I. The senate meeting was called to order by President Peterson

II. Guest speakers were introduced by President Peterson
   a. Bill O’Neill gave a presentation on Student Delegates, a student led group that meets monthly to discuss policy issues. They meet with senators, and organize letter-writing campaigns. The BB site is up and running. The monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays at noon; start date to be announced on BB.
   b. Sara Cizek Going gave a presentation on the High School Alliance program. The program brings 50 high school juniors and seniors to UNMC for classes taught by faculty. The program would like UNMC students to volunteer as mentors for the high school students. The mentors would meet with their mentee about once per month and keep in contact with the students via email or text weekly. There are also several large group activities planned throughout the year, such as a behind the scenes tour of the zoo and a pizza party. If interested, please contact Sara Cizek Going.

III. Secretary Hutter Saunders conducted Roll Call.

IV. September minutes were approved.

V. The Advisor’s Report was given by Dr. David Carver. Senators were reminded to RSVP to the event sponsored by the Chancellor. At the last Senate meeting, representatives were wondering why the senate’s NU Fund account doesn’t gain interest. Dr. Caver found that no student accounts can earn interest, and that these moneys are under the control of the State Secretary’s Office. Dr. Carver also reminded the senators of the upcoming Student senate elections for 2012. Students interested in running for office can submit the necessary paper work between Oct. 7th and 24th by going to Dr. Carver’s office in Bennett Hall, 6001. Campaigning will be allowed between October 26th and 29th, and elections will be held November 8th and 9th.

VI. New business addressed includes:
   a. Fall Blood Drive: The fall blood drive will be held on Nov. 29, 2011. The blood drive details, such as room reservations, will be handled by the Issues committee, and presented at the next meeting.
   b. Meetings to interview candidates for the position of Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs are complete. If you have any comments, please send them to President Peterson and he will forward them on.
   c. CFHL Renovations were discussed: President Peterson met with Jayme Neduka to discuss renovations for the CFHL. Dr. Neduka had floor plans for an addition that was planned a few years ago but never completed and suggested that we utilize the plans as a starting point. Dr. Neduka suggested that Peterson form a student senate committee to work with her on the renovation plans. She would like to have the first meeting in November. She would like to start by sending out a survey to students and faculty to get feedback on what they think should be included in the renovations, and would like the senate committee to help write and
then analyze the survey results. The final plans will be presented to the Chancellor and board of Regents. The hanging of the TVs bought by Student Senate will be paid for by a COM grant that President Peterson applied for.

d. Fall semester Commencement will be held on Friday, December 15th at 2:00 PM at the Joslyn art museum. The senate voted to keep the reading of the Invocation and Benediction included in the ceremony. A student is needed to read the Invocation and Benediction; President Peters will ask for volunteers.

e. The Chancellor has invited the senators to the Omaha Playhouse to enjoy “Flyin’ West!” on October 20th. Senators who have not yet RSVP, please do so.

f. The Annual Parking Raffle winners will be emailed and new tags will be available the following week.

g. UNMC Ambassadors would like volunteers to give tours on October 28th.

h. Social events planned by the Activities Committee for this semester included Zoo Day, and Cosmic Bowling Night, and these events were presented to the senate for approval. The senate discussed its ability to afford more events than it has in the past. Some students were concerned that the new events may prevent the senate from holding Luau in the spring. However, Treasurer Reiner pointed out that the senate had a surplus of around $7,000 last year and also paid for the Medical School Prom, which is traditionally paid for by the first year medical students. Secretary Hutter Saunders pointed out the low overall attendance yet high cost of Luau, and the high cost of Med Prom, which had very few students other than medical students in attendance. Senator Hutt Saunders suggested that the senate could spend less money on Luau if it were held at an alternate venue and this would free up money for other events. Treasurer Reiner reminded the senate of its decision to not pay for Med Prom, 2012, and suggested that money saved from that event could go towards other events. In addition, several senators felt that more family friendly events should be planned and that perhaps Luau was not drawing as large of a crowd due to changes in the demographics of students. The senate agreed that we should provide events that all students could enjoy, and approved Zoo Day and Cosmic Bowling Night.

Information about Zoo Day was provided to the senate by Secretary Hutter Saunders, Senator Rosenbaugh, and Treasurer Reiner as follows. Zoo Day will be on October 23rd from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo. Tickets (wristbands) to the event are $26; student senate will provide the wristbands at a discount to UNMC students and guests. At this time, student senate discussed how much the discount should be then voted to pay $16 for students and $11 for guests of students (as opposed to $11 and $6), so that the cost to students will be $10 and guest will be $15. The senate then voted to put a spending cap on the event at $7,200. Additional information presented: students must purchase advanced day tickets the week of October 10th-14th. With a student ID, students can purchase one wristband for themselves at $10, one for an adult guest at $15, and wristbands for children as well ($15 each). The purchase of the
wristband will provide admission to the Omaha zoo, lunch at the Sea Lion pavilion (12:00 to 1:00 PM), animal ambassador (during lunch), admission to one IMAX show at a time of the students’ choosing, and admission to all rides on Oct 23rd. Wristbands sold to students between October 10th-14th will be required for all of these events on Oct 23rd. Lost or stolen wristbands will not be replaced and no refunds can be given.

The Cosmic Bowling Night will be held on Saturday, November 18th at Kelly’s Hilltop Lanes. The senate discussed the price to the students and how much senate can afford to pay of the event. The event will most likely be from 8:00 – 12:00, with an “8-9 Family Time”. Details of the event will be worked out at the November meeting.

i. Road-Rally, sponsored by the medical students, will be held on October 29th. An email will soon be sent out with more details.

II. Officer reports- there were no additional officer reports.
XI. The meeting was adjourned by President Peterson