1. Call to Order  
   a. President Ahmed called the meeting to order.

2. Library  
   a. Mary Helms, Associate Director for Library Resources and Technology  
   b. Rod Cope, Head of Circulation  
   c. Senator Hosein sent a suggestion to the library regarding the review books, which are in high demand. Currently, the rule is that you can use these books for only three days at a time. Senator Hosein asked the library to look into increasing the quantity of these books. Their rebuttal was that they simply don’t have the funds and that these books are meant to be a preview prior to purchasing the books. Senator Ripperger asked if there is currently a waiting list for these. Mr. Cope answered that the books have a fairly quick turnaround.
   d. These books have just been around for about 7 years, and within a few years were able to be checked out by students. Senator Savalia questioned whether or not we would get more copies of the book if we were to prolong the time limit they are allowed to be checked out. Mrs. Helms stated that they would be more than willing to do this for the most highly utilized books.
   e. Senator Wallace asked if they have looked into getting online versions of these books. Mrs. Helms said they are working on getting more, but many of the books are limited use, i.e., you must pay every time you want to add a user. This charge is often the cost of the book.
   f. Dr. Carver suggested that Senators polled their respective programs regarding what books would be heavily utilized. Mrs. Helms said this is already known.
   g. Senator Inbarasu suggested putting previous versions that aren’t all that updated near to the section with the review books.
   h. Senator Harlow questioned if the library would be able to purchase textbooks from students that no longer want their books. Mr. Cope stated this is not technically legal for a library.
   i. President Ahmed said what is needed is tracking for these books to see what books are being requested when it is already taken out. He suggested that books that are asked for a lot should be kept track of, but Mr. Cope stated this would be difficult to do by hand.

3. Roll Call  
   a. Meghan Hastings COPH  
      i. This is Meghan’s last meeting - thank you Meghan for all that you have done!
   b. Expectations - Attendance Policy  
      i. Attendance Policy – the rules regarding vacated seats  
      ii. May Meeting - all excused

4. Approval of September Minutes  
   a. Senator Wallace motioned to approve, with Senator Reiner seconding.
5. Advisor’s Report - Dr. David Carver
   a. Student Health
      i. Dr. Carver stated there have been problems with scheduling appointments from student feedback he has received. Their solution is: three times slots in the morning, three over the noon hour, and five in the late afternoon. If you call and there are no available appointments that day, they will schedule you for as soon as possible. If you want to get in that same day and the appointments are booked, the scheduler will transfer you to a triage nurse who will work on getting you in that same day or potentially send you to the ER if you are very sick.
      ii. Senator Reiner asked why the appointments are only available at this time. He states since we are all carrying health insurance, we should be able to get appointments at either time. President Ahmed reminded us that they reduced the Student Health rate because Fund B takes care of it. This assumes that we use that to pay for the visits. Senator Hosein said that that might turn into students being folded into all other patients, raising the concern that then students may have to wait even longer.
      iii. Senator Harkins asked if it is known how many appointments they were doing versus how many are set now. Dr. Carver said this completely depended on the day.
      iv. Senator Savalia asked if there is any way they will be keeping track of how many people are calling, getting appointments that day, etc. Dr. Carver agrees that this theoretically would be helpful, but may be difficult to do.
      v. Dr. Carver said for returning students, there will be two days to test for TB. Senator Villeneuve asked if you couldn’t make this whether you would have to make two appointments. Senator Weir stated he is fairly certain this is not necessary.
      vi. Senator Hosein expressed concern that there was not much communication in that Student Health was planning on keeping the appointment only process after the transition to Epic. Dr. Carver said he will work with Faisal to get an all-student e-mail out regarding this.
      vii. Senator Hosein recommended that we should have a Student Health Liaison. Dr. Carver stated that Senator Savalia is this representative.
   b. Elections
      i. Online elections will be starting this year. An all-students e-mail will be sent out at the beginning of next week outlining this process. The voting period will be somewhere around a five-day period.
      ii. It will be a two week period where you can declare candidacy, a two-week campaign period, and then a five day election period.

6. News and Reports
   a. Regent’s Meeting Report
      i. Next meeting is October 26th. The Student Senate Presidents will be making a presentation. President Ahmed requests anyone to tell him about anything their college may be doing.
      ii. Presentation about UNMC activities
   b. College Reports
i. AH
   1. October is Physical Therapy Month. There will be tables by the bridge from Wittson to Sorrell on Tuesdays during October over the noon hour.

ii. COM
   1. Next week is Primary Care Week on campus. There will be many lunches and talks. Next Monday night, there will be a casting workshop.

iii. CON
   1. No report.

iv. COP
   1. October is American Pharmacists Month.
   2. For the last three days, we have had accreditation for ACPE to hopefully accredit us for another eight years.

v. COPH
   1. No report.

vi. GS
   1. There was a GSA meeting yesterday with Dr. Davies speaking. Halloween Havoc party is going to be November 2nd at Clydes. They also instituted in their constitution adding an international student advocate.

c. Committee Reports
   i. Activities Committee
      1. Back to School BBQ
         a. Results/Feedback
            i. Overall the BBQs were a great success for the first year. Most had over 100 students show up and feedback was given from students who said they learned a lot about what we do, whereas before they had no idea.

            b. Advertise a little more to the colleges. For GSA, try to spread apart further than their BBQ. Someone else suggested a Food Festival.

            c. Senator Harlow suggested having a running Power Point for people to get more information.

         d. Blood drive
            a. The blood drive was not quite as successful as we had hoped. About 30% of people who signed up for times did not show up. We are trying to figure out how to improve this for the Spring Blood Drive.

