**SGA Meeting Minutes April 12th, 2024**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Missing Senators: Senator Anastapoulos, Senator Onebunne, Senator Lazaric, Chairperson Musgraves, Senator Rosales, Senator Sofia

1. **Verification of Quorum**

Clerk Corpuz verifies quorum.

1. **Public Comments**

No public comments

1. **Approval of Minutes**
2. From April 5th, 2024

*Minutes are distributed electronically to the Senate.*

*Minutes were approved.*

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Sergeant - At - Arms Bereolos motions to approve agenda.

Senator Guerrero seconded.

Deputy Speaker English – motions to move new business to old business.

Deputy Speaker English – motions to add authors Senator Guerrero and Sergeant - At - Arms Bereolos to SR55063

Agenda is approved.

1. **Speaker’s Report**

Constitutional Amendments being written up and will be put up next week.

1. **Special Report**

There is none.

1. **Office of the Speaker Report(s)**

Deputy Speaker English – transition materials will need to be filled out, service hours are still needed for Senators, University Personnel Committee

1. **Committee Report(s)**

EA – wants to have a Senate meeting next week outside.

BOE – Special elections coming out this week.

OO – two events how to request funding, how to start an organization.

1. **Executive Branch Report(s)**

There is none.

1. **Cabinet Report(s)**

There is none.

1. **Old Business**
2. **SR55053: A resolution to update the Operators Manual to include proponents and opponents**.

Sergeant - At - Arms Bereolos motions to hear SR55053.

Senator Guerrero seconded.

Deputy Speaker English – allows students and organizations to support legislations.

Final vote count: 11 yays, 0 nays, & 0 abstentions.

1. **SR55063: A resolution to recognize student organizations.**

Sergeant - At - Arms Bereolos motions to hear SR55063.

Senator Guerrero seconded.

Deputy Speaker English – Student Organizations have passed through Organizational Oversight Checklist

Final vote count: 11 yays, 0 nays, & 0 abstentions.

1. **SR55049: A resolution to amend the process of appointing justices.**

Deputy Speaker English motions to hear SR55049.

Sergeant - At - Arms Bereolos seconded.

Senator Anukwuocha – amend the Constitution of when justices are appointed.

Deputy Speaker English – one month before consecutive Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of elections

Tabled for next meeting.

1. **SR55050: A resolution to clarify and define selection criteria for supreme court justices.**

Sergeant - At - Arms Bereolos motions to hear SR55050.

Senator Guerrero seconded.

Deputy Speaker English – resolution to clarify freedom of association, originally drafted last year with the Supreme Court’s help.

Tabled for next meeting.

1. **SR55054: A resolution to change the amount of time allowed to update the Constitution and Bylaws**

Deputy Speaker English motions to hear SR55054.

Sergeant - At - Arms Bereolos seconded.

Deputy Speaker English – Allows for the Constitution and Bylaws to be updated as soon as possible in the absence of a Vice President.

Tabled for next meeting.

1. **SR55055: A resolution to ensure the SGA election policy requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority to change.**

Sergeant - At - Arms Bereolos motions to hear SR55055.

Senator Rosales seconded.

Deputy Speaker English – this changes the format and the change solidifies 2/3 policy.

Tabled for next meeting.

1. **SR55056: A resolution to update the definition of bills and resolutions in the SGA Constitution**

Deputy Speaker English motions to hear SR55056.

Senator Rosales seconded.

Deputy Speaker English – asks for opinion about format of piece if any changes should be made.

Tabled for next meeting.

1. **SR55057: A resolution to ensure the SGA Supreme Court follows their Code of Procedure**

Sergeant - At - Arms Bereolos motions to hear SR55057.

Senator Rosales seconded.

Deputy Speaker English – amendment to add changes to piece sent out to rest of Senate.

-two separate ways for Objectivity to be questioned, ensures Code of Procedure is followed and can meet regardless of quorum

- Changes allow Advisor to act as Chief Justice if Supreme Court cannot meet

Tabled for next meeting.

1. **SR55058: A resolution to clarify Article X in the SGA Constitution**

Sergeant - At - Arms Bereolos motions to hear SR55058.

