

43rd Student Senate  
Friday, December 5, 2014  
1 Payson Smith, Portland Campus  
By Senator Martin

I. **Call to order at 1:05 pm.**

II. **Attendance**

<b>Roster</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
Sen. Idman Abdulkadir	X	X
Sen. Thomas Bahun	X	X
Sen. Elizabeth Bishop	X	X
Sen. Ashley Caterina	X	X
Sen. Jud Cease, Vice Chair	X	X
Sen. Joshua Dodge, Chair	X	X
Sen. Fatoumata Issifi	X	X
Sen. John Jackson	X	X
Sen. Elizabeth Martin, Clerk	X	X
Sen. Scott Reiner	X	
Sen. Ashley Rose	X	
Sen. David Sanok	X	
Sen. Joshua Tharpe, Parliamentarian	X	X
Sen. William Webb, Student Affairs	A-excused	
Sen. Matt Wilkinson	X	X

III. **Introductions**

IV. **Approval of the Minutes**

- Minutes are approved by consensus.

V. **Executive Committee**

- Met today at 12:30 did not discuss much

VI. **Constitutional Review Committee**

- Met Tuesday at 2, put in proposal in to amend the vice chair position. Go over the entire constitution in pieces instead of as a whole. In preparation of the 44th Student Senate.

VII. **Finance Committee**

- Today there are two new proposals on new business, expediting one. unallocated is \$53426.47.

VIII. **Student Affairs Committee**

- Met yesterday speaking with Rachel Cormier about the metro uni talk with Barbara Holland.

IX. **Public Relations Committee**

- Keeping up with social media of the SGA. As well as tabeling next week before the semester ends.

X. **Clerk**

- Submit your office hours, they will be revoked if you do not submit your hours by Friday at 12 pm.

XI. **Student Body President**

- 76% of graduated seniors had a good or excellent time at USM. Graduates did say they had concerns about finding internships/jobs 81% would recommend coming to USM. 68% were involved on campus. 90% left USM feeling somewhat prepared or very prepared to be a leader in our community. Boost the moral at our university. We have a lot to offer.

XII. **Representative to the Board of Trustees**

- Not present.

XIII. **SGA Grad Assistant**

- Leadership Workshop next semester, Jan 22nd, 10 sessions, Thursdays 12-1 in Woodbury. 3 modules, Communication skills, group process, leading specific initiatives. Present yourself as a leader, gain consensus and run a group process, lead initiative. Free! Volunteered. Open to anyone, send an email out to notify people to sign up.

XIV. **Student Affairs**

- Report under Student Affairs Committee.

XV. **Other Committee or Entity**

- President Flanagan: Identify 3 or 4 institutions that closely identify with us and take whatever practice work their and apply them here. Come up with a structure that will work through this next phase. Aspire to have an internship for every student before they graduate. Courses are aligned with internships, overall purpose and direction. Layoffs were about 22.. People put off dealing with the financial shortfalls for a long time and the day has come we have to deal with

them. We still have to restructure administrations. Present a balanced budget at the end of the year. Not anticipating any faculty cuts within the fiscal year. Meeting Tuesday to talk about energy savings, electricity stays the same year round, oil prices so low could possibly save money switching from gas to oil for part of the winter.

- Budget Committee: Conflicting views within the committee on the direction it is going. Present again to the senate after conversing. Not much investigation into the previous budget but looking more into the future.
- VP Tanous: Retreat: National Guard spot the weekend before school starts. Senators, LDB, Exec board of GEB & PEB. Check out website! Our profiles are up.
- Motion to excuse the absence of Sen. Webb by Sen. Martin, seconded by Sen. Tharpe. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstain.
- Motion to expedite Proposal 43-25 by Sen. Rose, seconded by Sen. Jackson. 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstaining.

#### XVI. **Unfinished Business**

- Proposal 43-22: Committee: N/A – Sponsor: Senator Wilkinson  
*Motion to create a Senate email address.*
  - Motion amend the Proposal to put the email under the PRC by Sen. Wilkinson, seconded by Sen. Tharpe.
  - 10 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstained.
  - Motion to amend the amendment to put the email under the PRC as well as the Chair and Vice Chair by Sen. Jackson, seconded by Sen. Wilkinson
  - 10 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstained.
  - Vote to the original motion: 8 in favor, 2 opposed, 3 abstained.
  
  - Proposal 43-25: Finance Committee - Sponsor: Senator Bahun  
*Motion to approve finances for a USM Holiday Lunch*
  - 10 in favor, 3 abstained.
  
  - Motion to reconsider minutes by Sen. Wilkinson, seconded by Sen. Rose
  - 10 in favor, 3 abstained.
  - Minutes approved by consensus with amendment. (Chris Quinn changed to Chris Quint)
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#### XVII. **New Business**

- Proposal 43-25: Finance Committee - Sponsor: Senator Bahun  
*Motion to approve finances for a USM Holiday Lunch*
- *EXPEDITED.*

- Proposal 43-26: Finance Committee - Sponsor: Senator Caterina  
*Motion to approve finances for an American Red Cross Club banner.*
- Proposal 43-27: Finance Committee - Sponsor: Senator Tharpe  
*Motion to approve funding to increase bookkeeper's hours/salary.*
- Proposal 43-28: Constitutional Review Committee - Sponsor: Senator Jackson  
*Motion to approve changes to the 43rd Student Senate Constitution*

#### XVIII. **Former Concerns Update**

- Another Student Senator Orientation next week.

#### XIX. **Concerns**

- Remain professional during Senate with electronic use, no surfing the web. Only use laptop for vital useage pertaining to meeting.
- Hostile free environment, we're all students and friends. No grudges outside of Senate.
- Welcoming to people who walk into the SGA Office, whether they are part of the SGA or outside of the SGA.
- Pricing at the Bailey Hall Kiosk, prices are not as they are advertised, or is the item being billed for more than what they thought they had purchased?
- Parking for students who do not use their cars other than to get home and back for breaks, taking up spots that are close to buildings needed for students that use their cars daily.
- Tobacco Free Campus - not being upheld.
- No vegetable sides in the cafe on the Portland Campus, only fruit sides.
- Residential students slip and fall on the ice on the Gorham Campus.
- Avoid veto overturning supermajority overturning veto - oxymoron.
- 4th floor of parking garage, huge sheet of ice, which is creating lots of traffic/less parking.

#### XX. **Announcements**

- Dick Campbell is scheduled to be at the next meeting but cannot make it. Let Heather Monroe know if we would like to set up an alternate time.
- Dance USM tonight-Sunday 7:30 tonight and Saturday, 5:30 Sunday.
- Good Shepherd Food Bank tomorrow 9am - 1pm in Auburn.
- Protest and March at Monument Square 7pm-9pm in solidarity with protests in NYC, Ferguson.
- Tuesday, Dec 9 Holiday Lunch in Woodbury.
- Husky Day of Service, April 17th 2015.

#### XXI. **Adjournment at 3:33 pm.**