Senate Minutes
February 24, 2014

Opening
Call to Order: Vice President Gaona
Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call and Establish Quorum: Secretary Thomas
Reading and Approval of Minutes: Senator Dillard (seconded)

Communications:
1. Guest Speaker: Gil Gutknecht and Martin Lancaster, "Congress to Campus":
2. Gil Gutknecht: Represented Minnesota Legislature for 12 years and then 12 years in US Congress. Interested in way you start program because that is how we started every day at Congress. I used to ask students if they knew much about the history of Congress. I’d ask what was the very first official act of the US Congress? It was that they appointed a Chaplain. Then I’d ask, what did they do after that? They prayed. They prayed for an hour and a half. Every day of Congress has started with a prayer- not an hour and a half though. We have been privileged to spend the day here with many of you. I just want to thank you, this is an impressive group. We have been impressed with the students and faculty. This is a beautiful campus and you need to pinch yourself every once in a while. I want to share that Dick Gephardt from Missouri reminded us that what we do every day on the floor of US House of Representatives is a substitute for civil war. You deal with the same kinds of issues and they are important to those on campus. Hopefully we can answer a few of your questions. Thank you for inviting us.
3. Martin Lancaster: It’s been a long time since I’ve sat in a student legislative session. I was one when I was your age. I was at the University of North Carolina, an institution several times your size, and legislature half this size. Takes a whole lot more of you to govern your student body than us. Good to be with you. One of the things that encouraged me to run for state Legislature, I was there for 8 years and then served in Congress for 8 years. It took him longer to perfect his representation. It is an important part of your educational process and great service to student body to deal with issues in a way that makes my fear on this campus better and it helps you to interface with the University’s leadership in a way that is positive for your students. Thanks for letting us be with you. I agree with Gil about the beauty of your campus and radiance of your students. If you have questions, fine, you have a very long agenda. I’m sure we will have to duck out because we need dinner.
4. Senator Bosomworth: You mentioned you participated in legislature at University, did you as well? What experiences did you gain that you think we should gain?
5. Martin Lancaster: One of those things is parliamentary procedure! How to conduct as a leader and how to participate as a Senator, I think that is one value. The other, the ethics. Learning to articulate positions on issues and advocate for your position to fellows. Then to take that back to the groups that you represent. Valuable learning experience and I commend you for seeking that for yourself and for your student body.
6. Gil Gutknecht: I didn’t serve in the student body in college, but I did serve in student council. I’ll share another little story about representing the government and how amazing it is and how we take it for granted. Martin mentioned learning parli-pro and procedures of the House. Rare honor as a freshman to be selected as a speaker pro-temp, who speaks when the real speaker isn’t there. Have a dozen or so serving in that capacity. Before being speaker of the House, you have to go through additional training on rules of the
House. When ready, they allowed you to preside over the House while doing special orders where people give up and give speeches to an empty house. The first time I was given the gavel to be the speaker for the United States House of Representatives, it was an incredibly moving experience for me. I was reminded of a story that had been told to me by the speaker at that time, Newt Gingrich. It speaks to the miracle of our representative democracy. What we do has such an impact over the world. Shortly after the Soviet Union collapse, they had their first free elections for their parliament. The Congress invited some of their leaders to the new parliament to visit US and took them to Washington to see the White House, Supreme Court, and brought them to the Capital. The last stop on their tour was to bring them into the House chambers. Brought them down the center aisle where we bring the US President when giving the State of the Union address. When they brought the Russians into the chambers, one broke down and started to cry. He pointed up to where I was standing, and said I never thought this would happen. Point and said that is the center of democracy in the world. It hit me when I was standing there with the gavel. Here’s a guy from a small town mid-west and I’m standing there, Speaker of the House. What we do this representative democracy, whether it is the State Legislature, or student Senate, you have a profound impact and responsibility to set a good example. I hope you remember that story.

