

Transcript of the  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE  
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

September 15th, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

1. This meeting was called to order by Speaker Hensley at 2:05 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, Anukwuocha, Onebunne, Muskgraves, Khanjian, Rosales, Corpuz, Sofia
4. **Voting members Absent:**
5. **Voting members Excused:**

**VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

1. Quorum is met.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. There is no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. There were no minutes from last week to be approved.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Speaker Hensley moves to approve the agenda.
2. So moved.
3. Senator English Seconded.
4. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.

5. There is none.
6. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
7. There is none.
8. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
9. Vote passes business is moved.
10. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote to approve the agenda.
11. The motion is passed, and the agenda is approved.

## **SPEAKER REPORT**

### A. Speaker's Report

#### 1. Speaker Hensley States

- a. Welcome to the first meeting of this semester. This is our first agenda for the next meeting is going to be long so be prepared. If you have any questions, please let myself or Chris know.

## **SPECIAL REPORT**

1. There are none.

## **OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT**

### B. Deputy Speaker's Report

1. Nominated Deputy Speaker English is recognized.
2. Nominated Deputy Speaker English States
  - a. There is one more person who needs to sign up for one on ones and besides that.
  - b. I am really happy to see that we have a full house, and I am happy to see everyone come out so thank you for the

### C. Historian's Report

1. There are none.

### D. Clerk's Report

1. There are none.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

A. Chairperson of Campus Life and Greek Affairs' report

1. There are none.

B. Chairperson of Environmental Affairs' report

1. There are none.

C. Chairperson of Public Affairs' report

1. There are none.

D. Chairperson of Organizational Oversight's report

1. There are none.

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

1. There are none.

F. Chairperson of Board of Elections' report

1. There are none.

### **EXECUTIVE REPORT**

A. President's report

1. There are none.

B. Vice-President's report

1. There are none.

C. Treasurer's report

1. There are none.

D. Deputy Treasurer's report

1. There are none.

E. Chief of Staff's report

1. There are none.

### **CABINET REPORT**

A. Director of Diversity, Equity and, Inclusion

1. There are none.

B. Director of Organizational Development

1. There are none.

C. Director of Athletics

1. There are none.

D. Director of Student Life

1. There are none.

E. Director of Public Affairs

1. There are none.

F. Director of Academic Affairs

1. There are none.

G. Director of Community Engagement and Environmental Affairs

1. There are none.

**OLD BUISNESS**

A. SR55001

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to discuss agenda item A. A resolution to approve the meeting schedule of the 55<sup>th</sup> Session.
2. So moved by Senator English
3. Seconded by Senator Musgraves
4. Speaker Hensley states
  - a. This is just our Senate meeting schedule for the semester we went through during orientation training.
5. Senator Corpuz is recognized.
6. Senator Corpuz states
  - a. I notice that you have two to be announced area meetings I was just wondering when those were going to be announced.
7. Speaker Hensley states
  - a. When I reached out to the home student center, they did not have a room available which is why they are to be announced states when I find out they will be added to it.
8. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
9. The resolution passes with a vote count of 12 yays, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions

B. SR55002

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to discuss agenda item B. A resolution to approve the Senate Operating Manual
2. So moved by Senator English.
3. Seconded by Senator Musgraves
4. Speaker Hensley states

- a. This is the Senate operating manual that we worked on during Senate orientation training that we outlined our goals and responsibilities for this session.
5. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
6. The resolution passes with a vote count of 12 yays, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions

C. SR55003

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to discuss agenda item C. A resolution to confirm the Deputy Speaker of the Senate
2. So moved by Senator Corpuz.
3. Seconded by Senator Rosales
4. Speaker Hensley recognizes English to the floor.
5. Senator English states
  - a. Hello I have been nominated to take the role of deputy speaker I have already made strides in that directions with the ones working with Cole and some of the other Edward to figure out my role I was on the leadership team for the Senate last year's clerk so I know a lot of the what goes behind the scenes I've already worked with Cole to write some legislation which will be going up in a couple weeks and I think it would be a great fit for a deputy speaker I cede the rest of my time.
6. There are no questions.
7. Senator English steps away from the floor
8. Senator Corpuz is recognized.
9. Senator Corpuz states
  - a. I would like to fully endorse this candidate because he does seem qualified for the position considering his leadership position has already involved him with the executive board of SGA.
10. Senator Rosales is recognized.
11. Senator Rosales states
  - a. I would like to second what senator purpose said, and I would like to support senator English's bid for deputy speaker.
12. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.

13. The resolution passes with a vote count of 11 yays, 1 nays, and 1 abstentions

D. SB55001

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to discuss agenda item D. A bill to Change the requirements and expectations of Directors.
2. So moved by Deputy Speaker English
3. Seconded by Senator Musgraves
4. Deputy Speaker English is recognized.
5. Deputy Speaker English states
  - a. This bill requires directors to not only go to committee meetings but also be a secretary for it so making sure that the meetings get recorded and posted online a lot of what this does is making sure that the directors are doing their job because previously we've had instances or the span of a couple of months the directors won't show up to a committee meeting the Subs fixed that it gives them something to do besides just being rubber stamped and each of the directors is fit with the committee based on how it works and we just make sure that the directors are with that committee.
6. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
7. The resolution passes with a vote count of 13 yays, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions

E. SB55002

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to discuss agenda item E. A bill to change Special Election Policy
2. So moved by Senator Corpuz.
3. Seconded by Senator Onebunne
4. Speaker Hensley states
  - a. I wrote this bill with the help of Joe Lovelace the constitution and bylaws had a different definition of what quorum was and the constitution overrides the bylaws, so this is just a clarification issue we also changed it so that special election is when 50% of the available seats are still available or more after the initial election.
5. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
6. The resolution passes with a vote count of 13 yays, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions

## **NEW BUISNESS**

1. There are none.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. There are none.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Deputy Speaker English is recognized.
2. Deputy Speaker English states
  - a. Steadfast is at the end of this month on September 30th a Saturday it is from like 10 AM to 4:00 PM it is really fun event it's runs our brand orgs are putting stuff on and it's also 10,000 people came last year from all over Illinois and beyond so it's a really cool event so tell your constituents about it bringing a presence of SGA to that event it's a really good event it's September 30th from 10 AM to 4:00 PM
3. Speaker Hensley states
  - a. Everyone makes sure you do your community service hours.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
2. So moved by Senator Corpuz.
3. Seconded by Senator Rosales
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 2:18pm.

## **CLOSING ATTENDANCE**

1. **Voting Members Present:** Osman, Yuen, English, Hensley, Bereolos, Guerrero, Anastopoulos, Anukwuocha, Onebunne, Muskgraves, Khanjian, Rosales, Corpuz, Sofia
2. **Voting Members Absent:**
3. **Voting members Excused:**

**4. Candidate Members Present:**

**TRANSCRIPT SUBMITTED BY**

Clerk English on SEPTEMBER 18th, 2023

55<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting on September 15th, 2023