

Minutes of the  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE  
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

1. This meeting was called to order by Speaker Hensley at 2:06 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:** Hensley, English, Bereolos, Guerrero, Anastopoulos, Onebunne, Musgraves, Khanjian, Rosales, Corpuz, Sofia
4. **Voting members Absent:** Robinson, Anukwuocha
5. **Voting members Excused:** Osman

**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. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos 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. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos 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 switch the order between SR55025 and SR55028
6. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos seconded
7. There is no discussion or debate
8. The motion is passed and item agenda SR55025 and SR55028 are switched
9. Deputy Speaker English makes a motion to move all agenda items in New Business to Old Business
10. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
11. The motion is passed and all agenda items from New Business are moved to Old Business
12. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote to approve the agenda.
13. The motion is passed, and the agenda is approved.

## **SPEAKER REPORT**

- A. Speaker Hensley states
  - a. So today at noon we have the state of the SGA where Treasurer Landon, myself and President Newman all presented. And besides that we are working on some more bylaw changes. I believe Clerk Corpuz and myself will be overhauling the HR process the whole so that the whole process will apply to both the legislative branch and executive branch instead of being two separate processes.

## **SPECIAL REPORT**

- A. There is none.

## **OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT**

- A. Deputy Speaker's Report

1. Deputy Speaker English states

a. Hello, 5 senators still need to sponsor a form of legislation. So if you haven't done it, please come see and we can talk about what you need to do that. Also, if you have interest in making this a better place, please reach out to me to workshop some ideas that I've heard around campus that you have on ways to make those happen. Also people who are committee chairs please after this meetings stick around for a little bit so we can find the time to meet with discuss plans for this semester. Also please tell any organizations who are part of to fill out a midyear survey form thing that was sent out by Organization Oversight. So this should be received by the president or advisor or someone on the E-Board should have received an e-mail from either myself, Senator Guerrero, Senator Bereolos, or Clerk Corpuz. So please have an orgs you are part of double check they are checking the emails and looking for that mid year check in. Also, Faculty Senate is still looking for someone to be on a committee that meets virtually Thursdays from 11:00 to 12:00. The next one that'll happen will be February and the University council there. Sorry, the one before was University Council, this one is not the Senate. Senate is looking for someone to be on the committee for every. 2nd Thursday of the month from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. They are in the Sky Room and on Teams. Its a choice like selecting faculty positions, so if you're interested in available, please reach out to me after the meeting.

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. 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 states

- a. Organizational oversight has done a lot of work. They are the ones behind that midyear check in and so we're working on that to the easier for Finance Committee for Annual Funding. We recently did visual overview of partners bylaws as well as their duties that will come up in the next week or week after. They Have also begun contacting or something change or fix the in the correct state for annual renewal.

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

1. Chairperson Musgraves is recognized.
2. Chairperson Musgraves states

- a. DEI met today at 11:30 AM. We discussed the first gen luncheon that still has to take place, but we just need to set a date yet. We discussed a collab with BOE, organization outreach, and sexual assault prevention programs takes place on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.

F. Chairperson of Board of Elections' report

1. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos states

- a. BOE met last Friday after Senate and we will be meeting today after Senate

## **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. 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. SR55028

1. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos makes a motion to hear SR55028
2. Deputy Speaker English seconded
3. Senator Rosales states
  - a. This is the part of the opening ceremony for the Senate and yeah
4. Deputy Speaker English states
  - a. The changes from last week are the closing ceremony because that falls under adjournment ceremony, I will undo whatever is done. Opening ceremony for walking. If you want more specific you can do it there, but I strongly suggest to all senators today to vote on this bill one way or another. Because based on suggestion here and on other universities as well as staff. This is what we can make changes to it, but I don't think we should be tabling this over and over again. Either pass or deny the bill today.
5. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate
6. There is none

7. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote
8. The resolution passes with a vote count of 7 yays, 5 nays, and 0 abstentions.

B. SR55025

1. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos makes a motion to hear SR 55025
2. Deputy Speaker English seconded
3. Senator Rosales states
  - a. This is just in regards to the procedure for the opening ceremony. It goes along with the previous resolution.
4. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. There is none.
6. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote
7. The resolution passes with a vote count at 8 yays, 4 nays, and 0 abstentions.

C. SR55035

1. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos makes a motion to hear SR55035
2. Deputy Speaker English seconded
3. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos states
  - a. This is a resolution to add one more date to elections. It will be now Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. This will allow for people who are not on campus on either of those two days can vote in person. I'm not here on Mondays so I know it allows for more people to vote.
4. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. There is none.
6. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
7. The resolution passes with a vote count of 10 yays, 3 nays, and 0 abstentions.

D. SR55036

1. Deputy Speaker English makes a motion to hear SR55036
2. Senator Rosales seconded
3. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos states
  - a. This is a resolution to cement the amount of Senators position in Housing for students living on campus and it will just make it easier for the next Election

Commissioner for them to set the number of Senate seats to ten percent. This allows for more seats for housing.

