

Minutes of the
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

October 6th, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

1. This meeting was called to order by Speaker Hensley at 2:07 PM in the HSC (Holmes Student Center) Sky Room.
2. 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
3. **Voting Members Present:** Osman, Yuen, English, Hensley, Bereolos, Guerrero, Anastopoulos, Musgraves, Khanjian, Rosales, Corpuz,
4. **Voting members Absent:** Anukwuocha, Onebunne, Sofia
5. **Voting members Excused:**

VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

1. Clerk Corpuz confirms quorum is met.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. There is none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Speaker Hensley moves to approve last week's minutes.
2. Deputy Speaker English so moved.
3. Senator Rosales seconded.
4. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. Deputy Speaker English makes a motion to change "DEE" to Director of Greek Affairs
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6. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos seconded.

7. Deputy Speaker English makes a motion to change “KRA” to Deputy Treasurer Kramer
8. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos seconded.
9. Deputy Speaker English makes a motion to change “mail” to “Male”
10. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos seconded.
11. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
12. The motion is passed, and the minutes are approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Speaker Hensley moves to approve the agenda.
2. Deputy Speaker English so moved.
3. Senator Rosales seconded.
4. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. Deputy Speaker English makes a motion to move all agenda items in new business to old business.
6. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
7. Vote passes and business is moved.
8. Senator Musgraves calls a Point of Order to turn on the recording
9. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
10. Clerk Corpuz makes a motion to table agenda item SR55014
11. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote
12. The motion is passed and SR55014 is tabled for next week’s meeting
13. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos calls a Point of Order to check if the recording is visible on video
14. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote to approve the agenda.
15. The motion is passed, and the agenda are approved.

SPEAKER REPORT

1. There is none.

SPECIAL REPORT

1. There is none

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT

A. Deputy Speaker's Report

1. Deputy Speaker English is recognized.
2. Deputy Speaker English states
 - a. Hello. As we move into further Senate times, if you have legislation that you're working on and would like help on or like someone to look over, please feel free to reach out to me and then also the committee chairs. If you want to get training scheduled, work with me or Speaker Hensley. We're happy to help you with that.

B. Historian's Report

1. There is none.

C. Clerk's Report

1. There is none.

COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Chairperson of Campus Life and Greek Affairs' report

1. There is none.

B. Chairperson of Environmental Affairs' report

1. There is none.

C. Chairperson of Public Affairs' report

1. There is none.

D. Chairperson of Organizational Oversight's report

1. Deputy Speaker English is recognized.
2. Deputy Speaker English states
 - a. As you may run out of notice, we have six orgs coming up this week that have been approved by OO. We also plan to meet with at least two more organizations next week, so be on the lookout for that piece of legislation as well.

E. Chairperson of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion's report

1. There is none.

F. Chairperson of Board of Elections' report

1. There is none.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

A. President's report

1. There is none.

B. Vice-President's report

1. There is none.

C. Treasurer's report

1. There is none.

D. Deputy Treasurer's report

1. There is none.

E. Chief of Staff's report

1. There is none.

CABINET REPORT

A. Director of Diversity, Equity and, Inclusion

1. There is none.

B. Director of Organizational Development

1. INN is recognized.

2. INN states

- a. Good morning, everybody. Thanks for coming out on this beautiful morning. Uh, those of you don't know who I am. My name is James Innis and I am the Director of Organizational Development for SGA. A lot of new faces here. Nice to officially meet you. I was senator last year and after that I was Chief of Staff and then I've stepped into this role. Going off the beginning of this semester here, I had a bunch of workflows and then I. Get through message. A lot of orgs are leftover from the summer and last spring got them all pushed through. Some of them didn't want to start an organization anymore, and then some of them are going to go up in front of you today. Report on that. Every Org has come to the OO Committee, and I think Deputy Speaker English can attest this has been courteous. They've been open to our suggestions and that's why they're for you. So appreciate you guys being able to approve them today.

So far I think I only have six work flows right now. So we've got through all the front work. The goal of mine and I share this with Chief of Staff Smith was to have that completely empty by the time that we get to winter break and obviously that's very attainable. That being said, I want more workflows. If you know anybody who wants to start an organization, send it to myself, send them to Speaker Hensley, send them to Deputy Speaker English, direct them my way verbally, but they know just about as much as I do, right? And we can get them started on that process. Quick shout out to Deputy Speaker English and Speaker Hensley for helping me assume this role. Unfortunately I didn't have any transition materials so I kind of had to move around too and they have been a godsend, so thank you. And just to close off, I mean, approving new orgs is kind of like the most important things that SGA does besides funding these organizations. It's the real backbone and grunt work that we do here. So please encourage people to start your organizations, join your organizations, because as soon as students have a home here, it makes them want to stay here, They're leaving a legacy at NIU for other students to. Find a place where they feel like they belong, right? And I'll take any questions at this time.

- b. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
- c. There is none.

