

**Student Government Association Senate
Northern Illinois University
2:00 p.m. – Friday, 14 October 2022
Holmes Student Center Heritage Room
Public Streaming: <http://go.niu.edu/SGASenateLive>**

Members of the public wishing to give public comment, please submit an [Intent to Speak](#) form, no later than 11:59 pm, October 13th, 2022.

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Verification of Quorum
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - A. *Minutes are distributed electronically to the Senate.*
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Speaker's Report
- VII. Special Report
- VIII. Office of the Speaker Report(s)
- IX. Committee Report(s)
- X. Executive Branch Report(s)
 - A. Student Trustee Moore
- XI. Cabinet Report(s)
- XII. Old Business
- XIII. New Business
 - A. SR54019: A resolution to grant official recognition to student organizations
 - B. SB54012: A bill to change the bylaws to limit the number of times a candidate can apply to Senate outside of the annual election.
- XIV. Good of the Order
- XV. Announcements
- XVI. Adjournment

*Please be advised that public comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per person, and that any one topic may not be discussed for more than 15 minutes.

New Business

Agenda Item: A

Author: Chairperson Hensley

Sponsor:

First Reading

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**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 54019
Fifty-Fourth Session**

Summary: A resolution to grant official recognition to student organizations

Legislation:

WHEREAS, the Organization Oversight Committee has granted the below student organizations temporary recognition; and

WHEREAS, the Senate has the responsibility to approve official recognition for student organizations;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate hereby grant official Student Government Association to:

1. Climbing Club
2. Composition Club
3. Student Academy of Audiology
4. Reproductive Rights Association

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

New Business

Agenda Item: B

Author: Historian Babcock

Sponsor:

First Reading

14 October 2022

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 54012
Fifty-Fourth Session**

Summary: A Bill to change the bylaws to limit the number of times a candidate can apply to Senate outside of the annual election.

Legislation:

WHEREAS, there is currently no limit for the number of times a student can apply to the Senate; and

WHEREAS, the limit of applications should be two applications per student per session; and

WHEREAS, Part I, Article II, §5.A describes the Senate seat vacancy policy;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University Represented in this Senate enact that the Bylaws be amended to include the following:

**ARTICLE II
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

**Section 5
Senate Vacancies**

- A. Until all thirty (30) Senate seats have been filled, the Speaker shall accept applications for all vacancies on the Senate, including vacancies for the next session that were not filled during the Spring Election. Vacancies shall include all seats in which a Senator has resigned or been removed, or the seat was not originally filled during the election. As each vacancy is announced, the Speaker shall present the name of the first applicant who has registered with a completed application for consideration for an open seat. Applications will not be taken from graduating students when less than six (6) meetings remain in the session or from returning students when less than four (4) meetings remain in the session. No person who is on the applicant list may be skipped, except for the following:
1. The applicant asks to be skipped.
 2. The applicant cannot attend the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting.
 3. The applicant's packet of information is not complete; such applicants will be moved to the bottom of the applicant list for later consideration.
 4. The applicant has not attended at least one Senate meeting in its entirety.
 5. The applicant has already been denied by the Senate twice.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.