7. Senator Cleary: thank you for coming in and talking with us. As a senator, we have the difficult task of representing our constituency when they want something that we may not agree with. How did you deal with representing them and competing with your own beliefs or morals?

8. Martin Lancaster: I always believed in representing your constituency but not being a robot. If you’re going to say what your constituents feel, every time there is a vote, we don’t need you but a larger polling mechanism. I also felt that especially if I was taking a position, if the popular feeling of my constituents was on the other side, what would they do in my position. Often they are not in possession of that information. Perhaps, creating their own position based on fear or ignorance, instead of all the facts. I was elected to exercise my best judgment and intelligence, not to be a mouthpiece for someone who might not have all the facts and knowledge that has been gained through committee meetings and other avenues with more information gathered that representative have to base their decision on.

9. Gil Gutknecht: I would agree with Martin. We confuse the terms democracy and representative democracy. There are many times you have to make a decision that may be contrary to the current popular decision. My experience has been, generally speaking, when I voted what I believed was right. I have the 3 C’s. First is my conscience, If I believe this is a matter of conscience, it didn’t matter what the public thought. 2nd was constitutes, and 3rd is my caucus. People think that members always vote what the party tells them to do, and that is not really true; it is exaggerated. I was told when I first went to Congress was that the only thing you take with you when you leave, regardless of the circumstance in which you leave, more members are voted than carried out. You only take your own impressions of yourself; your own image that you have. Both of us can tell you that we have no regrets because we did what we believed was right given the circumstances, not to say we didn’t make mistakes. I wouldn’t have changed my votes at the time based on the same information

10. Senator Holmes: do you think politics in the US is becoming more polarized or is it an exaggerations?

11. Gil Gutknecht: It is not becoming more polarized; it is more polarized. I think that it goes to the first questions. If anything Congress is listening too much to the loudest voices on either side of the political spectrum. People say Congress doesn’t listen. I argue they are listening too much and I think they should follow their hearts

12. Marin Lancaster: amen

13. Jeremy Koffler: one thing I believe this body does in terms of own education process is learn to work with those of different views and come to a solution to a problem with diverging philosophical or financial problems. Coming off that last question, what are some ways you have seen success and figuring out that common ground where things
can go across the aisle and make things happen? I know it is difficult in this climate with significant barriers, but have you seen success in your career, how did you do that?

14. Martin Lancaster: one example I would give you is the vote on desert storm. It was a controversial issue to give President permission to go into Iraq. Difference between Congress and State Legislature where everyone is in the chamber from the time the gavel hits and then hits to close. There is impact from debate on the outcome of a measure, whatever it happens to be. The only measure it happened on in my 8 years was on that vote. Every seat was filled and everybody had a chance to participate in the debate. Many minds were changed by the eloquence of the speakers and logic of their arguments, that is the kind of meeting you have here. Where everyone is present and minds are changed. In Congress, generally speaking, those on the floor are those who intend to speak either for or against the amendment. If they have been changed at all, they have been changed before that day because Congressmen are involved in other pursuits when the argument is going on. That is a way that in this room you can have impact. The only time argument had a significant play.

15. Gil Gutknecht: Congress tends to rise to the occasion when there is real gravity. The Desert Storm resolution, and resolutions to authorize force in Iraq, the articles of impeachment. If you think about the two most awesome powers of Congress, they are to declare war and to impeach the president. Honestly, nobody ever wants to take those votes. Those are things you understand the gravity of what is happening and every member is there on the floor. The other example is to expel a member. He was a democrat from Ohio and he was well loved by both democrats and republicans. It was a hard vote and every member was there. It was overwhelming on both sides. Congress does have a better ability to rise above some of these things when matters are serious. That one of the reason I loved state legislature more was because they had real debates. When you have a real debate and get to make your case, even if you lose there are almost no hard feelings. It's not a sporting game, but if you gave it all you had, missed the basket and they made it and won, let's move on. In Congress, with not-honest debates, the outcomes are always less satisfying. When all members are present and there are real debates it is and we move on.

