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

II. Roll Call
   a. Presiding Officer Reyes conducted roll call. With 11 out of 14 senators present, quorum was met.

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

IV. Motion to move to Nominations and Appointments

V. Motion for Dillworth to be counted as present.

VI. Nominations and Appointments
   a. Pro Tempore
      i. Without objection from the senate, Reyes is Pro Tempore.
   b. Parliamentarian
      i. Without objection from the senate, Walsh is Parliamentarian.
   c. Teagle: Due to the constitution, I move the Pro Tempore as Acting VP until May 1st or until he resigns. I think you should motion to suspend rules and procedures to nominate a Permanent Acting Pro Tempore so we won’t have to reappoint one every meeting.
   d. Motion to suspend Rules and Procedures and have a Permanent Acting Pro Tempore.
   e. Permanent Acting Pro Tempore
      i. Without objection from the senate, Diez is Permanent Acting Pro Tempore.
   f. Darius Miner, Judicial Branch
      i. He was the presiding justice for the Supreme Court. He served as Chief Justice then made a decision to invalidate the meeting that he was Chief Justice. He is a good leader. He respected the division of branches. I don’t think there’s a better person for the job.
      1. With a roll call vote of 10 yes, 0 no, and 2 abstentions, he is appointed.
   g. Christina Early, Election Commission.
      i. She wanted to be in the senate, but didn’t think she’d be appointed with the competition in COLA. She figured she’d get involved in SG in a different way.
      1. Teagle: Are you willing to accept questions on her behalf?
      2. Trahan: Yes.
a. With a roll call vote of 6 yes, 1 no, and 5 abstentions, she is appointed.

h. St. Amant counted as present.

i. Andre Amaya-Shaw, Election Commission
   i. He is hard working, I’ve known him for a year, he’s easy to contact and work with. This is my 3rd semester as a sophomore. I’m a business major. I was very excited when Kristin approached me with this opportunity. I am grateful to have the chance to be a part of it.
      1. Mariana: If you could change anything about UNO, what would it be?
      2. Amaya-Shaw: The reputation that it’s a commuter college. We have all the qualified teachers. It has the potential to be a great school.
         a. With a roll call vote of 12 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions, he is appointed.

j. Violet Lee, College of Sciences
   i. I am a senior in chemistry. I do research for the chair and plan on going to Grad school here. I want to see the University flourish.
      1. DiMaggio: When did you get interested in SG?
      2. Lee: I’m a transfer student. I’ve only been here for a year. I wasn’t aware of it. I’m older so I don’t know all the logistics, but once I found out, I was interested.
         a. With a roll call vote of 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, she is appointed.

k. Alfonso Hernandez, College of Sciences
   i. I’m a pre-med biology major. Last semester I sat in a lot of meetings and couldn’t voice my opinion. I see things that I want to work on. I’m passionate about things on campus and want to be involved.
      1. DiMaggio: Why the switch from judicial to the senate?
      2. Hernandez: The judicial branch didn’t really have a lot to do with what happened with students. I wanted to have a vote to have more to offer.
         a. With a roll call vote of 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, he is appointed.

l. Colleen Reese
   i. I’ve been in the senate since last fall. I tried to get reappointed, but it didn’t work. I was also on the budget committee.
      1. With a roll call vote of 12 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions, she is appointed.

m. Motion for Carter to be counted as present.

n. Motion to suspend Rules and Procedures to have all nominations under COLA to all present and then vote on one.
   i. Teagle: Point of Suggestion: You have 2 seats available, so for the secret ballot, write your top 2 picks.

o. Pradip, Adhikari
I am a sophomore PoliSci major. I was interested last year, but couldn’t because of time constraints. Now is a good time for me to run and help with policy making. That’s why I’m here to get appointed for senate.

1. DiMaggio: Are you going to have biases to any organizations that you are in if they come to us?
2. Adhikari: I am not in any other organizations this semester so I wouldn’t have a bias. It’s more about what they are doing with the money than my opinion of an organization. I am an international student, so I have an affinity to International students, but I don’t think I would go to that extent to have a bias on them.
3. Reese: What makes you more qualified than the other nominees?
4. Adhikari: I don’t know them. I don’t know if I’m better than them. I’m someone who wants a career in policy making.
5. Teagle: Are you a member of any organizations that would demonstrate your leadership qualities?
6. Adhikari: I was an OL and I was in Model UN. I won a paper from that. That shows my potential.

p. Garrett Piglia

I am a junior English major. I am here because COLA took me in and was very helpful. The students there are great and I want to be there for them. I want to let them know that I have their back. I used to write for the Driftwood and interned with them for a half a year. I got to meet good students through that. I want to make sure their rights are protected. I only had one year of SG experience in the 4th grade. I’m willing to grow and be passionate about SG because I’m passionate about helping the student body.