4. Senator Rosales states
  - a. Do you now know how many seats are up for Housing?
5. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos states
  - a. For this upcoming election, there will be four seats for Housing. Two seats will be up for election in Spring election and two will be reserved for the fall for incoming freshmen.
6. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
7. There is none.
8. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
9. The resolution passes with a vote count of 13 yays, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

#### E. SR55037

1. Deputy Speaker English makes a motion to hear SR55037
2. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos seconded
3. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos states
  - a. This is just a resolution to clarify where members of the candidate and the candidate themselves can be for this election. This is just making it so that they cannot be inside a building that contains a polling place or within one hundred feet of the polling place.
4. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate
5. Senator Rosales states
  - a. Where is exactly one hundred feet from the Student Center? I know in previous elections there were folks and markers who would stop people from campaigning in the area. How do we know where?
6. Deputy Speaker English states
  - a. It is the job of the Board of Elections to have people to staff these voting polling places. So they would have to have staff that would be in charge of making sure the rules are being enforced and it will be at the discretion of the Board of Elections.
7. Senator Guerrero states

- a. It is one hundred feet vertically and one hundred feet in every direction.
8. Deputy Speaker English states
  - a. One of the biggest changes to this is setting it to the building so it is no longer vague. It will be a spherical radius and it will affect every place that is not the ground and that is what helps the staffing of it. It will allow them to not have to be on all floors and it allows staff to just be able to patrol around instead. This includes the body of the building and does not include any part of the building outside like the bridge that connects Swen Parson to the library.
9. Chairperson Anastopoulos states
  - a. You want to staff the polling places at every station?
10. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos
  - a. I want it so that it is the blatantly obvious people especially any social media posts will be marked against them.
11. Chairperson Anastopoulos states
  - a. I honestly don't see a problem with being within the 100 feet radius outside and I see that the staff would be better utilized elsewhere instead of just walking around outside during elections.
12. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos states
  - a. It just to stop candidates from pressuring people into voting. I believe it happened a lot last year's election but the Election Commissioner didn't do anything about it since there wasn't enough evidence. This is just further rule to allow us to punish more efficiently with sufficient evidence.
13. Chairperson Anastopoulos states
  - a. How will the public advertisement of the elections happen if we cannot campaign near the HSC, where most students pass by while on campus?
14. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos states
  - a. I am already talking with advertising and we are planning that. We will be making posters and advertisements for the meetings. These will be discussed further within the candidate meetings later on.
15. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote
16. The resolution passes with a vote count of 12 yays, 1 nay, and 0 abstentions.

F. SR55038

1. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos makes a motion to hear SR55038
2. Deputy Speaker English seconded
3. Deputy Speaker English states
  - a. All these orgs went through the process. Director of Organizational Development James Innis approved them and Organizational Oversight look through them. Some of them had minor changes and they were able to send corrections timely. They are all good.
4. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate
5. Senator Rosales states
  - a. I would like to hear the purpose of the Belegarth one.
6. Deputy Speaker English states
  - a. The purpose of our organization is to educate members in the disciplines of medieval combat, educate members in medieval history (including combat, lifestyle, art, clothing, and daily life), to provide guidance in self-discipline, sportsmanship, and how to be a team player. Our goals include practicing self-control, self-discipline, improving our fitness through physical exercise and growing into a close-knit community of trusted team players. As a group we aim to serve the community by providing education about safe and effective combat fighting, advocating for physical and mental fitness, and providing activities for campus events in our affiliation with Northern Illinois University.
7. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote
8. The resolution passes with a vote count of 12 yays, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. There is none.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

A. Deputy Speaker English states

- a. As I said earlier, there are a couple of commitees, University Council and Faculty Senate, that have shown interest for people to join to maintain good relations with.

Also to express student voices to administration. It is Thursday 10 to noon. It is both virtual and in-person. Also Thursdays at 11:30.

B. Clerk Corpuz states

- a. This goes for all senators, please email me which committees you are a part of. This is a requirement for being a Senator and this will help with some clerical issues.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos states

- a. Senators, if you are looking to get re-elected, we are now holding candidate meetings. The first one will be held in the Oasis Conference Room at 4:30. If you are running for election, you need to attend one to be on the ballot.

2. Deputy Speaker English states

- a. Engineering Exhibition is once again being put on by Engineers without Borders. It will be April 4<sup>th</sup>, the Thursday from 6 -9 PM. Right now it will be held in the Duke Ellington Ballroom. It is a great way to see what all the engineers do on campus. Also, Chemistry Club will be hosting their annual Chem Demo on April 19<sup>th</sup> on Friday. The times are not fully set, but most likely it will be in the evening. You can see a bunch of cool experiments. If you have any clubs with events, please let me know so I can make an announcement.

## 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 2:35 PM.

## CLOSING ATTENDANCE

1. **Voting Members Present:** Hensley, Bereolos, English, Guerrero, Robinson, Anastopoulos, Anukwuocha, Onebunne, Musgraves, Khanjian, Rosales, Corpuz, Sofia

2. **Voting Members Absent:**
3. **Voting members Excused:** Osman
4. **Candidate Members Present:**

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY**

Clerk Corpuz on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

55<sup>th</sup> Senate on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024