Student Government Senate  
Tuesday, September 30, 2014  
Session Minutes

I. Call to Order  
   a. The meeting was called to order at 4:36pm.

II. Roll Call  
   a. Presiding Officer Fernando conducted roll call. With 20 senators present, quorum is met.

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

IV. Communications and Announcements  
   a. Senators  
   b. Non-Senators  
      i. Men from Mary Landrieu’s campaign came to talk to the senators about having access to students on campus. They want as many UNO students to vote in the election as possible, but have had trouble reaching out to students. They invited Student Government to an event they were hosting the next day at Dillard at 10:30 AM in the atrium.  
         1. Diez: Are you looking for campaign interns?  
         2. Guest: Yes, we are looking for aid in any way, shape, or form.

V. Presiding Officer of Communications and Announcements  
   a. A lot of legislative instruments were turned in late. I was the author of those, don’t follow my example. You have to have them in by Friday at 4:30. Members are coming up for Committee Chairmen.  
   b. Hernandez was counted as present.

VI. President Pro Tempore and Committee Reports  
   a. President Pro Tempore  
   b. Committee Reports  
      i. Aguda counted as present.

VII. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports  
   a. President  
      i. Sorry for my tardiness. I was at a faculty senate meeting. If you see our marking guy, Dan, thank him. He produced our new SG’s logo. I went to him with an idea, and he was producing exactly what I was asking for, but I’m not creative. I just kept saying more pirate. I wanted it to look pirate and still show we have justice and serve the students. We are here at UNO and we wouldn’t be UNO without a fleur de lis. The resolution for the It’s On Us campaign is coming up
today. It has been doing what we and the White House was hoping it would do and went viral. UNO has responded better than other universities in the state. It has really taken off. I want to give props to the Greek organizations, they have really been helping out. Also, everything you’ve seen on It’s On Us has been done by LeeAnne, so thank you LeeAnne. I would also like to thank the Secretary of State for doing everything I should be doing for this. I would like to add a Sargent at Arms. Not all campuses have them. They serve as a defacto. I decided we need one for authority and appoint one. I want to give the VP a Sargent at Arms at every senate meeting and my office to appoint at other events. They are the enforcers of safety. They maintain body decorum. They can ask for someone to leave or can decide if they need to call the police.

ii. Time extended.

iii. At the faculty senate, they were speaking of a program called the INTO program. It’s going to be a joint program from the international students going to UNO. I love international students because they alter the culture and experience for other students. It’s a win-win. I love that we are diverse. The INTO program is a 30 year contract with a private company that brings students here. My questions are about the rights of students. I don’t know if it will keep them from joining organizations, or student self-governance, or the right to free speech. Certain international organizations prohibit them from that. As SG president, that would worry me. Why introduce it from the foundation. The partnership is with UNO Foundation. The Foundation do not answer to us at all. There is also no RFP when it’s through the foundation. It’s a horrible process, giving us contracts with people we complain about, but it gives students the opportunity to have sway over the process. With this process, there’s no student or faculty input. I’m not against the program, but it’s mysterious and it leaves me with questions. There are 240 students projected for it and I’d hate to have them and not be able to help them.

1. Walsh: When you talked to the White House, did they give you anything to combat sexual assault?
2. Teagle: On the phone, they gave us nothing. Basically, they said they’ll have a website and will have everything we need on there. The website provides perfect information for the end user. When we send people there, it’s great for them to voice that they want to be part of change. For those trying to organize this, they didn’t give us much to deal with except language.
3. Adhikari: Which country will the international students be coming from?
4. Teagle: They have lots of recruitment agents all over the world. They have partnerships with many countries. This has a network of 80-100 recruiters. It’s a revenue generating corporation. They get 50% of the student’s tuition. After that year, they get 6% and the rest comes here. I don’t know of specific countries.

