

Minutes of the  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE  
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

September 29th, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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

**VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

1. Deputy Speaker English confirms that quorum is met.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. No Public Comments

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Speaker Hensley moves to approve last week's minutes.
2. Senator 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. Senator Corpuz 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 new business to old business.
6. Senator Bereolos seconded.
7. New business is moved to old business
8. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
9. Vote passes business is moved.
10. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote to approve the agenda.
11. The motion is passed, and the agenda are approved.

## **SPEAKER REPORT**

1. Speaker Hensley states
  - a. Committees will meet for the first time next week. I will appoint the chair people and get them trained today and Monday.

## **SPECIAL REPORT**

1. There is none

## **OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT**

### **A. Deputy Speaker's Report**

1. Deputy Speaker English is recognized.

### **B. Deputy Speaker English States**

1. Hello there, are three things I want to touch on today in my report,
2. The first is that we still need people on the Organizational Oversight committee. We would prefer that it was filled with people who want to be on it but we do need people on it so if no one volunteers some of you may be voluntold.
3. The second is follow up from last week. Last week abstentions were brought up I thought I would look into it and clarify the rules and guidelines for abstentions. The

first thing that I found was that based on our bylaws, constitution, Operating manuals, and Roberts rules, the only time you are required to abstain you vote is in finance voting on funding for an organization you are apart of. Besides that you are currently never required to abstain. However it is generally frowned upon to vote in cases where you have personal stakes such as recognition of an org that you are apart of or giving someone who is in an org you share an influential position. Please remember if you ever have a question of whether or not you should abstain, please feel free to ask SGAs legal counsel or a good rule of thumb is if you feel unsure abstain and after the meeting feel free to check with Cole or me.

4. Finally I wanted to talk a bit about how constitutional amendments work since we have a couple coming up today. For a constitutional amendment to pass it needs to receive a 2/3 vote in two back-to-back senate meetings. So that means that if the amendments receive that 2/3 vote today they aren't considered a passed amendment unless they receive the 2/3 vote to pass again next week. In both week changes can be made to the amendment on the floor.

C. Historian's Report

1. There is none

D. 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. There is none

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

1. There is none

F. 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. Treasurer Larkin is recognized.

2. Treasure Larkin states

- a. Hi everyone. I'm just coming to the report about Finance Committee. We've had two meetings, but we had a meeting on the 21st and the 28th. We've allocated over \$13,000 already, so I'm proud to let you all know that. Also, I have my deputy, Mr. Ryan Kramer coming up today, so ask him questions if you have any. Also, if you have any questions for me, I'll take questions at this time.

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. SR55006: A resolution to confirm Director Appointments

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to discuss agenda item A. A resolution to confirm Director Appointments.
2. Senator Corpuz so moved
3. Senator Rosales seconded
4. Speaker Hensley invites nominated Director of Greek Affairs Deer to the floor
5. Nominated Director of Greek Affairs Deer states
  - a. Hey Everybody. My name is Kanaan. I am currently a senior. My major is Health Sciences I'm currently the president of my chapter Omega Psi Phi on campus. I'm here for the Director of Greek Affairs position. One thing I would like with this opportunity just for the experience. I have been in many leadership positions like the president of my chapter fraternity. Also this being my last year, I am trying to be involved as possible to really be the difference I want to see. A few things that I talked about, events wise, that I like to do is Game night with the Greeks just to get involvement throughout the campus and make sure everyone is involved, Greek wise. In general, I think it's a good idea to bring people in. Also I want to try and work on getting funding for houses for NPHC because that's something I know being involved in NPHC council and that's something talked about and things like that. and also, just make sure funding is available for people now on and the Greeks space because a lot of people don't really take advantage of it don't really take advantage of it as they should, at least in my experience I know. So hopefully, kind of like, get more people involved, in terms of SGA, with the Greek, in general. Also I like to do like fundraisers. I know last year a big one was

canned food or like books and things like that. To bring like unity and service as well. Also, just show that like scholarship and things like that. Greek study tables be great to have especially just to show that Greeks are involved in scholarship as well. To make sure that people do their work basically. And also like I said, Greeks get helped across the board because I know like for me coming in didn't really know a lot of resources that were available in general, but I'd like to make that known for some people because I can like all the different councils.