C. Director of Athletics

- 1. There is none.

D. Director of Student Life

- 1. There is none.

E. Director of Public Affairs

- 1. There is none.

F. Director of Academic Affairs

- 1. There is none.

G. Director of Community Engagement and Environmental Affairs

- 1. There is none.

OLD BUSINESS

A. **SR55007**: A resolution to confirm Director Appointments

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to discuss agenda item A. SR55007: A resolution to confirm Director Appointments
2. Deputy Speaker English so moved.
3. Senator Rosales seconded.
4. Speaker Hensley introduces the resolution
5. Speaker Hensley states
 - a. The appointed director for this position is Arianna. She is not here. She was scheduled to come up two weeks ago. She pushed it back to today. It is your guys' choice how we proceed.
6. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
7. Deputy Speaker English is recognized.
8. Deputy Speaker English states
 - a. Has she made a statement of when she would be available?
9. Speaker Hensley states
 - a. Yes and it was for today
10. Senator Anastopoulos is recognized.
11. Senator Anastopoulos states
 - a. Has she made any sort of communication that she was going to be here today or not be here today?
12. Speaker Hensley states that there were no attempts of communication
13. Senator Rosales is recognized. and yields his question
14. Senator Anastopoulos is recognized.
15. Senator Anastopoulos moves to kill the main motion
16. Deputy Speaker English calls a point of order to clarify whether or not to kill the main motion
17. Senator Anastopoulos makes a motion to table the resolution indefinitely
18. Deputy Speaker English is recognized.
19. Deputy Speaker English states

- a. So if we table it indefinitely, this one is still at the first of the line and other ones can't be voted on until this one is. So, if that's what you're suggesting, I would suggest vote on this one and then voting no.

20. Senator Yuen is recognized.

21. Senator Yuen makes a motion to table for two weeks

22. Senator Musgraves seconds the motion

23. Clerk Corpuz calls a Point of Order for all senators to use the mics for the recording.

24. Senator Rosales is recognized..

25. Senator Rosales states

- a. Could we rescind the motion, then make it the agenda next week?

26. Speaker Hensley states

- a. So if it's on the table for the next two weeks, she would have this week and next week to come up. At that point, that second week it would come up no matter what, would either have to table it again or not.

27. Senator Anastopoulos is recognized..

28. Senator Anastopoulos states

- a. So if it's on the table for the next two weeks, she would have this week and next week to come up. At that point, that second week it would come up no matter what, would either have to table it again or not She doesn't say anything about not coming today and it just shows that there's obviously no commitment towards the position they want to run for or they clearly don't care enough. So I think we should a motion to vote on the bill, Vote no.

29. Deputy Speaker English is recognized.

30. Deputy Speaker English makes a friendly amendment to table the resolution until the end of the agenda.

31. Senator Yuen accepts the friendly amendment.

32. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.

33. The motion passes and the resolution is tabled until the end of the agenda

B. **SR55010**: A resolution to require the Student Trustee to give a report to the Senate twice per semester concerning the Board of Trustees.

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to discuss agenda item A. SR55010: A resolution to require the Student Trustee to give a report to the Senate twice per semester concerning the Board of Trustees.
2. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos so moved
3. Deputy Speaker English seconded.
4. Deputy Speaker English is introduces the resolution
5. Deputy Speaker English states
 - a. Same as last week. What this requires is the student trustee to meet an equal number of times as the Board of Trustees. This way the Senate can have a better idea of what's happening at one of the highest levels of administrative access that we have over Northern Illinois University.
6. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
7. Senator Yuen is recognized.
8. Senator Yuen states
 - a. Like to ask why only twice per semester and not more than that?
9. Deputy Speaker English is recognized.
10. Deputy Speaker English states
 - a. The reason it is twice is because the Board of Trustees has historically met twice a semester, so this just lines the amount of times the student trustee is required to meet to that number. If you would, would you like it to be explicitly meet the same number of times as the Board of trustees meets first semester.
11. Senator Yuen agrees with Deputy Speaker English
12. Deputy Speaker English makes a motion to make a friendly amendment to change “Meet with the Senate twice per semester to give a report concerning the Board of Trustees” to “Meet with the Senate to give a report concerning the Board of Trustees at least once per Board of Trustees meeting.”
13. Deputy Speaker English accepts the friendly amendment
14. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
15. This motion passes with a vote count of 10 yays, 1 nays, and 0 abstentions.

C. **SR55011**: A resolution to update the constitution to reflect changes made in the previous year regarding the duties of the Vice president.