1. Reese: What makes you more qualified than the other nominees?
2. Piglia: I don’t know. I’ve been writing for the Driftwood, I met students through that and made connections. Maybe I don’t have any qualifications. I would like to get into all of this. After the next 2 years, I will graduate. I would like to make a change.
3. Diez: This is a tough choice for me since I’m in COLA. As working in Driftwood, what so you see as things you’d like to change?
4. Piglia: I would like to change the fees. I looked that other mandatory fees. I would like to see administration elaborate of these fees. All it says it “other items”. I want to see that they trust the students and give details. I would also like to see a better bridge between alumni and students. They are an undermined resource and they help give students a path.
5. Teagle: Are you a member of any organizations that would describe your leadership skills?
6. Piglia: No, Driftwood was the only one. That ended this past spring semester. Within that time, I would have to help with editing, and
pictures, but it was a great experience and I got to help with other writers. I never had leadership position, but that could change.

q. Ernest Manzanera
i. I am a federal reserve K9 officer. I’m a senior and graduating in the spring. I am a member of Phi Alpha Delta pre-law fraternity. I would like to build a pipeline between students and the federal or state legislature. I would like to give that option to make connections. I have a lot of opportunities to offer. I am very overwhelmed with internships. They don’t pay a lot, but they’re there. I like to create bonds that will last a lifetime. I’d also like to get a football team at the school.

1. Gaeta: Can you describe a difficult decision you’ve had to make?
2. Manzanera: I would have to say my decision to stop teaching art to autistic children. They can be very violent at times if they don’t have their way. It was the most difficult to leave that and decide to go to law school. I didn’t have the constitution to do it. I have major respect for the parents and family members of those students. I can do more as a leader than an artist.
3. Reese: When you autistic children are violent, I hope you don’t mean all of them.
4. Manzanera: No, not at all, just the ones that I was working with. It is a trait, but we didn’t have the appropriate credentials to do it.
5. Senator: You say you work in other places, do you have the time for the senate?
6. Manzanera: Yes, both jobs know of it. I would like to get a 2-way street at UNO. They are all for it. As an alumni, they would be able to have all the internships to throw you. We can get a system that we don’t have now. There aren’t any avenues of opportunities right now. It’s good to know someone. I would like to tell judges that I know people for them for interns.
7. Teagle: Are you a member of any organizations that can describe your leadership roles.
8. Manzanera: I am a member of Phi Alpha Delta. I am not a leader, but I have leadership qualities. The president and vice president can work together. We’ve been able to get through the growing pains. We have an aggressive agenda this semester.
9. Diez: You mentioned that you worked with autism, I have 2 younger siblings with it. What have you learned from working with them?
10. Manzanera: I learned to appreciate what we have. To appreciate that we have all our faculties. They we don’t need our parents with us at all times. We’re independent. They are not the only ones that have it, their whole family has it.
11. Time extended.
12. Manzanera: From what I’ve been doing for the last couple of years and what I’ve noticed is that I’m a spoiled brat. Teaching these kids made me change my life. It gave him a passion for life and to be an activist for anyone with no voice. I want to fight for their rights. I live my life for others. I want to start here. Austism taught me that we’re lucky to have fluid thinking.

   a. Adihikari and Manzanera were appointed.

VII. Motions to move to Old Business and then New Business and then back to Nominations and Appointments.

VIII. Old Business

   a. B.F14I002 – Tocqueville Project
      i. Motion for DiMaggio to be temporary parliamentarian.
      ii. St. Amant: How many people do expect to be there?
      iii. TP: About 300. It’s lower because one of our main events was canceled because the guy had strep throat.
      iv. Gaeta: Did you figure out the room situation?
      v. TP: We are trying to include other colleges. I suggested we use the nicer larger rooms in KH and it’s beautiful. It holds about 25-30 people. The larger ones are in another room that holds about 100 people. I wanted to work with COBA.
      vi. Reese: What group is putting this on?
      vii. TP: This is the Tocqueville Project, it’s run by the Philosophy department.
      viii. Reese: Have you done any fundraising yourself for this event?
      ix. Yes.
      x. Aucoin: There was a point last week that you’re asking for less this year than in the past. How much less?
      xi. TP: Last year we asked for about $5,000 and returned $800 of it. Then last semester we asked for $4,500 and used it all. This year we asked for $4,000 and that’s because of the fundraising we did on our own.
      xii. Collado: How many people from the outside come to this?
      xiii. TP: About a third of the crowd from the bigger ones are, there’s not as many for the smaller ones. If we can increase advertising we could increase those numbers. I would love to see it be more. As the posters come out I will bring them here so you can put this up where people congregate or tell me where to put them up.
      xiv. Walsh: This is a beneficial program on campus. This is how I first got involved. He has put in a lot of work for the college and we should continue to support him.
      xv. Diez: It’s great to have good people come to the school.
      xvi. Teagle: There are a few times that SG and UNO has an opportunity to have a positive impact on how people see UNO. This emphasizes that this is a destination campus. The best and the brightest come together and debate
issues and come out better people from it. I hope the senate supports them and funds them.

xvii. TP: Most people that have been attracted to this were assistant professors; this is the first time to have full professors. I am thrilled they are coming down; students can make connections for grad school.