6. Senator Anastopoulos is recognized

7. Senator Anastopoulos states

- a. So besides being president your organization, what other qualifications or qualities do you have that will help you excel in this position?

8. Nominated Director of Greek Affairs Deer states

- a. So I have been involved in tons of things like back in my community at home. I'm from the west side of Chicago, which is not a great place to grow up, but I made the best of it. One big thing on the west side, that I actually partnered with the Lincoln Park Zoo to design and basically build a miniature golf course in the park district that brings in income and helps the park district a lot overall. I have also been a part of Walkability studies in my neighborhoods to help improve since its not a super safe neighborhood. Also I have been part of committees to help bring more garbage cans into my community because it was not super clean, hygienic and stuff like that. I worked with the city of Chicago to bring garbage cans and things like that to put in the community to clean it up. There's really a long list I'm trying to think about the top things. I am also on the international committee for my fraternity, the rules committee as well. I help to make rules and nationally overall the fraternity. Just like the top things. Like I said a long list.

9. Senator Yuen is recognized

10. Senator Yuen states

- a. Yeah, I would like to ask, given the time and commitment it takes to fully execute this position, do you feel like you have the time management and the schedule to fully execute it?

11. Nominated Director of Greek Affairs Deer states

- a. Yea definitely. Good question so like I said, like, I'm pretty involved already in things like that I have. Probably like two other like leadership positions, like I said I'm president of my fraternity as well as is on the committee of like the overall fraternity in general and like so far. I mean I I all have pretty good time management, have a 3.7 GPA and upholding it since like. Sophomore year so I sound pretty, you know, well versed in. To know how to manage time and things like that, so I feel like. I could definitely manage. If that answers your question.

12. Senator Rosales is recognized

13. Senator Rosales states

- a. Hello, how's it going? Welcome. Thanks for speaking today. I had a question. How did you hear about this position?

14. Nominated Director of Greek Affairs Deer states

- a. I was approached by Kennedy and the president, Olivia. I know them very well. They kind of told me about it and I looked and I saw that it was something that kind of lined up with what I am trying to do the campus, which is like make a difference. Also like I said, it is my last year, I am trying to do as much as I can. Also, really like I see this as a network opportunity as well. I just like meeting people and making new experiences and things like that.  
That's pretty much that

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

16. There is none.

17. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.

18. This resolution passes with a vote count of 8 yays, 5 nays, and 0 abstentions.

B. SR55008: A resolution to confirm the Clerk of the Senate

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to discuss agenda item B. A resolution to confirm the Clerk of the Senate.
2. Senator Rosales so moved
3. Deputy Speaker English seconded
4. Speaker Hensley invites Nominated Clerk Corpuz to the floor
5. Nominated Clerk Corpuz states

- a. Fellow senators, I am honored to have the privilege of being nominated for the position of Clerk of the Senate today. For those who may not know about the position, the Clerk of the Senate is in charge of keeping the minutes and assisting the speaker and deputy speaker generally. Since joining SGA last semester, I have learned the basic requirements that are needed to keep running SGA smoothly. One of the main beneficial things that keeps SGA running is having our leadership positions filled with competent and experienced leaders. As clerk, I plan to help Deputy Speaker English and Speaker Hensley to carry out their respective positions and to take care of the documentations during our weekly meetings. This position requires dedication to the details, of which I am willing to accept if elected and with my current class schedule and credits, I am not worried about being unable to do my job here weekly. I want to thank you for listening to me today and I will yield the rest of my time for any questions you may have.

6. Deputy Speaker English is recognized

7. Deputy Speaker English states

- a. The position of clerk has responsibility of making sure minutes and transcripts are up on time, especially to make sure we can conform with all the stuff. Do you have a plan that would allow you to be able to upload those minutes within the time frame allotted?

8. Clerk Corpuz states

- a. Yes, I believe that you have told me it is 48 business hours in which my office hours, if elected, would coincide very well.