VIII. Treasurer

a. Printed report.
IX. I’ve been busy in my office getting ready for elections. All you will be doing is filling in information. It’s very simple. With the elections, we had to come back and redo the seats. A lot of people in this room will have to go through reeelections. Hopefully this will stop that. Information will be in an e-mail. Thursday October 23, from 12:15 – 1:15, if you get an e-mail, you will have to be at that meeting. The only reason not, is if you have a class during that time.
   a. Appointee: What if you are just appointed?
   b. Trahan: I will get back to you on that.

X. Judicial

XI. Advisors
   a. The judicial branch has a meeting Monday at 8:00 AM. If you have any questions, they’ll be in the office. Homecoming is January 24th. It’s the second week of the spring semester. I want you all to participate. You are the voice of the student, it would be good for you to get out there and win some thing, maybe king or queen.
      i. Diez: What’s the date?
      ii. Sipe: January 24, 2015

XII. Old Business
   a. CR.F14I007 It’s On Us Resolution
      i. DiMaggio: What’s your main objection with this resolution?
      ii. Teagle: I’m asking the senate to take a stand. To have a committee for my voice and others saying we don’t tolerate sexual assault and create an environment that victims can have a safe place. No means no. I just want a place for them to feel safe and have a place that people can talk.
      iii. Walsh: I still don’t know fully what the committee will do. You say review policies. Until I can see what all they will have to do, I don’t understand why to rush this.
      iv. Teagle: The committee is being formed no matter what. I am asking the senate to say that such a thing it needed. It’s not a bill enacting a committee, the committee will happen regardless.
      v. Aucoin: Will you have an amendment to change official channels?
      vi. Teagle: I don’t need an amendment sheet, I just have to tell the VP, which I just did.
      vii. Aguda: Do we have the figures of sexual assault on this campus?
      viii. Teagle: There was only 1 last year, but that’s only that’s been reported. Because of our culture, victim blaming is a huge problem. Men and women don’t know what constitutes as sexual assault. There’s a culture of acceptance. Unconscious sexual assault is not legitimate. Do we have a real problem at UNO, but we do not have problems, no. I’m trying to say it’s not welcome here.
      ix. Aguda: How much will this cost the university?
      x. Teagle: it will come me time and effort, but it will not cost the university anything.
      xi. Collado: Can you just take the committee out?
      xii. Teagle: I can, and if that’s the only objection I will, but it will take away a sense of action. It’s the only think that says SG is doing something. SG already has a
reputation of being less active. If it’s an issue, then I will retract it, but I want to
be able to say we won’t tolerate it, and this is what we’re doing.

xiii. Reese: If the senate would push this, other organizations will follow and get it
rolling.

xiv. Walsh: I am in support of the overall bill, I will pass it. I’m just worried about the
committee. I would like the president to keep in mind people who will be on the
committee.

xv. Diez: The main thing we agree on, even in it’s just one report, there’s plenty of
cases that go unreported. That’s something on the decision of the person about
if they want to report it and ruin someone’s future. Is it worth going through the
trouble? By raising awareness, it will get people to stick up for themselves. I’m
excited that the White House is on board with this.

