I. Opening
   a. Call to Order: President Ziemer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
   b. Pledge of Allegiance
   c. Roll Call: Vice President Fritsch called roll, Senators Clark and Neff were not in attendance. Associate Members Curtis, Hunter, and Wiss were also not in attendance. Associate Member Burton arrived after roll was called.

II. Hearing of Agenda Related Items: Organizational recognition of Sigma Tau Gamma was added under Organizational Affairs.

III. President’s Report
   a. Election information: President Ziemer announced that student senate elections will be held on CatPaws the week of April 15th -19th and campaigning will be held the week prior. If you are interested in running for office next year please contact Senior Class President Senator Peitzmeier (Mel).

IV. Vice President’s Report
   a. Vice President Fritsch also spoke on the upcoming elections. There are only 5 more meetings left so if you are interested in taking on a leadership role within senate and becoming a committee chairperson, please get in contact with the current co-chairs.

V. Secretary’s Report
   a. Additions, corrections, deletions to the minutes of last meeting?
   b. Correspondents: There were no correspondents.

VI. Treasurer’s Report
   a. Balance- $22,530.30
   b. Balance is placed on file, subject to audit.

VII. Committee Reports
    a. Events Planning
       i. No report
    b. Public Relations
       i. Senator Garrett spoke about the Cat Connector App. A Public Relations class on campus has been assigned to promote the new “Cat Connector App”. This app is created by students and is an application that can be downloaded to mobile devices like iPhone and Droid. The Cat Connector App has categories that include but aren’t limited to: News, Late Night Specials, and events. To help promote that App, the public relations practicum would love to see the student
senate utilize the application to its fullest potential. Ways student senate could use the app could be: placing events, news and other activities on the app and making push notifications for those updates.

c. Student Affairs
   i. Senator Kunkel announced they received a total of 361 responses to the survey regarding the proposed student fees. 332 of the responses were from undergraduate students. The results showed students were not in favor of increasing the Student Activities Fee, Academic Equipment Fee, and Technology Fee. Students were in favor of increasing the Minimum Wage Fee.
   ii. Senator Peitzmeier (Mel) announced that they received many responses and good ideas for the Bearcat Food Court name change. However, many responses were inappropriate so please remind your constituents to keep answers appropriate when responding to surveys!
   iii. Senator Peitzmeier (Mel) also asked for help from the senate to volunteer during the Northwest Awards and Recognition Ceremony April 8th from 3-5 p.m. A sheet is going around the room, so please sign-up!
   iv. Student Affairs Committee will meet following the senate meeting.

d. Governmental Affairs
   i. Senator Raffety announced last week’s legislative trip to the state capitol was a success. He thanked Senator Smith (Liz) for all her help chaperoning the program and keeping track of students on the bus. Thanks Liz!
   ii. Senator Raffety also announced the City Liaison amendment. The selection of the position would fall on the Student Affairs committee chairpersons rather than the President. The one-year term begins May 1 and ends April 30. Students who apply do not have to be members of student senate to be the City Liaison.

e. Organizational Affairs
   i. Recognition:
      1. GAMMA: Hollie Smith spoke before the senate. She is the co-president of the new campus organization Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol. The organization’s purpose is to promote risk management within Greek chapters and recognize student leaders who are strong and positive role models in the Northwest community. Discussion was held and the motion passed unanimously.
      ii. Sigma Tau Gamma: Representatives from Sigma Tau Gama Headquarters spoke before the senate. They have recruited 23 student leaders to be the founding fathers of the Northwest fraternity. They have established an executive board and
plan to continue their membership growth and expansion to become an established fraternity on campus. Discussion was held and the motion passed unanimously.

iii. Appropriations:

1. Northwest Soccer Club: A member of the soccer club asked the senate to allocate $900 to fund their trip to Manhattan, Kansas. The event will run April 19th-25th. The Soccer Club’s membership numbers are increasing and the club plans continue participating in area tournaments. They plan to pay for their own gas. The trip is a great opportunity to promote soccer. It’s getting bigger in the US and has helped the Soccer Club members develop socially. Discussion was held and Senator Kim (Nigel said the trip is a great opportunity for the organization. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

2. Northwest Wrestling Club: Senator Uhing spoke on behalf of the Wrestling Club and is asking the senate to allocate $1,000. They had done quite a bit of fundraising and made significant attempts to fundraise for their trip. Discussion was held. Chairperson Wood spoke and said they have a pretty good shot this year and they might come home with something and that it’s always good to support student organizations. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

f. Civic Service

i. Senator Cantrell announced there will be a meeting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. in the IIC.

ii. St. Jude Up til Dawn and Student Senate are hosting a 3-vs-3 basketball tournament Saturday at 12:00 p.m. in the Student Rec Center. The cost is $15 to enter a team. There will be cool prizes for the winners of the tournament. Please see Senator Bridges if you are interested in participating!

g. Student Fees Committee

i. Vice President Fritsch announced that the senate will vote on the proposed student fees in new business.

