Student Senate Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2007 @ 5:30 p.m.
CON Auditorium

The Senate meeting was conducted by President elect Jonathan Henning and Vice President elect Casey Bowen with Senate Advisor Dr. David Carver presiding.

Meeting Minutes
1.0 Call to Order
   1.1 Order was restored by newly elected Student Senate President Jonathan Henning
2.0 Approval of November Minutes
   2.1 Senate unanimously voted to approve November Minutes
3.0 Advisor’s Report – Dr. David Carver
   3.1 Dr. Carver introduced himself to some new members of the Senate.
   3.2 Dr. Carver highlighted the accomplishments of student senate; current and past. He continued by praising the student body for their high turnout to the NCA Accreditation open forum.
   3.3 Dr. Carver expressed his interest and enthusiasm in his continuing work with the student senate.
4.0 Old Business
   4.1 Hockey Night Event
      4.1.1 Hockey night will be on Saturday February 3rd. The UNO Mavericks will be battling hated rivals Michigan State at the Qwest Center in Omaha beginning at 7:05 p.m. Tickets sold will be for seats in the same section. Ticket prices are to be determined.
      4.1.2 Hockey night will end at the conclusion of the game. There will be no official post-game gathering, although students are encouraged to consider attending the Jamaica Fundraiser after the game.
   4.2 ITS Lotus Notes Email
      4.2.1 Students have expressed unhappiness in the performance of Lotus Notes as an email program.
      4.2.2 Attempts to change email programs have been largely unfruitful. Lotus Notes is used in all Nebraska public education programs, and it is mandated by the Governor.
      4.2.3 Future efforts will focus on correcting problems within Lotus Notes.
   4.3 Personal Health Record
      4.3.1 Students can now receive free access to a secure Web site to fill out emergency contact and insurance information as well as details about medications, allergies and family history. Access to personal health records will be available anywhere the internet exists, and students
may give this information to doctors treating injuries sustained away from home.

4.3.2 This system can also be a learning experience, providing the UNMC student body with experience using a system that may become pervasive.

4.3.3 To fill out a Personal Health Record, log on to Blackboard and look for the link.

4.4 Webpage

4.4.1 Badly needed updates are on the way. Updates will commence as soon as former Secretary Joshua Priluck returns from a sustained interview process.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Officer Elections

5.1.1 Election for Treasurer

5.1.1.1 Two candidates ran for Treasurer: Sarah A Keim, and Bradley A Bohn.

5.1.1.2 After short speeches and a secret ballot, Sarah Keim was elected Treasurer

5.1.2 Election for Secretary

5.1.2.1 Two candidates ran for Secretary: Curtis McKnight and Brad Bohn.

5.1.2.2 After short speeches and a secret ballot, Curtis McKnight was elected Secretary.

5.2 Committee Assignments

5.2.1 Committee assignments for Executive Committee, Social Committee, and Issues Committee were decided within individual Colleges.

5.2.2 After the individual Colleges’ representatives reached a consensus, the name of their committee’s member was recorded.

6.0 Announcements/Dissussion/Issues

6.1 LB32 is a Legislative Bill introduced into Nebraska’s state senate. The Bill proposes to end taxes on text books

6.1.1 3-4 Million dollars in revenue currently come from taxes on textbooks. Student Senate President Jonathan Henning is tentatively against taking revenue away from the state considering a drop in state revenue will most likely mean a drop in UNMC state funding.

6.1.2 Buying books online is a way to already avoid tax on textbooks.

6.1.3 The issue is under continuing consideration.

6.2 Dental insurance for Graduated School is imperfect.

6.2.1 Checking UNMC dental school rates could yield an inexpensive solution.

7.0 Officer Reports:

7.1 President – Jonathan Henning
7.1.1 Luau

7.1.1.1 Efforts are being made to find reasonable ways to protect students from dangerous driving situations. A brief brainstorming session resulted in the possibility of busses, taxi sponsorship, or allowing designated drivers free entry.

7.2 Vice President – Casey Bowen

7.2.1 The social committee will convene soon to begin work on Luau

7.3 Treasurer - Sarah Keim

7.4 Secretary – Curtis McKnight