

**Student Government Association Senate**  
**Northern Illinois University**  
**2:00 p.m. – Friday, 15 September 2023**  
**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 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.***

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Verification of Quorum
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - . *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
- XIII. New Business
  - a. SR55001: A resolution to approve the meeting schedule of the 55<sup>th</sup> Session.
  - b. SR55002: A resolution to approve the Senate Operating Manual
  - c. SR55003: A resolution to confirm the Deputy Speaker of the Senate
  - d. SB55001: A bill to Change the requirements and expectations of Directors.
  - e. SB55002: A bill to change Special Election Policy
- 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.

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.

**New Business**

**Agenda Item: A**

**Author: Speaker Hensley**

**Sponsor:**

**First Reading**

15 September 2023

**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 55001**  
**Fifty - Fifth Session**

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**Summary:** A resolution to approve the meeting schedule of the 55<sup>th</sup> Session

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, the Senate shall meet on a weekly basis on Fridays at 2:00 PM in various rooms of the Holmes Student Center for the 2023-2024 academic year; and

WHEREAS, the meeting schedule must be agreed upon and approved by the members represented in this Senate;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate approve of the 2023-2024 Senate meeting schedule as listed below:

## **SGA SENATE MEETING SCHEDULE 2023 - 2024**

*All meetings shall be at 2 p.m. in the Holmes Student Center unless otherwise noted. Rooms will be announced via agendas each week.*

**Fall 2023**

Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – Sky Room

Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sky Room

Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> – Sky Room

Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – Sky Room

Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> – Sky Room

Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – Sky Room

Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sky Room

Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – Sky Room

Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> - TBA

Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – NO MEETING (Thanksgiving Break)

Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – Sky Room

**Spring 2024**

Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – Sky Room

Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> – Sky Room

Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sky Room

Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> – Sky Room

Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> – Sky Room

Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – Sky Room

Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> - TBA

Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sky Room

Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Sky Room

Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Sky Room

Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Sky Room

Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – Sky Room

Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – Sky Room

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

**New Business**

**Agenda Item: B**

**Author: Speaker Hensley**

**Sponsor:**

**First Reading**

15 September 2023

**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 55002**  
**Fifty-Fifth Session**

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**Summary:** A resolution to approve the Senate Operating Manual

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, according to Part I, Article II, §1.I of the Student Government Association Bylaws, “The Senate shall adopt a set of Senate Operating Rules. The rules shall have a status inferior to the SGA Bylaws and superior to Robert’s Rules of Order”; and

WHEREAS, The Senate Operating Manual is written by the Speaker each year and must be approved by the Senate; and

WHEREAS, the Operating Manual may be amended at any point during the current session; and

WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 Senate Operating Manual was distributed to Senators by email and in print, and has not been edited since;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate approve the  
2023-2024 Senate Operating Manual for the 55<sup>th</sup> session.

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

**New Business**

**Agenda Item: C**

**Author: Speaker Hensley**

**Sponsor:**

**First Reading**

15 September 2023

**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 55003**  
**Fifty-Fifth Session**

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**Summary:** A resolution to confirm the Deputy Speaker of the Senate

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, according to Part I, Article II, §1.P of the Student Government Association Bylaws, “The Speaker shall have the authority to appoint the Deputy Speaker of the Senate”; and

WHEREAS, Senator Chris English has served in various positions in SGA and been a leader for the organization; and

WHEREAS, the Speaker has elected to appoint Chris English to serve as Deputy Speaker;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate hereby confirm Senator Chris English as Deputy Speaker for the 55<sup>th</sup> session of the Northern Illinois University Student Government Association Senate.

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

**New Business**

**Agenda Item: D**

**Author: Speaker Hensley and Deputy Speaker English**

**Sponsor:**

**First Reading  
15 September 2023**

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 55001  
Fifty-Fifth Session**

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**Summary: A bill to Change the requirements and expectations of Directors.**

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, historically directors were not consistent in attending Senate Committee Meetings; and

WHEREAS, this provides difficulty for Committee chairs and Senators in communicating with the Committees Associated director; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the student body that Directors are required to attend committee meetings and be the secretary of said committee; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, §1.B of the Student Government Association Constitution states that, "The Senate shall have the power to create and amend the SGA Bylaws";