9. Senator Anukwuocha is recognized

10. Senator Anukwuocha states

- a. So what experiences have you gotten that probably in the past and have you held a similar position or have you been a secretary somewhere? If yes, where and what were your achievements there?

11. Clerk Corpuz states

- a. So I've not experienced another clerk job, but I have been secretary to a couple of different people that they didn't hire me but I got service hours for.



So, for the most part being a clerk is a first time experience, but in terms of SGA experience, I've been here for a semester or for one semester now, which is more than most of SGA here.

12. Senator Anastopoulos is recognized

13. Senator Anastopoulos states

- a. With this position, you'll be working closely with Speaker Hensley and Deputy Speaker English. Would you say that you guys have a good relationship?

14. Clerk Corpuz states

- a. I believe we do. It's we're very mutually acquainted and I believe that there will be no aggressive or negative workplace environment between us.

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

16. Senator Onebunne is recognized

17. Senator Onebunne states

- a. Thank you for that. I have not known him for a very long time, with the little interaction around him. I believe in this candidacy. I believe that is present of critical thought and self-motivation and I fully support.

18. Deputy Speaker English is recognized

19. Deputy Speaker English states

- a. One thing I want to note in their favor is they reach out to me ahead of time to ask for some of the templates I used last year and have asked for kind of like the tips and tricks of how to be clear before being confirmed to the position. So they have done stuff to prep for if they were to be confirmed.

20. Senator Anukwuocha is recognized

21. Senator Anukwuocha states

- a. OK so my only concern there is in terms of experience but from what Deputy Speaker just said, he probably must have given him some of the templates and which you work with so. My advice there is since he has no experience on that he has your back, so you will need to do a lot of work and that's to coach him so that we won't have any lapses on that. Yeah. Thank you.

22. Senator Rosales is recognized

23. Senator Rosales states

- a. I'd like to fully support this candidate.

24. Senator Musgraves is recognized

25. Senator Musgraves states

- a. Yeah, I was going to say. He was the Sergeant-at-Arms last year, so I'm really in favor of him. I believe he's going to do a good job, kind of going into position knowing that he's never done it before. He's kind of someone that puts himself out there to try new things and knowing that he's already looking at templates, reviewing other documents, talking to Deputy Speaker English. That really just shows that he is dedicated to this position, so I'm in full support.

26. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.

27. The resolution passes with a vote count of 12 yays, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

C. SR55009: A resolution to confirm the Sergeant-At-Arms

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to discuss agenda item C: A resolution to confirm the Sergeant-At-Arms
2. Senator Rosales so moved
3. Deputy Speaker English seconded
4. Speaker Hensley invites Nominated Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos to the floor
5. Nominated Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos states
  - a. I'm honored to be nominated to the position of Sergeant in Arms for this year's student session of Student Senate. I've held a similar position in the Student Bowling League, where I also held the position of Sergeant at Arms. I enforced the rules and made sure everyone was keeping order during the league. I believe this is the experience that I've had will be able to allow me to perform to the best of my ability and I thank you for this opportunity I forfeit my time.
6. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
7. Deputy Speaker English is recognized
8. Deputy Speaker English states

- a. Similar to Clerk Corpuz. Senator Bereolos has reached out to Cole and I, asking about previous Sergeant at Arms, the rules and procedures that govern this body, and they have done diligence in trying to find out what they would be required to do ahead of time.

9. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.

10. The resolution passes with a vote count of 11 yays, 1nays, and 1 abstention.

D. SR55010: A resolution to require the Student Trustee to give a report to the Senate twice per semester concerning the Board of Trustees.

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to discuss agenda item D. A resolution to require the Student Trustee to give a report to the Senate twice per semester concerning the Board of Trustees.

2. Deputy Speaker English so moved

3. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos seconded

4. Deputy Speaker English is recognized

- a. This resolution was brought up last session as a bill mistakenly, and it wasn't caught until after the session had ended. So this is just bringing it up to introduce it. The student trustee is a link from the students to one of the highest boards have available to us the Board of trustees. This resolution would help us make sure we know what's going on with that board and we would be aware of what's happening. The reason that it's twice a semester is Board of trustees has historically a meeting twice a semester. So this is just basically saying for each board of trustee meeting,the student trustee would come to the Senate and give a report on that meeting. It passed last session, I think unanimously, though it might have been off by one or two. Yeah, I can answer most questions concerning

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

6. There is none.

7. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.

