I. Call to Order

Speaker Peter Smith called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM in the Schneider Multipurpose Room.

II. Roll Call

Senators Present - 23

Boyd, Cowin, Davis, Dent, Dilley, Donahue, Doucet, Fowler, Kaunert, Lamoreaux, Lortz, MacFarland, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Myers, Partika, Sattler, Schmidt, See, Stein, Stith, Wilson

Senators Not Present - 0

Also Present - President Bowers, Vice-President Rarick, Speaker Smith, Melvin Adams, Professor Skinner, Alex Lambert, and Jeff Yates

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Floor Leader Wilson of the Twelfth General Assembly led the Senate in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Devotion

Sen. Dilley, Member of the Subcommittee on Campus Ministries of the Twelfth General Assembly presented the Devotion.
V. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

VI. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the September 13, 2011 meeting were approved.

VII. Committee Reports

- **Academic Affairs- Bobbi Wilson, Chair**
  Each committee member was assigned a focus area. They are working on campus papers, “Dead Day” for exams, a syllabus requirement and advisor meeting, and a Facebook group and getting a computer lab in Ruff. They also want to gauge interest on smart boards.

- **Finance- Scott Partika, Chair**
  Senate Bill 104 in legislation.

- **Student Activities- Rebecca Schmidt, Chair**
  They finished the bulletin board for the student government board. They are also talking about getting the organizations mailboxes.

- **Student Interests- Kayla Doucet, Chair**
  They introduced new senators and talked about expectations for the semester.

- **Student Life- Ali Dent, Chair**
  The student life committee will be doing a walkthrough of residence halls and with Jennie Smith and the sub-committee will be working with Anthony Varner on the idea of a hall counsel. They are also working with Jennie on a mural project. They will also be working on improving commuter spaces.

- **Judiciary- Brandon Lortz, Chair**
  Alex Lambert was interviewed and selected for the Student Interest Committee; Sub-Committee of Environmental Concerns.
  Jeff Yates was interviewed and selected for the Student Activities Committee; Sub-Committee of Student Outreach.

Both potential senators stood and gave a brief introduction of themselves and why he or she wanted to be involved in student government.

Speaker Smith called for executive session and invited Melvin Adams, Professor Skinner, President Bowers, Vice-President Rarick to remain; the potential senators exited the room.

Speaker Smith asked for Speech of Affirmation on Alex Lambert.
Speech of Affirmation by Vice-President Rarick
Speech of Affirmation by Senator Lortz
Speaker Smith asked for Speech of Affirmation on Jeff Yates.
Speech of Affirmation by Senator Morris
Speech of Affirmation by Senator MacFarland
Senator Lortz moved the previous question
Senator Davis seconded
Alex Lambert and Jeff Yates were elected and appointed to their selected committees by unanimous consent.

VIII. New Business

**Senate Bill #104**

Introduced by Clerk Dent
Introductory Speech by Senator Partika
Speech of Affirmation by Senator McDonald
Speech of Affirmation by Senator Wilson
Senator Lamoreaux moved the previous question.
Senator Schmidt seconded
With a vote of 23:1, Senate Bill #104 passed.

IX. Senate Announcements

Vice-President Rarick explained the Student Government Town Hall coming up on Monday, October 3rd. He also talked about office hours and how they can be utilized in a more effective manner.

Senator Myers announced the Livestrong Cookout coming up on September 29th.

X. Clerk’s Remarks- Ali Dent

Reminded senators to serve their office hours and asked new senators to see her afterwards.

XI. President’s Remarks- Brent Bowers

President Bowers- Talked about upcoming Board of Trustees meetings and asked senators to use office hours more affectively if they felt they were not making good use of their time.

Vice President Rarick- Informed senators of renting golf carts to make student government more accessible and visible on campus, more information would be given at the next meeting.

XII. Advisors’ Remarks- Professor Skinner and Melvin Adams
Professor Skinner- Apologized for missing the last meeting and reminded senators that he is always available to talk if they ever need anything.
Mel Adams- Reminded senators to be on time for the upcoming student government retreat on Sunday, October 2nd.

XIII. Speaker’s Remarks- Peter Smith

Speaker Smith explained the changes that were made to the retreat schedule, including any time changes that were made and what kind of activities would be occurring. He proposed the new time to be 11 AM to 5 PM and Mel Adams and the majority of the senators agreed to this new retreat time. He also reminded senators of the one week notification for legislation submission. Speaker Smith also talked about the upcoming Constitutional Review that will take place from November 18th to November 20th. He also proposed questions to the senators as to how office hours could be served more affectively and could be more well-spent. Senators Doucet, Boyd, Myers, as well as Clerk Dent and Vice-President Rarick gave informative options to this question. Speaker Smith then ended his remarks with a couple questions that allowed for senators to answer and win prizes.

XIV. Adjournment

Clerk Dent motioned to adjourn.
Senator Lamoreaux seconded.
Seeing no objections, the Senate adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Ali N. Dent, Clerk

Peter J. Smith, Speaker