

Minutes of the
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

October 13th, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

1. Clerk Corpuz confirms quorum is met.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. There is none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Speaker Hensley moves to approve last week's minutes.
2. Clerk Corpuz so moved.
3. Senator Rosales 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 is passed, and the minutes are approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Speaker Hensley moves to approve the agenda.
2. Clerk Corpuz so moved.
3. Senator Rosales seconded.
4. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. Speaker Hensley requests to make a motion to remove item SR55007.
6. Speaker Hensley states that Ariana Ramos has declined the position.
7. Clerk Corpuz so moved.
8. Senator Rosales seconds
9. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
10. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
11. There is none.
12. Vote passes with and business item is removed.
13. Speaker Hensley requests to makes a motion to table item SR55014.
14. Speaker Hensley states that the candidate needs to still have a background check approved.
15. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos so moved.
16. Senator Rosales seconded.
17. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
18. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
19. There is none.
20. Vote passes with and business item is tabled for next week.
21. Speaker Hensley requests to make a motion to move all agenda items in new business to old business.
22. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos so moved.
23. Senator Rosales seconded.
24. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
25. There is none.
26. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
27. Vote passes with and business is moved.
28. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote to approve the agenda.

29. The motion is passed, and the agenda is approved.

SPEAKER REPORT

A. Speaker Hensley states

1. Deputy Speaker English and I have been working on around 10 pieces of legislation. Those should start to go up next week and follow for the next couple of weeks. I think we found our Election Commissioner. I'm not 100% sure yet as Olivia has not appointed them.

SPECIAL REPORT

A. There is none.

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT

A. Deputy Speaker's Report

1. Deputy Speaker English has written
 - a. Hello! Sorry, I am missing I am currently at a competition. If you are a committee chair please schedule a 1 on 1 with me as that is something you are required to do along with a meeting with me once a month. Also If you have legislation you are working on and you want someone to check it over, please let me know. You may notice that we have the constitutional amendments up again that is because our interpretation of how to pass them was incorrect they need to be voted on two weeks after they have been intruded so today, sorry for the confusion. Please let Cole or I know if you are interested in some university committee placements, we have a couple we need to fill. Next week will hopefully have a bunch of legislation on the floor so please be ready. And remember to do outreach to your constituents.

A. Historian's Report

1. There is none.

A. Clerk's Report

1. There is none.

COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. Chairperson of Campus Life and Greek Affairs' report
 - 1. Chairperson Anastopoulos is recognized.
 - 2. Chairperson Anastopoulos states
 - a. For all those on the Campus Life and Greek Affairs committee please be checking your Microsoft Teams. That is the main method communication be using as well as I'm still currently trying to figure out a meeting time.
- B. Chairperson of Environmental Affairs' report
 - 1. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos is recognized.
 - 2. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos states
 - a. For EA, we might be meeting tonight, but that is dependent on whether. Deputy Speaker English is able to make it or not.
- C. Chairperson of Public Affairs' report
 - 1. Clerk Corpuz is recognized.
 - 2. Clerk Corpuz states
 - a. Hello if you have not seen my email last week, I sent a link to help plan when we are meeting for PA. Our first PA meeting is this Tuesday 17th, at 7 PM. If you cannot make it or if you want to join my committee, please email me before Tuesday morning and we can work something out.
- D. Chairperson of Organizational Oversight's report
- E. Chairperson of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion's report
 - 1. Chairperson Musgraves is recognized.
 - 2. Chairperson Musgraves states
 - a. For the DEI committee we will be meeting next week. I'll be sending you a message via teams about our location, time and what day of the week will be meeting.
- F. Chairperson of Board of Elections' report
 - 1. There is none.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

