

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 2:08 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:** Yuen, Hensley, English, Bereolos, Guerrero, Anukwuocha, Rosales, Corpuz, Sofia
4. **Voting members Absent:** Osman, Anastopoulos,
5. **Voting members Excused:** Onebunne, Musgraves, Khanjian,

VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

1. Clerk Corpuz confirms quorum is met.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Yousuf Khan is recognized
2. Yousuf Khan states
 - a. We have a lot of members from different communities here today which is awesome to see. So what I want to talk a little bit about is we're working on a bill sponsored by Sofia and Chris working on passing a bill that supports all the students who are being affected currently with the ongoing crisis that we see in Palestine and Israel. I think a lot of us are seeing these videos a lot of us are seeing these statistics on how many people have been killed how many people are suffering what's going on. We've been seeing completely demolished buildings. I

think easily I could pull those same infographics and talk to you about those too. But I think on my way here as I was thinking about all those different stats I was thinking the thing that impacts our NIU students the most a lot of us are really scared right now. We're not sure how to act, we don't know who to trust, we don't know who we can talk to, we don't know who to go to. We're seeing innocent civilians who look like us, have names like us, who are being killed. We're seeing people turn against each other. We're seeing acts of Islamophobia, acts of anti-Semitism. Not only is it occurring abroad but it's occurring here just within our local community, just within communities an hour from us. We're seeing people being persecuted because the way they look, the way they talk, the languages they speak, where they're from, and all those things are really unfortunate and stuff. That's really hard for us to see and as students on campus who love and care about each other and want to see each other succeed and want to see other each other feel safe that's obviously really challenging situation. So that bill that we have for today, the resolution we have for today, and the petition that we have today that we're going to present really hope that it helps bring a voice to all the students who are being effective and provides an environment where they're able to express their opinions, where they're able to express their emotions, and where they're able to get support from our student community as well as administration at NIU. Where people feel heard and comfortable and safe and that's some of the sentiments I had and I know. personally it's hard for me to talk about this, it's hard for me to feel secure knowing that I'm that these people being persecuted for talking about it right so I think we want to be avoiding that and creating cultivated environment and NIU that in the past right for BLM I think that's where my proudest moments of going to NIU and what have you wanting to stay here is that we are out supporting BLM on our campus and I think it's just like that the same way that we saw people suffering and being persecuted in that moment, the same way that NIU issued statements on justice and immigration policies the same way that we want to see our university take action on behalf of students when these injustices are occurring across the world and in the US as well too .

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 move agenda items A through E of new business into old business.
6. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos seconds
7. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
8. There is none.
9. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
10. The vote passes with and business is moved.
11. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos makes a motion to table agenda item E in old business
12. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
13. There is none.
14. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote
15. The vote passes and old business agenda item E is tabled.
16. Speaker Hensley asks if there is anymore discussion or debate.
17. There is none.
18. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote to approve the agenda.
19. The motion is passed, and the agenda is approved.

SPEAKER REPORT

- A. Speaker Hensley states

1. BOE is going to start scheduling meetings there this upcoming week or next week. All committees are functioning and we should have reports from every committee today. Last week there were three verbal warnings given out to directors and I am sure there will be more to follow in the future.

SPECIAL REPORT

- A. There is none.

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT

- A. Deputy Speaker's Report

1. Deputy Speaker English has written
 - a. Most of you still need to write some legislation. I think I have had. Three to four people submit legislation, so we need a lot more to do that. If you need help thinking of stuff or want help writing stuff, let me know. If you're graduating this fall, you need to have it done before then. That means you need the right bill or resolution, as constitutional amendments would have been brought up this meeting. So keep that in mind when you think about. Also, if I've given you a leadership quiz, please get back to me as best as you can, filled out correctly. I'll go over the answers with you afterwards.

- A. Historian's Report

1. There is none.

- A. Clerk's Report

1. There is none.

COMMITTEE REPORT

- B. Chairperson of Campus Life and Greek Affairs' report

1. There is none.

- C. Chairperson of Environmental Affairs' report

1. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos is recognized.
2. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos states
 - a. Two weeks ago we met for our second meeting for EA we again just discussed topics for events we could hold tonight we have a meeting at 7:30

D. Chairperson of Public Affairs' report

1. Clerk Corpuz is recognized.
2. Clerk Corpuz states
 - a. PA will be meeting tonight at 6:00 PM here in the HSC we are we'll be discussing our ideas for. Finals week. As our main key event for this semester.