8. This resolution passes with a vote count of 13 yays, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

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

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to discuss agenda item E. A resolution to update the constitution to reflect changes made in the previous year regarding the duties of the Vice president.
2. Senator Rosales so moved
3. Senator Musgraves seconded
4. Deputy Speaker English is recognized
5. Deputy Speaker English states
  - a. Yep, this one was pretty simple. There was a grammatical error. I believe it was due to the formatting of how some of the amendments that were passed last year. This just removes that line which is a hanging sentence it originally. Had the vice president, the vice president used to sit on the Board of Elections last year. We changed some stuff around, so that was no longer the case. We must have missed this line, this just removes this line.
6. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
7. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
8. This resolution passes with a vote count of 13 yays, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

F. SB55003: A bill to allow Board of Election members to look at applications from those who have been in the SGA.

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to discuss agenda item F. A bill to allow Board of Election members to look at applications from those who have been in the SGA.
2. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos so moved
3. Senator Rosales Seconded
4. Deputy Speaker English is recognized
5. Deputy Speaker English states
  - a. Right now, according to the letter of the law of our bylaws, the Board of Elections can't prove any senators reapplying. This wasn't as much of a problem for this session, but historically we've had a lot of returning senators. This would cause an issue for them. This just fixes it and turns it into what was more intended. For outside orgs of SGA.
6. Deputy Speaker English calls for a friendly amendment to change “and” to just a comma

7. Deputy Speaker English accepts the friendly amendment

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

9. Senator Anukwuocha is recognized

10. Senator Anukwuocha states

- a. My concern on this is I think it's in order to have this amendment done.

However, we need to be a little bit more specific because it says the person shouldn't participate in senatorial position means lateral. You know the people that will verify the documents was into that position. I think it should be the present if once you are coming out for the position you shouldn't be part of the electoral committee, whether it's senatorial position or any other position. So to avoid prejudice or kind of balances. So I'm such I'm suggesting that it should be once you're coming out for any position in SGA or from any other part you shouldn't be part of the electoral committee.

11. Deputy Speaker English is recognized

12. Deputy Speaker English states

- a. The reason it's all of SGA is because sometimes people switch what position they are and this doesn't prioritize one or the other. Like it's not saying, oh hey, this person has been a senator before. They're the only one who have run for this position. It just because Board of Elections is normally Senators the way, just the way it has worked out historically. They are by definition on the SGA, which means they cannot review anyone who was also an SGA.. Are you trying? Are you saying, suggesting we should change how the Board of Elections gets chosen away from senators?

13. Senator Anukwuocha is recognized

14. Senator Anukwuocha states

- a. Yeah, so I'm suggesting that. If the present is going to probably be executive position. The business should not be part of Electoral Committee. Today, there could be you can't be a judge. Even if you're not directly involved in decision of who should be approved or not, but you can somehow have a kind of influence. So my suggestion is if you are for instance you are a senator and

you are going for any other probably you should focus more on your election than being part of the Electoral Committee.

15. Deputy Speaker English is recognized

16. Deputy Speaker English states

- a. While I agree they should focus on the position that they're working to be elected to, what this is saying the way it's worded. As is, that. Let's say you were a senator your freshman year and later on you want to be an executive. Right now, the board could not review them. So even if they have stopped being a senator for you since they had previously shared an SGA position that the senators of the Board of Elections are on, they could not look at this candidate. So even if they had stopped being a Senator for you since they had at one point done it and they could be 100% focused on that executive position. They still couldn't be reviewed. This doesn't like focus or encourage one or the other. It's just if someone has been on SGA before, we are able to look at them, whereas as it stands now we are not able to look at them. We aren't able to review their application. As long as the Board of Elections has a majority of people from the SGA

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

18. There is none.

19. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.

20. This bill passes with a vote count of 13 yays, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

G. SB55004: A bill to update the bylaws to generalize the software the SGA uses for student organizations to allow for future software changes.

