

**Student Government Association Senate
Northern Illinois University
2:00 p.m. – Friday, 30 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 29th, 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
- VIII. Office of the Speaker Report(s)
- IX. Committee Report(s)
- X. Executive Branch Report(s)
- XI. Cabinet Report(s)
- XII. Old Business
 - A. SR54016: A resolution to amend the Constitution to expedite the process for student organizations to become recognized
- XIII. New Business
 - A. SR54017: A resolution to approve of Senate candidates
 - B. SR54014: A bill to confirm student organizations
 - C. SB54010: A bill to create a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and reassign the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to the new committee
 - D. SB54011: A bill to change the Committee on the Management of the SGA Art Collection to an ad hoc committee
- 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.

Old Business

Agenda Item: A

Author: Speaker Douglass

Sponsor:

First Reading

23 September 2022

ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 54016
Fifty-Fourth Session

Summary: A resolution to amend the Constitution to expedite the process for student organizations to become recognized

Legislation:

WHEREAS, Part I, Article II, §F, and Part III, Article IV of the SGA Bylaws detail the process by which student organizations receive temporary recognition from the Organization Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 2 of the SGA Constitution describes the duties of the Vice President, including “[d]irect[ing] the administrative process for SGA recognition of student organizations”; and

WHEREAS, the SGA is invested in the success and timely recognition of NIU’s student organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Organization Oversight Committee does not meet while the Senate is not in session; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore prudent to allow the Vice President to grant temporary recognition in the absence of an Organization Oversight Committee;

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

Section 2. Duties of the Vice President of the Student Government Association

The Vice President of the Student Government Association shall be empowered to:

- A. Act on behalf of the President, when requested to do so by the President.
- B. Update the Constitution and Bylaws within twenty-one (21) days of the passage of amendments, with the aid of the Office of the Vice-President. If this duty is not completed, the amendments are transferred to the Office of the Speaker.
- C. Hold and preside over at least one organizational assembly each academic year and serve as an advisor on SGA procedures to student organizations.

- D. Direct the administrative process for SGA recognition of student organizations and maintain the SGA records of current student organization leaders, official advisors, and constitutions.
- E. Grant temporary recognition to student organizations when the Senate is not in session.
- F. Oversee all elections of the SGA as prescribed in the Bylaws unless a candidate.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

New Business

Agenda Item: A

Author: Speaker Douglass

Sponsor:

First Reading

30 September 2022

ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 54017
Fifty-Fourth Session

Summary: A resolution to confirm a Senator

Legislation:

WHEREAS, Sohumi Khaladkar has met the requirements necessary to be appointed as a member of the Student Government Association Senate; and

WHEREAS, Sohumi Khaladkar is running to represent the University At-Large; and

WHEREAS, there are vacant seats within the Senate's University At-Large bloc; and

WHEREAS, "The Senate shall consist of thirty (30) Senators" and there are currently only twenty-two seats filled;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate hereby appoint the following as Senator for Underserved Student Communities:

Sohumi Khaladkar

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

New Business

Agenda Item: B

Author: Vice President Lee, Chairperson Hensley, Speaker Douglass

Sponsor:

First Reading

30 September 2022

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 54009
Fifty-Fourth Session**

Summary: A resolution 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 of official recognition for student organizations;

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

1. World Music Club
2. Burlesque Dance Team
3. Geology Club
4. Hispanic Business Student Association
5. Tabletop Gaming Club
6. Chapter of Young Democratic Socialists
7. Model Illinois Government
8. Women's Soccer Club
9. Biomedical Engineering Society

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

New Business

Agenda Item: C

Author: Historian Babcock, Clerk Allen

Sponsor:

First Reading

30 September 2022

ENROLLED SENATE BILL 54010
Fifty-Fourth Session

Summary: A bill to create a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and reassign the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to the new committee

Legislation:

WHEREAS, The Student Government Association Bylaws does not include a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee; and

WHEREAS, Part 2, Article 2, §1.A of the Student Government Association Bylaws defines committee procedures; and

WHEREAS, Part 2, Article 2, §4.C defines the duties of the University Services Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, some of the responsibilities can be given to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee; and

WHEREAS, Part 2, Article 3, §4.N defines the Director of DEI; and

WHEREAS, the Director of DEI can serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the DEI committee; and

WHEREAS, Part 2, Article 2, §4.D assigns the Director of DEI to attend the Public Affairs committee; and

WHEREAS, the Director of DEI will now serve on the DEI Committee;

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

Section 4
Senate Standing Committee Duties and Responsibilities

- A. Committee on University Services Oversight
 - 1. The Committee on University Services Oversight shall be concerned with the improvement of all services and policies provided by the University for students and for any other matter that is pertinent to these services. The committee shall recommend to the Senate the appropriate courses of action