      3. Senate Get-Together
         a. The Activities Committee brought a proposal regarding a Student Senate social event. Senator Jamison read the proposal. The purpose of this is for Senators to get a chance to get to know each other, especially with the many new Senators we have this month.

            b. Motion to vote, and seconded. Proposal passes.

   ii. Issues Committee
1. Rooms Policy
   a. Senator Doyle read the proposal.
   b. Senator Jamison asked for clarification on the first-come first-serve basis for group studying. This means that a group can kick out an individual on the second floor, but one group can’t kick out another group.
   c. Senator Lucht asked if this is unlimited, and Senator Doyle stated that it is.
   d. Senator Ripperger asked if there is any set time you have to request a room reservation. Senator Weir stated that it is approximately the time they request for with room reservations, which is generally 24 hours.
   e. Senator Hosein moves to make an amendment making “only recognized UNMC student organizations may reserve rooms” its own point.
   f. President Ahmed asked if they want signage for the two rooms. Senator Hosein said that a separate proposal can be made if a budget is necessary.
   g. Senator Nagengast motioned to vote. Senator Wallace seconded the proposal. The motion passed.

2. Voter Registration Drive
   a. Senator Nagengast stated that Senate wants to hold a voter registration drive for the US elections. Senators have offered to pass these out in classes or potentially pass out registration over the noon hour.
   b. There are two options: we can pass them out and they will be responsible for these. We can also have them return them to us and we can return them to the Douglas County Commissioner’s Office.
   c. Many students volunteered to hand out the registrations to students.

3. Microwaves
   a. Tina Spencer is putting in a work order for a new microwave. Unfortunately, the circuits cannot handle four working at the same time. She is looking into replacing the circuits to allow for more amps.

4. Newspapers
   a. Currently, 101 newspapers are being used every day.

iii. Finance Committee
1. Banner
   a. Senator Reiner brought up a discussion of buying a large vinyl banner for various events. One found was $400, that comes with an apparatus to hang the banner. The committee voted to move forward with this, more to come.

2. Senate Football Tickets
   a. Issues have happened where students said they wanted the tickets, but have backed up. Senator Reiner said there are three games left, with one pair available for the
Michigan and Penn State games. These will be $112 a pair. If he can’t find interest on Senate, he will open it up to all students.

iv. Executive Committee
   1. Lunch Vendors & Student Organizations
      a. On Wednesdays, there is currently not a lunch vendor in Sorrell. Tina Spencer and Senator Hosein talked to the vendor about requesting a small donation from the vendors for this. They currently agree to pay $50/month, but Tina Spencer has never collected this. She has agreed to collect these funds if we find this necessary.
      b. With Wednesdays and Fridays open, Student Senate has the opportunity of getting involved to get the funds from these. We could then distribute this money out to Student Organizations.
      c. President Ahmed asked for a motion to discuss. Senator Hosein motioned, Senator Ha seconded.
      d. Senator Tylander states her support for this, as it gives student organizations a reason to come to Student Senate for health. Currently, many colleges are getting budget cuts, and this could be a potential way to get a small budget for organizations. President Ahmed suggested this may cause issues, as we shouldn’t be able to pick and choose who gets these funds.
      e. Senator Ha asked what the process is for getting these vendors. President Ahmed stated the Tina has a list of vendors that are interested in this, but believes that we will have a say in this selection process.
      f. Senator Hosein suggested to make motion to close discussion and having Issues Committee to pursue this further. This motion was passed.

7. Inprocess Items
   a. Student Workroom
   b. Constitution Revision
      i. Dr. Carver has made some changes, this is still ongoing.

8. New Report

9. Shelved Items
   a. Student Apps

10. Officer Reports
   a. President - Faisal Ahmed
      i. Parking Enforcement
         1. Starting October 1st, they will be doing parking enforcement.
      ii. Health Care Reform Forum – Oct 6 at 10am
   b. Vice President - Jeremy Hosein
      i. No report
   c. Secretary - Caroline Jamison
      i. No report
   d. Treasurer - Ben Reiner
      i. Budget
1. BBQ budget approved was $7,250. Total, $7,723.54 was spent.

11. Adjournment
   a. President Ahmed adjourned the meeting.