

**Student Government Association Senate**  
**Northern Illinois University**  
**2:00 p.m. – Friday, 11 November 2022**  
**Founders Memorial Library Room 202**  
**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, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 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. President Majeed
  - B. Vice President Lee
  - C. Treasurer Morgan
  - D. Chief of Staff Batz
- XI. Cabinet Report(s)
  - A. Director Newman
- XII. Old Business
  - A. SR54021: A resolution to confirm a Senator
  - B. SB54020: A bill to dissolve University Services Oversight and transfer its responsibilities to Campus Life and Greek Affairs
  - C. SB54021: A bill to update the bylaws to reflect that the SGA has moved away from Huskielink and now uses Huskie Hub as their organization management software
  - D. SB54022: A bill to require the Organizational Oversight Committee to help with the Annual Renewal Process
- XIII. New Business
- 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:** Speaker Douglass

**Sponsor:**

**First Reading**

11 November 2022

**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 54021  
Fifty-Fourth Session**

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**Summary:** A resolution to confirm a Senator

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, Paris Martin has met the requirements necessary to be appointed as a member of the Student Government Association Senate; and

WHEREAS, Paris Martin is running to represent University Housing; and

WHEREAS, there are vacant seats within the Senate's University Housing bloc; and

WHEREAS, "The Senate shall consist of thirty (30) Senators" and there are currently only twenty seats filled;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate hereby appoint the following as Senator for University Housing:

Paris Martin

***This act is ordered to take immediate effect.***

**New Business**

**Agenda Item: B**

**Author:** Historian Babcock, Deputy Speaker DeMeuse

**Sponsor:**

**First Reading**

November 11, 2022

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 54020  
Fifty-Fourth Session**

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**Summary:** A bill to dissolve University Services Oversight and transfer its responsibilities to Campus Life and Greek Affairs

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, Part 2, Article 2, §1.A of the Student Government Association Bylaws defines committee procedures; and

WHEREAS, Part 2, Article 2, §4.C defines the duties of the University Services Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, some of the responsibilities have already been given to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee; and

WHEREAS, some of the responsibilities can be given to CLGA; and

WHEREAS, Part 1, Article 1, §A.1 defines the duties of CLGA;

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

**Section 4**

**Senate Standing Committee Duties and Responsibilities**

- A. Committee on Campus Life and Greek Affairs
  1. The Committee on Campus Life and Greek Affairs shall be concerned with developing recommendations on making this institution a more desirable one to attend. This committee shall be responsible for the advancement of the University in all areas except those that are the duty of another standing committee, including university services and policies.
  2. The Committee shall be concerned with the overall improvement of the life of commuter students and any other matter that relates to commuter students.
  3. The Committee shall be concerned with the overall improvement of the life of residents of this campus and any other matter that relates to residents' needs.
  4. The Committee shall be concerned with the overall improvement of the life of Greek students and the residential life on Greek Row.
  5. The following members of the Student Government Association shall attend meetings of the committee and participate as non-voting ex-officio members to give reports and hear the opinion of the committee members: Director of Student Life, Director of Athletics and Recreation, Director of Academic Affairs, and Director of Greek Affairs.

6. The Committee shall be concerned with the academic life of students and improvement of the academic policies that affect students.
7. The non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Committee will be understood to include:
  - a. Campus housing (All residence halls and student housing operated by Housing and Residential Services)
  - b. Residential Services)
  - c. ResTech
  - d. Campus Child Care
  - e. Recreation and Wellness
  - f. Career Services
  - g. Counseling and Consultation Services
  - h. Couple and Family Therapy Clinic
  - i. Health Services
  - j. Office of the Ombudsperson
  - k. Students' Legal Assistance
  - l. Campus Dining
  - m. Campus Activities Board
  - n. University Writing Center
  - o. Holmes Student Center (Audio Visual)
  - p. Grounds
  - q. University Libraries
  - r. Parking Services
  - s. Tutoring
  - t. Student Involvement and Leadership Development
  - u. Student Employment
  - v. Financial Aid Office
  - w. Office of the Bursar
  - x. Study Abroad Office
  - y. Huskie Bus Line
  - z. Huskie Safe Line Service

