Call to Order
   a. President Hosein called the meeting to order.

Roll Call
   a. Senator Inbarasu took attendance. Quorum was reached.

Guest Speakers
   a. Tina Spencer (Parking Services)
      i. There are a lot of construction plans ongoing involving parking
      ii. Contact Tina directly or inform students they can go through Senator Hosein
      iii. Parking structure closed right outside of Sorrell – had to relocate around 600 faculty spots
      iv. Lot 39 was considered to be reallocated as faculty parking but it will remain as a student lot
      v. Corner lot on 42<sup>nd</sup> and Leavenworth may be used for student overflow now instead of the one near La Casa on 39<sup>th</sup> and Leavenworth
      vi. Mrs. Spencer would like to know if students like the 42<sup>nd</sup> and Leavenworth lot for parking?
      vii. Other than the previous lot, there is no plan to add additional parking other than the south 42<sup>nd</sup> and Leavenworth lot
      viii. Grad students utilize both lots including the 39<sup>th</sup> and Leavenworth lot
      ix. Jeremy Hosein polled senators to see if an additional parking fee of $25 would be acceptable to students if that meant an additional parking structure was built for students only
         1. 14 senators were willing to pay this amount for this structure
      x. It cost $35 dollars a stall to build a parking structure
      xi. After 5pm all parking is open parking – with exception of Clarkson’s main visitor lot
      xii. Dr. Carver mentioned how the staff were missing lot 4
      xiii. There are plans to add an additional level to lot 15; there was already property purchased in the south so the plans are on hold for now
      xiv. Trace runs the C-store in Sorrell; She plans to expand and add fountain soda and maybe some hot food options
         1. Share concerns and suggestions to Trace or Tina
         2. Renovations are usually scheduled over student breaks
      xv. Food vendors originally started after a student suggestion
         1. Now may be trying to add a Mexican food vendor for Wednesday
         2. Hot dog vendor has discontinued coming to Sorrell because he cannot make enough money

Approval of Previous Minutes
   a. Motion by Vice President Jamison; Seconded by Senator Schomer

Advisor’s Report - Dr. David Carver

News and Reports
   a. Regent’s Meeting Report
      i. Moving forward with the new College of Pharmacy building (program was approved) and the Kearney campus
      ii. Integration of technology: virtual dissection table
      iii. Interprofessional education with medical students in Kearney
      iv. Affordability Compact was discussed; the revised budget does not permit the tuition freeze
1. Student delegates and Student Senate will discuss the student response
2. President Hosein is working with IT to design a formatted email to send to students with information from Board of Regents meeting

7. Liaison Reports
   a. Live Green – Last meeting was cancelled due to weather
   b. Legislative Liaison - Senator Wergin –
      i. Student delegates will go down to Lincoln the week after Spring Break; if that is too late we will send a letter and a letter of support
      ii. M2 student, Laila Gharzai testified in support of Medicaid expansion; it went well but Senator Glore was concerned whether Nebraska had enough primary care providers to meet the new influx of patients with Medicaid; Governor Heineman is still opposed to the idea of Medicaid expansion
      iii. Occupation tax bill – looks at repealing Omaha occupation tax on cigarettes – would take away funds from the Cancer Center; UNMC will oppose the bill; the bill would be retroactive and take away funds already collected
   c. Security Liaison – Senator Savalia had no updates
   d. IT Liaison – Senator Zehr – Social media group set up a survey that will be sent out to students this week and are trying to set up guidelines for acceptable use; also working on a process to trouble shoot for printer errors; Senator Zehr will see why the off-campus email access is slow

8. College Reports
   a. AH
      i. Philanthropy Volleyball Tournament raised $5000 for the Arthritis Foundation
   b. CON – no updates
   c. COP – no updates
   d. COM – Med school prom – April 13th; Match Day – March 15th
   e. COPH – Will cover information in proposal
   f. GS
      i. International student ambassadors program needs volunteers to act as student mentors; involvement will require time during the 1st four weeks of class and email
         1. Jeremy asked senators to email colleges informing them of this opp
      ii. Duy Ha – former senator is on the search committee for the new Director of the Library; would like input on what criteria should be evaluated in a candidate; Duy has been invited to come and talk to Senate
         1. Dr. Carver mentioned how the outgoing director was in touch with concerns of students and student senate
      iii. Semi-permanent coffee vendor in consideration for placement in DRC; currently surveying vendors
      iv. Physiology department raised $800 in candygrams; Sodexo was supportive in having a table in the cafeteria (waived $25/day fee for having a table in the cafeteria and donated cookies)

9. Committee Reports
   a. Activities Committee
      i. Blood Drive – exceeded the goal on both days; Senator Marion did a great job on organizing and promoting the event
      ii. UNO Hockey Night – all 200 tickets were sold; the activities committee senators did a great job on selling tickets
   b. Issues Committee
      i. Affordability Compact Support Resolution – President Hosein read through the proposal
1. Senator Wergin opened up discussion on the topic; He apologized for not including data on all programs but at the time of writing the proposal he did not have numbers quoted to him in the report for how much was saved; The proposal mentioned undergraduate and graduate Nursing, Pharmacy and Medicine.