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to discuss agenda item G. A bill to update the bylaws to generalize the software the SGA uses for student organizations to allow for future software changes.

1. Senator Rosales so moved

2. Deputy Speaker English seconded

3. Deputy Speaker English makes a motion to recess for ten minutes to update Speaker Hensley's computer

4. Senator Rosales seconded

5. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
6. The motion is passed, and recess is held for ten minutes at 2:47 PM.
7. Speaker Hensley calls to order at 2:57 PM
8. Attendance is taken and everyone is accounted for
9. Clerk Corpuz confirms that quorum has met
10. Senator Rosales calls for a Point of Order
11. Senator Rosales states that Speaker Hensley is on the wrong agenda item
12. Speaker Hensley states that they finished agenda item F before the recess and have now since moved to agenda item G
13. Deputy Speaker English is recognized
14. Deputy Speaker English states
  - a. So within the past three years, SGA has changed the student organization platform at least two times. This has caused our bylaws that need multiple bills as each time a new software was selected we would miss some of the spaces a couple of times. So this would cause. Two to three bills per change. Well this just does is it changes it to a general use student organization platform and that can hold pretty far into the future. I've talked with our Associate Director of Student Life the person who deals with organization platforms and he has looked over it and approved it
15. Speaker Hensley asks if there is any discussion or debate.
16. There is none.
17. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.
18. This bill passes with a vote count of 13 yays, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

H. SR55012: A resolution to confirm the Deputy Treasurer

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to discuss agenda item I. A resolution to confirm the Deputy Treasurer.
2. Deputy Speaker English so moved
3. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos seconded
4. Speaker Hensley invites Nominated Deputy Treasurer Kramer
5. Deputy Treasurer Kramer states

- a. Good afternoon Speaker Hensley, Deputy Speaker English, and members of the SGA Senate. My name is Ryan Kramer and I am a second year student with a 3.742 GPA pursuing a bachelor's degree in Finance in the college of business. I am also a member of the FMA Financial management association which is an organization that helps finance majors not only develop financial skills, network, and work on other business aspects such as resume building. I am also the current treasurer for a student organization with an annual budget of \$90,000. I would first like to apologize if I appear nervous/uneasy. I am not usually called upon to speak in a large group, I can assure you I am getting better each time I do it. Rest assured, I am passionate about what I believe I can bring to this role. As a kid from a small town in Iowa, we were taught that your actions mean more than your words. Simply put, I am better at doing it than saying it. However, I will do my best here to "say" why I desire to be selected as the next Deputy Treasurer of the Student Government Association. Now a little more about me and what I believe can help you with your decision today. As a finance major, I have already developed many skills that could assist me in the role of Deputy Treasurer of the SGA. I have developed both Microsoft Access and Excel skills beyond the basic level, excellent note taking skills, and real-world experience already with my work consulting for Rockford promise. Further, I was involved in several organizations and clubs while in high school. All of these are reasons why I believe I would be a good fit for the role of deputy treasurer. Not only have I had plenty of opportunities to grow my character in college, I also had plenty before coming to NIU. I was on the wrestling team and wrestled varsity for two years. As an example of my ability to commit to things I offer the following... During this time in my life I was cutting 10-12 pounds dropping to roughly 6% body fat, just to do something that I love. When I have a desire to get something done I will put my head down and get it done, no matter how difficult, and wrestling is the perfect example of that. While in high school I also participated in baseball, competed at the Loras College chemistry Olympics, and ran track. These groups further help me develop my character and commitment to being impactful and making a difference. I believe if I am selected as your next Deputy treasurer this



