I. Opening
   a. Call to Order: President Templeton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
   b. Pledge of Allegiance
   c. Roll Call: Secretary Suntken called roll. Senators Mittan and Perkins were not in attendance.
      Senator Clark joined the meeting after roll was called.

II. Hearing of Agenda Related Items

III. President’s Report
   a. Dr Jasinski: Dr. Jasinski was in attendance to share with the Senate the new “DNA” of Northwest. He share that the University would like to become more focused on the new Mission, Vision, and Values which have been revised to better fit the students. They would like to make the new “DNA” more of a living document that is more useful than the current one. They would like to turn it in to a competitive advantage. Thus, Dr Jasinski asked if we would discuss the new Mission, Vision and Values with our Constituents to get feedback. If they don’t fit the students then they are serving their purpose. Dr. Jasinski also announced that they are looking over academic programs that have lower enrollment rates and comparing them with other universities and institutions, as well as looking at creating new budgets as there will most likely be a minimum of 10% budget cut for Northwest this year. They are hoping to have the budgets announced a little earlier this year for parents and students to better plan ahead. It was then opened up for questions and answers. The questions and answers were as follows:
      i. Senator Fox asked what the University is doing to prepare for the budget cuts. President Jasinski replied that the University as a whole has been working hard the past year to strengthen the financial side and they will continue to do so. They will look into their strengths and weaknesses and invest where it’s needed. They are also looking to re-finance areas such as the rec. center which will save the University up to half a million dollars.
      ii. Secretary Suntken asked what programs were under academic review at this time. Dr. Jasinski replied that All undergraduate programs with completion rates with an average of 10 or less students over a 3 year period and graduate programs with completion rates with an average of 5 students or less are currently under review. The question has come up of what will happen if a program needs cut and the answer is that the class will be transitioned out over a period of a time it won’t be immediately cut.
      iii. Phillip Greunwald asked what is being done by the University to make campus living more affordable and to involve off-campus/commuter students in on campus activities. President
Jasinski replied that there is a lot involved with working with on and off-campus living and the differences between the two. They will currently continue to offer the services that they need, and have a long range housing plan that will be phased in over a period of time. There are also conference calls coming soon with other universities and institutions to discuss housing ideas.

iv. Senator Paulman asked how much students tuition would increase based on the 10% budget cut. President Jasinski assured the Senate that all 10% will not come from students tuition and or housing which is apparent in the “DNA” because the Faculty and Staff is committed to do whatever they need to do for students. This is part of the rush on the Student fees process so they can get information to help plan for the future.

v. Senator Dunn extended a thanks to all involved in the revision of the Mission, Vision, and Values because it is not just focused on just academics but is focused on an overall student involvement—academics, organizations, student life, etc.

vi. Dr. Jasinski thanked the Senate for the questions and time. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns his door is always open so feel welcome to come in and chat. Remember to use the resources you have available, stop the leaders on campus, the faculty, or the staff. It’s hard to make decisions without understanding the impacts so it’s nice to hear students opinions so re-tweet, send e-mails, etc.

vii. President Templeton announced that he will be making a feed-back for so be sure to fill out and get it back to him. To see the Mission, Vision, and Values please view the attachment.

b. Constituency Reports--JR class, Academy, Wood, Ziemer, and Scheloski: President Templeton announced that only six constituency reports were sent in. Please submit constituency reports immediately so that the Student Affairs Committee can gather and discuss all the information and take action through them.

c. 3 Bell Ringings: President Templeton announced that there are three ringings so please attend them and spread word to your constituencies so they can attend as well.

i. Waylon Martensen, October 25th at 3pm: member of the track team who passed away in May

ii. Walkout Day, October 29th 8:30!

iii. Abby Cockrill, November 9th at 4:30pm: member of Alpha Sigma Alpha who passed away in August.

d. Advocacy Hour: President Templeton announced that we are going to be do advocacy hours. Instead of bringing up a topic and voicing our own opinions we will announce the subject at the meeting and then discuss it the following week which will allow for more credible feedback from the constituencies. The topics we will discuss first are topics that Dr. Jasinski would like feedback
on. If there are topics that you hear need to be discussed let President Templeton know and we will discuss those as well. The first topic is as follows:

i. Does Campus Dining provide adequate hours of operation?