1. With a roll call vote of 20 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions, he is appointed.

XIII. New Business
   a. B.F141004 Nippon Japanese Wonderland
      i. We try to fund events as much as possible. We had a bake sale. We were able to
get lights and sound. We have a gift card for food for $250, so we will have an
amendment to subtract that from the total of $1,758.38. It will play with the
Alice of Wonderland. It’s a cultural event. The trailer we just showed you is for a
movie that will be at the event. It’s a fundraiser for the St. Luke’s Living Center.
It’s a retirement home on the West Bank. We have visited there and noticed
they don’t have a lot to do there. We want to get them a new bingo set and get
an audio book library for them. The funds raised from this event will go towards
that. We will also have bake sales all month until the event and will have
donations given there. We will be advertising on the TV, bulletin boards, email
blasts, Facebook, and a youtube video of the trailer.
      1. Aucoin:
      2. Nippon: We had the total breakdown, but it’s not printed for some
reason.
      3. Reyes: I apologize, I forgot to do that. I will send it after the meeting.
      4. Aucoin: What was the turn out last year?
      5. Nippon: About 100 people. We expected 150, so it was lower than we
hoped for. For past events, there were higher turn outs. We’ve learned
from our mistakes.
      6. Aucoin: What’s the price for the food?
      7. Nippon: The itemized list isn’t there, but we have both vegetarian and
non-vegetarian menus. We want to provide for all students. $250 will be
subtracted from it because of our gift card.
      8. Aucoin: Even after the $250 deduction, that’s still a lot of money.
      9. Nippon: I can talk to Tionne, but we want to be able to serve everyone.
     10. Walsh: What’s the date of the event?
     11. Nippon: October 30th, one month from today.
     12. Colleen: Do you expect to raise more than the 1700 you are spending?
     13. Nippon: Yes, our first event raised close to $2,000.
14. Aucoin: What about last year?
15. Nippon: I don’t have those numbers on hand.
16. Collado: Will you amend that $250 out?
17. Nippon: Yes.

b. B.F14I005 CBEC Burger Bash
   i. Leroy served as Temporary Parliamentarian.
   ii. DiMaggio served as Temporary Pro Tempore.
   1. Diez: Burger Bash is something we’ve done in the past. I enjoyed it a lot, it’s nice to get food between classes. They had vegetarian options. It’s cool because student could get together to talk and hang out.

c. CR.F14I006 Parking Maintenance Resolution
   i. This is a resolution to have the engineering parking lot to be regraveled for student use. Flooding has been a problem for quite some time. The quality of it is bad. The pot holes are an issue for everyone. It’s a problem for students, faculty, and speakers they we may have come weekly. I could have written a bill, but I didn’t think it was fair to take money from students to do what the administration to do. Students pay fees for this. It’s allotted for taking care of things that they should be taking care of. It’s so deep in some points it’s dangerous for cars.
   1. Aucoin: Is this for maintenance or to be paved?
   2. Lee: I’d prefer it to be paved, but I don’t think this is the time. It needs to be maintained, then over winter break, we can push or it to be repaved.
   3. Teagle: Can you be specific of where this is?
   4. Lee: It’s directly behind the science and chemistry buildings.
   5. Teagle: You are asking for a compound resolution. That means it requires approval of the President. For a simple resolution, it is just for the senate. Compound is for the whole SG. If you do compound, I would have to do research and talk to President Fos. We have deferred maintenance, which means it would never go to sidewalks or parking. The decals go to that.
   6. Lee: We buy decals, so why is this not happening?
   7. Teagle: The way it is currently worded is inappropriate. If it is properly amended, I have no problem signing off on this. Specifically about the maintenance fees. We haven’t talked to anyone about why it’s not being maintained. We need an estimate about how much it would cost. It’s a bill asking for action we need to give more information to get action.
   8. Lee: What will get this resolved as simply as possible?
   9. Teagle: Amend it into a simple resolution and you won’t have my difficulties to hold you back.

d. CR.F14I007 It’s On Us Resolution
   i. I am predenting a compound resolution, which is authored with the assistance of some senators and the Vice President. [Teagle read the resolution to the
As an organization, we are asking to make the pledge as one group. For those who haven’t taken the pledge, this is verbatim from the website. This is so I can take it to other agencies and say, we are doing something, what are you doing? Specifically, the city council and the mayor’s office. Student Government represents the entire University.

