Name of Committee: Undergraduate Student Senate

Date of Meeting: 10/04/2015

Name of Grad. student attending meeting: Drummond Biles

In meeting 37 of USS;

Guest speaker:
Doug Marino who sits on the presidents commission on LGBTQA People was the guest speaker. He discussed in length the preferred name protocol and how it is currently being utilized. He discussed the different options people had for choosing the name they go by here at UNH, for a number of reasons ranging from personal reasons to foreign students wanting to adopt a native name. He discussed the legal implications of changing your name (notify parents or not) and that this name change is not recognized by legal authorities and they are able to assist people in a legal name change if that is desired.

Communications:
Nothing new

New Business:
Went through the removal and approval of different senators to and from different boards. Final resolution (resolution 37 - 3) was a request for the administration to examine holding a presidential debate at UNH. This passed unanimously after some discussion of when and where. The resolution contained very broad wording for time and place, such that the administration could be open to do whatever would work, and therefore increase the chance that the administration would be able to organize an event. I would assume all debates have already been scheduled but I think we should also draft something to "second" this request to the administration for a formal debate here at UNH. I believe this would have a great impact on political participation among students.

Other Business:
A Bill was quickly passed which replaced 2.5 pages of the Student rights rules and responsibilities handbook which dealt specifically with sexual assault and sexual misconduct. None of the senators were sure how this had been removed and all felt it was a accident, therefore this passed unanimously without much discussion.