role will provide me further opportunity to be impactful to the students of NIU that I will serve. This position can provide me the perfect opportunity to help out where I believe is most impactful and allows me to do the most with my time here. Not only does this help me get more involved on campus which is something I have been looking to do, but also allows me to help out the student body in ways I had never before imagined.. Not only would I be able to make a meaningful impact to the students that currently attend NIU but I would also be able to make meaningful contributions and set a precedent for the students that are dreaming about attending NIU as well. My goals for deputy treasurer would be to make the students and student organizations better aware of how SGA funding works and how to apply for funding. I believe organizations and students in general do not have a good understanding of how SGA funding works or how to apply. Not only do I want to make people better aware of funding I would also like to make people more aware of the deadline to apply for funding. When meeting with SGA Treasurer Larkin at the end of last school year, we discussed the challenges organizations face when applying and are unable to get funding because of missed deadlines, incomplete or incorrect applications, etc. I would work with Treasurer Larkin and the Senate to provide better communication of the deadlines, critical information to assist with correctness of applications, and better understanding of the entire process to receive funding. These adjustments would not only improve the student organization experience better, it would also lessen the workload of the Finance committee by spreading out the organizations applying for funding. While I understand this is the finance committee's job to do this, with proper timing and communication they will not be bombarded with funding applications and can take them on in a non rushed manner. I will achieve all of this by making personal connections with the student organizations that are on the campus. If possible I would like to work with Treasurer Larkin and the Senate to hold seminars for student organizations about SGA funding . In doing so this would also allow us to make personal connections to a plethora of student organizations on campus. Over time, I fully believe your selection of me as deputy treasurer will be seen as a positive decision. I am committed, I am humble,

I am hard working, I am willing to learn, and I really believe in being impactful to students at NIU. I appreciate your time and deliberation on the selection of the Deputy Treasurer position. While Goals will not be completed overnight, I am determined to accomplish them in good standing with the help of the current treasurer and will use my resources to the best of my ability. Thank you again for considering my words

6. Deputy Speaker English is recognized
7. Deputy Speaker English states
  - a. This role requires a lot of communication and connection with our current speaker, Treasurer Landon Larkin. What is your relationship with Treasurer Larkin?
8. Deputy Treasurer Kramer states
  - a. I met Treasurer Larkin at the debates last semester, the SG Executive Debates, and since then we've communicated some last year. At the end last semester, I went and talked to him a little bit about it. We continue communicating over the summer both through e-mail and text messages, and then again at the interview
9. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos is recognized
10. Senator Yuen is recognized
11. Senator Yuen states
  - a. Given the amount of time and commitment it takes to fulfill this position, do you believe that you will have the time to fulfill all the roles that this deputy speaker takes?
12. Deputy Treasurer Kramer states
  - a. Yes, I believe I have more than enough time to do this. My schedules are pretty heavy in the morning. The latest I get out is 12:15 and last semester I was seeing a workload.. I'd say my schedule was little bit more intense and I was working 30 plus hours a week at 3.74 GPA like I said. You know, I think the time management is going to be very easy.
13. Senator Anukwuocha is recognized
14. Senator Anukwuocha states

- a. Yeah, I'm actually going to start on a note of commendation to you. I like the fact that you're actually going for a position that has a lot of connections with your program. So. But uh. I also like the fact that you are a treasurer already, so that gives you some level of experience in the field. However, I would want you to address how you can control costs. At SGA level. You may have done that probably in your department previous. You know SGA is a little bit larger than your department so how can you assist the treasurer in controlling costs because that is part of who we are, what we are here for. We need to control costs and make sure that.

15. Deputy Treasurer Kramer states

- a. Just to clarify, your question was how would I be assisting Treasurer Larkin working with controlling costs, correct? I didn't think too much thinking in that regard, but I would say that the classes I'm currently in now are more than preparing me for watching budgets, preparing budgets, stuff like that. So the coursework that I'm in now would be more than would be more than helpful in preparing those.

16. Senator Anukwuocha states

- a. Well, you know why I asked this question, It's a little bit funny. You know when they trailer was talking immediately didn't mention of that. So far you're about 13,000 thereabouts if I'm not mistaken. So I just. That even though. Uh uh. We don't have, we don't. We didn't want to go into the. It is very important that we control costs. So that we don't grow up on budgets and we'll be able to use whatever we have to achieve a note within our time of students.

17. Senator Anastopoulos calls a point of order

18. Senator Anastopoulos states

- a. This time is only for questions for the candidate and not statements

19. Senator Anastopoulos is recognized

20. Senator Anastopoulos states

- a. So you had mentioned before, just to clarify that you were already a part of an organization that controlled about \$90,000 worth of budgeting. So would you

say that it's going to be like a similar experience, just on the larger scale with you have experience in that?