1. Walsh: Since Obama hasn’t done this, you’re just making a committee.
2. Teagle: The committee is about going through all of the safety procedures, not just this. This issue at UNO is not necessarily that it doesn’t need to be heard. On a whole, it’s not a rampant issue at the university, but it’s in the area. About the committee, it’s just a time that I’m using that SG needs to become involved in. I don’t want to be asked what SG has done to help and not have anything. This is to say we reviewed these policies.
3. Walsh: Can you give examples for what you want to amend?
4. Teagle: we have one crisis of intervention personnel. We have one person to handle the whole crisis. Not as far as safety, that’s the police. It’s all under one person, Amy King. She does traffic court, disruptive behavior, sexual violence, stalking, and harassment.
5. Time extended.
6. The issue is that this exists because of budget cuts. The issue is that no one is overseeing budget cuts. It’s in my face lately, so I would like to address this first, then other issues. This resolution was supposed to be last week, but because of circumstances beyond our control, it didn’t. This is not an issue that can wait and we’re a week behind.
7. Diez: Is there a way to table it to a committee?
8. Teagle: It’s a resolution, not a bill.
9. Motion to move this to Old Business. Objection, Objection Override.
   a. Override Passes.

XIV. Nominations and Appointments
   a. Jessica H. Talbert, COS, Senate
   i. I’m a sophomore. Our college expressed that we needed more activity in here. I’m in the physics club. I’m PR. I’m in Chi Alpha. I meet the grade requirement. I’m active on campus in the physics department. I figured why not?
      1. Walsh: We have huge debates in here. If you have an opinion, will you see yourself holding that opinion?
      2. Talbert: Yes, that’s the point of voting.
      3. Johnson: Are there any changes you’d like to see at UNO?
      4. Talbert: With my college, we need more voice. We could expand the College of Sciences with SG. I’d like to see more help towards my college. I think UNO is great. I don’t have many complaints in general.
      5. Aucoin: Do you put priority over one type of organization over another?
      6. Talbert: Not at all, the best way to be is well-rounded and have all aspects.
a. With a roll call vote of 20 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions, she is appointed.

b. Charles J. Hollis, College of Education, Senate
   i. I’m a first year student in the College of Education. This is my second masters. I have a history masters already. I served on committees: financial, professional grants, and judiciary. I find SG interesting. I saw many openings in COE and wanted to help out.
      1. Walsh: If you find yourself in the minority, will you be able to hold your opinion.
      2. Hollis: Yes, I’ve actually won a couple of those.
      3. Johnson: What changes would you like to see at UNO or COE?
      4. Hollis: I haven’t been here for long. Nothing jumps out at me immediately. I’m open to changing something if I saw something.
      5. Aucoin: Do you value one organization over another?
      6. Hollis: In terms of funding and representation, no.
        a. With a roll call vote of 20 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions, he is approved.

c. Wayne J. Schexnayder, College of Interdisciplinary Studies, Senate
   i. I’m a transfer student. Graduated from Delgado. I wanted to be a teacher. I was making too much money waiting at a restaurant. I choose IDS because I had 60 credits transfer. I have a son in college and 2 tuitions is expensive. I was a senator in SG at Delgado.
      1. Walsh: If you find yourself in the minority, will you hold your vote?
      2. Schexnayder: Yes, right is right and wrong is wrong.
      3. Teagle: As a transfer from Delgado, it’s often difficult to find a voice, what are you going to be able to do to help them as a senator and be a unique voice.
      4. Schnexnayder: Looking around in the room I don’t see many non-traditional students. Most people I associate with are my age. The people I relate to are my age. That will be my advantage. I will relate better to that group.
        a. With a roll call vote of 20 yes, 0 no, an 0 abstentions, he is appointed.

d. Ka’Cell El-Mansura, IDS
   i. I am a freshman. I went to St. Mary’s Academy. I wanted to join in high school, but it didn’t work out. I received an email from my advisor about this opening. I thought it would be a good choice. I love Law and Order. I would be a great representative for IDS because I’m a freshman and a first year, I can represent other freshman. I like getting a perspective of other views. This is a good way to see other views. Also, I’ll getting a blonde bob, so I’ll be like Elle Woods.
      1. Walsh: If you are in the minority, will you hold your position.
      2. El-Mansura: If I didn’t feel strongly about something, I wouldn’t speak up to begin with.
a. With a roll call vote of 17 yes, 1 no, 2 abstentions, she is approved.