E. Chairperson of Organizational Oversight's report

1. Deputy Speaker English is recognized
2. Deputy Speaker English states
 - a. Next week, I think for Organization Oversight, we'll have six to seven orgs be coming up for recognition, and we're going to start working on checking Tier 3 and Tier 4 designations.

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

1. Senator Guerrero is recognized
2. Senator Guerrero states
 - a. On behalf of MUS, DEI has met yesterday and last Thursday we just talked about possible community service hours we could do and events for this upcoming semester.

G. 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. 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. SR55014: A resolution to confirm a Senator

1. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos so moved
2. Senator Yuen seconded
3. Nominated Senator Robinson is recognized
4. Nominated Senator Robinson states

- a. My name is Matthew Robinson and I am currently running for the health sciences senator position. I am currently a sophomore that studies in the process of transferring over to nursing. Since I've been at NIU I have tried to integrate myself within the community both inside and outside the classroom. I believe that success is the ability to listen and act upon the things you learn. I have been apart of multiple clubs since being at NIU, including chess club, fencing, circus club and have attended a few meetings of the mars rover club and robotics club. I also found some of my favorite hobbies at NIU such as cooking for friends and family. I love learning and listening about the things

students here at NIU do to better our community. I feel as a senator of NIU I could voice what the student body is saying. My overall goal is to try and improve retention and attendance at NIU. I'd achieve this goal by improving funding for on campus clubs and improving community engagement within the student body. I believe that we as a collective can bring dekalb community and student body together. Prior to my time at NIU I grew up in the city of Kenosha, where community is everything. A place where people fight for what they believe in, but sometimes in unhealthy ways. It motivates me that the city of dekalb has students that care enough to make change in a healthy way. And I try my best to be apart in changing the community one day at a time.

5. Speaker Hensley asks if there are any questions for Nominated Senator Robinson
6. Deputy Speaker English is recognized
7. Deputy Speaker English states
 - a. What are some issues that you see or things that are going really well and help human sciences area?
8. Nominated Senator Robinson states
 - a. I think the Health Institute students are. The health and science area has a really good community system. The students in the classes are very like, you know, they study together, they do stuff together and overall interest improves what it you know, it's like being in the classroom.
9. Senator Anukwuocha is recognized
10. Senator Anukwuocha states
 - a. I must commend you for a nice speech. I wanted to know when you were speaking you said something about you're going to make you get some figures about NIU's population which has dropped drastically according to you and you proposed some ways to improve it. Yeah. And one of the things you said about, you know, with the communities, within the county. I want to ask you. Are you going to concentrate only on Dekalb? If not, how? What other communities do you think we should meet or just collaborate with within the community for us to increase the number of students you were talking about.

And then secondly, when you were answering the question, please answer, you say something about how you are going solve the issues in Health Sciences. My question then is what specific thing are you going do? Aside classroom issues. What are you going to do to increase the students participation?

11. Nominated Senator Robinson states

- a. I believe that me myself, you know, as a single person, I cannot change the Health Science field normally. All I can do is try and better it. I think one way that I can better it is having more awareness for programs on campus, like we have a bulletin board and a student center and that's pretty much it on campus, you know, there's nowhere else that students can go in and know what's going on. I think including awareness inside this health insurance, student health and science building would help clubs on campus learn about how to apply for funding and where to get funding from.

12. Senator Anukwuocha is recognized.

13. Senator Anukwuocha states

- a. The first question is what outside orgs you think you can reach out to increase the number of NIU students which according to you, are concentrated on the occur outside Dekalb, but do you think you should meet to increase the number of NIU that has dropped drastically according to the figures you gave us?

14. Nominated Senator Robinson states

- a. I think a way to improve attendance and I knew is to market ourselves better. A lot of people, a lot of the student body comes from the suburbs of Chicago. So, if we can better market it then I you there that would be great help. Also, I believe that DeKalb adding a metro station. In town so that that will greatly help with attendance and retention because people will be able to travel back and forth from the city. I think it's important to get the student body involved in the community. I don't know. About getting you know, the townies involved with the student body. I don't think that's a good idea but more the student body helping with businesses around campus. I think it's a great, it's a

great project that I have and please when you come here try and clear that I would love to be part of that.

