AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER:

II. GUEST: Alicia Medros (UNH IT)

A. Alicia- we are here to talk about my courses which is the new blackboard. I am going to do a demo of what it looks like. The timeline for this transition will be this academic year and by the end of the spring term all the courses need to be removed from blackboard. J-Term courses will also be taught in my courses. The one thing that I want to make clear, all the courses will be moved to my courses but not all the things that are on blackboard (webcat, where you pay the tuition) will be on my courses. Those things will be on a platform called portal which will come in a little later. We did give faculty a choice of when they transition to this new platform so some of them may have already transitioned. This new platform is fully responsive and works on any device. There are features such as a to do list that shows all the upcoming assignments, a calendar, and recent feedback from professors. You get all the information for all your courses at one spot. The new help option will allow you to trouble shoot with support to help with issues that may arise with doing an online assignment. If you are not aware you can always call the unh help desk for troubleshooting as well. The account that you will have will let you customize your contact information (changing e-mails, adding a text message option). The notification tabs will allow you to see all the notification preferences you want for each item that can be posted to my courses. There is an internal emailing system that allows you to send emails right from the platform. The calendar tool will show you events and assignments by color code. All the due dates that your professor posts will be synced to the calendar. It will cross out things that were already submitted and you can also add your own personal events to the calendar. Another tool is the scheduler that can help assign office hours and this will also feed right into your calendar. The course tab will show the courses you are taking. We are working with faculty to keep this tab consistent. You will be able to see your syllabus and now there will be modules where you can find course
content. Once you go into modules you will see a variety of what is in there. The grade tool has a lot more information now. Not only will you see your grade but offers a “what-if” tool that will show you what your grade will be if you get a certain grade on an assignment. If you click on show all details on the grade tab—it will show you the mean, median, highest and lowest grades that were given on that assignment. We are trying to make things more accessible like inputting grades- once they add due dates it will add it the syllabus.

i. Q- Aaron- will courses already have canvas portal created? Will professors have a holdout with using this?

ii. Like blackboard, there will be some professors who choose to not use any platform but we are trying to get more faculty involved- the current faculty does not like blackboard and so far the feedback we have gotten is more positive so hopefully this will transfer over.

iii. Peter-Q- what is the customizability for professors who want to customize?

iv. This is html so they can customize it however they want

B. Alicia- The groups tab will show all the groups you are in and will also allow you to hold discussions, share files, make announcements, hold web conferences etc. in the group tab that is all built in.

i. Q-Is the groups exclusive to classes?

ii. A-Yes, for now.

iii. Q-Sam- can instructors see these groups?

iv. A- Yes they have access to all groups.

v. Q-How do you sign up of courses?

vi. You don’t sign up for courses on here, this is very specific for courses you are already enrolled in

vii. Aaron- Q- Does the my courses support preview of files?

viii. A- It has a inline viewer so you can preview a document or download it.

ix. Q- Cam- can you go into the timetable for everyone?

x. A- We are doing the roll out in waves, all J-term courses will be in my courses, now from January CEPS and COLA, Manchester, and Law School are wave 1, wave 2 will be the rest of the colleges.

xi. Q- Are log in ids the same as blackboard?

xii. A-Yes

xiii. Q- Will you be able to edit documents on canvas?

xiv. A- It will depend on what your professors want you to do.

xv. When it is expected for blackboard to be completely gone?

xvi. The latest that that will happen is June 2017.

xvii. Colleen- I have a course on canvas now, when I look at it at safari it is missing information than if I look at it through firefox.

xviii. That is interesting we will look into that

xix. Aaron- does the app support remembering your log in?
xx. I believe so.
xxi. Jon- have you gotten any complaints so far?
xxii. We have gotten some notifications for issues, we are getting some best practices that we can share with faculty, but we haven’t had any technical issues or anything like that?
xxiii. Q- Jon- what is your plan on teaching students on how to use this?
xxiv. We don’t currently have a plan but we offer a lot of support through the chat support, we will have open forums and there is a tab that will let you know where you get support. The instructors are getting a lot of their questions answered through the chat support.
xxv. Jon- Would you say that working with canvas better than working with blackboard?
xxvi. A- They have been good to work with
xxvii. Sam- last week we had a presentation about preferred name will that also be supported?
xxviii. A- yes.
xxix. How has it been working on this platform?
xxx. A- Abby- I like it, it is very user friendly
xxxi. C- I like it because you can learn more people and be more interactive with my classes.
xxxii. Jake- I was a little confused at the beginning but now it works really well.
xxxiii. Chris- being a TA and having canvas is a little difficult but that is specific to peer advising

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMUNICATIONS
A. Senators and Guests
   i. none
B. Senate Executive Board
   i. Doug- I am here to help you make resolutions, if you have any ideas let me know. You can come to me with literally anything and we will make it work. If you a new member here you will put up two fingers and then you say “I would like to friendly amend myself to this bill”
   ii. Amanda- welcome to senate- after this meeting once you have added yourself come up and talk to me! I will be sending you information about paperwork.
iii. Emerson- I’m Emerson I do all the social media and outreach to get involvement. I am working to get all the nametags done. Follow us on social media and use the #unhstudentsenate. This week I am working on a wordpress that will be like a blog- and if you’re in exec please send me your pics if you haven’t done so already.

iv. Abby- I am the SAFC person, we have two spots still open. If you want to be a SAFC senator come and talk to me! We are in the midst of our budgets and concepts. It’s a month long process for SAF orgs to get funding.

v. Chris- I help people who don’t have a budget for SAFC, I help orgs work with that, all my info is on wildcat link.

vi. Sarra- Hi just try to speak up.

vii. Zach- I deal with items on how this campus runs. I am still not sure about a meeting time I have a sign up sheet for those who are interested in joining.

viii. Matt- If you are interested in working with me please let me know. If you are interested in joining but can’t make it please let me know.

ix. Jon- basically I have one person on my committee but we are working on that.

x. Allison- We are changing my name to fraternity and sorority- if you are on my committee email me if the time doesn’t work. Thank you to all of those who have come to my committee meeting and they are mandatory. On Monday there was a vote passed that there will be a new sorority. Also ATO is coming back next year.

xi. Emily- If you want to be on my committee please let me know! I am excited for this year. I am sending out an email right now about binge drinking, mental health relief, and an American smoke out coming up. Field trips are coming! I will be giving you notice next week!

xii. Sam- if you join we are getting a lot done and we will be changing a lot of great things. Anything that deals with you and your rights as a student, which is my committee. This week our meeting will be meeting at a different time.

