I. The senate meeting was called to order by President Peterson at 5:30 PM

II. Guest speakers were introduced by President Peterson
   a. Cheryl Thompson – Clinical Education Resources available online to all students and public at: www.unmc.edu/ceer. Also link to website available at library website. May not be viewable on portable devices.
   b. Bill O’Neill, Renee Fry, VP Ahmed – O’Neill presented the current happenings in the capitol: Legislative session is in the “90 day secession” and this is a “budget year” for the University. O’Neill predicts a 0% increase and no decrease in the UNMC budget. The HSS budget hearing will be on March 14th, and O’Neill predicts a reduction (by 2-4%) in Medicaid reimbursements. The Student Delegates group accompanied O’Neill to Lincoln for the legislative secession, and the students were well received by senators. Student Delegates is a group for students interested in legislative policy; they meet about once per month unless for letter writing, which occurs when an important bill is going to the floor. Students also go to the capitol to meet senators and discuss bills and make students’ perspectives known. VP Ahmed presented bills of interest to the senators, and will be posting them on the legislative committee discussion board on Senate’s Facebook group.
   c. Bill Lawlor, Jayme Nekuda – discussed student fees. No increase or decrease in student fees for Fund B for Student Health expenses. Students currently pay $57.50 per semester to the CFHL and Dr. Nekuda is proposing a $5 (per semester) increase to supplement an increase in staff salaries.

III. Roll Call: Secretary Hutter Saunders took attendance. Senator representing graduate studies has had 6 consecutive unexcused absences and, in accordance with the constitution, will be replaced. A new graduate studies representative will be elected at the next GSA meeting, which will be on the first Tuesday of April.

IV. February minutes were approved.

V. Advisor’s report - Dr. David Carver discussed the Employee Plus-One Benefits, which allows for UN employees to purchase health insurance for a significant other that is not a spouse.

VI. Board of Regents Update
   a. The Board of Regents asked the Student Senate to discuss the Employee Plus-One Benefits Resolution. The Senate discussed the resolution and voted; the resolution passed.

VII. Committee Meetings (Not Held), chair reports:
   a. Student Issues committee: Hockey event went well!
   b. Student Development and Activities: Luau is on April 16th details to come; committee members please check FB
   c. Appropriations Committee –
   d. Student Awareness, Advocacy, and IT Committee – want to pursue portal site specifications and classroom notifications. The portal site will proved students with important information about events and such when logging in to the UNMC intranet. Senators voted to pursue the portal site and the classroom
nitrifications and the votes passed. More information to come on FB and at
the next senate meeting.

VIII. New business

a. Hockey Tickets: please give all money from ticket sales to Jeremy Gieseke
b. CHL Improvements: The CFHL has agreed to pay for installation of TVs, so we
   will order the T.V.’s and give them to the CFHL. We still need to investigate FM
   transmitters.
c. Spring Blood Drive: We collected 74 units in 2 days. The Red Cross wants to
   move back to WH; didn't like CFHL, but students preferred the CFHL because it
   is less crowded.
d. Alvin Earl Award: The Appropriation’s Committee has not discussed this issue
   yet but will by the next meeting

e. Health Fair Update: April 16th noon to 3:00 PM. We are in need more volunteers,
   and need donations of alcohol wipes, cotton swabs, etc.
f. Dr. Pamies, Vice Chancellor or student affairs passed away last week, and the
   memorial is March 14th. President Peterson wrote a resolution to rename the
   Student Senate Outreach Fund to the Rubens J. Pamies Student Senate
   Outreach Fund. Senate put the resolution to a vote and it passed. President
   Peterson also proposed that the student senate purchase 20 books authored by
   Dr. Pamies and raffle off to students as a fundraiser for the Outreach Fund.
   Senate decided to put a cap on the amount of money we will spend on the
   books; $200 of the Outreach Fund will be spent on the books. Senate put the
   fundraiser to a vote and it passed.
g. We need two students for the graduation ceremony in May to read the invocation
   and the benediction. Senators suggested Stephanie Kraft-Terry, Branden
   Nemecek or Andrew Klutman as possible readers.

II. No Officers had anything to report

IV. Adjournment