- concerning university policies and promote an understanding of university policies to the student body.
2. The Committee shall be concerned with the academic life of students and improvement of the academic policies that affect students.
 3. The committee shall make an annual review of at least one selected University services and academic department, as well as provide reports of these reviews to the Senate, the University, and the student body.
 4. The following members of the Student Government Association Shall attend meetings of the Committee and participate as non-voting ex-officio members to give reports and hear the opinions of the Committee members: Director of Academic Affairs and the Director of Student Life.
 5. The Committee shall consist of up to nine (9) members, including the chairperson.
 6. The non-exclusive authority of the Committee will be understood to include:
 - Campus housing (All residence halls and student housing operated by Housing and Residential Services)
 - ResTech
 - Campus Child Care
 - Recreation and Wellness
 - Career Services
 - ~~Student Conduct~~
 - Counseling and Consultation Services
 - Couple and Family Therapy Clinic
 - ~~Disability Resource Center~~
 - Health Services
 - ~~Military and Post-Traditional Student Services~~
 - Office of the Ombudsperson
 - Students' Legal Assistance
 - Campus Dining
 - Campus Activities Board
 - ~~Center for Black Studies~~
 - ~~Latino Resource Center~~
 - ~~Asian Resource Center~~
 - University Writing Center
 - Holmes Student center (Audio Visual)
 - Grounds
 - ~~Gender and Sexuality Resource Center~~
 - University Libraries
 - Parking Services
 - Tutoring
 - Student Involvement and Leadership Development
 - Student Employment
 - Financial Aid Office
 - Office of the Bursar
 - ~~CHANCE Program~~
 - Study Abroad Office

- Huskie Bus Line
 - Huskie Safe Line Service
- B. Committee on Public Affairs
1. The committee shall assist the Director of Public Affairs in publicizing the SGA and its initiatives
 2. The committee shall assist the Director of Cultural Affairs in promoting diversity and inclusiveness.
 3. The committee shall design a proposal for an annual information campaign to educate the student body about the services and programs offered or supported by the Student Government Association. The information will be sent to the President of the SGA for review, modification, and consent prior to implementation by the Director of Public Affairs. The proposal must include cost estimates of the entire plan and its parts.
 4. The committee shall plan and execute at least one informational campaign each year that is geared toward recruiting Senators-at-large to fill vacant seats when necessary. Informational campaign(s) ~~must aim~~ **must aim** to recruit a diverse group of students to reflect the student body. Campaign(s) must be submitted to the Speaker for final review prior to implementation and must not interfere with spring elections.
 5. The committee shall plan and implement community service projects for the Student Government Association to participate in.
 6. The committee shall plan, implement, or aid in projects that help inform and educate the student body about diversity and inclusivity.
 7. The following members of the Student Government Association shall attend meetings of the Committee and participate as non-voting ex-officio members to give reports and hear the opinions of the Committee members: Director of Public Affairs ~~and the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion~~

Section 4

Student Government Association Cabinet

- N. The Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, working under the direction of the President and Chief of Staff, is responsible for promoting a diverse campus culture by encouraging cultural programming, ensuring support services are provided to underrepresented individuals, and monitoring policies that affect minorities. The Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion shall
1. Serve as the Student Government Association liaison to all cultural student organizations.
 2. Promote cultural programming and encourage joint programming across cultural organizations.
 3. Function as the Student Government Association's liaison to campus support services for underrepresented students including, but not limited to, the Center for Black Studies, Latino Resource Center, Asian American Resource Center, Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, the Disability Resource Center, Military and Veteran Services, Commuter and Off-Campus Programs, International Student and Scholar Services, and the Undocumented Student Support Office.
 4. Monitor and provide recommendations regarding university policies affecting minority members of the university community including the recruitment and retention of minority students, staff, and faculty.
 5. Organize and chair a committee consisting of representatives from all recognized cultural student organizations to facilitate proposals to improve the quality of life for minorities on campus.
 6. Serve on the Unity in Diversity Steering Committee as the Student Government Association representative.
 7. Coordinate Student Government Association representation on the Presidential Commissions on the status of minorities.