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to discuss agenda item B. SR55011: A resolution to update the constitution to reflect changes made in the previous year regarding the duties of the Vice president.
2. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos so moved
3. Deputy Speaker English seconded.
4. Deputy Speaker English introduces the resolution
5. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
6. There is none
7. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
8. This motion passes with a vote count of 11 yays, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

D. **SR55013**: A resolution to recognize student organizations.

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to discuss agenda item C. SR55013: A resolution to recognize student organizations.
2. Deputy Speaker English so moved
3. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos seconded.
4. Deputy Speaker English is recognized.
5. Deputy Speaker English states
 - a. As Director Innis talked about all these orgs were very courteous, they came to the meeting, they were all approved. They have my full support. I have their purposes if people want them, but all of them did pass all the things they needed to pass, except for going to this and getting full recognition.
6. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
7. Senator Rosales is recognized.
8. Senator Rosales states
 - a. For this agenda item would be running voting one all six or are we're voting six individuality for each organization?
9. Deputy Speaker English is recognized.
10. Deputy Speaker English states

- a. As it stands now we would be voting for all six. You can split the motion if you want split the question.

11. Senator Yuen makes a motion to split the motion

12. There is no second and the motion fails

13. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.

14. This motion passes with a vote count of 10 yays, 1 nays, and 0 abstentions.

E. **SR55007**: A resolution to confirm Director Appointments

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to discuss agenda item D. SR55007: A resolution to confirm Director Appointments

2. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos so moved

3. Senator Yuen seconded.

4. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.

5. Clerk Corpuz is recognized.

6. Clerk Corpuz states

- a. I believe if we do to table this, we should at least give her at least one week, but she has also been up for this whole semester I believe as of two and a half weeks ago, and we have not heard since from her.

7. Speaker Hensley calls a Point of Information

8. Speaker Hensley states

- a. She contacted me to reschedule this from two weeks ago today. So we did hear from her once.

9. Clerk Corpuz states

- a. My point being is if we do decide to table, how long are we actually planning in talking if we do?

10. Deputy Speaker English is recognized.

11. Deputy Speaker English states

- a. Do you know if President Newman is looking at anyone else for this position?

12. Speaker Hensley states

- a. I do not think so just because she appointed Ariana.

13. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos is recognized.

14. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos states

- a. I believe we should vote on it just for the fact that she did ask for this appointment to be moved to this day and she failed to show up. I believe that it should not hinder our ability to assign a different director to this position based on the fact that she failed to show up.

15. Senator Anastopoulos is recognized.

16. Senator Anastopoulos states

- a. I can agree with that. Simply because of the fact that she had made the communication to you that she wasn't going to make it last week set for today and then just blew it off and that it just shows like a certain level of commitment as well, you know, I mean, you've been given two weeks and you want to make this thing like reunification, so despite the appointment or whatever happened. You should go on this today.

17. Senator Musgraves is recognized.

18. Senator Musgraves states

- a. By voting on it, are we still tabling this?

19. Speaker Hensley states

- a. If we voted immediately, it would not be tabled, If we tabled, that would be needed to be a motion.

20. Senator Musgraves makes a motion to table the resolution

21. Senator Musgraves states

- a. I called the table this only because we don't know why she couldn't come today. I mean, that could have been an emergency on her end. So I don't think it would be fair for us to just come up with a answer today knowing that she's not here. So I do call this table for at least 2 weeks

22. Deputy Speaker English seconds the motion

23. Senator Anastopoulos makes a friendly amendment to table for only one week

24. Senator Musgraves accepts the friendly amendment

25. Deputy Speaker English is recognized.

26. Deputy Speaker English states

- a. One thing to note with this is since this is new business, it'll almost always be before any other director appointments, so. Theoretically this one could be voted on and then other ones could be voted on. It was just if it was killed or tabled indefinitely, it wouldn't come up each meeting. So I just wanted to clarify that, but I'm in favor of tabling it for a week.

27. Senator Musgraves is recognized.

28. Senator Musgraves states

- a. we can't appoint any new directors for this position until she comes up

29. Senator Yuen is recognized.

30. Senator Yuen states

- a. to confirm what you've said, President Newman has not confirmed anyone else for directorial positions. She should not appoint anyone else but this position in particular?

31. Senator Rosales is recognized.

32. Senator Rosales states

- a. if we decide about now to kill the motion, it has to go through the process again and likely go through those steps if we failed this candidate.

33. Speaker Hensley states

- a. If we kill the bill immediately, she could not be able to go up for this position again.

34. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.

35. This motion passes and the resolution is tabled for one week

NEW BUSINESS

1. There is none.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. There is none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Speaker Hensley

ADJOURNMENT

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
2. Senator Rosales so moved.
3. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos seconded.
4. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. There is none.
6. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
7. The motion passes and the meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM.

CLOSING ATTENDANCE

1. **Voting Members Present:** Osman, Yuen, English, Hensley, Bereolos, Guerrero, Anastopoulos, Musgraves, Khanjian, Rosales, Corpuz, Sofia
2. **Voting Members Absent:** Anukwuocha, Onebunne
3. **Voting members Excused:**
4. **Candidate Members Present:** Kevin Klistner, Nicholas Lazaric, Eugene Johnson

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY

Clerk Corpuz on October 10th, 2023

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