IV. Vice President’s Report

a. Vice President Ranney informed the Senate that we are trying to get more associate members to add to our team. He announced that we are thinking of having a desk by the book store to get people involved. If you have comments, ideas, or want to help let Vice-President Ranney know.

b. Vice-President Ranney announced that committees need to be finalized tonight so they can be sent to all the committee chairs and attendance can be taken at them.

V. Secretary’s Report

a. Additions, corrections, deletions to the minutes of the last meeting?: Secretary Suntken announced one change to the minutes of the last meeting. After which the meetings were approved unanimously.

b. Correspondents: It was requested that we send correspondents to Dr. Jasinski thanking him for attending the meeting tonight, the Community Blood Center for all their hard work with the blood drive, and to Chris Cakes for their help this weekend during family weekend.

c. Office Hours: Secretary Suntken explained how office hours worked.

VI. Treasurer’s Report

a. Balance- $49,000: Treasurer Maddux announced the budget.

b. Balance is placed on file, subject to audit

c. Treasurer Maddux asked that whoever wins the organizational drawing please send a representative up so that he can get your information to transfer the money.

VII. Committee Reports

a. Organizational Affairs

i. Appropriation: Nichole Beckman came to speak on behalf of P.R.S.S.A. - Public Relations Student Society of America- and the event they are requesting money for. The event allows them to attend PRSA luncheons which will be six trips overall. They received a grant for half of the amount and the other half being requested from set will cover what isn’t being covered by fundraising and out of pocket requests. These luncheons will benefit not only our students but it will also allow Northwest to get its name out there through those students. It was moved from committee into discussion. Discussion was held. Senator Clark moved to vote and Senator Paulman seconded. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

P.R.S.S.A.

Amount requested: $685
Amount Moved: $500
Registration: $200  
Transportation: $300

b. Events Planning:
   i. Pancake Breakfast: Senator Sexton thanked all of those who helped with the pancake breakfast this past weekend it was a great success.
   ii. No meeting: Senator Sexton announced that there will be no Events Planning meeting but he will be sending out an e-mail that needs a response so your attendance will be a reply to the e-mail.

c. Public Relations:
   i. Can art: Senator Emerick announced that the Public Relations committee is still collecting non-perishable items for the canned art competition. If you bring three items it will count as one office hour
   ii. Meeting tonight: Senator Emerick announced that there will be a brief meeting tonight after the meeting Senator Ronning announced that the Senators involved in Up ‘Til Dawn will be excused.

d. Student Affairs:
   i. Constituency Reports: Senator Fox announced that there were only six reports submitted so please submit them they are vital for us to address student concerns.
   ii. Meet tonight: Senator Fox announced that there will be a meeting tonight after the meeting. The Up ‘Til Dawn Senate team members will be excused.

e. Governmental Affairs:
   i. Legislative Reception Date: Senators Sumy and Long announced that February 2nd and Leadership Day will be on February 3rd. They are trying to re-establish Northwest’s position this year so they are working on a main goal to accomplish in February. Governmental Affairs are hoping to have a large group go and are taking steps to contact leaders, ambassadors, presidential scholars, etc. to attend.
   ii. Senator Sumy announced that they are looking to add a current events portion to their report.
   iii. Senator Sumy announced that the Governmental Affairs meetings are on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.

f. Civic Service
   i. Blood Drive Results: Senator Dunn announced that the blood drive results reach record highs so thanks to all of those who helped and gave blood! Also, look at the Northwest Website to see the read more about the records that were broken!
   ii. Highway Cleanup-Monday, October 18 from 4-7pm [two shifts, 4-5:30, 5:30-7]: Chairperson Strohman announced that Highway Clean-up. There are two different shifts that Senate members can sign up for. If you are available to help please let them know.
iii. October Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser: Senator Dunn announced that the end of this month is Breast Cancer Awareness so they are hoping to do something similar to the hearts for Haiti that was done last year.

