

Minutes of the
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

January 26th , 2024

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, Hensley, English, Bereolos, Anastopoulos, Robinson, Guerrero, Khanjian, Lazaric Musgraves, Corpuz, Rosales,
4. **Voting members Absent:** Anukwuocha, Onebunne, Sofia
5. **Voting members Excused:**

VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

1. Clerk Corpuz confirms quorum is met.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. There is none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos makes a motion to approve the minutes
2. Senator Guererro seconded
3. There is no discussion or debate
4. The minutes are approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Speaker Hensley makes a motion to approve the agenda
2. Clerk Corpuz seconded
3. Clerk Corpuz makes a motion to remove SB55012

4. Clerk Corpuz states
 - a. So I am making a motion to kill this resolution on the basis that it is a now a useless resolution for this semester. Before the semester ended, I talked with our student advisors, who stated that they will limit the hours for all paid positions in SGA to ten hours. As a point of clarification, this piece of legislation was a poor attempt from former Senator Yuen to produce something before he graduated. It was not brought up to anyone besides me in a brief conversation with him, in which I stated I was willing to work on it with him if he took the time and effort to format it and bring it up to the R&P committee. Going forward, I would like to see a level of professionalism from all senators that shows the importance of SGA and does not look like it was written up the hour before a meeting.
5. Deputy Speaker English states
 - a. Another point to this is the points covered are now covered in the HR policy referenced in our current bylaws and Constitution. The problem addressed that it was supposed to solve has been solved.
6. The motion passes and SR55032 has been struck from the agenda.
7. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos makes a motion to move items A through D from new business to old business
8. Clerk Corpuz seconded
9. The motion passes and new business item a through D is added into old business.
10. There is no more discussion or debate
11. The vote passes and the agenda is approved.

SPEAKER REPORT

1. Speaker Hensley states
 - a. I hope your break has gone well. Manny and I have worked on some legislation over break. We have more legislation that is not coming up today that is coming up in following weeks. If you have concerns about that, please let us know before we finish that.

SPECIAL REPORT

1. There is none

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT

A. Deputy Speaker's Report

1. Deputy Speaker English states

- a. Hello, I went to faculty senate the other day and there is a general education survey that is going around in an email today that has the agenda. There will be a link in that email for that survey that is going to the newly approved university goals. Just before winter break, the board of trustees approved the university goals from the president. It would be a good idea to look over that just to make sure it makes sense for us. Finally, the faculty Senate is looking for a student member from SGA that's able to attend and support the professional staff council HR meetings every second Thursday of the month from 10:00 AM to noon. It is a hybrid setting and you can meet on Teams if you need to do that. Otherwise it will be here in the Sky Room. From the faculty Senate meeting, there is also an award so if you know any professors that are known for being constructive you have to send a letter to the current faculty Senate President or if you send it to me, I can send it over. If you have any other questions feel free to reach out to me.

B. Historian's Report

1. There is none.

C. 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. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos is recognized.
2. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos states
 - a. EA is meeting today after Senate.

C. Chairperson of Public Affairs' report

1. Clerk Corpuz is recognized.
2. Clerk Corpuz states
 - a. For PA, I recently have obtained all the socials for SGA. So if there are any committees that want to advertise their events, please let me know. Also for PA there will be a three event on February 2nd for the State of the SGA. I'll give you the details when I find them out.

D. Chairperson of Organizational Oversight's report

1. Deputy Speaker English is recognized.
2. Deputy Speaker English states
 - a. OO met today and we have today begun the midyear review. If you guys aren't any student orgs or know people that are in student orgs please tell them to check out their e-mail for any forms that are sent out and for them to fill out any forms accurately. Next week, we might have some more student orgs come up if they pass all the checks and this week we have six or seven coming up.

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

1. Chairperson Musgraves is recognized.
2. Chairperson Musgraves states
 - a. DEI will be meeting next week. If you are currently on DEI, make sure to fill out the link I sent to you on Teams. If you are interested in DEI, please reach out to me. We are doing a sexual assault prevention with the GGM with Ms. Janelle Webbins. That will take place March 6th. The next thing we will be doing is a luncheon for first-gen.

