

**Student Government Association Senate  
Northern Illinois University  
2:00 p.m. – Friday, 16 September 2022  
Holmes Student Center Sky Room  
Public Streaming: <http://go.niu.edu/SGASenateLive>**

***Members of the public wishing to give public comment, please submit an [Intent to Speak](#) form, no later than 11:59 pm, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.***

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Verification of Quorum
- III. Public Comments
  - A. Sadia
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - A. *Minutes are distributed electronically to the Senate.*
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Speaker's Report
- VII. Special Report
  - A. Dr. Clint-Michael Reneau
- VIII. Office of the Speaker Report(s)
- IX. Committee Report(s)
- X. Executive Branch Report(s)
  - A. President Majeed
  - B. Vice President Lee
  - C. Treasurer Morgan
  - D. Chief of Staff Batz
- XI. Cabinet Report(s)
  - A. Director Deyo
- XII. Old Business
- XIII. New Business
  - A. SR54013: A resolution to confirm director appointments
  - B. SB54007: A bill to amend the requirements of members of both the Executive Branch and Legislative Branch leadership positions.
- XIV. Good of the Order
- XV. Announcements
- XVI. Adjournment

\*Please be advised that public comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per person, and that any one topic may not be discussed for more than 15 minutes.

**New Business**

**Agenda Item:** A

**Author:** Speaker Douglass

**Sponsor:**

**First Reading**

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**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 54013**  
**Fifty-Fourth Session**

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**Summary:** A resolution to confirm director appointments

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, Part I, Article III, §4.A of the Student Government Association Bylaws states that “The Student Government Association Cabinet is created by the President and exists for the purpose of assisting the president in the performance of their duties and responsibilities”; and

WHEREAS, Part I, Article III, §4.B states that “All Directors shall be appointed by the President or Vice President and confirmed by the Senate”; and

WHEREAS, President Raaif Majeed has appointed Anthony Heavens to serve as Director of Student Life; and

WHEREAS, “Only the Senate shall have the power to authorize a person to be paid from student fee monies”;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate hereby approve of Anthony Heavens as Director of Student Life.

***This act is ordered to take immediate effect.***

**New Business**  
**Agenda Item:** B  
**Author:** Senator DeMeuse  
**Sponsor:** N/A

**First Reading**  
16 September 2022

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 54007**  
**Fifty-Fourth Session**

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**Summary:** A bill to amend the requirements of members of both the Executive Branch and Legislative Branch leadership positions.

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, Part XII of the Student Government Association Senate Operating Manual states, "As Senate's leadership, it is expected that Chairpersons and all appointed positions held by Senators be knowledgeable on all parts of the SGA Constitution, SGA Bylaws, Senate Operating Manual, and Robert's Rules of Order. To ensure knowledge and understanding, a test of the governing documents shall be administered to all appointed positions held by Senators within a week of appointment. A score of 67% or higher must be achieved to maintain the appointed position. If this percentage is not achieved, a second test can be taken within two (2) business days of the original test and must be passed with a 75% or higher."; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Executive Branch hold positions on par to those of Senate Chairpersons and Leadership and should be held to the same standard; and

WHEREAS, the stipulation about the leadership quiz is outlined exclusively in the Operating Manual; and

WHEREAS, The Operating Manual and the Bylaws should align with each other;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact that the Bylaws be amended to the following:

**ARTICLE IV**  
**CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS**

**Section 1**  
**Qualifications for Office**

- H.** All Leadership Positions within the Student Government Association are expected to be knowledgeable on all parts of the SGA Constitution, SGA Bylaws, Operating Manual, and Robert's Rules of Order. Leadership positions consist of the entirety of the Executive Branch, the Office of the Speaker, Senate Chairpersons, and Senate Leadership Positions. To ensure knowledge and understanding, a test on the governing documents shall be administered to all appointed positions within a week of appointment. A score of 67% or higher must be achieved

to maintain the appointed position. If this percentage is not achieved, a second test can be taken within two (2) business days of the original test and must be passed with a 75% or higher. Elected positions, namely the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Student Trustee, and the Speaker of the Senate are expected to achieve a minimum of 75% on the test within the first two weeks of taking office.

***This act is ordered to take immediate effect.***