VIII. University Committees
a. Student Regent
   i. Student Fees Committee meeting: Student Regent Barbosa announced that Monday October 11th at 7 p.m. in Meeting Room E will be the first Student Fees Committee meeting. If you’re still interested in joining the committee please let him know. His goal is to present have the fees set by the Board of Regents meeting on December 17, 2010 so they can be presented to the board. Student Regent Barbosa also passed along some insight from the Interim Commissioner regarding higher education and the plans to increase the amount of college degrees in the U.S. to 80% by the year 2025 and how that will be changing the future of universities.

b. RHA
   i. MACURH candidates: Associate Member Easton announced that the MACURH candidates have been set. Associate Member Easton also made the announcements that Hudson and Perrin are having a Halloween Bash, Glee was projected between the Tower Suites Tuesday night, and Boo grams can be sent to friends through NRHH for .50¢ as well as Scare grams for $5.00.
   ii. Associate Member Easton and Senator Dunn presented Alexis Leggett on behalf of NRHH for going above and beyond the call of duty.

c. SAC
   i. Chairperson Strohman announced the upcoming SAC events which are as follows:
      1. Bear Creations SAC Lunch will be on Wednesday the 13th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It will be just like build a bear and will be free!
      2. The Fall Concert will be on Friday the 15th it will be featuring Sean Kingston and the Ying-Yang Twins.
      3. There will be a Hangar night on Thursday October 7th at 10:00p.m. The movies will be Easy A and Social Network. The tickets will be given out starting Thursday morning in the OCA and they go quickly!

IX. Chief of Staff
a. Senator of the month: Senator Morris announced that the Senator of the month for September is Senator Raffety! Congratulations Senator Raffety!

b. Binder info: Senator Morris explained the use of the binders for your agendas and there is a handbook located in the back! Please be sure to leave them whenever you leave the meetings.

c. New associate member: Senator Morris and the rest of the Senate extended a welcome to our newest Associate Member, Emily Hoffmann.
X. Parliamentarian
   a. Parliamentarian Taylor explained in his “fun fact” that Main motions must be dealt with first then one can proceed to the subsidiary motion.

XI. Organizational Information
   a. Senator Long announced that tomorrow at 6:00p.m. in Coldon Hall 3500 the Political Science Club will be showing The Last King of Scotland. It costs $5 to attend but you will get pizza. If you would like to attend RSVP to Erica Rockley.
   b. Senator Long informed the Senate that College Republicans will be meeting in Meeting Room A on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
   c. Associate Member Wood announced that Friday night at 7:00 p.m. is a home volleyball game vs. UCM. It is also student appreciation night so it would be great to see everyone there!
   d. Senator Brooks announced that Phi Sigma Kappa is having their Spike for Special Olympics this weekend. It is $50 per team, if you don’t have a team it’s ok just come out and support the cause! It will be held at Beal Park.
   e. Student Regent Barbosa announced that this Saturday is the annual Northwest Pow-Wow. It will be from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00p.m. It will be great diversity hours and will be held in Bearcat Arena.
   f. Senator Baudler informed the Senate that Alpha Sigma Alpha is hosting a soft ball tournament this weekend with proceeds going to the S. June Smith Center.
   g. Senator Dunn announced that the Sigma phi sigma’s Last Lecture Series is underway. If you have any questions regarding the Last Lecture Series contact Senator Dunn.

XII. Unfinished Business

XIII. New Business
   a. Organizational Drawing: Student Regent Barbosa drew the name and the Organizational Drawing winner of October was Tau Kappa Epsilon
   b. Swearing in of new Associate Member: President Templeton swore in Associate Member Hoffmann.

XIV. Hearing of Non-Agenda Related Items

XV. Closing
   a. Announcements
      i. Senator Dunn announced that Coach Tjeerdsma is in Sports Illustrated this month!
      ii. Senator Mordi asked the Spike for Special Olympics volleyball to meet on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Rec. Center.
      iii. Senator Fox extended congratulations to Senator Mordi and the men’s Soccer Club in their victory over UNL!
iv. Senator Montgomery reminded the Senate that St. Jude’s Up ‘Til Dawn will be meeting tonight to address letters. There will be pizza, live band, etc and will be open until 10:00 p.m.

v. Senator Templeton informed Senators that former Senator Jeff Drake sent a card and it is in the office under the office hours sign-up sheet.

vi. President Templeton would like to speak with the Class Presidents as well as Senator Brooks and Senator Paulman after the meeting.

b. Inspiration
   i. Senator Sumy inspired the Senate with a fortune cookie that read “I’d rather do something once and fail than never have tried at all.” So a challenge for this week, semester, and year is to take risks. It’s better to have tried and failed then to look back and never have tried at all.

   ii. Senator Euler will be giving inspiration next week.

c. Adjourn
   i. Senator Sexton moved and Senator Morris second to adjourn the meeting voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously!

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate Suntken

Student Senate Secretary