F. Chairperson of Board of Elections' report

1. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos is recognized.
2. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos states
 - a. BOE is 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. SR55025
 - a. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos motions to hear SR55025
 - b. Senator Guererro seconds
 - c. Senator Rosales states
 - i. I know we have had this since last semester. This is opening ceremony is similar to the pledge of allegiance. This is adding a flag and this is making us more professional. This is also adding a closing ceremony similar to the opening ceremony.
 - d. Speaker Hensley makes a point of information
 - e. Speaker Hensley states
 - i. It would be smart if you guys include what the opening ceremony was and what the closing ceremony is. If you guys want to do that I would suggest tabling until next week
 - f. Clerk Corpuz states
 - i. So let me get this straight, you guys want to have an opening and closing ceremony but you don't have anything for the closing ceremony.
 - g. Clerk Corpuz makes a motion to table SR55025
 - h. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos seconded
 - i. Deputy Speaker English states

- i. I actually think specifying to that degree would not be productive. If you look at the rest of them it doesn't give any details And this allows different interpretations of what it means which does make room for flexibility which could be a concern but I would say leaving it as it is beneficial to allow for different room setups and numbered environments. It'd be beneficial to leave it as it currently is
 - j. Senator Anukwuocha states
 - i. My plan is just to put in a closing ceremony that is like the procession of the speaker and just a formality for the opening and closing of each meeting.
 - k. Chairperson Anastopoulos
 - i. So it does not require any segments and just pretty much just says we are adjourned.
 - l. Senator Anukwuocha
 - i. I have witnessed other meetings and have seen these ceremonies performed. These ceremonies makes meetings more professional.
 - m. Senator Rosales
 - i. I was thinking that these ceremonies be opened so that we can say we have them. If you guys want to work on this, I think it is smart that we motion to table this to fix these details.
 - n. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos calls a Point of Order
 - o. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos states
 - i. You are required to wear business casual appropriate clothing to meetings.
 - p. The motion is passed and the resolution is tabled
- B. SR55028
- a. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos makes a motion to hear SR55028
 - b. Chairperson Musgraves seconded
 - i. Similar to last one, this just is what it points to in the manual and points to. This just gives order to what the opening ceremony points to and gives an item I to the schedule. It goes over what our agenda will look like. This also includes land acknowledgement. Based on the last piece, I move to table this as well.
 - c. Deputy Speaker English makes a motion to table SR55031
 - d. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos seconded
 - e. There is no discussion or debate
 - f. The motion is passed and the resolution is tabled

C. SR55031

- a. Deputy Speaker English makes a motion to hear SR 55031
- b. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos seconded
- c. Deputy Speaker English states
 - i. So some of these orgs are from last semester. Some of them have been seeking approval for a while now and they have passed all the checks and all that. I strongly suggest voting yes for this.
- d. There is no discussion or debate
- e. The resolution passes with 11 yays, 1 nay, and 1 abstention

D. SR55033

- a. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos makes a motion to hear SR55033
- b. Chairperson Musgraves seconded
- c. Director of Academic Affairs Joshi is recognized
- d. Director of Academic Affairs Joshi states
 - i. First of all, I do really appreciate the leadership team and their organization. My name is Kavya Joshi. I am a sophomore majoring in Omiss and minor in finance I'm pretty much involved with the campus such as Women in Business LEAD, Student Finance Advisory Board and more. I am pretty involved with the library. I work there and the public center as well as the Rec center as well. In terms of my goals, stepping into this role has a typical exchange to the standards in the terms of education. There are some goals that I want to highlight such as implementing and developing the academic progress here at NIU such as the honors program, the CHANCE program, and more. I'm implementing new strategies such as working more on the suitable app also feedback surveys and also developing more research and feedback to students here on campus therefore I am honored to be up here going up as Director Of Academic Affairs. Thank you.
- e. Speaker Hensley asks if there are any questions for Director of Academic Affairs Joshi
- f. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos states
 - i. How did you hear about this position?
- g. Director of Academic Affairs Joshi states
 - i. I heard about it through someone I knew from Northern Star.
- h. Senator Anukwuocha states