1. With a roll call vote of 14 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions, the bill passes.

IX. New Business
   a. B.F12I003 – Swampball
      i. This bill is to pay for food and ground service for Swampball. It’s a huge event on campus, one of the biggest. The money raised goes to scholarships for students that are not ambassadors. Last year we raised about $2,500 for students.
         1. Dillworth: The amounts don’t add up.
         2. St. Amant: I sent in the attachment for Aramark, so if that’s added, that is equal.
         3. Motion to move this into Old Business and vote on it.

X. Old Business
   a. DiMaggio: What’s the difference in price?
   b. St. Amant: There was a decrease in grounds by $20.
   c. Collado: Is LaJana aware of this, it might not get through in time.
   d. St. Amant: Yes, she did send in an exemption sheet when it was approved for the agenda. Swampball is the biggest event for students on campus. It’s good for student involvement.
   e. Diez: Swampball is fun and students come out to do it. It’s one of my favorite events. I was a recipient of the scholarship last year. It was cool because it came from other student who read my application and chose me. It gives a chance for students to get a scholarship who might not get one otherwise because they don’t have a high GPA. It provides extra money to those who wouldn’t normally get it. I definitely support it.
   f. Johnson: This is officially a tradition at UNO. He kind of have to have it. People want to play it every year. The scholarships are really important for college students. You should vote yes.
      i. With a roll call vote of 14 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions, the bill is passed.

XI. Nominations and Appointments
   a. Gaurev Gyawali, COE
      i. I want to join SG for the benefit of the students. I like the way of debate in SG. I like the logics and arguments. I would like to be a part of it. I’m an international student from Nepal. During high school, I was not involved. I have been watching the different organizations and things around campus, and I think SG is fitting for me.
         1. Reese: Will this be a blind vote?
         2. Reyes: Yes. It might be easier to give me the one that shouldn’t be appointed of the three nominations.
3. Teagle: It would be against the spirit of SG to do it that way because we are an inclusive organization. It would be better for the three that are most qualified.

4. Payne: I know this is your first year here, but what steps are you taking to get involved in COE organizations? Are you looking into that?

5. Gyawali: This is my first choice, but I am still looking for other organizations.

b. Gilliance M. Edwards
   i. I am a NAME student. I never did SG in high school. I wanted to join before, but couldn’t because of time restraints. I have joined organizations in engineering. I was involved in sports in high school. I would like to represent the college of engineering.

c. Chance Aucoin
   i. I am a second year sophomore. I was a senator from my 3rd or 4th week at school. I served on the budget committee. I am working on some bills now.

d. Leroy Johnson
   i. I want to be the voice of the student body at UNO. I am involved in academic, involvement, religious, social, and service organizations.
      1. With a blind ballot vote, Aucoin, Johnson, and Gyawali are appointed.

e. St. Amant, Budget Committee
   i. I am senator in COLA, I am here for a budget committee spot. I have a large interest in it. I have past experience with budgeting. I served on my fraternity executive committee which does the budget. I am also fiscally responsible in my personal life.
      1. With a roll call vote of 13 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions, he is appointed.

XII. Communication and Announcement
   a. Senators
      i. Walsh: The first meeting of the Young Americans for liberty will be tomorrow. We are trying to get rid of the speech free zones and will discuss civil liberty in the Age of Terror.

   b. Non-senators
      i. Aucoin: The Episcopal club is having their weekly luncheons.
      ii. Johnson: The volleyball game is killing it. They’ve won 3 games and have another game tonight at 7:00. Join me.

XIII. Presiding Officer of Communications and Announcements
   a. Thank you for your patience in this meeting, especially with me. Thank you for the confidence with my ability to do this. It means a lot to stand up here and show dedications to SG. If anyone wants to intern with the senate campaign, let me know they are looking for interns. It will look good on any resume.

