

**Student Government Association Senate
Northern Illinois University
2:00 p.m. – Friday, 23 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 22nd, 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. Brandon Lagana
- VIII. Office of the Speaker Report(s)
- IX. Committee Report(s)
- X. Executive Branch Report(s)
- XI. Cabinet Report(s)
 - A. Director Becker
- XII. Old Business
- XIII. New Business
 - A. SR54014: A resolution to confirm director appointments
 - B. SR54015: A resolution to confirm a Senator
 - C. SB54008: A bill to amend the Bylaws to clarify the Director appointment timeline
 - D. SR54016: A resolution to amend the Constitution to expedite the process for student organizations to become recognized
- 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

23 September 2022

ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 54014
Fifty-Fourth Session

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 Jones to serve as Director of Public Affairs; 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 Jones as Director of Public Affairs.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

New Business

Agenda Item: B

Author: Speaker Douglass

Sponsor:

First Reading

23 September 2022

ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 54015
Fifty-Fourth Session

Summary: A resolution to confirm a Senator

Legislation:

WHEREAS, Edwin Perez-Hernandez has met the requirements necessary to be appointed as a member of the Student Government Association Senate; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Perez-Hernandez is running to represent the College of Visual and Performing Arts; and

WHEREAS, there are vacant seats within the Senate's College of Visual and Performing Arts bloc; and

WHEREAS, "The Senate shall consist of thirty (30) Senators" and there are currently only 21 seats filled;

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

Edwin Perez-Hernandez

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

New Business

Agenda Item: C

Author: President Majeed, Speaker Douglass

Sponsor:

First Reading

23 September 2022

ENROLLED SENATE BILL 54008
Fifty-Fourth Session

Summary: A bill to amend the Bylaws to clarify the Director appointment timeline

Legislation:

WHEREAS, the Senate voted on September 16th to approve amendments to Part I, Article III, Section 4.B to limit how late in the semester students can apply for Director positions; and

WHEREAS, the President has expressed concern that the wording of this amendment conflicts with a statement earlier in the section allowing for appointments by the President-elect for the next session;

THEREFORE, The Students of Northern Illinois University represented in the Senate enact that the Student Government Association Senate make the following changes to the Bylaws:

PART I
ARTICLE III
EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Section 4
Student Government Association Cabinet

- B. All Directors shall be appointed by the President or Vice President and confirmed by the Senate. No SGA official, besides officers elected through the spring elections, shall be paid without being confirmed by the Senate. Upon election in the spring, the President-elect shall have the ability to appoint members of the cabinet for the following session. The Senate in session at the time of a cabinet appointment shall conduct a confirmation hearing and vote. The President shall make every effort to fill cabinet vacancies as they arise. If a position remains vacant for more than eight (8) weeks while the Senate is in session, the President shall submit a written rationale to the Senate that addresses their plan to find a qualified applicant for the position. Directorship applications will close when there are six (6) Senate meetings remaining in the Senate session and no more applicants will be heard by the Senate, except for appointments for the following session made by the President-elect.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

New Business

Agenda Item: D

Author: Speaker Douglass, Vice President Lee

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; and

WHEREAS, Constitutional amendments must be approved by two-thirds of the Senate in two consecutive meetings, and amendments to the Bylaws will be proposed at the next Senate meeting;

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.