C. Student Trustee
   i.

D. Student Body Vice President
i. If you haven’t joined a council yet please see me after. It’s ok to join multiple councils. And you are required to attend council meetings.

E. Student Body President

i. When you are added to a council you are also added on blackboard. Last week there SRRR piece that was passed was forwarded to the dean of students, expect that to be back to in the document ASAP. Ryan and I talked with the Athletic Director about homecoming. The number one concern this year was traffic control- next year will be very different. I want to thank the exec board members for orientation, especially Ryan, Conor, Amanda and Gabe for making it work. Sunday Oct. 24 6pm, Granite State Room, first Student Address- will be an address and then there will be an open forum. Reach out to your friends and constituencies about this.

F. Speaker

i. I have been spending time meeting with new members in senate if you haven’t met with me and are new to senate I would love to meet with you. Also if you have noticed that we follow Roberts Rules of Order. Those rules are in place to make the meeting more efficient. I don’t want you to not participate because of the structure. I am going to start a voluntary committee to go to halls that have spots open to fill them in senate. If you are interested in that come and talk to me. Election committee is trying to work out to get more people to apply to be candidates in races. Please let me know if you have any ideas.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. XXXVII- 3.04- Removal of Senators
B. XXXVII- 2.05- Approval of Senators
C. XXXVII- 6.05- Approval of Student Activity Fee Committee Members
D. XXXVII- 20- Approval of Academic Affairs Chairperson
E. XXXVII- 21- Constitutional Amendment Regarding Greek Affairs Liaison
F. XXXVII- 22- Bylaw Amendment Regarding Greek Affairs Liaison
G. XXXVII- 23- Approval of the First-Year Senate Elections

VI. OTHER BUSINESS
VII. ADJOURNMENT

“A day without sunshine is like, you know, night.”
-Steve Martin

Student Senate Bill XXXVII – 3.03 Removal of Senators

Introduced by: Executive Officer, Amanda Barba
Date: October 11th, 2015

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to remove the following individuals as Student Senators for the remainder of session XXXVII:

Joe Sweeny
Q- Abby- Why
A- He asked me to remove him.

Senate Action: Passed With 2 Nays
Speaker Verification:

Student Senate Bill XXXVII – 2.04 Approval of Senators

Introduced by: Executive Officer, Amanda Barba
Date: October 11th, 2015

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to approve the following individuals as Student Senators for the remainder of session XXXVII:

Alycia Wilson- Handler 1
Hannah Mathieu- Christensen 1
Patrick Bein- McLaughlin
May Aye- Co Senator Sawyer Hall

Senate Action: Passed unanimously
Speaker Verification:
Student Senate Bill XXXVII – 6.04 Approval of Student Activity Fee Committee Members

Introduced by: SAFC Chairperson, Abby Martinen
Date: October 11th, 2015

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to approve the following individuals as Student Activity Fee Committee members for the remainder of session XXXVII:

Read out by Abby

Senate Action:
Speaker Verification:

Student Senate Bill XXXVII – 20 Approval of Academic Affairs Chairperson

Introduced by: Student Body President, Cameron Cook
Date: October 11th, 2015

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to approve the following individual as Academic Affairs Chairperson for the remainder of session XXXVII:

Justin Poisson

Cam- As you know that this position is vacant; this was the individual we came to. He is quick learner and will be exceptional at this position.

Senate Action: Passed Unanimously
Speaker Verification:

Student Senate Bill XXXVII – 21 Constitutional Amendment Regarding The Greek Affairs Liaison Position

Introduced by: Greek Affairs Liaison, Allison Onofrio
Date: October 11th, 2015

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to make the attached amendments to the Student Senate Constitution:
POI- Doug- a constitutional amendment requires an 80% majority, the change is to change the names of the Greek Affairs Liaison to Fraternity and Sorority Liaison.

Allison- The reason why it is changing is because it has changed in the university.

**Senate Action: Passed unanimously**

**Speaker Verification:**

Student Senate Bill XXXVII – 22 Bylaw Amendment Regarding The Greek Affairs Liaison Position

**Introduced by:** Greek Affairs Liaison, Allison Onofrio  
**Date:** October 11th, 2015

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to make the attached amendments to the Student Senate Bylaws:

Allison- same thing as before  
Doug- The changes are reflected from the constitutional amendment.

**Senate Action: Passed unanimously**  
**Speaker Verification:**

Student Senate Bill XXXVII – 23 Approval of the First-Year Senate Elections

**Introduced by:** Speaker, Gabe Hoffman  
**Date:** October 11th, 2015

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to certify the attached results of the First-Year Senate Election:

Colleen O'Hara  
188 borda count  
59 first place votes

Jesse Austin  
8 Borda votes 2 first place votes  
Jeff Smith 8 borda count 2 first place  
Other- 41 borda count

The amount of votes we received is about as proportional than those who ran
Q- Jon- How do we break the tie?
A- We don’t

Senate Action: Passed unanimously
Speaker Verification: