The regular meeting of the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska – Kearney was held on January 24, 2017 in the room 142 of the Nebraskan Student Union and was called to order at 5:30 pm; Quorum was present.

Guest Speakers:

- **Kelly Bartling:** There is a lot of discussion about the state budget in the legislature of Nebraska. The farm economy is down. State departments were cut, and this includes UNK’s budget. Tuition will increase, probably next semester. 7-12% increase in tuition is possible. On top of this, a variety of job cuts are going to be implemented. Consolidation of departments or programs is possible. All of the construction projects are continuing. Is there anyone interested in learning more about the state legislature, learning about lobbying, communicating for UNK, etc.? If interested, please sign up on the sheet and Mrs. Bartling will be in contact with you. Stay updated on the current events of Nebraska. Wednesday, February 1st, from 2-3 in the Ponderosa Room is the Forum. There is a legislative dinner on February 28th if anyone is interested in going to that.

- **George Hollman:** The meal plan is changed for this semester. There are allowing more flexibility to the meal plan. Chartwells is bringing in new management and they seem very responsive to students. Traffic has increased significantly downstairs. They are making their decisions based on student feedback. These are the new meal plans for the next academic year. The all access plan will end at the of this year. Around 30% of students switched back to the old meal plan this semester. This is just one phase of the plan; more phases are to come. These include improvement of food, healthier food, improvement of staff and food in the dining places downstairs, meal points possibility in URS, athletes/Greek student satisfaction, etc. Please fill out the survey about the meal plans. The assistant dean position is open, at 11:45 on the 6th and 12 on the 8th potential candidates will be eating on campus. If you want to attend, please RSVP to Mr. Hollman.

- **Dr. Hinga:** The renovation project of the Union is nearing its final meeting for it to be okayed. There will be two phases. Upon entering the west doors, there will be an open floorplan. It will include a fireplace/lounge space to the right, a notification board straight ahead, media wall in place of the old TV, and new flooring and furniture. Another meeting space will be located where the posters and more room is. It will include the full-blown Starbucks around where the welcome desk is. A new lounge would be where the pool tables are located now. The Cedar room will be closer to the front of the building. The cedar room now will be storage and have a room for LPAC. Vending and pool tables will be located where the Market are on now. The computers will be located where
Rustic Range is now. Chick-Fil-A will be the new restaurant in the Union. The welcome desk will be visible from both of the main doors. There is discussion to expanding the 24-hour access.

**Public Comment:** none.

**CABINET REPORTS:**

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT (President Flaugh):** Please promote the Big Event. On February 9th, is the True-Blue Game Day. Student Government will be heading this event. Cookies will be served at the game to students. Student organizations will have raffle tickets to win prizes and possibly a pizza party. Regent meeting is this Friday and she will get back to us about tuition next meeting. A survey will be sent out soon for library renovations.

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Vice President Kordonowy):** none.

**CHIEF OF STAFF (Greg):** none.

**ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF (Jase):** none.

**SECRETARY OF TREASURY (Ben):** none.

**SECRETARY OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS (Carlie):** The t-shirt design is the one with the bell tower.

**SECRETARY OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ORGANIZATION (Asic):** none.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Selections and Constitutional Review (Senator Doering):**
- We have our applicant for our Secretary of the Senate. Miranda Moore is the candidate. Discussion: She is good. Motion to vote by Doering seconded by Thompson. Vote passes. She was sworn in.
- Next week we will have our selection for election commissioner.

**Rules and Ethics (Senator Hollibaugh):** They are meeting tonight.

**Facilities and Campus Development (Thompson):** none.

**Student Programming Board (Senator Whalen):** none.

**Student Affairs and Public Relations (Senator Harris):** Chats with the senators is next week after meeting. Prizes are TBA.

**Faculty Senate Committees:** The academic affairs committee meet last Thursday. Credit/no credit classes can be declared now after four weeks. AIT committee meet on the first Friday of the month at 8 a.m.

**SPEAKER’S REPORT:** We will be looking into forming a resolution for the state legislature.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** none.

**NEW BUSINESS:** none.
ADVISORS’ REPORT:

Advisor Sharon Pelc
Whoever is helping with the bulletin will meet after meeting. Please encourage your friends to run for senator or executive positions.

Advisor Tim Danube
If tuition hurts enrollment, then it could affect student organizations. Your input on that is important. Applications for senators available. Student Government elections are coming up and the informational meetings are on Monday and Tuesday. All positions become open at the end of this semester. A speaker, Hilary Corna, is coming on February 21st at 7 in the Ponderosa Room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.