8. Research and recommend major culture-related policy changes to the University via the Student Government Association Senate.
9. Serve on the Affirmative Action and Diversity Resources Committee.
10. Attend and complete all CODE, Title IX, Ally, and POWER trainings, including but not limited to LGBTQ and Undocumented Student Ally training. Encourage all SGA staff to attend and complete all CODE, Title IX, Ally, and POWER trainings, including but not limited to LGBTQ and Undocumented Student Ally training.
11. Serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the SGA Senate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

Section 4

Senate Standing Committee Duties and Responsibilities

G. Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

1. The Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion shall be concerned with the collaboration of campus resource centers, underserved student communities, and any initiatives regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion put forth by the Student Government Association.
2. The Committee shall assist the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in their initiatives and objectives, especially regarding their communication with the campus resource centers.
3. The Committee will work directly with the resource centers to attend their events and support student initiatives.
4. The Committee shall work to fill all vacant Underserved Student Senate seats.
5. The following members of the Student Government Association shall attend meetings of the Committee and participate as non-voting ex-officio members to give reports and hear the opinions of the Committee members: Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
6. The non-exclusive authority of the Committee will be understood to include:
 - Student Conduct
 - Disability Resource Center
 - Military and Veteran Services
 - Center for Black Studies
 - Latino Resource Center
 - Asian American Resource Center
 - Gender and Sexuality Resource Center
 - CHANCE Program
 - Campus Child Care
 - Recreation
 - Career Services
 - Financial Aid Office
 - Underserved Student Organizations

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

New Business

Agenda Item: D

Author: Historian Babcock

Sponsor:

First Reading

30 September 2022

ENROLLED SENATE BILL 54011
Fifty-Fourth Session

Summary: A bill to change the Committee on the Management of the SGA Art Collection to an ad hoc committee

Legislation:

WHEREAS, Part 1 Article 2 §1.C of the Student Government Association Bylaws defines an ad hoc committee; and

WHEREAS, the SACC has goals that do not require the permanence of a formal SGA committee; and

WHEREAS, Part I, Article II, §1.S of the Student Government Association Bylaws defines the duties of the SGA Historian; and

WHEREAS, Part I, Article II, §4.G of the Student Government Association Bylaws defines the Committee on the Management of the SGA Art Collection; and

WHEREAS, ad hoc committees are not included in the Bylaws;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact that the Committee on the Management of the SGA Art Collection will serve as an ad hoc committee, and that the Bylaws will be amended to the following to reflect this change:

ARTICLE II
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 1
Duties and Responsibilities of the Senate

- A. The Speaker shall have the authority to appoint the Student Government Association Historian. The Student Government Association Historian:
 - 1. Shall be a currently elected Senator appointed by the Speaker of the Senate and confirmed by the Senate via simple majority vote.
 - 2. Shall oversee archiving all past Student Government Association business in the Senate office, the Executive office, and Founders Memorial Library.
 - 3. Shall oversee creating and maintaining an archive at the Regional History Center in conjunction with

the Center's Local Government Records collection as part of the Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD) system administered by the Illinois State Archives.

4. Shall oversee collecting all current and previous press releases by all media outlets regarding Student Government Association business, objectives, and achievements.
5. Shall oversee recording all student campaign materials during Senate and Executive elections in the archives at Founders Memorial Library.
6. Shall create an overview of past and current voter turnout election results that will be filed in the archive at Founders Memorial Library.
7. Shall create a printed/digital archive of Student Government Association Senate legislation to be saved both in the archive at Founders Memorial Library and in the Senate office.
8. Shall be a paid position.
9. This position may be considered as an internship in collaboration with the NIU Department of History or the NIU School of Art and Design if so desired by the Senator. All internship materials must be agreed upon by both the Student Government Association and the supervising faculty member from the Department of History or the School of Art and Design.
10. Shall take on the role of Curator of the SGA art collection and thus also serve as Chair of the SGA Art Committee.
11. Shall ensure the upkeep, maintenance, and inventorying of the SGA Art collection in collaboration with the University Archives.

Section 4

Senate Standing Committee Duties and Responsibilities

G. Committee on the Management of the SGA Art Collection

1. The Committee on the Management of the SGA Art Collection shall be concerned with the management, upkeep, inventory, and appraisal of the SGA Art Collection.
2. The Committee shall be concerned with the placement and display of the pieces of art within the collection.
3. The Committee shall evaluate the placement of collection assets and come to an arrangement with the Founders Memorial Library to rotate at least fifteen pieces of art into and out of display within the library at least once per academic year.
4. The Committee may be concerned with fundraising efforts for the SGA through utilization of the assets found within the collection through leasing out the assets.
5. The Committee may be concerned with fundraising efforts for the benefit of the collection itself including necessary expenses for maintaining and growing the collection.
6. The Committee may be responsible for procuring and maintaining insurance on the collection.
7. The Committee shall work towards installing security features for all pieces of art on display.
8. The Committee shall collaborate with the College of Art and Design so that the pieces of art within the collection may be used for educational purposes.
9. The Committee shall be chaired by the Historian, who shall function as the Curator of the collection.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.