The first meeting of the Fourteenth Senate was called to order by Paige Settles at 5:00pm on February 2, 2015.

The minutes from last meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

**President- Jay Todd Richey:** We have a new sign in front of the SGA office.

President Richey appointed J. William Berry, Kazandra Trejo, and Rita Kuanyin as senators. The senate approved these appointments by unanimous consent.

President Ransdell will be retiring. His last day will be June 30, 2017. There is no more important duty of the Board of Regents than to select the university’s next president. Whoever is the student regent at the time of the next president’s selection will serve on the Board’s committee for selecting the next president. The shortlist of potential candidates should be revealed soon, though we have no idea how much work will be done by the selection committee by March. The governor’s budget did not make any state bonds available to us, which means the parking structure and other construction projects are postponed. Governor Bevin’s budget will cut 4.5% of higher education funding, which results in a $3.3 million budget shortfall for us this year. The governor has also proposed that 9% of our funding will be cut next year. We are considering creating a subcommittee under the Legislative Research Committee that will research the initiatives of other SGAs and the implications of our state’s policies for higher education.

**Executive Vice President- Nolan Miles:** There is an available position on the International Education Advisory Council, so if any of you are interested in filling that position, please let me know.

**Administrative Vice President- Liz Koehler:** Organizational Aid will meet on Thursdays from 4-5pm. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please let me know. We have about $5,500 left in org. aid funding. Please see the budget report I have provided for you all today. I have also introduced a bill to provide more funds for our voucher programs, as we have run out of money on those.

**Chief of Staff- James Line:** No report.

**Director of Public Relations- Sawyer Coffee:** No report.

**Director of Academic & Student Affairs- Barrett Greenwell:**

**Director of Information Technology- Rachel Keightley:** No report.

**Speaker of the Senate- Paige Settles:** Almost everyone is staying the committee you were originally placed in. However, we have moved a few people. Please attend your committee meetings. It is constitutionally required of you to do so.

**Secretary of the Senate- Cole McDowell:** New senators, please see me after the meeting so I know how to spell and pronounce your names.

**Academic Affairs- Kate Hart:** We have finished revising the applications for our scholarships and grants. They will be uploaded online by today.

**Campus Improvements- Zach Jones:** We will not have a meeting today.

**Legislative Research- Megan Skaggs:** Please send all new legislation to me by Mondays at 5pm.

**Public Relations- Madison Keller:** We will have our first meeting after senate.

**Student Affairs- Temple Ricke:** No report.

**MyCampusToo- Hannah Neeper:** We will have a short meeting after senate, and we will also be hosting two events this month for black history month.

**Sustainability- Chelsea Faught:** No report.

**University Committee Reports:**

Budget Council: Our first priority has been to seek sources of funding to raise salaries for faculty and staff. This prospect looks pretty bleak in light of the governor’s new budget. We won’t know what work we can do further until we see what happens at the state and administrative levels.

Student Research Council: The REACH week conference will be held on April 1st and 2nd this year. Please consider submitting any research you have done to present at the conference.

Faculty Welfare: We are currently examining the process and methods of evaluating faculty by students. We are also looking at policy on romantic/sexual relationships between faculty and students.

**Judicial Council Report:** Last meeting, Amber Daniel was officially elected as the new chief justice. Cody Cox was elected as an associate justice.

**Resolution 1-16-S**

The senate approved a motion to call to question.

Resolution 1-16-S passed in a 19-12 vote.

Nathan Cherry, Mary Hart, Cole McDowell, Hannah Neeper, Amy Wyer, Meagan Ward, John Hay, Michael Shelton, Andi Dahmer, Alex Sergent, John Winstead, Emily Houston, Savannah Molyneaux, Bryan Anderson, Josh Knight, Kate McElroy, James Hill, Kazandra Trejo, and Rita Kuanyin voted in favor of the resolution.

Zach Jones, Madison Keller, Braxton Powell, Temple Ricke, Megan Skaggs, Deven Richardson, Chelsea Faught, Lucas Knight, Luke Edmonds, Francis Wilson, Omer Toqeer, and Ashley Cox voted against the resolution.

**Constitutional Amendment 1-16-S**

The GPA requirement clause was removed by friendly amendment.

Constitutional Amendment 1-16-S passed by unanimous consent.

**Bylaw Amendment 1-16-S**

“students” in the second sentence was amended to “funding recipients” by friendly amendment.

Bylaw Amendment 1-16-S passed by unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:30pm.