XIV. President Pro Tempore and Committee Reports

XV. Executive, Judicial, and Advisory Reports
   a. Aucoin: Wouldn’t you be the Pro Tempore report?
b. Reyes: I am acting as Vice President and Abby is permanently acting as Pro Tempore.

c. Teagle: Friday I had a surprise COSPB meeting over the weekend. I had to drive to Thibodeaux with no notice. The 28 presidents of the SGs get together to discuss. Take faith in the fact that I am not letting anyone get away with anything in the state. The UL System is doing a service learning, but SG don’t really do services. SGs are different from SGAs. We don’t do projects. I am hoping to have a conference, and I hope you participate in it. The Secretary of State will also be working on that. It will be go get the student leaders in the New Orleans area and educate them on being college leaders. I had a meeting with Fos and then Kemker crashed it, which is fine. It was an informal meeting. They would like us to get more involved with Blues on Tues. I’ve been trying to push it since I was a senator. This is just in the prelim phase, but we’re talking about possibly buying t-shirts then tell people to wear them. Especially the LSU and AL shirts need to go. I also got the housing numbers. 1358 student live on campus. How many of you consider NSU a commuter campus? They are not considered one, they only have 150 more students who live on their campus. We are a destination. Those that live off campus, live within 4 miles of campus. We have to change the mentality. We have to have the itsonus.org campaign. The White House asked for it. Kristin and I will have a meeting shortly about it.

d. Treasurer

i. We have $28,761 in the senate operating account. The president has spent no money from his executive account. The administration has not provided an amount of the reserve account. The budget was approved and sent through, but not posted. 2 people have showed interest in the budget committee. If you are interested, contact me. There is a limit on the number of people from each college. It’s a first come first serve deal. The TSO banners have been ordered. About the chemistry laptops, Business Affairs has questions on that and why they have to have that exact computer. We have issues on service hours. For every dollar an organization gets, they have to do service hours for it. They have to be done within the same year or they’re banned from SG for 2 years. We will work with clarifying service hours with the advisors. The prep work for an event, doesn’t count as service hours. We will have a meeting to clarify that. When they get financial approval, I will send an e-mail saying they owe x amount of hours. If they don’t want to do the service hours, they don’t get the money.

1. Reese: From working with the budget, I know they VP has money for their tuition, what happened to that money?
2. Collado: It’s still set aside for the VP, I’m not sure if originally it has or not, then it’s going to the acting.
3. LeeAnne: The money has been administered because the budget committee only submitted it as a spread sheet.
4. Teagle: The specific thing is, we don’t allocate money for specific people. It’s a lump sum and then divided among the execs. It’s not laid out. It will give us more wiggle room for what to do with the money.
5. Payne: What is the actual time per dollar for service hours? Is this a rule that’s been in play and we’re watching more or is this new?

6. Collado: I don’t have the information in front of me, it’s a formula. It’s in the Code of Laws online. It’s been going on. We’re just having problems this semester.

e. Advisor

i. Sipe: Many of you should have received an email to have lunch with the president next Tuesday. He wants to have lunch with SG at 12:30. We need 3-8 more people. If anyone else would like to go write it in my book after the meeting. They need help in the call center. Because you all did so well last year, they wanted to give you first dibs on a job there. You can get more information at cellcenter.uno.edu. SIL is starting an initiative to reach out to commuters. We all know the parking is bad here. If you’d like to advocate for that let me know. There’s no support for it, no one collecting all the information into one place.

XVI. Open Forum

a. Non-senator: Last semester I heard news that SG was going to turn the Gallery Lounge into a gaming lounge. You said that you would rent controllers which would give jobs to students and raise money. Last I heard they were getting the money for it. It was trying to get in touch with you about it. The last president was a big advocate and nothing has happened since he left. Is there a way we can help?

b. Reyes: When President Bonds was here, he was pushing for it. As far as I know, after he departed, he hadn’t pushed it on anyone to keep it going. It fell through the grounds master who approved things like that. He found a problem with the initiative. My recommendation would be to talk to senators and push through it together, or talk to Bonds.

c. LeeAnne: Brandan worked on the bill, but there was no funding for it. Chris is still doing the leg work for issues that was with the bill. If you have suggestions, he will be doing that and will present it.

d. Walsh: Grab posters for the Tocqueville Project. The Young Americans for Liberty meeting is tomorrow at 1:00.

e. Payne: You have an obligation to represent your college and to make yourself available and get involved in organization in your college. If you don’t make yourself available, you’re taking a vote for yourself, not your students.

f. Gaeta: My name is pronounced Gaeta.

g. Teagle: It’s important that if you are sponsoring a bill, you must let them know they are responsible for that bill. If you don’t let them know, you are deceiving them. If your organization receives money and then don’t do the service hours, they are banned from SG for two years. If you are a senator and don’t tell them that, you failed them. Second, in our meeting we talked about not having space in each college for senators. We should be able to have senators available at least an hour a day. So people from the college go and talk to them. It has less to do with this chamber and more for the colleges to free up space.
h. Collado: The service hours required scale is $400 or less – 10 hours. $400.01-$700 – 20 hours. $700.01 - $1000 – 30 hours. Then 5 hours more for each additional increment. That’s how we determine it.

XVII. Adjournment

a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.