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

16. Senator Anukwuocha is recognized

17. Senator Anukwuocha states

- a. For me. And my own side, I think. He has great ideas. But I don't know he has great ideas. They are so misguided. They are so generic. So. For me it's more of a general ideas that he has to come up with. So if he comes here and eventually joins us here, I would love us to probably go for that and ask him to come, and otherwise for me some of the things. He has proposed like assisting in streamlining is better for those when we are actually bringing in someone from the college. We act as the student body that is being represented there and if the person is not actually bringing in exactly what we want or representing well. It's falls on all of us here, And so I I think we can look at that.

18. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote

19. The resolution passes with 7 yays, 2 nays, and 0 abstentions.

20. Senator Robinson is sworn into office by Speaker Hensley.

B. SR55017: A resolution to fix the way SGA amends their Constitution

1. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos so moved

2. Senator Rosales seconded

3. Deputy Speaker English is recognized

4. Deputy Speaker English states

- a. Once again, this is just discussion. Next week is the week that we'll vote on it, and we'll need 2/3 vote. If we wanted to pass the previous way, we've done the previous way that we were supposed to do amendments would have done it the same way the US Constitution has, where there's the original document and then the amendments are blocked text after. The issue with that kind of system is every once in a while you'll get two amendments that cancel each other out, and then you'll have those two amendments and it gets a little bit confusing to read. The way we've been doing it here in SGA has not followed

this procedure. Instead, we just update the text itself. With the notation of what was changed and given to the historian, what this constitutional amendment does is it makes that process that we've been doing the official process to that effect.

5. Deputy Speaker English makes a motion to add the following wording to the agenda item
6. Deputy Speaker English proposes adding:
 - a. The 55th the senate recognizes that previous amendments were not made according to the constitution however the senate recognizes the currently used constitution as the most updated one and as the one to be updated into the future. this is based on authorial intent and understanding.
7. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos seconded
8. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate
9. There is none.
10. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
11. The motion is passed, and the amendment is added.
12. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate
13. There is none.

C. SR55019: A Resolution to set the stipend for this year's Board of Elections

1. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos so moved
2. Senator Rosales seconded
3. Speaker Hensley states
 - a. Since Senator Onebunne is not here I will explain this. This is the stipend for the Board of Elections that we said a couple weeks ago. The \$1500 amount is the same amount that we had last year and with advice from our advisor, we thought we should keep it the same.
4. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate
5. Deputy Speaker English is recognized
6. Deputy Speaker English states
 - a. Is there any expectation of a dramatic increase or decrease in the amount of work that the BOE will have to do?

7. Speaker Hensley states
 - a. I think the BOE's expectations of the work has stayed the same.
8. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
9. Clerk Corpuz calls a Point of Information
10. Clerk Corpuz states
 - a. For Senator Robinson, 1 is yes, 2 is no, and 3 is to abstain from voting
11. Speaker Hensley calls a Point of Information
12. Speaker Hensley states
 - a. All members of the Board of Elections should abstain from voting.
13. The resolution is passed with a vote count of 7 yays, 0 nays, and 4 abstentions

D. SR55020: A resolution to confirm a Senator

1. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos so moved
2. Senator Rosales seconded
3. Nominated Senator Lazaric is recognized
4. Nominated Senator Lazaric states
 - a. Hello Senators, it's nice to speak with you. I'd like to introduce myself. I'm Nicholas Lazaric. I'm a freshman, and I'm majoring in finance. I first found out about SGA from a social media post. I looked into it, and I thought it looked pretty cool. The closest experience I've had to SGA was Model UN my senior year of high school but obviously that's quite a bit different from student government. I find student government interesting because of the different aspects of student life that it impacts. Specifically, I find the finances of organizations the most interesting because of the planning that is involved and the need to fairly distribute funds to different organizations with different goals. I'm in a couple of finance clubs and I'd like to show my passion in finance. This is my first experience in a student government, and I am excited to learn about the work I look forward to joining SGA and seeing the positive impact I can have on campus. Thank you, I will open the floor to questions.
5. Speaker Hensley asks if there are any questions for Nominated Senator Lazaric
6. Deputy Speaker English is recognized
7. Deputy Speaker English states

- a. As applying as a student at large, what is some issue or something that really works well on NIU's campus?