VIII. University Committees

IX. Student Liaison

a. The bar age community forum tentative date is Monday, April 15th

b. Senator Uhing spoke about the Maryville City Council bar age forum held on campus March 4th. There were 90 to 100 students in attendance and said it didn’t go badly.

X. Student Regent
a. There will be a Board of Regents meeting Thursday at 8:30 a.m. in the Union Boardroom. Senator Raffety spoke on some of the topics on the agenda including alcohol on campus, and an exciting change in the legal counsel.

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XII. SAC: Chris Parnacott from SAC announced that the alternative rock band Chevelle will perform at the spring concert. SAC decided that an alternative rock band is a nice change up of concerts from the past. Chevelle’s latest hit is “The Red”. Tickets cost $10 and go on sale Wednesday, March 13th at 8:00 a.m. The concert will be held in Bearcat Arena Saturday, April 13th at 8:00 p.m.

XIII. Chief of Staff

a. Senator Moore thanked the senate for all of its votes and congratulated Senator Raffety for being Senator of the Month of February and Associate Member Langemach for being Associate Member of the Month of February. Congratulations Ashton and Mark!

XIV. Parliamentarian

XV. Organizational Information

XVI. Unfinished Business

XVII. New Business

a. Voting on proposed student fees:

i. Student Activities Fee- $3.00: Discussion was held and President Ziemer spoke in favor of increasing the fee because it can help fund more programs and activities on campus and will allow more weekend events. Many students have complained about the SAC concert selections for the past several years, including yesterday’s announcement of Chevelle perform for the spring concert. The fee will help boost SAC’s budget to bring in better artists and help other areas as including Greek life and student senate. A hand vote was taken. The vote passed with 16 voting for, and 8 against.

ii. Academic Equipment Fee- $5.00: Discussion was held. Both Senator Uhing and Smith (Ryan) spoke in favor of raising the fee. A hand vote was taken and the vote passed unanimously.

iii. Minimum Wage Fee- $3.50: Discussion was held. Senator Uhing reminded the senate that this is just a subsidy to help support programs at the base level that keep going up. Senator Raffety spoke and mentioned this would be a 10 cent increase for all student employees. A hand vote was taken and the vote passed unanimously.

iv. Technology Fee- $17.00: Discussion was held. Senator Kunkel asked if it’s possible to make an amendment to the proposal and if it’s possible to decrease
the fee. Senator Raffety spoke about where the increased dollars go and stated he is also in favor of decreasing the fee. Senator Uhing spoke and said high traffic areas like the Union or the Library are where students have trouble getting on the internet and loading websites like ecompanion. Senator Uhing said increasing the bandwidth will help. Senator Smith (Ryan) reminded the senate the money also goes to help replace our current laptops. Senator Smith (Liz) spoke about how the student enrollment is projected to go down in the next few years and maybe we won’t need as much of an increase if there will be fewer students using the campus internet connectivity. Associate Member Stoewsand spoke and reminded the senate that it’s important for student senate to vote in favor of the student body. Senator Raffety made a motion to make an amendment to the decrease the proposed technology fee from $17.00 to $16.00. A hand vote was taken and the amendment passed with 13 voting for and 11 voting against. Discussion was exhausted. A hand vote was taken and the $16.00 technology fee increase passed unanimously.

XVIII. Hearing of Non-Agenda Related Items

XIX. Closing

a. Announcements

i. Organizational Drawing: Congratulations to the Northwest Soccer Club! Please see Treasurer Spinner for your $50 prize.

ii. Inspiration: Senator Peitzmeier (Mel) inspired the senate with another corny quote. “What is the difference between school and life? Remember that if you’re given something in life you don’t want to do, like a math assignment or a team project, you’re going to learn from it!”

iii. Associate Member Klassen volunteered for next week’s inspiration.

b. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.