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

**Part I Article II Section 3.A.3:  
Section 3  
Senate Committees**

**A. Committee procedures:**

1. The Speaker of the Senate will appoint the members of all Senate committees.
2. All standing committees of the Senate shall meet at least once every fourteen (14) calendar days, when the Senate is in session, and shall submit a written report of each meeting to the Deputy Speaker.
3. Officers of committees shall be a chair, who is the presiding officer; the vice-chair, who shall preside over the committee in the chair's absence; and a secretary, who shall keep records of the committee's meetings. The Speaker shall appoint and remove the chair when deemed necessary. The vice chair and secretary shall be appointed by the chair with the consent of the committee, except for the Committee on Rules and Procedures. The Secretary Shall be the Director to each corresponding committee. This is found under each Director Section in Article III, Section 4. If there is a Director Vacancy, the Chair may appoint a new interim Secretary upon approval of the Committee to hold the role until the directorship is filled. Only the secretary of the Committee on Rules and Procedures shall be appointed by the chair with the consent of the Committee.

**Part I Article III Section 4:  
Section 4  
Student Government Association Cabinet**

- A. The President appoints the Cabinet, which exists for the purpose of assisting the President in the performance of their duties and responsibilities. The SGA Cabinet shall consist of the President, Chief of Staff, and all paid Directors in the Executive Branch. The President may add the other elected members of the Executive Branch to the cabinet as members.
- B. All Directors shall be appointed by the President (or Vice President at the discretion of the 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.
- C. The Cabinet shall be managed by the Chief of Staff and shall report to the President. All Cabinet members, regardless of their position:
  - 1. Shall attend University functions where SGA attendance is needed at the direction of the President.
  - 2. Shall assist in the transition of any new staff as needed.
  - 3. Shall maintain scheduled office hours as set by the Chief of Staff.
  - 4. Shall keep office hours, defined as work conducted during the normal business hours of the Student Government Association.
  - 5. Shall participate in workshops, trainings, and retreats as directed by the President.
  - 6. Shall work and hold office hours when the Senate is not regularly meeting, such as between semesters, as directed by the President. These work periods shall not be exempt from expectations to produce weekly staff reports.
  - 7. Shall attend weekly staff meetings, prepare weekly written staff reports to be given to the Chief of Staff to be placed on the SGA website, and present a minimum of one (1) report to the Senate each month either in writing or in person. In the event the Director cannot attend a Senate meeting, the Rules and Procedures Committee and the Chief of Staff must approve the written report prior to their absence.
  - 8. Shall perform other tasks as specified by the President.
  - 9. May appoint a committee or volunteers, with the approval of the President, to assist in the execution of the duties. If given specific duties and hold office hours, volunteers may be appointed by the Director as a Deputy Director with the approval of the President. These individuals are not members of the Cabinet, will not receive pay, and are to be supervised by the Director.
  - 10. Graduate assistants shall be eligible to apply for positions in the Executive Cabinet. If hired, they shall receive a comparable University graduate assistant stipend.
- D. The Chief of Staff, working under the direction of the President, is responsible for acting as the Student Government Association's chief administrative officer with duties including oversight of the executive cabinet and staff, office maintenance, and assisting the President. The Chief of Staff shall
  - 1. Provide oversight, direction, and management to the executive staff by conducting weekly staff meetings, coordinating the overall activities of the Cabinet, assigning tasks, collecting weekly staff reports, assigning staff members Senate meetings to attend, and meeting bi-weekly with individual staff members one on one.
  - 2. Assist the President in the execution of the duties; this may include responding to inquiries made to the President.
  - 3. Assist the President in appointing students to serve on university committees and coordinate oversight of these appointments.
  - 4. Assist the President in staffing University events where SGA representation is needed, including but not limited to open houses.
  - 5. Assist the President in coordinating staff evaluations for Senate review.

6. Assist the President in preparing the Executive Cabinet for Senate review and approval.
  7. Act as a liaison among the President, Vice President, Chief Justice and Speaker of the Senate to ensure that all legislation is signed and submitted to appropriate parties.
  8. Coordinate with the Student Government Association Office Manager to ensure staff are provided access to computers, office supplies, and the copy machine and that the SGA office is presentable and aesthetically pleasing.
  9. Coordinate and keep track of all SGA inventories, including, but not limited to, SGA computers, cameras, printers, fax machines, laptops, and chairs.
  10. Summarize the weekly staff reports into a weekly report to present to the President.
  11. Update the Student Government Association staff manual annually.
- E. The Director of Academic Affairs, working under the direction of the President and Chief of Staff, is responsible for monitoring and making recommendations for changes in university academic policy and serving as liaison to the Faculty Senate and all student advisory committees. The Director of Academic Affairs shall
1. Serve as the Student Government Association liaison to the Faculty Senate and attend meetings regularly.
  2. Coordinate the Student Government Association representatives on all academic university committees and meet with student representatives monthly.
  3. Serve as the Student Government Association liaison to all college councils and departments' student advisory committee and assist in the establishment of such committees in departments that currently do not have one.
  4. Monitor university academic policy and recommend changes in the policy as appropriate.
  5. Serve on the University Council and coordinate the Student Government Association representation on the council by facilitating communication among all student members.
  6. Receive reports from students representing the Student Government Association on academic university committees and provide summaries to the Chief of Staff and President.
  7. Serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the SGA Senate University Services Oversight Committee.
  8. Act as liaison to relevant University academic offices and student programs which may include, but is not limited to, the following:
    1. University Honors Program
    2. CHANCE Program
    3. Engaged Learning
    4. Tutoring Services
    5. Business Passport
    6. Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning (OSEEL)
    7. Orientation and First Year Programs/First Year Success Series (FYSS)
- F. The Director of Advertising, working under the direction of the President and Chief of Staff, is responsible for coordinating the overall marketing and advertisement priorities of the Student Government Association. The Director of Advertising shall:
1. Be responsible for coordinating advertising on the Huskie Bus Line, including working with potential vendors and consulting with any related parties as appropriate.
  2. Submit a monthly report of advertisement figures, profits, and assessments to the SGA President.
  3. Be responsible for listing all SGA events on the NIU calendar.
  4. Create marketing strategies and plans for the SGA.
  5. Coordinate Student Government Association advertising in the Northern Star and in other outlets by securing advertising space and assisting in the billing process.
  6. Assist in coordinating promotional materials for all SGA initiatives with the Director of Public Affairs.
- G. The Director of Athletics and Recreation, working under the direction of the President and Chief of Staff, is responsible for serving as the senior student liaison to Intercollegiate Athletics. The Director of Athletics and Recreation shall:
1. Serve on the university's Athletic Board and coordinate additional Student Government Association



- representatives on the board.
  2. Serve as the Student Government Association senior liaison to the Office of Intercollegiate Athletics to increase game day experiences and attendance at NIU home events.
  3. Serve on the Sports Club Council through Campus Recreation.
  4. Serve on the External Affairs subcommittee of the Athletics Board.
  5. Attend regular weekly meetings with Athletics' marketing staff.
  6. Coordinate and host Huskie Pride Day to increase school spirit and participation in athletic events.
- H. The Director of Governmental Affairs, working under the direction of the President and Chief of Staff, is responsible for all off campus and external relations for the Student Government Association, including community, state, and national relationships. The Director of Governmental Affairs shall
1. Serve as the Student Government Association's voting representative to the Illinois Board of Higher Education's Student Advisory Committee and represent the interests of the students of Northern Illinois University to the Illinois Board of Higher Education.
  2. Working with the Senate Legislative Director, monitor all state and federal legislation pertaining to higher education and maintain relationships with appropriate legislators and executive officers.
  3. Maintain relations with student governments across the state, the Mid-American Conference, and the nation as appropriate and any other state or national organization.
  4. Monitor all city policy that pertains to the students of Northern Illinois University. The director shall maintain relations with City of DeKalb officials including the Mayor, Aldermen, and the City Manager.
  5. Maintain relations with community organizations and units of government as necessary including the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce, the County of DeKalb, and the NIU Student Government Affairs Work Group.
  6. Work with the DeKalb registrar to host at least one voter registration drive during every semester in which there is an election. Registration drives during semesters in which there is not an election are to be held at the discretion of the Director of Governmental Affairs.
  7. Promote student voting in all local, state, and federal elections. In addition, secure at least one on campus voting site for public use to better serve disenfranchised or disconnected students and community members.
  8. Ensure full SGA support and participation in campaigns such as the Democracy Challenge, Get Out the Vote Campaign, and all other initiatives to increase election participation.
  9. Hold at least one nonpartisan meet and greet, with local city and county officials, and state representatives to increase political awareness on campus and build a relationship. In order for SGA to remain neutral, this program shall always remain nonpartisan to give each party equal platform.
  10. Serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the SGA Senate Rules and Procedures Committee
    1. Serve as Secretary of the Committee as such attendance is required. If a director cannot make a meeting, they are required to fill out the absence form on Huskie Hub within 48 hours of the meeting. This form is approved or denied following the same Guidelines for the Senator Absence form.
- I. The Director of Greek Affairs, working the direction of the President and Chief of Staff, is responsible for monitoring university policies pertaining to Greek life on campus, assisting Greek student groups in the development of their organizations, and serving as the liaison to the umbrella Greek organizations. The Director of Greek Affairs shall
1. Serve as the Student Government Association liaison to the Inter Fraternity Council (IFC), the National Pan Hellenic Council (NPHC), Pan Hellenic Association (PHA), and the United Greek Council (UGC) student organizations.
  2. Monitor university policy affecting Greek student groups and make recommendations to amend current regulations as appropriate.
  3. Serve as the Student Government Association liaison to the appropriate Greek Affairs university staff in the Student Involvement and Leadership Development Office. Conduct bimonthly meetings with appropriate Fraternity and Sorority Life staff.
  4. Facilitate communication between the leadership of the Greek community and officials from the City

- of DeKalb pertaining to issues affecting the Greek Row area.
- 5. Work with the leadership of Greek organizations to assist them in securing adequately maintained and financed housing for Greek organizations.
- 6. Sit in all council president meetings to identify issues and collaborate to resolve them.
- 7. Coordinate one event between all councils each semester to build community and relations between the councils and their chapters.
- 8. Serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Campus Life and Greek Affairs Senate Committee.
  - 1. Attendance is required. If a director cannot not make a meeting, they are required to fill out the absence form on Huskie Hub within 48 hours of the meeting. This form is approved or denied following the same Guidelines for the Senator Absence form.
- J. The Director of Organizational Development shall work under the direction of the Vice President and is responsible for assisting recognized student organizations in the development of outreach activities, publicity, and fundraising. The Director of Organizational Development shall
  - 1. Provide media relations training to students and student organizations, including the utilization of Huskie Hub and conducting interviews.
  - 2. Knowledge about all university policies affecting student organizations including but not limited to poster policy, booking a room, and the Student Government Association financial policies.
  - 3. Attend the Student Government Association mandatory organizational meetings and provide relevant presentations as requested by the Student Government Association Vice President.
  - 4. Assist the Student Government Association Vice President in preparation and dissemination of a Student Organization handbook that will include applicable policies and advice.
  - 5. Advise recognized student groups on recruitment and retention techniques, leadership development opportunities, event planning, and programming.
  - 6. Advise student groups on how to secure funding including advice on Student Government Association funding, CAB mid-level, fundraising, and corporate donations.
  - 7. Advise student organizations on Student Government Association web policy, aid in developing web sites, and assist in the use of the university event calendar.
  - 8. Serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the SGA Senate Organization Oversight Committee.
  - 9. Assist the Student Government Association Vice President to assure the new student organization Constitutions are in accordance with the requirements as defined within the Student Government Association bylaws.
  - 10. Serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the SGA Senate Organization Oversight Committee.
    - 1. Serve as Secretary of the Committee as such attendance is required. If a director cannot not make a meeting, they are required to fill out the absence form on Huskie Hub within 48 hours of the meeting. This form is approved or denied following the same Guidelines for the Senator Absence form.
- K. The Director of Public Affairs shall work under the direction of the President and Chief of Staff and shall be responsible for communicating, on behalf of the Student Government Association, to the students of Northern Illinois University and ascertaining the concerns of the campus community. The Director of Public Affairs shall:
  - 1. Direct communications for the Student Government Association by conducting social media promotion of the fellow Director's events, cabinet initiatives, and University initiatives.
  - 2. Serve as the Student Government Association liaison to all media, including but not limited to the Northern Star, Daily Chronicle, and Midweek.
  - 3. Monitor relevant news sources and report to the Chief of Staff any items that are of interest.
  - 4. Coordinate promotional materials for all SGA initiatives with the President and Vice President.
  - 5. Assist the Student Government Association Vice President in facilitating an organizational fair.
  - 6. Serve as the Student Government Association's special events officer and organize any relevant events, as well as working with EPS and various campus offices to promote events.
  - 7. Work with the election commissioner to set up the annual SGA Executive debate.
  - 8. Work with the President to order and disseminate SGA promotional material to enhance and bring