8. Nominated Senator Lazaric states

- a. Something that would probably take issue with this, the amount of emails that students get. I know from a lot of peers that. Tables and boxes just get completely filled. And I feel like there's probably a better way to fix that and cut down on the amount of emails that students get, especially from like, say, things like Blackboard. Just like kind of irrelevant information. There, that could be put in a more concise manner. I feel like that's something that we can address quite easily really.

9. Senator Anukwuocha is recognized

10. Senator Anukwuocha states

- a. What do you think is going wrong in the finance aspect of SGA and you think you want to change? What exactly do you think is not doing well in this aspect of SGA which you are entering

11. Nominated Senator Lazaric states

- a. I think that the finance aspect of SGA is mainly about distributing the funds fairly and making sure that people in each organization gets the funds that they need while still maintaining a budget, so I think that. My input would be quite beneficial for that because I have experience in finance, I've I was in finance clubs now and also in high school and I think that. I don't quite see an issue right now, but. I do look forward to gaining more experience with finance in the SGA's aspect of finance.

12. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos is recognized

13. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos states

- a. So you had mentioned with issues of the amount of emails that a student might get. I think more of the actual question should be what issues on campus do you see that you can address as a senator at large?

14. Nominated Senator Lazaric states

- a. So on campus, I think that one problem that I would take issue with and I think many students would take issue with. But maybe be with? The bus

system I think could definitely have some improvement, especially with the app and also on the tracking. We could probably do better in that aspect.

15. Senator Rosales is recognized

16. Senator Rosales states

- a. I think about the transportation the bus actually years ago before predates when I was Senator and SGA actually ran the transit now the city of Dekalb does. So what issues with the bus itself do you see or do we think should we as SGA run or but the city of Dekalb, they already run their own system. We use it back in the day we did that. What kind of improvements should be made with that?

17. Nominated Senator Lazaric states

- a. OK, so I think mainly with the app. Sometimes the buses get marked as the wrong route, so let's say a 2L is running, but it can look on the app as if it's a 2R route, which can cause a lot of frustration with students and also their attendance with classes can really mess up their timings or make them late to class or maybe even make. Skip it overall. And I also think that. Sometimes buses won't get to a stop for maybe 15 minutes and I think that that's just too long and they can just disincentivize students to get to class and I think that can have a quite. Substantial impact on the students.

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

19. Senator Anukwuocha is recognized

20. Senator Anukwuocha states

- a. So for me, it is a lot of commendation. I think the candidate knows and has some level of experience especially in the are finance. I think the Senate needs his wealth of experience in that area probably. He could manage the student funds well.

21. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote

22. The resolution is passed with a vote count of 9 yays, 2 nays, and 0 abstentions

E. SB55008:a bill to update the bylaws to remove the seat of Chair of University Services Oversight Committee

1. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos so moved

2. Clerk Corpuz seconded
 3. Clerk Corpuz states
 - a. As you guys might not be aware, University Service used to be a committee that we used to have here. It got absorbed by CLGA. This piece just says that we are taking off the order of succession.
 4. Senator Rosales calls the question
 5. The motion passes and the bill goes to an immediate vote
 6. The bill passes with a vote count of 11 yays, 0 nays, and 1 abstention
- F. SR55021: a resolution to Advocate for NIU SGA and NIU to address the ongoing Palestinian Crisis and support Palestinian Students and all other impacted students
1. Senator Yuen so moved
 2. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos seconded
 3. Deputy Speaker English makes a motion to add a friendly amendment to add Arab Student Association as an author
 4. Deputy Speaker English accepts the friendly amendment
 5. Deputy Speaker English states
 - a. So I don't know, those of you who've read the resolution, I'm going to kind of go through what this is asking us to do. So you can understand what's asking us to do. So the first therefore, is this resolution condemns any behavior that would invalidate in danger. And endanger those who may be grieving due to recent events that have been transpired, including those of Jewish and or Israeli origin. And therefore NIU SGA will release a statement in collaboration with affected student groups including the resolution, authors, sponsors, contributors condemning Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, and overall acts and or words of hate while providing campus resources for the Husky community, including but not limited to mental, health and educational and informational resources. Finally, therefore, NIU SGA will support Palestinian, Arab, Jewish, Muslim and allied people according to this resolution. There's a lot of stuff going on right now in the Middle East. There is a large conflict zone and as our public comment talked about today. A lot of the people over there have names that are similar to students here, that have faces that are

similar to students here. So there are students here who are connected to these events directly, other family member or friends or possibly their home. Um, what this is just doing, it's not picking aside. It's not saying one side is right, one side is wrong. Instead, what it is doing is standing for those who are suffering and it's showing support. To students on this campus that their voices are heard and the NIU is a safe space for them. I'm happy to take questions. Though based on advice from both the authors as well as Doctor Reneau, I'm eventually going to move to table this till next week so we can have more in-depth discussions, but the reason it was brought up this week is because the authors would like something to point to that is being worked on. There was one e-mail a while ago and this is something from the students voice that they can point to as something that's being worked on, so I'm happy to take any questions.