16. Senator Kenneally: we are working on incorporating diversity and having opinions from all different backgrounds. Can you talk about how you did that on a large scale?

17. Gil Gutknecht: when you represent a district that’s 98% Norwegian or German, not sure how to answer that. Norwegians are hard to get along with

18. Martin Lancaster: in Congress, there’s not a person to represent diversity in the speeches that ultimately flee even though they may have an impact on votes. Diversity is achieved in representing the government is how the various districts represent diversity. Unfortunately, the only factor that is included in determining the the makeup of districts is political and racial. That is now unconstitutional. I don’t know what that will mean for subsequent redistricting, but during the next census. Mostly, diversity is not considered racial, which is unfortunate. It is far more important for demography be taken into account as apposed to race, because race is part of that. Demography is not the basis as to which districts are pulled for racial and cultural and economic and I think it should be.

19. Senator Holmes: any idea why state legislature so different than Congress itself in debate?

20. Gil Gutknecht: Short answer, it is a lot smaller. The other thing is that the session is concentrated. Members are expected to be on the floor of the Minnesota house. You are expected to be there. In fact, Minnesota legislature you had to be excused by the speaker if you weren’t going to be there. That is a huge difference. There are so many things going on in Washington and people generally don’t know what will be voted on until bells go off and cards are handed out. It is sort of an artificial world in Washington.

21. Martin Lancaster: the biggest thing is that there are 435 there and in my case in North Carolina there are 120. The other is that in Congress, committees can actually meet when Congress is in session. You may be working and considering matters that at the same time the session is in session
22. Senator Hubbard: you said that the Congress comes together to discuss things for a serious matter? Could you talk about you come together and figure things out?

23. Gil Gutknecht: We have divergent views. There have been lots of government shutdowns. Strategically, I think they had a positive impact when I was on Congress. On the long-term direction where we went with spending. The first big one was 22 days. They were about big things, about how much we were going to spend the next year. The Congress had passed, and send to the President bills, but not at the level the President wanted to spend and that it didn’t meet the needs. We believed it did. The power is invested in the Congress, the president faithfully executes and defends the laws and constitution. The president doesn’t get to pass the budget. Congress needs to exert their power. The president vetoed the bills that would have paid and kept the government open. The other issue, is that it is called a government shutdown, which is a political term. The government doesn’t shut down, it shuts down some sections of the federal government. Most people did not miss the agencies that were closed. Defense department still defending our shores, and the doors holding prisoners still locked up. No you shouldn’t have to do that and people should sit down and work out their differences beforehand. Sometimes that can’t happen it is all about consequences and what each side is willing to accept. Shortly after we had that shutdown, we did have a sit-down with the White House after shutdown and agreed to a longer-term plan and reduce spending to achieve a balance budget in 4 years. We did. It was a dumb fight dumbly fought, but did achieve a huge benefit of the people of US

24. Martin Lancaster: For a shutdown to occur, things would have to be ultimately settled before ultimate consequences would have taken affect, which is to not allow debt to go into default. Fortunately, one of those times, I was not in Congress at either time. That is the ultimate consequence of not extending the debt ceiling. If you don’t act, but in both cases they acted. The republicans who supported the shut down felt it was necessary to get the attention of the other side, but there are smarter ways than risking a default.

25. VP Gaona: As members of Congress, what was the most valuable experience that you learned and took away from that experience?