B. Committee on University Services Oversight

1. The Committee on University Services Oversight shall be concerned with the improvement of all services and policies provided by the University for students and for any other matter that is pertinent to these services. The committee shall recommend to the Senate the appropriate courses of action concerning university policies and promote an understanding of university policies to the student body.
2. The Committee shall be concerned with the academic life of students and improvement of the academic policies that affect students.
3. The committee shall make an annual review of at least one selected University services and academic department, as well as provide reports of these reviews to the Senate, the University, and the student body.
4. The following members of the Student Government Association shall attend meetings of the Committee and participate as non-voting ex-officio members to give reports and hear the opinions of the Committee members: Director of Academic Affairs and the Director of Student Life.
5. The Committee shall consist of up to nine (9) members, including the chairperson.
6. The non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Committee will be understood to include:
  - a. Campus housing (All residence halls and student housing operated by Housing and Residential Services)
  - b. Residential Services)
  - c. ResTech
  - d. Campus Child Care
  - e. Recreation and Wellness
  - f. Career Services

- g. Counseling and Consultation Services
- h. Couple and Family Therapy Clinic
- i. Health Services
- j. Office of the Ombudsperson
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- y. Huskie Bus Line
- z. Huskie Safe Line Service

***This act is ordered to take immediate effect.***

**New Business**  
**Agenda Item:** C  
**Author:** Chris English  
**Sponsor:**

**First Reading**  
11 November 2022

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 54021**  
**Fifty-Fourth Session**

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**Summary:** A bill to update the bylaws to reflect that the SGA has moved away from Huskielink and now uses Huskie Hub as their organization management software

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association no longer uses Huskielink and now uses Huskie Hub;  
and

WHEREAS, the bylaws should reflect the current state of used software; and

WHEREAS, the current bylaws do not reflect this and instead point to Huskielink; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, §1.B of the Student Government Association Constitution states that, “The Senate shall have the power to create and amend the SGA Bylaws”;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact that the Bylaws will be amended to replace Huskielink with Huskie Hub in the Bylaws, Part III, Article III, §1.A, Bylaws, Part III, Article III, §2.C, Bylaws, Part III, Article III, §3.B, Bylaws, Part III, Article IV, A, Bylaws, Part III, Article V, B, Bylaws, Part IV, Article V, §1.C.1, Bylaws, Part IV, Article V, §2.C.1.

***This act is ordered to take immediate effect.***

**New Business**  
**Agenda Item: D**  
**Author: Chris English**  
**Sponsor:**

**First Reading**  
11 November 2022

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 54022**  
**Fifty-Fourth Session**

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**Summary:** A bill to require the Organizational Oversight Committee to help with the Annual Renewal Process

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, the current Annual renewal process, which is currently only the job of the Vice President and the Director of Organizational Development, has failed to catch a lot of constitutions that need to be updated; and

WHEREAS, Part I Article II, §4.F.1 of the Student Government Association Bylaws states, “The Committee on Organization Oversight shall be concerned with the oversight of student organization functions, including but not limited to: [...] constitution and bylaw amendments”; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, §1.B of the Student Government Association Constitution states that, “The Senate shall have the power to create and amend the SGA Bylaws”;

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

F. Committee on Organization Oversight

1. The Committee on Organization Oversight shall be concerned with the oversight of student organization functions, including but not limited to: recognition, constitution and bylaw amendments, serving on organization committees, etc. The Organization Oversight Committee will report to the senate on matters regarding student organization procedures, concerns, approvals, etc. One (1) university staff member from the Division of Student Affairs will serve as a non-voting ex-officio member to provide further guidance to the committee when needed.
2. The committee shall also be concerned with having at least one (1) member sit on each the University On-Campus Events Committee, Student Organization Advisory Board, and Leadership Awards Planning Team to stay updated on current student organization operations within the university.
3. The committee shall also be concerned with being the first step in student organization conflict resolution prior to university staff that handles organizational development followed by the Student Government Association Supreme Court.
4. The committee shall also be concerned with providing primary approval of new/returning student organizations and referring approved organizations to the Student Government Association Senate.

5. The committee shall also be concerned with reviewing any constitution and bylaws updates for student organizations and provide approval to said updates for student organizations.

6. The committee shall also be concerned with making student organization policy recommendations coming from the Committee to the Senate.

7. The committee shall also be concerned with working with the Vice President and the Director of Organizational Development to successfully complete the Annual Renewal Process.

87. Members of the Committee must disclose any current or previous involvement in organizations requesting temporary recognition. Furthermore, individuals currently serving in organizations requesting temporary recognition must abstain from voting on the consideration of that organization's temporary recognition.

98. The following members of the Student Government Association shall attend meetings of the Committee and participate as non-voting ex-officio members to give reports and hear the opinions of the Committee members: Director of Organizational Development.

***This act is ordered to take immediate effect.***