6. Senator Yuen is recognized

7. Senator Yuen states

- a. So my main question will be, has the Jewish Student Association also been reached out to create some kind of joint statement on this issue as well? And if not, you feel that it would be beneficial to have the Jewish Student Association also take part in this kind of discussion?

8. Deputy Speaker English is recognized

9. Deputy Speaker English states

- a. I don't know if the author has reached out to the Jewish Student Association. If they haven't, that'd be a great place. It's one of the reasons why we're delaying it. So we can reach out to all of them and build a stronger connective force around it. But if they have not, they will definitely be reached out to.

10. Senator Anukwuocha is recognized

11. Senator Anukwuocha states

- a. It is a nice thing for us to support them and also make this statement however my question is this was just going to end up in just making a statement. Is there another thing we plan to do like kind of financial support or anything to

support them in any way? Is there any other thing apart from just making a statement?

12. Deputy Speaker English is recognized

13. Deputy Speaker English states

- a. So that's a great question. Later in new business today, we're going to bring up a petition. The petition is going to be us asking NIU administration and NIU general to provide some of these resources as well. You know, working with some of the authors there is want to do stuff but, SGA is limited in what it can do, but the goal would be in one of the, therefore is to create that. I should be providing campus resources for the Huskie community, including but not limited to mental health and educational resources. So what that's going to look like is me, Sofia will probably work with Muslim Students Association, Arab Student Association, the Jewish. Association, If they get back to us, Clint Michael Reneau is going to get those resources collected and then we'll be able to set those up if this passes next week.

14. Senator Yuen is recognized

15. Senator Yuen states

- a. I am aware that NIU has before made a statement and I'm assuming everyone has read that e-mail. My question is, does that e-mail feel too lighthearted and doesn't address certain issues that both the Jewish and the Arab/Muslim student associations feel that? You know, there should be more in depth. To that

16. Deputy Speaker English is recognized

17. Deputy Speaker English states

- a. From the conversations that I've had with some of the authors of this bill is that while it's nice that they put out a statement, it was very, very neutral. And also having SGA talk on it, it gives credence to student voices saying it as well. So while this is still neutral and I think that's it's important to be neutral on this, it does more vocally support those who are struggling right now and the repercussions that some students who speak out in favor of one side or the other might face. It's specifically in the first, therefore talks about that.

18. Deputy Speaker English makes a motion to table the resolution for next week
19. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos seconded
20. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate
21. There is none
22. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote
23. The motion is passed, and the resolution is tabled until November 10th.

NEW BUSINESS

A. SP55001: a petition to advocate for NIU SGA and NIU to address the ongoing Palestinian Crisis and support Palestinian students and all impacted students

1. Deputy Speaker English introduces SP55001 and makes a motion to add it to New Business
2. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos so moved
3. Senator Rosales seconded
4. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate
5. Senator Sofia is recognized
6. Senator Sofia states
 - a. I would like to speak on behalf of a lot of students that I have talked to on campus. I think it is important for SGA to we are representing the student body and I think it's important that we try our best. To speak out when we see injustice that is happening, which is why this petition is so important.
7. Deputy Speaker English is recognized
8. Deputy Speaker English states
 - a. In writing this petition, it was brought to the attention of Doctor Clint Michael Reneau, who then brought it to the attention of Doctor Sumner. These are two people that we're going to be working with this petition moving forward, so if it changes next week or the week after, we will likely be because we've been in communication and we know what we better know we are able to do. For reference, Doctor Clint-Michael Reneau is the Vice President for Student Affairs and Carol Sumner is the Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer for NIU.

9. Senator Yuen is recognized

10. Senator Yuen states

- a. Since SGA does represent the entire student body. I want to ask what Jewish population also reached out to for this petition to make sure that any writing does not feel like we're stepping on one another's toes and creating some internal conflict within and on you, because I do not believe SGA wants that happening.