26. Gil Gutknecht: there are a whole lot of things. It is an enormous privilege; you meet and learn so much. I used to say serving in Congress was like getting graduate degrees in a whole lot of different fields. Hard to put your finger on it. At your fingertips you have enormous amounts of information. The Library of Congress is the biggest library and we can get any material on any subject and we could get in an hour. We all took it for granted. We could call up somebody from NASA or someone in the Defense Department and get an answer. It was an incredible experience that was a personal development course because you learn a lot about yourself and what makes you tick. You can’t put your fingers around that

27. Martin Lancaster: those are all valid points that I agree with. I would only add one thing, even though you as an individual may not change the course of a particular legislative issue, the fact that you are armed with the responsibility that goes with being a congressmen is that you can make a difference in other people’s lives. The most rewarding thing is constituent service. Helping people and solving problems. Helping them with federal bureaucracy in order for them to survive. That is the most rewarding thing I felt I accomplished, which has nothing to do with legislature

28. Senator Montoya: who do you want to run for president in 2016?

29. Martin Lancaster: I don’t know who the candidates are

30. Gil Gutknecht: My wife won’t let me

31. Marin Lancaster: I will not run, and if elected I will not serve

32. Gil Gutknecht: It makes his campaign manager very nervous. I think that people think the campaign season is too long and expensive, I agree. I do believe the process we go through and starting all over the country and telling the American people about themselves, it is a valuable experience. I think we make a mistake too often going around one candidate too quickly. A whole lot of things will be sorted out in the next 2 years that we can’t foresee. My friends ask me too. I don’t know who to get involved with. We will learn a lot within the next 2 years.
33. Martin Lancaster: Need to educate the person who will become President. They come from a specific focus if they have been a governor or senator. They know very well about their constituents. Having traveled the whole country and exposure to ideas to be tested by the people is an incredible learning experience for who will ultimately serve.

34. Gil Gutknecht: The campaign it tests the metal of the candidate. Voters will forgive candidates if they think they are wrong on a particular issue. They want to know if they are made with the right stuff given the right pressure. Things will change. They want to know about their values, when their chips are down, will they handle the pressure? The campaign helps sort that out. Thanks so much for having us. We have had a wonderful time. Thanks for letting us come and spend a few minutes with you.

35. Martin: we have enjoyed being with you

36. Visitor’s Open Forum

37. Open Senate Positions: 1 Non-traditional; 2 Senior; 1 Fields; 1 Junior

Reports

1. Executive Board: ASUP President Chadwick: Met with Fr. Beauchamp today, will be waiting on a formal response to the resolutions, however I can briefly discuss what we did talk about. Res. 14-02 is a ASUP internal change and he sees no reason not pass it. In regards to 14-01, Fr. Beauchamp will be passing this resolution on to Fr. Gerry Olinger. This is due to the fact that Fr. Olinger’s department led the process that came about this decision. Received a cup count from Espresso UP, for the first 2 Espresso UP events of February we had served about 500 cups. A shout out to the Student Planning committee and OSA for putting on a wonderful Junior Parents weekend. Contracting crews have accidentally severed a water main. Currently much of the campus is without heat due to main boiler being shut down, and the following buildings will not have water, Corrado Hall, Tennis Center, Mago Hunt, Mehling Hall, Physical Plant, Orrico Hall, and Villa Maria Hall. Physical Plant is working quickly and diligently to fix this. ELECTIONS ELECTION ELECTIONS!!! Encourage your constituents to apply for Executive Board Positions. Applications are now available. The Vans are being used already. Have been seeing great feedback, and are very appreciative of this new resource. Housing deposits are due today. If you are planning on returning to live in the dorms make sure to get your deposit in by tonight!! Fr. Beauchamp wants me to discuss with you. Wants a response to the student petition, hiring process that will not be discussed with the students. As with most companies, they do not discuss those processes with other individual. Pres advisory committee on inclusion has become a standing committee. Fr. Gerry Olinger, dean and student Anthony is on it. He has tasked the E-Board to get one or two more members so if you have suggestions please send them my way.

2. Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Robinson: 30% of budget spent. Fall 2014 budgets due March 7th. AT&T Deal - Q3 $438.33, Q4 $470.04 deposited into the endowment. StraightForward Finance Wednesday from 4 to 5 pm in Franz 206. Go! Reallocations: Men’s Ultimate - $300 from Beaver Brawl hotels, $300 from PLU hotels. Make sectionals tournament fee $300, coaching stipend $1000, sectionals hotel $400, PLU tournament fee $350. Robotics Club - $22 leftover from VEX kits, $100 from Kinect sensor to sensors an other electrical equipment

3. Campus Program Board: Director Castro: Good evening everyone. This weekend we had Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom play in BC Auditorium. We had to cancel our Friday movie as there was an event in BC Auditorium at the same time and have found other dates that conflict with the movie and must address them. On Saturday we had 20 people attend, probably due to the amount of activities going on during the weekend. This week’s movie is Gravity, starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney, playing at 9:00pm on both days. On Wednesday, CPB is hosting the UP Identitree for Diversity Dialogues Week from 12:00pm – 2:00pm in the commons main entrance, between the café and dining area. You will be able to write what you identify with or adjectives that you feel describe you on strips of paper which will be hung on the tree.

4. Elections: Secretary Thomas: Thank you to everyone who read the Minutes and sent me corrections! Also, APPLICATIONS DUE THIS FRIDAY BY 5PM. This Friday I will be
clinical and will not be in the office but either another E-board member will be there to collect applications or Student Activities, which is in Saint Mary’s, will be open until 5pm. If neither of those work please email me the application.

5. Senate Standing Committees:
   a. Infrastructure: Senator Halcomb: waiting to hear back from Paul Meyers about Health Center availability for study abroad, update soon. Senator Zabinski and Senator Dillard are meting with somebody from athletics to talk about Senate involvement.
   b. Community Relations: Senator Montoya: March 10th is the next UPNA meeting at 7pm in Hall of Fame room in Chiles center
   c. Club Recognition: Senator van den Berg: Talked with president of UPLI and got everything worked out. Recommended them for approval, still looking at Investigating Knowledge. Approved She’s the First and Mobile App Development club.
   d. Campus Affairs: Senator Cortez: Res life subcommittee will be meeting with Chris Haug this week. Soy Bowls too much teriyaki - possibility of putting on the sauce yourself with a squirt bottle or two ounce dressing containers. Long lines at commons during snow weekend - they were understaffed; nothing really they could have done about it. Mack's Market prices - they were planning on doing this but their plan got backordered. Froyo - not gonna happen. Gluten Free: possibility of putting a sign up when they are serving Cove fries in the Commons. Gluten Free Fries Contamination - They will look into getting chicken strips and fries into separate baskets. Continue to submit contamination reports to cortez16@up.edu. Food contamination - they would like details on the contamination. Breakfast for Dinner - once a month since it was a hit. Pesto Pasta station - still being worked on. Reminder that pasta and pizza are gluten-free. They are open to suggestions for gluten-free things (most of the staff knows, so just ask)
   e. Campus Security and Maintenance: Senator Ballard: To the slippery steps in Franz and baseball field, the answers is that it rains. Be careful on the steps. They don’t have a good drainage system by the baseball field. It has been brought up in the past. Basically we are in Portland and it rains.
   f. ASUP Awareness: Senator Delucchi: got stuff figuring out tanks and are emailing companies. Still waiting to hear from somebody about the colors. In VPs debrief we will let you know what tanks we are looking at and have a price breakdown. Depending what you want them to look like will depend on the price. For day of service, VP Gaona and I are working with Dr. Fredking to figure out the logistics. Went down to Macks Market to see the different supplies and will be working with them to use meal points. Tonight is a diversity dialogue event, we are hosting the panel 6-7 in St. Mary’s.