e. Violet T. Lee, Budget Committee
   i. SG is something I have become passionate about and the budget is a huge part of that. It effects the entire university. I want to be able to itemize and see where funds are going to. I want to be more involved in where money is going to and not. I want to be able to continue to add to the university and make sure it’s equally represented.
      1. Johnson: Do you have any budget experience?
      2. Lee: I am the secretary treasurer for the chemistry club. I’m also a mom and I’ve balance a check book once or twice.
         a. With a roll call vote of 18 yes, 1 no, and 1 abstention, she is appointed.

f. Chance Aucoin, Budget committee
   i. This is my third semester in SG. I was on the committee last year. I wrote a few bills.
      1. Johnson: Can you evaluate your performance?
      2. Aucoin: I would like to say I was one of the more influential members. I went to every meeting.
      3. Walsh: Last semester we had a problem with formatting and such, do we understand the rules of what it takes to get on the budget now?
      4. Aucoin: The problem was how to go about organizations forming requests was vague and we voted to go by what it was intended to say. Later, the executives and senators felt that it wasn’t right so we amended it.
      5. Reese: The budget committee passed the budget. Everyone voted for it except for Hunter Christopher, the senate voted not to, so that wasn’t on us.
         a. With a roll call vote of 20 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions, he is appointed.

h. Lee, Chair of Governance
   i. Unappointed.

i. Walsh, Public Safety Committee Chair
   i. Approved.

j. Johnson, Chair of Beautification
   i. Approved.

k. Diez, Chair of RAPP
   i. Appointment withdrawn.

l. Lee, Chair of Finance
   i. Approved

m. Aucoin, Chair of Finance
   i. Not approved.
n. DiMaggio, Student Affairs Chair
   i. Approved

o. Aucoin, Chair of Technology
   i. Approved

XV. Open Forum
   a. Colleen: I would just like to remind you, you’re always representing us, smoking on campus isn’t allowed. When you get here, it’s important to know your Rules and Procedures. I challenge you all to learn the difference between Point of Inquiry and Point of
   b. DiMaggio: Is Manzanera still a senator?
   c. Teagle: He is not, he resigned and even is he hadn’t, he wouldn’t be here.
   d. Aucoin: It is inappropriate to rush and not give anyone time to talk. If you don’t want to be here, resign. Keep that in mind.
   e. Diez: I apologize. I lost track of the agenda. I thought we already were in Open Forum.
   f. Walsh: Have you moved anywhere with the constitutional reform committee?
   g. Teagle: On a personal note, I have a condition that is induced by stress. Last Tuesday we had an incident of stress. It’s an enlargement of the large intestine. The ability to write, speak, and debate effectively is impaired and everything has slowed down because of that. That’s the only this I can offer in apology as to why we haven’t moved forward.
   h. Sipe: Please watch your tone with people are bringing bills forward. It’s not fair to have a tone with them. Be respectful. I want to applaud you all for supporting the compound resolution. I am a rape survivor. I am not comfortable saying that. It’s realistic. I did not report it and didn’t talk to the police because my feedback was negative so I didn’t.
   i. Collado: The VP delivered my report. If you have any questions, I will be here after the meeting. I will be in the office between 10:00-11:00 and 12:00-1:00.
   j. Johnson: I am excited to get things about this committee.
   k. Teagle: Reese talked on the subject that greeks talk about a lot. Amongst the fraternity, we say we’re always wearing our letters. You do always represent us. It is remarkable how many people know I’m president and I don’t know them. You should always reflect on what are mission is. We want to create an environment that promotes learning, a safe, academic, and social environment. When we do anything negative, in tone, behavior, or action, it reflects on our strength to make change. If we behave poorly, when I speak on your behalf it has less weight. We need to prove to them on a daily basis that we deserve the seats that we hold. If you are at dinner, on or off campus, with friends, at a social event, you represent this body. Be proud that we are part of something and it’s going somewhere.

XVI. Adjournment
   a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.