- awareness to the SGA.
9. Draft and disseminate press releases on behalf of the Executive Cabinet.
  10. Serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the SGA Senate Public Affairs Committee
    1. Serve as Secretary of the Committee as such attendance is required. If a director cannot not make a meeting, they are required to fill out the absence form on Huskie Hub within 48 hours of the meeting. This form is approved or denied following the same Guidelines for the Senator Absence form.
- L. The Director of Student Life, working under the direction of the President and Chief of Staff, is responsible for monitoring and providing recommendations on all issues affecting students' quality of life, including housing, financial services, safety, healthcare, and other support services.
1. Monitor and act as the SGA liaison to university offices relating to financial services (including the Bursar's Office and Office of Student Financial Aid), Housing and Dining, offices affecting the safety and security of the campus (including Judicial Affairs and University Police), and all campus support services (including University Health Services, Students' Legal Assistance, Commuter Non-Traditional Student Office, and Campus Child Care).
  2. Act as the SGA liaison to the Residence Hall Association by regularly attending RHA meetings.
  3. Assist in the coordination of the annual SGA Meet and Greet.
  4. Coordinate the annual Student Choice Awards in the spring semester.
  5. Serve on the Student Conduct Board and the social events committee.
  6. Serve on the Homecoming Steering Committee.
  7. Serve in any capacity as needed for the Kevin D. Knight Leadership Awards each year directed by Student Involvement.
  8. Serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the SGA Senate ~~University Services Oversight-Campus Life and Greek Affairs~~ Committee.
    1. Serve as Secretary of the Committee as such attendance is required. If a director cannot not make a meeting, they are required to fill out the absence form on Huskie Hub within 48 hours of the meeting. This form is approved or denied following the same Guidelines for the Senator Absence form.
  9. Assist the President to coordinate SGA representation on the Campus Parking Committee.
- M. The Director of Community Engagement and Environmental Affairs, working under the direction of the President and Chief of Staff, is responsible for all communication, coordination, support, and work dealing with related items on behalf of the Student Government Association. The Director of Community Engagement and Environmental Affairs shall
1. Be responsible for the coordination of environmental service projects each semester in office.
  2. Support and collaborate with the University environmental groups for programming, advising, guidance, and accountability.
  3. Oversee all recycling campaigns on campus, including assisting with Department and organization initiatives.
  4. Serve on the NIU Green Team
  5. Work with the University for the Study of the environment, sustainability, and energy to promote green initiatives for the University to enact.
  6. Advocate for greener alternatives on campus to the University Administration, including offering suggestions to the University Administration on behalf of the Student Government Association to improve the university's environmental initiatives and include students in this process.
  7. Collaborate with the University Administration and student body to help create a campus sustainability plan, including collaboration with all green student organizations to minimize campus waste and make the University as environmentally efficient as possible.
  8. Collaborate with the Director of Governmental Affairs to bring any campus initiative to the City of DeKalb and bring initiatives found in the city's Sustainability Master Plan or discussed in the Citizen's Environmental Commission back to campus.
  9. Oversee Earth Week, beginning the Monday before Earth Day.

10. Serve as non-voting ex-officio member of the SGA Senate Environmental Affairs Committee.
  1. Serve as Secretary of the Committee as such attendance is required. If a director cannot not make a meeting, they are required to fill out the absence form on Huskie Hub within 48 hours of the meeting. This form is approved or denied following the same Guidelines for the Senator Absence form.
11. Collaborate with SGA Senate Community Service Director to provide opportunities for staff to engage in community service and community building events.
- 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. Act 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 (People's Organizing Weekend Empowerment Retreat) trainings, including but not limited to LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer) 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.
  1. Serve as Secretary of the Committee as such attendance is required. If a director cannot not make a meeting, they are required to fill out the absence form on Huskie Hub within 48 hours of the meeting. This form is approved or denied following the same Guidelines for the Senator Absence form.

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

**New Business**

**Agenda Item:** E

**Author:** Speaker Hensley

**Sponsor:**

**15 September 2023**

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 55002**

**Fifty-Fifth Session**

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**Summary:** A bill to Change Special Election Policy

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, the bylaws do not correctly reflect the Student Government Association Constitution,

WHEREAS, this allows for confusion when reading our bylaws and Constitution,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the student body and Senate to rectify this confusion to prevent any future problems

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact that the Student Government Association Senate amend the Bylaws to the following:

**Part II, Article VII, Section 6.A**

**Section 6**

**Special Election**

A. In the event the initial election did not produce a winner, or the number of Senators fail to meet ~~quorum, which is one half plus one of the total number of seats in the Senate,~~ Fifty Percent (50%) of the Available Seats, a special election shall be held. B. The one-day special election shall be held on the third Wednesday of April.

1. This should not be confused with Quorum. As a majority of members of the Senate shall constitute a quorum. The number of members shall be determined by the number of Senate seats currently filled.

C. Refer to Article VI, pertaining to Election Procedures, for information on how to run the election.

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