6. University Committees
7. Constituency Reports:
   a. Senator Erhart: the weekly emails are coming out too late. The campus wide email updates, and events happened and I didn’t know about them
   b. Senator Li: there was mold on the turkey last Tuesday on sandwich station. Ask to put signs on the library to not dump out full cups of drinks
   c. Senator Miller: Student want Greek yogurt in Macks market. Having buzzers like at Panera waiting for the Grill
   d. Senator Chipman: complaints about people smoking where they shouldn’t be but don’t want to tell them they shouldn’t be smoking there because it seems rude
   e. Senator Erhart: food over the years is getting less healthy, especially the snacks available by cashier
   f. Senator Kenneally: I drove one of the vans and it was really nice, well done!

Old Business
New Business
1. Fresh Air Campus Challenge: Senator Erhart and Senator Ng. Attached is
   a. Senator Holmes: evidence as to how much exposure you need to get ill from second hand smoke? 30 seconds? 5 minutes?
   b. Senator Erhart: I don’t know of any research. I do know Oregon passed a law if children are in a car you can’t smoke.
   c. Julie Ann: Those who use e-cigarettes and vapor pens, would those still be allowed?
   d. Senator Erhart: PAD health and safety said that they are grandfathering into considering that into tobacco. Right now it is not allowed indoor and would fall under tobacco
   e. Senator Ng: The OSU campus, they banned it
   f. Senator Li: more of a suggestion, but in order to help us help you, it would be helpful to have a question box link thing to send out to constituents
   g. Senator Ballard: Important to do a survey. How many people smoke on campus? Who’s rights are we taking way from establishing a smoke free campus?
   h. Senator Erhart: Just like we were told, when we vote and we make decisions, sometimes we do it for the best. Affects interest of those who do smoke, but lets move forward because know it is not healthy to do that. It is taking away person leisure on campus, but looking forward to make it a healthy place
   i. Senator Montoya: Wondering, do you have statistics on how banning tobacco stops individuals on campus who would be introduced to it on the University level?
   j. Senator Ng: Im sure that could be found out. On the front page of your brochure, those who start smoking on campus are because of bad influences
   k. Senator Erhart: the two age groups that smoke the most are the 20s and the 40-50s. Without statistical evidence, you come off at 18 and it is the perfect time to explore and try new things. Subjectively higher chance people will pick up on it if it is on campus
   l. Senator Cleary: this initiative is new, has there been any research on the effectiveness? I was at Oregon State, and that is one that is smoke free. I saw several people smoking. How effective is it and how do we get people to follow it? If we have a ban why will it be different if we are uncomfortable already asking people to go into the designated smoking areas?
   m. Senator Ng: it will be worked out later. Maybe approach people and tell them nicely. Generally, it is a smoke free campus. There are no exceptions.
   n. Senator Erhart: change of culture will happen over time. It may take 4 years. There are things now where are aren’t allowed to walk. PSafe will be out there patrolling. Things like that will happen. Smoke-free period, it will take time but I think it can happen
   o. Eric Stricker: see distinction between cigarettes and vapor pens. Research shows there is little to no risk. Unconventional and not in the best interest to grandfather that. Always a good idea but it is unfair to chastise others who don’t smoke cigarettes. It is a stepping-stone.
   p. Senator Erhart: Thank you, that was brought up. It is a new thing in the states. Little is known about it. We are assuming it is still negative for the health. While some people view that as stepping down, I know people who use that as an alternative form.
   q. Senator Knepler: Who is this approved by? Senate? President Beauchamp?
   r. Senator Ng: I think it is better if we push forward as a Senate and show them we are together for this. It will better the entire community as a whole
   s. Senator Nnepler: this was tried and didn’t pass
   t. Senator Erhart: this is not to write a resolution. This is a campaign to get people talking about it. Just like the Green Dot program last year, kind of like a club or organization. Want faculty and staff to get together and talk about it. Get the ball rolling and eventually get it to Senate
u. Senator Holmes: where does the movement and campaign come from? Where did you get the idea?
v. Senator Ng: I heard it from a lot of people during the retreat that people wanted a smoke free campus. I researched it online and this came up. This is only happening in our region. I just Googled it and I thought it was pretty cool
