**Student Government Association Senate**

**Northern Illinois University**

**2:00 p.m. – Friday, 20 October 2023**

**Holmes Student Center Sky Room**

**Public Streaming:** [**http://go.niu.edu/SGASenateLive**](https://niu-edu.zoom.us/j/82215987778?pwd=SlBtaEFiaG0xWmp0SWs4b0VZZVhpZz09)

***Members of the public wishing to give public comment, please submit an*** [***Intent to Speak***](https://cglink.me/2sZ/s54) ***form, no later than 11:59 pm, October 19th, 2023.***

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Verification of Quorum
3. Public Comments
4. Approval of Minutes
   1. From October 13th, 2023

*Minutes are distributed electronically to the Senate.*

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Speaker’s Report
3. Special Report
4. Office of the Speaker Report(s)
5. Committee Report(s)
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7. Cabinet Report(s)
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. SR55014: A resolution to confirm a Senator
11. SR55016: A resolution to Select the Spring 2024 Board of Elections
12. SR55017: A resolution to fix the way SGA amends their Constitution
13. Good of the Order
14. Announcements
15. 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.

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Peoria, Kaskaskia, Piankashaw, Wea, Miami,

Mascoutin, Odawa, Sauk, Mesquaki, Kickapoo, Potawatomi, Ojibwe, and Chickasaw Nations.

**­­­New Business First Reading**

**Agenda Item:** A13 October 2023

**Author:** Speaker Hensley

**Sponsor: Speaker Hensley**

**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 55014**

**Fifty-Fifth Session**

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

**Legislation:**

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

WHEREAS, Matt Robinson is running to represent the College of Health and Human Sciences; and

WHEREAS, there are vacant seats within the College of Health and Human Sciences bloc;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate hereby appoint the following as a Senator for the College of Health and Human Sciences:

1. Matt Robinson

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

**New Business First Reading**

**Agenda Item:** B20 October 2023

**Author:** Speaker Hensley

**Sponsor: Speaker Hensley**

**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 55016**

**Fifty-Fifth Session**

**Summary:** A resolution to Select the Spring 2024 Board of Elections

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, Part II, Article I, §5 of the Student Government Association Bylaws states that “Nominations for the Board of Elections shall take place no later than the second-to-last regularly scheduled Senate meeting of November. The Board of Elections shall also be appointed at the next consecutive meeting.”; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws stipulate that the five (5) persons receiving the most votes shall become members of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws also stipulate that “The two (2) people receiving the sixth (6th) and seventh (7th) highest number of votes shall be designated as alternate members of the Board of Elections, to become full members if other members are removed or resign during the election process.”; and

WHEREAS, “The two individuals that the Senate decides to be the alternates for the Board of Elections must be listed in the order in which they will assume the seats if a vacancy occurs. This order should be that the person receiving the 6th highest vote should be given first preference, the person receiving the 7th highest vote should be given second preference.”; and

WHEREAS, “If there is not an Election Commissioner appointed, the Senate shall vote a second time to choose one of the members of the Board and shall designate that person as Chairperson of the Board of Elections. The Senate shall vote, with each Senator having one vote. The person with the most votes shall become Election Commissioner.

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate resolve that the individuals in consideration for the Board of Elections be confirmed as members of the Student Government Association Board of Elections for the Spring 2024 Election.

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

**­New Business First Reading**

**Agenda Item:**  C   **20 October 2023**

**Author:**  **Deputy Speaker English**

**Sponsor:**

**ENROLLED SENATE Resolution 55017**

**Fifty-Fifth Session**

**Summary:** A resolution to fix the way SGA amends their Constitution.

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the SGA should reflect the realities of how the Senate operates; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the SGA currently does not reflect the realities of how SGA operates; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, §1.B of the Student Government Association Constitution states that, “To solely amend the SGA Constitution as provided for herein”;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact that

**ARTICLE IX.  AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1.  Proposing Amendments**

A proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be delivered to the Senate in writing at any regular meeting.  When the Senate meets next it shall consider the proposed amendment.  The meeting at which the vote shall take place must be at least two (2) calendar weeks from the date of the delivery of the proposal to the Senate.

**Section 2.  Approval of Amendments**

Amendments to this Constitution must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all senators, regardless of whether they are present, abstain, or vote.

**Section 3.  Preserving the Constitution and Amendments**

~~No portion of this original Constitution shall be altered or destroyed.  Instead, each~~

~~Amendment shall be attached to this Constitution along with its ratification date and signatures.  Each Amendment shall state the articles, sections and paragraphs that are amended~~The historian shall maintain a copy of each new constitution in the SGA’s digital files.

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