11. Deputy Speaker English is recognized

12. Deputy Speaker English states

- a. Yep, you brought up a good point in your resolution, reaching out, making sure we reach out to the Jewish communities here on campus. We would. I know a couple of contacts that I have and a couple of contacts that i have and when we reach out to Doctor Clint-Michael Reneau and Doctor Sumner and the international student thing. I am sure they will point us in the right direction as well as the student organization on campus

13. Senator Anukwuocha is recognized

14. Senator Anukwuocha states

- a. I want to advise us to meet with the main student bodies that are presenting us this. Ask them to probably include if there are any students who missed a general support from SGA is going to give to them. If there are any students who can give special support or some kind of difficulties as regard to this particular issue or suffer from any health issues, psychological issues and that point out to anyone so that SGA can reach out to all fellow students.

15. Deputy Speaker English is recognized

16. Deputy Speaker English states

- a. This piece of legislation was brought up in new business and does not need to be tabled since it cannot be voted on.

B. SR55022:A resolution to amend the SGA Constitution Removal Process & Voting Policy

1. Clerk Corpuz makes a motion to add SR 55022 to the new business
2. Clerk Corpuz is recognized
3. Clerk Corpuz states

- a. So we've noticed while I was writing most of the warnings out for certain exact members last. Last week I did notice that our HR policy is not solidified within our Constitution and our bylaws, there was two different processes to go through for removal from office so this consolidated it so that it is one way that is written in the bylaws instead of the constitutional laws because in the old sessions about seven years ago. You would have to write a petition to remove anybody from office. This just consolidated it so that we can say they need to be terminated and they are immediately removed from office.
- 4. Deputy Speaker English is recognized
- 5. Deputy Speaker English states
 - b. One thing that I think is important to note is not only was the removal process updated so it's consolidated to one. Also in the first part in section Article 4, Section B, it also requires a 2/3 vote to make edits to that part of the bylaws, because this used to be in the Constitution, this still requires the same impetus to change. It still requires that 2/3 vote to change it.
- 6. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote
- 7. The vote is passed and SR55022 is added to New Business

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A. Deputy Speaker English is recognized
- B. Deputy Speaker English states
 - a. Newly elected senators please stay back a little bit. I need to talk to you guys to set up one-on-one times to meet with me.
- C. Senator Rosales is recognized.
- D. Senator Rosales states
 - a. Back in the day, we usually have two rows of seats. I don't know about next week. Because we do have two rows of seats, can we have like two rows of chairs and two barriers. That could be a thing to consider.
- E. Deputy Speaker English is recognized.
- F. Deputy Speaker English states

- a. On the topic of the resolution and petition brought up today, there is a teaching happening Wednesday, November 8th from 10:00 AM till noon. There's going to be more marketing stuff coming out this Monday, so I'm not quite sure if it's on the calendar yet. I have a link but doesn't send me to the right place. But Wednesday November 8th from 10:00 AM till noon is a teaching on Israel Hamas war and it's Humanitarian implications.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Speaker Hensley states

- a. On November seventeenth will be our code training. If you've ever done code training, you are not required to go. If you have not, you're required to either go to this one or the one next semester. The room is not yet set, but that should be set this week and I will let you guys know. Please do your community service hours and your events

B. Deputy Speaker English is recognized.

C. Deputy Speaker English states

- a. In part sponsored by the Innovation Club, Food Systems Innovation Challenge is this Saturday to Sunday November eleventh through twelfth. Twenty four hour hackathon. You do not need to be able to code to do it. It deals with food and sustainability kind of stuff. Check in begins at November eleventh at 11 AM.

D. Clerk Corpuz is recognized.

E. Clerk Corpuz states

- a. Speaking of this petition and this resolution, I'd like to remind all of the senators that of to please be wary of what you say outside of this meeting as well as in the meeting. I do believe that Northern Star can quote you within the meeting, but please do not take any interviews with them outside of any meetings here. Please send them to either Speaker Hensley or to Deputy Speaker English and they will figure out what to do from there.

ADJOURNMENT

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
2. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos so moved.
3. Senator Yuen 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 3:11 PM.

CLOSING ATTENDANCE

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

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY

Clerk Corpuz on October 17th, 2023

55th Senate on October 13th, 2023