2. Senator Villeneuve asked that the mention about removing the incentive for specialization due to increased loan debt

3. Senator Wergin stated he was surprised that this was an area of debate and that there were studies that supported the statement

4. Senator Schomer included that this clause was true in pharmacy students as well

5. Senator Reiner suggested that Senate not support an idea that may be murky or debated in evidence

6. Senator Savalia suggested an amendment the proposal be read as “may”; Senator Harlow motioned an amendedment to read “may” and revoked the amendment

7. Senator Inbarasu suggested the statement cite the organizations that support

8. Senator Ahmed motioned to cite the organizations that support this statement; Senator Ahmed revoked the amendment

9. Motion to strike the whereas clause – in favor- Senator Reiner, Villeneuve, Wallace and Person; opposed by majority; the motion failed

10. Senator Person asked if freezing tuition would take money away from the potential Medicaid expansion; Senator

11. Motion to vote by Senator Savalia; seconded by Senator Ahmed; favored by the majority; opposed by Senator Reiner and Villenuve; abstention by Senator Anchan; the motion passes

ii. In process: student discounts at UNO Gym (Senator Priluck has been working on this) and at the Nebraska Café

iii. Readership program sponsorship – Senators will email the dean of each college for a donation of $1000 towards the program

iv. COPH proposal – was read by President Hosein
   1. 2/3 vote passed to consider the proposal (34 total senators present – requires 23)
   2. Claudeen McCarthy – visitor
   4. Senator Person stated how it was difficult for public health students to be involved with other events on campus
      a. There is a lack of awareness of the CoPH on campus
      b. There are events scheduled all days of the week
         i. Monday – group panel discussion on public health in the community
         ii. Tuesday – volunteer opportunity
         iii. Thursday - screening a documentary on Taken for a Ride
         iv. Friday – Phamily Pheud – survey students and get answers like Family Feud

5. Senator Savalia asked what the student association in Public Health will be spending in regards to the week long event

6. Senator Person replied that the student association spends money on other items such as awards to poster presentations, lunch at meetings with the dean,
7. Senator Ahmed stated that he liked the publicity of public health but there are multiple awareness weeks for each college; he stated that if we start funding one college’s project, Senate might have to fund other college’s events.

8. Senator Savalia would like Senate to fund a non-food related event like a speaker.

9. Senator Ahmed and Senator Reiner said the purpose of funding was not as important than one college receiving funding.

10. Senator Patil suggested CoPH do a fundraiser to raise this amount.

11. Senator Person replied that there was not enough remaining in the student association fund to do a fundraiser.

12. Senator Hosein stated the question is whether this proposal was interdisciplinary in nature; if Student Senate took this event on as its own event rather than a college event; the appropriate place for a proposal like this would be for the student organization fund.

13. Dr. Carver mentioned that Student Senate has had a history of not funding individual college events.

14. Senator Anchan asked what we do in the interim while the student organization fund is set up: He asked that the senators look at the nature of the proposal and what it is truly funding.

15. Senator Blake asked to consider the different nature of CoPH where the classes are at night.

16. Senator Hosein mentioned that Senate gets many requests for funds so if we honor this request, we would have to honor other requests in the interim before the student organization fund is set up.

17. Senator Wu mentioned that the Chinese Fair that was held at UNMC received support from Chinese restaurants in town and suggested that the student organization solicit donations from food sources.

18. Senator Wergin suggested that since Public Health is a new college, Senate could support the publicity of new colleges.

19. Senator Person said that this proposal was not self-serving in the goal since it was available to all students.

20. Senator Reiner stated that this proposal needed to go to the dean of the college itself.

21. Senator Ahmed stated that it’s not an event driven by Student Senate but through another college and

22. Motion to vote
   a. Favor - 6
   b. Against – 19
   c. Abstain – 8

23. Claudeen McCarthy, the President of the College of Public Health Student Association thanked Senate for their attention and discussion in voting; She asked senators to keep in mind the different nature of the College of Public Health; There was no existing way for other students to get to know public health students; There is only one representative in Austin Person;

   c. Education Committee – no updates
   d. Executive Committee

10. Inprocess Items
   a. Constitution Revision – Senator Ahmed is working on it

11. New Reports
12. Shelved Items
13. Officer Reports
   a. President – Jeremy Hosein
      i. SLC task force is looking for more senators to serve on the task force; interested senators can email President Hosein or Eric Nagengast
      ii. Sequestration – Alicia Diener
          1. Fewer competitive grant opportunity for faculty, award amounts are already smaller, COM funds would be reduced, federal programs that support public health would be reduced
          2. UNMC relies disproportionately on federal funds compared to UNL, UNO and UNK
          3. Sequestration – a set of automatic spending cuts ($1.2 trillion) starting March 1, 2013
          4. Budget cuts will be spread over nine years and are equally divided between domestic and defense-related spending
          5. Debt ceiling was raised in 2011 and as a result the Budget Control Act was implemented
          6. Sequestration was never intended to go into effect, decisions were intended to be made by Congress Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction to reduce the $1.2 trillion in extra spending
          7. What's being cut – military, heath care, education, law enforcement, disaster relief, unemployment benefits, non-profit funds, research
          8. NIH funding cut by 5%, on average 75% of grant budgets are dedicated to salaries – after sequestration, it would only support around 95 jobs with $4.67 million
          9. Usually students are one of the first personnel to get cut in a lab budget
   b. Vice President – Caroline Jamison
      i. Letters for Readership Program
   c. Treasurer – Alicia Deiner
      i. Account information
         ii. $43590 - Cost center account
            1. $2000 on UNO Hockey Tickets
            2. $112 for Thank you letters
            3. Mouse/Mouse pad and flower $76.38
      iii. Foundation -$40657 – total spendable $5657
14. Next meeting – committees will meet Wednesday, March 27th
15. Adjournment
   a. President Hosein adjourned the meeting