Student Senate  
September 4, 2012  
J.W. Jones Student Union  
Boardroom, 7:00 p.m.

I. Opening  
   a. Call to Order  
   b. Pledge of Allegiance  
   c. Roll Call: Vice President Sumy and Senator Clark were not in attendance.

II. Hearing of Agenda Related Items

III. President’s Report  
   a. Fall Elections will be held September 17th-21st. If you are interested in running for a position on Student Senate go to the Northwest Student Senate Facebook page and there is a link to a googledoc that must be filled out. Friday, September 7th is the last day to apply to be on the ballot. Election informational meetings will be held Tuesday the 11th at 7:30pm in the Union Boardroom and Wednesday the 12th at 5:00 pm in Meeting Room C.

   b. If you would like to be on a University Committee please contact President Ziemer.

   c. Last week’s advocacy hour question was: What are your thoughts on the Maryville City Council possibly raising the age to get into local bars from 19 to 21? We had a lot of feedback on the issue on our facebook page and in speaking with constituents and the majority of students believe that raising the age to get into the bars to 21 will not benefit the well-being of students or the success of local bars.

   d. This week’s question will be: If you have not registered to vote how can we help you or what events would you like to see to get registered?

IV. Vice President’s Report  
   a. We will be showing powerpoint at all the freshman seminar classes and all organization presidents will be emailed to promote the voter registration events.

   b. Each senator needs to sign up for two committees and each associate member one committee for the year. Committee chairpersons will stay after the meeting and you can meet with them to ask them questions about their committees.

V. Secretary’s Report  
   a. There were no additions, corrections, deletions to the minutes of the last meeting.

   b. Correspondents: One to the Northwest football team on a great home opener.

   c. If you have not already you need to sign up for office hours. Chairpersons will need to sign up for 2 hours and Senator only need to sign up for one.
VI. Treasurer’s Report
   a. Balance- $30,891.60
   b. Balance is placed on file, subject to audit
   c. Organizational Drawing will be in new business

VII. Committee Reports
   a. Events Planning
      i. Meetings for this committee will be Thursdays at 5pm.
      ii. We are working hard to plan events for Project Vote NW. The dance marathon will be September 21st from 7-12 at night. We will also have a wall outside the union for people to stamp their handprints on to pledge to vote, an ice cream truck driving around campus promoting the voter registration, and a fall festival on walk out day. We are looking forward to all of these events so everybody get excited!
      iii. Also Family weekend is coming up September 28-30 so we will be needing a lot of help at certain events.

   b. Public Relations
      i. Senate Elections are coming up the week of the 21st so be sure to get the word out about that.
      ii. A Student Senate slideshow is now on first floor TV with updates about what we are doing so be sure the check that out.
      iii. Also Homecoming is closer than it seems so if you have any ideas for the Student Senate Homecoming banner let Senator Fritsch or Clark know.

   c. Student Affairs
      i. The will be distributing this month’s constituency report through a googledoc that will allow students to give feedback on raising the age to get into the bars from 19 to 21.
      ii. This committee will meet after the meetings every Tuesday.

   d. Governmental Affairs
      i. This committee will meet Thursdays at 3:30 in the Senate office in the IIC.

   e. Organizational Affairs
      i. No Report

   f. Civic Service
      i. The first Blood Drive will be Sept. 25, 27, and 28 in the Towerview Room.
ii. Meetings for this committee will be Wednesdays at 5:30 in the Senate office.

VIII. University Committees

IX. Student Regent
   a. State budget is up .6% so that is looking good for us considering the cuts we were expecting from last year. We can expect some cuts throughout the year, but overall we should be doing well by the end of the year.
   b. Student Governor Brian Shewell from Missouri Western is here to visit to see how we run our student government and to exchange some ideas.
   c. RHA- Please contact President Ziemer if you are interested in this position.
   d. SAC- Please contact President Ziemer if you are interested in this position.

X. Chief of Staff- Please contact President Ziemer if you are interested in this position.

XI. Parliamentarian- Please contact Chairperson Saeger if you are interested in this position.

XII. Organizational Information
   a. Wednesday from 3-4pm Senator Claire McCaskill will speak and do a question and answer forum.

XIII. Unfinished Business
   a. Chairperson Wood moved to table voting on the budget. Senator Liz Smith seconded the motion.

XIV. New Business
   a. There was none.

XV. Hearing of Non-Agenda Related Items

XVI. Closing
   a. Announcements
      i. Gamma Alpha Lambda won the organizational drawing
   b. Inspiration: Mel Peitzmeier
   c. Inspiration for next week: Senator McCoy
   d. Senator Saeger moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Senator Fritsch.