- i. What is your relationship with Olivia and what kind of communication do you have with the President?
 - i. Director of Academic Affairs Joshi states
 - i. I will try to keep a relationship with the president if elected
 - j. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos states
 - i. With your schedule as a student, will you have enough time to fulfill this role
 - k. Director of Academic Affairs Joshi states
 - i. Yes
 - l. Chairperson Musgraves states
 - i. Are you part of any other organizations on campus?
 - m. Director of Academic Affairs Joshi states
 - i. Women in business, but mostly business groups
 - n. Chairperson Musgraves states
 - i. I like that she is only a sophomore trying to take on a new position. She already is in the Women in Business organization that they do already a lot on campus and I support this candidate
 - o. This resolution passes with 13 yays, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions
- E. SB55012
 - a. Sergeant-At-Arms Bereolos makes a motion to hear SB55012
 - b. Senator Guererro seconded
 - c. Clerk Corpuz states
 - i. So this piece is one of the things I worked on over break and mainly focuses on how the procedure is for disciplinary action for anybody in SGA it just clarifies what constitutes a verbal warning, a written warning is, and a suspension basically. I'm happy to take any questions about it.
 - d. There is no discussion or debate
 - e. This resolution passes with a vote count of 13 yays, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.
- F. SB55013
 - a. Senator Guererro makes a motion to hear SB55013.
 - b. Senator Robinson seconded.
 - c. Clerk Corpuz states
 - i. This piece is also what I worked on over break. On behalf of Deputy Speaker English , this piece allows the Deputy Speaker to speak on behalf of SGA and not just rely on the speaker.

- d. Discussion
 - e. Senator Robinson states
 - i. I would like a point of clarification if the Deputy Speaker will speak on behalf of all of SGA and is it just in the event of the absence of the Speaker?
 - f. Deputy Speaker English states
 - i. It is only the legislative branch and at the discretion of the Speaker
 - g. Senator Rosales calls the question
 - h. Clerk Corpuz seconded
 - i. The motion passes and there is a vote
 - j. This resolution passes with a vote count of 11 yays, 1 nay, and 1 abstention.
- G. SR55034
- a. Deputy Speaker English makes a motion to hear SR55034
 - b. Senator Guererro seconded
 - c. Clerk Corpuz states
 - i. So I was working on this with Senator Khanjian last semester. Basically the written description of the Public Affairs Committee seemed very vague and had pieces that do not exist anymore like Director of Cultural Affairs. This just clarifies what the description is for Public Affairs. I will be doing this for all the other committees as well later on.
 - d. Deputy Speaker English states
 - i. One question I had was what the Director of Cultural Affairs and their description and responsibilities. Would that be covered down below after?
 - e. Clerk Corpuz states
 - i. I was under the assumption since Cultural Affairs was absorbed by DEI. I was going to put that with DEI's mission instead
 - f. There is a vote.
 - g. This resolution passes with 12 yays, 1 nay, and 0 abstentions.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. There is none.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A. Senator Robinson states

- a. So this is the first Senate meeting of the semester. Do we have a plan for how we are going to improve the campus for the semester?
- B. Speaker Hensley states
 - a. That is a discussion to have with Deputy Speaker English. You can also talk to any committee and it would go from there.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Chairperson Musgraves states
 - a. If you are interested in DEI, we are planning on holding a number of different events on campus. We will be meeting on Thursdays at 4:45 PM. Our first event will be on March 6th.
- B. Speaker Hensley states
 - a. Our second and likely last CODE training of the year will be happening on February 16th at 12 PM – 2PM in HSC 406 or 405. It will be on the email. If you have any questions, please let me or Deputy Speaker English know.
- C. Deputy Speaker English states
 - a. The faculty senate is looking for someone on the 2nd Thursdays of the month to go to committee meeting from 10 AM to noon. If you are interested in that, please let me know. Also, there is a couple of new events and programs that are going on consistently right now. Go check them out.

ADJOURNMENT

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
2. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos so moved.
3. Senator Guererro 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 2:41 PM.

CLOSING ATTENDANCE

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

3. **Voting members Excused:**

4. **Candidate Members Present:**

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY

Clerk Corpuz on February 1st, 2024

55th Senate on January 26th, 2024