21. Deputy Treasurer Kramer states

- a. I don't know if the experience would be necessary similar I would say they could go hand in hand very well. But as I'm the current Treasurer, I would be taking on more standby role in SGA. I wouldn't be making as many decisions as it were in my current role I wouldn't be as forefront leadership, if that makes sense. I'd be more watching treasure Larkin from him, see not only how I can improve my own skills, but how I can improve SGA, how I can improve my own student organization skills and stuff like that.

22. Deputy Speaker English is recognized

23. Deputy Speaker English states

- a. With you being elected treasurer and then also deputy treasurer on two different boards, if they ever had a funding conflict between the two of them, how would you treat that situation?

24. Deputy Treasurer Kramer states

- a. I'd have to abstain from voting on it. I don't know if I would advocate or speak on it as well, just because I don't know if I would like the level of conflict that might create, and I would probably just assume myself out for that. As to not cause any problems both internally with my own organization and with SGA as well

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

26. Senator Anastopoulos is recognized

27. Senator Anastopoulos states

- a. I believe this candidate is fully qualified for the position and they have my support.

28. Senator Onebunne is recognized

29. Senator Onebunne states

- a. From this candidate's speech and his background and the speech and experiences, I believe that is well suited to thrive in that position. I fully support his candidacy.

30. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote.

31. This bill passes with a vote count of 13 yays, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

32. Clerk Corpuz calls for a point of order

33. Clerk Corpuz states

- a. I'd like to remind all senators that cell phone usage is not allowed during these meetings unless it's to look at the agenda.

I. SB55005: A bill to change the timeline of required legislation

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to discuss agenda item J. A bill to change the timeline of required legislation.

2. Deputy Speaker English so moved

3. Senator Onebunne seconded

4. Deputy Speaker English states

- a. The way the bylaws are currently written. Means that, and it's partially on me, or a lot on me. I should have pushed and read it more, but 20 days after the first one-on-one is four weeks. Some of our first one on ones were going to be 3 weeks from now as of the end of this meeting. So that would give some people one week to write legislation. That was not most of our understandings, and also I think this is more fair to all of us. But it just changes it to instead of 20 business days after the first one-on-one with the deputy speaker to before the third last meeting of the current session.

5. Deputy Speaker English calls for a friendly amendment

6. Deputy Speaker English accepts friendly amendment

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

8. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos is recognized

9. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos states

- a. I support this bill.

10. Senator Rosales calls the Question

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

12. There is none

13. Speaker Hensley calls for a vote

14. The motion passes and is moved into voting

15. This bill passes with a vote count of 13 yays, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. There is none

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. Deputy Speaker English is recognized
2. Deputy Speaker English states
  - a. If you are able to, please stay after the meeting to get your committee assignment. We will be going down to the speakers office to give those out, but please stay after. We also have shirts that are yours, so if you're able to stay after, they stay after those of you who've talked to me about that, I understand. We'll figure out something.
3. Clerk Corpuz is recognized
4. Clerk Corpuz states
  - a. For every candidate that has come up today. Can you please send me your speeches if you've written it down? Thank you.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos is recognized
2. Sergeant-at-Arms Bereolos states
  - a. STEM Fest is tomorrow. I will be down there for my club. I'd recommend going. It's very fun
3. Senator Onebunne is recognized
4. Senator Onebunne states
  - a. My Department, Department of Communications will be having a colloquium on the 27<sup>th</sup> revolving around Black Lives Matter
5. Senator Musgraves is recognized
6. Senator Musgraves states
  - a. Today Glam Squad is hosting their annual Beauty vs. Beast with panelist members from ADPSI, Black Male Initiative program, MOVE Incorporated. Sisters will be discussing changing topics around college students and just the overall college life. It's from 7:00 to 9:00 today in the Heritage Room.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

1. Speaker Hensley calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
2. Deputy Speaker English so moved.
3. Senator Musgraves 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 3:18 PM.

## **CLOSING ATTENDANCE**

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

## **MINUTES SUBMITTED BY**

Clerk Corpuz on October 3rd, 2023

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