   a. Kramer: we are hoping for the larger tents to raise more money to sell food and we do arts and crafts sales as well. That was one of the hopes to in the past we borrowed the small tents from the alumni center. We are hoping that it is more profitable with larger tents. It is longer than 2 hours.
   b. Batiste: In addition, the tents are being purchase for health issues for dogs and people.

l. Roll call vote: 4 – yes 1 – no. This bill passes.

IX. Nominations and Appointments

X. Open Forum
a. Aucoin: I would like to remind the senators to contact your college. I am hoping to have an open forum in the future. Please try to email your available to plan for the senate open forum for the entire student body.

b. Reason: I was curious improving the process of getting information on the website quicker.

c. Sipe: I have said this to senators plenty of times, lsipe@uno.edu. When you are writing bills, these get posted to the website, please watch your grammar.

XI. Adjournment
a. 2:47pm.