Senator Rosales seconded.

Deputy Speaker English – allows the SGA Constitution to be maintained by the Office of the Speaker

Tabled for next meeting.

1. **SR55059: A resolution to update and clarify Article VI Elections of the Constitution**

Deputy Speaker English motions to hear SR55059.

Senator Guerrero seconded.

Sergeant - At - Arms Bereolos – update Constitution to follow the Bylaws on Election Policy

Deputy Speaker English – make the Bylaws point to the Constitution.

Tabled for next meeting.

1. **SR55060: A resolution to vote for candidates for the 56th session Senate Speaker Election**

Clerk Corpuz motions to hear SR55060.

Sergeant - At - Arms Bereolos seconded.

Speaker Hensley – legislation to vote for the Speaker for the 56th Session.

Sergeant - At - Arms Bereolos nominates Clerk Corpuz – accepted.

Deputy Speaker English nominates Nathan Gonzalez – Nomination needs to be confirmed.

Senator Robinson nominates Deputy Speaker English – cannot be Speaker due to graduating this semester.

Senator Robinson nominates Senator Robinson – accepted.

Senator Onebunne nominates Senator Anastapoulos – declined.

Senator Rosales nominates Senator Guerrero – declined.

Senator Robinson nominates Sergeant - At - Arms Bereolos – cannot be Speaker due to graduating this semester.

Senator Onebunne nominates Senator Osman – declined.

Senator Rosales nominates Chairperson Musgraves – nomination needs to be confirmed.

Tabled for next meeting.

1. **SR55061: A resolution to allow Senators to receive a stipend if they are receiving a stipend already from SGA.**

Deputy Speaker English motions to hear SR55061.

Sergeant - At - Arms Bereolos seconded.

Clerk Corpuz – stipend in Constitution to be given to Senators.

Senator Anukwuocha – wants his name on the Author list.

Senator Anastapoulos calls for a recess of 10 minutes.

Motion passes and Senate is in recess for 10 minutes until 3:28 PM

Tabled until next meeting.

1. **SR55062: A resolution to allow Senators to receive a stipend if they are receiving a stipend already from SGA.**

Clerk Corpuz motions to hear SR55062.

Sergeant - At - Arms Bereolos seconded.

Clerk Corpuz – legislation offers a stipend to all Senators in the Bylaws and allows Speaker to set the precedent of how much the stipend can be.

Tabled until next meeting.

1. **SB55026: A bill to grant SGA Senators a stipend for their work accomplished over the semester.**

Deputy Speaker English motions to hear SB55026.

Sergeant - At - Arms Bereolos seconded.

Clerk Corpuz – stipend requirements to receive partial or none of the stipend.

Senator Rosales motions to table for two weeks

Sergeant - At - Arms Bereolos seconded.

Clerk Corpuz calls the question.

Motion is passed and it is tabled for two weeks.

1. **New Business**

Sergeant - At - Arms Bereolos – adds new business voting times.

Clerk Corpuz seconded.

Deputy Speaker English calls the question

Clerk Corpuz seconded.

Tabled and sent to R & P

Deputy Speaker English – Native American Resource Center petition added.

* Tabled and sent to R & P

Senator Robinson writes legislation on setting a minimum amount of hours for paid positions

Deputy Speaker English – resolution to bring chief justice to discuss court opinion in senate meeting.

1. **Announcements**

Sergeant - At - Arms Bereolos – RSVP to the Banquet if haven’t already done so & Special elections next week

Senator Anastapoulos – Good of the Order Missing & decorum.

Deputy Speaker English – University Personnel Committee & next week is the last week to write Bylaws changes

1. **Good of the Order**

Deputy Speaker English - Kiroshi Con this coming weekend.

* Chem Demo Next Friday 5 -7 PM
* April is Asian American Month

Senator Rosales – eclipse Monday & Tugs next week

Senator Anastapoulos – Tugs largest philanthropy run by IFC, proceeds go to Hope Haven.

Deputy Speaker English – CAB Taste of NIU

1. **Adjournment: 4:05 PM**

Missing Senators: Chairperson Musgraves