w. Senator Halcomb: I’m hesitant to make this a being Senate thing. This is a campus wide policy change but also affects faulty and staff. If we make this a culture of non-smoking for those who work 8 hours a week, they won’t make life decisions based on that.
x. Senator Wildgen: I want to step back and commend you for persistence on this. It is admirable and coming from the perspective of coming from someone who grew up with a smoker all her life. The health consequences are immense even when you don’t realize them at 20 years old. The push for this is immense and just push it forward as a camping to make a healthier generation. Interesting to see those in teens choosing to smoke when we’ve been educated since 2nd grade of all the harmful effects on us and all those around us. Thank you.
y. Senator Ballard: You said Fr. Beaucamp brought this to you. Have you spoken to Fr. Poorman since he will be the new President?
z. Senator Ng: nope
aa. Senator Sutherland: one big concern is that we just implemented the smoking change. Stripped of not smoking at all. How do you talk to students who don’t know about this change. How will this come cross to them?
bb. Senator Ng: this isn’t happening over night and probably won’t start until next year. A lot of research to do and social changes that need to happen. This is not happening to do.
c. Senator Erhart: The Health center is ready with smoking cessation programs
d. Bosomworth: To vapor pens, that was discussed in the advisory committee. It is treated the same as regular tobacco products. This program doesn’t change that. Anyone using those are only allowed to use them in the in designated smoking areas. I have spoken to constituents and they are on board with the campaign. Those who live off campus do have a place to smoke but those who are not smokers are on board.
ee. Senator Kenneally: you mean you want them to stop smoking or just not smoke on campus?
ff. Senator Erhart: they can go off campus as they wish
gg. Senator Magtoto: It is hard process to stop completely. Any investment thought into helping them out? It is emotional and it can cost a lot and to promote the challenge, do you have any investment if Senate was to help?
hh. Senator Erhart: to my understanding, the health center has the tools necessary to help students. They should be covered with the plan. Also have psychological support there. Quitting smoking is psychological and physical process and takes energy
ii. Senator Rojo: how do we make people aware of the campaign if we can’t make people aware of the smoking areas? For the data, is that specifically for the NW? Trees make a big difference. For smoking cessation programs, what will we do to promote them?
jj. Senator Erhart: Great questions and they will be brought up. I’m passionate about it. We are hoping that the passion of those who want to get involved will push it forward. The year before I was a freshman, they banned water bottles on campus. Someone had to be passionate to pass that
kk. Senator Cleary: wondering, with other universities, have they seen an affect to homeowners? For having smokers on campus, will they have a bunch of UP smokers outside their house? Considering that we are neighbors and how would this affect them?

Open Forum
Senator Montoya: everyone with time to go to the diversity panel. Important we look into issues of diversity especially since we represent the student body. Look out for interest of all students, including those who are different than ourselves

Senator van den Berg: student activities sophomore escape this Friday! Tickets are $5 in Saint Mary’s student activities. Laser tag and all you can eat pizza 6-9. Monday-Thursday Commons 6-7pm

Senator Rojo: Carnival UP is this Friday 6-8 and there will be Brazilian food!

Sutherland: can I meet with my committee for 2 minutes?

Advisor Koffler: Want to respond to constituent complaints about timing of my announcements. I am someone who posts those messages and I post them as soon as I can. There is a cycle to the rhythm of the emails and come out every Monday and Wednesday. Monday email is collected into a digest at 12:01 Monday morning, so the announcement has to be posted before. If I see one on Monday morning at 8am when I get into the office, it won’t hit the digest until Wednesday. Some student groups are missing those deadlines and not getting them to the proper people at the right time. I would have to receive it before Tuesday to have time to post it. Important communication point to get messages in earlier in order for the timing of that to be correct.

VP Gaona: please email me any more announcements. We are heading straight to St. Mary’s for the diversity panel. Please snatch any friends you have.

Adjournment

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