- A. President's report
 - 1. President Newman has written

- a. Good afternoon, Senators, the first month of school has been extremely busy and hectic for me. To start, I took part in a move in week with Dr. Reneau and President Freeman. We spent time at each residence hall engaging with students and helping them move in. I also attended the huskie kickoff event where I welcomed the new huskies with a speech alongside Dr. Reneau and on the first day of school President Freeman and I took students to class on a golf cart. During my office hours I have been interviewing people to try and fill my cabinet and also getting the various committees SGA must sit on filled. It is a time-consuming process, but I have some candidates going up soon. I have met with various administrators to converse on what the administration expects from SGA. Lastly, I am also working on launching two big projects right now. The first being a mental health fair the week before finals, this will most likely be in collaboration with CAB and we will have therapy dogs, counseling services, massage chairs, and so much more. The second project being a project with opportunity DeKalb that will be a campus wide coat drive for those in need. I plan to hopefully get this started by the middle of November.

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. There is none.

C. Director of Athletics

1. There is none.

D. Director of Student Life

1. Director of Student Life Heavens has written.

- a. Over the past few weeks back I have been laying the groundwork for a few of my goals while is in this directorship. I've been working on mobilizing the NIU one cards, the process has been long but now we are in the funding process. I've have also been in the creation of a "student voice night" which just doubles down from last year's SOS (student opinion survey) that I created. And the purpose of this event is to take a dive into student research. The event will have a variety of student leaders from all across campus. Also, I have been working with Manny Corpuz a representative of the food pantry to help assist them with marketing and to promote the giving of donations to the food pantry.

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. SR55010: A resolution to Meet with the Senate to give a report concerning the Board of Trustees at least once per board of trustees meeting.

1. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos so moved.
2. Senator Rosales seconded.
3. Clerk Corpuz states this just gives a requirement for the student trustee to appear, and it may be changed immediately to effective next semester if you want.
4. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. Chairperson Anastopoulos is recognized and asks for clarification of the previous statement by Clerk Corpuz.
6. Clerk Corpuz states
 - a. Of the notes that Deputy Speaker English has left, it says that he may want to change immediately to effective next semester instead of effective immediate.

7. Senator Rosales is recognized.
8. Senator Rosales states
 - a. Would we have to meet that person or do they do like a report virtually
9. Clerk Corpuz clarifies that either option is acceptable.
10. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
11. This vote passes with 10 yays, 1 nays, 0 abstentions.

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

1. Clerk Corpuz so moved.
2. Senator Rosales seconded.
3. Clerk Corpuz states
 - a. Deputy Speaker English has also said, this is a simple mistake that should have been seen last year. This is just to correct it.
4. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. There is none.
6. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
7. This vote passes with 11 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
8. Clerk Corpuz calls a Point of Order to check that everyone's vote is accounted for.

C. SR55015: A resolution to recognize student organizations.

1. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos so moved.
2. Clerk Corpuz seconded.
3. Clerk Corpuz states
 - a. Deputy Speaker English has noted that they passed all of the checks and were responsive when asked to make changes by the OO committee. Other than that, I do not have any other notes for about the organization itself.
4. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. Senator Anukwuocha is recognized.
6. Senator Anukwuocha states
 - a. Have the organization made all the necessary parts to be approved. Is there anything because I looked at their position and was thinking they could have also put the names of their executive members.

7. Speaker Hensley states
 - a. The Organization Oversight Committee has a checklist of what the organization has to happen to the constitution based on the SGA bylaws and Constitution or based on that they have met all the requirements. I hope that answered your question.
8. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
9. This vote passes with 12 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

NEW BUSINESS

A. There is none.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

A. There is none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Speaker Hensley asks if there are any announcements.

1. Speaker Hensley states
 - a. If you have your committee times and locations, please let me know after the meeting I'm in. If you are interested in being on the Student Advisory Committee, which they don't really meet unless they have to, maybe once or twice a year. It's an easy committee to be on, and it fulfills one out of two of your committee requirements, let me know.

ADJOURNMENT

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
2. Clerk Corpuz so moved.
3. Senator Rosales 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 with and the meeting adjourned at 2:24 PM.

CLOSING ATTENDANCE

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

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY

Clerk Corpuz on October 17th, 2023

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