

Student Government Association Senate
Northern Illinois University
2:00 p.m. – Friday, 21 October 2022
Holmes Student Center Sky Room
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Members of the public wishing to give public comment, please submit an [Intent to Speak](#) form, no later than 11:59 pm, October 20th, 2022.

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Verification of Quorum
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - A. *Minutes are distributed electronically to the Senate.*
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Speaker's Report
- VII. Special Report
 - A. Sladjana Grbic
- VIII. Office of the Speaker Report(s)
- IX. Committee Report(s)
- X. Executive Branch Report(s)
- XI. Cabinet Report(s)
- XII. Old Business
 - A. SB54018: A bill to grant official recognition to student organizations
 - B. SB54019: A bill to amend the Bylaws to implement a procedure for when a Senator switches their major
- XIII. New Business
- 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: Chairperson Hensley

Sponsor:

First Reading

21 October 2022

ENROLLED SENATE BILL 54018
Fifty-Fourth Session

Summary: A bill to grant official recognition to student organizations

Legislation:

WHEREAS, the Organization Oversight Committee has granted the below student organizations temporary recognition; and

WHEREAS, the Senate has the responsibility to approve official recognition for student organizations;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate hereby grant official Student Government Association to:

TO BE ADDED

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

New Business

Agenda Item: B

Author: Deputy Speaker DeMeuse

Sponsor:

First Reading

21 October 2022

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 54019
Fifty-Fourth Session**

Summary: A bill to amend the Bylaws to implement a procedure for when a Senator switches their major

Legislation:

WHEREAS, Senators are currently required to provide proof of affiliation to their constituency when applying or running for a Senate seat; and

WHEREAS, occasionally, a Senator filling an academic seat may desire to change their major in a way that changes their academic college; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no process outlined in the Bylaws to handle a Senator changing their affiliation;

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

Part II, Article III, Section 1.D

**Section 1
Legislative Qualifications**

- D. If an elected or appointed Senator changes their major in a way that also changes their academic college, the following procedure shall be implemented:
1. If there is an available seat within the Senator's new college, they will be allowed to switch their constituency to that college.
 2. If there is not an available seat in the Senator's new college, but there is an open "University At-Large" seat, the Senator will be allowed to switch their constituency to University At-Large.
 3. If there is neither a seat available in the Senator's new college, nor an available "University At-Large" seat, and the Senator can provide proof of affiliation with an underserved community, and there is an open Underserved Communities seat, the Senator will be allowed to switch their constituency to Underserved Communities.
 4. If none of the above options are available, a temporary "University At-Large" seat shall be generated for the Senator to fill and the number of total Senate seats available shall be increased by one (1) for the remainder of the session.

5. Other changes to Senate seat constituencies shall not be permitted.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.