**Student Government Association Senate**

**Northern Illinois University**

**2:00 p.m. – Friday, *February 9th 2024***

**Holmes Student Center Sky Room**

**Public Streaming:** [**http://go.niu.edu/SGASenateLive**](https://niu-edu.zoom.us/j/82215987778?pwd=SlBtaEFiaG0xWmp0SWs4b0VZZVhpZz09)

***Members of the public wishing to give public comment, please submit an*** [***Intent to Speak***](https://cglink.me/2sZ/s54) ***form, no later than 11:59 pm, February 8th, 2024.***

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Verification of Quorum
3. Public Comments
4. Approval of Minutes
5. From February 2nd, 2023

*Minutes are distributed electronically to the Senate.*

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Speaker’s Report
3. Special Report
4. Dr. Reneau (Postponed until 2-16-24)
5. Office of the Speaker Report(s)
6. Committee Report(s)
7. Executive Branch Report(s)
8. Cabinet Report(s)
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. SB55014: A Bill to mandate the president or vice president of a student organization must attend CODE training every fall semester of each academic year
12. SB55015: A resolution to update the bylaws based on the recommendations from the Organizational Oversight Committee
13. Good of the Order
14. Announcements
15. 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 First Reading**

**Agenda Item:**  A   **9 February 2024**

**Author:**  **Sergeant at Arms Nikolas Bereolos & Chairperson Alexia Musgraves**

**Sponsor: Sergeant at Arms Nikolas Bereolos**

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 55014**

**Fifty-Fifth Session**

**Summary:** A Bill to mandate the president or vice president of a student organization must attend CODE training every fall semester of each academic year.

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, there are no established provisions for student organizations to participate in CODE training; and there is no knowledge of this training on campus; and

WHEREAS, CODE training shall be completed during the fall semester of each academic year; and

WHEREAS, CODE training shall be completed by at minimum the president or vice president of a student organization; 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 under Part III, Article II, § III enact that at least the president or vice president representing their student organization must complete CODE training each year.

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact that under Part V, Appendix A the following definition be added, CODE Training is the conversations on diversity and equity

***This act is ordered to take effect next year.***

Appendix:

Section 3

Maintaining Recognized Status

1. All recognized student organizations must complete the Annual Renewal process each fall and the Transition process half-way through the year to maintain recognition. This process is to be facilitated by Student Organization staff.
2. Changes in membership, officers, advisors, and contact information must be updated in Huskie Hub anytime there is a change.
3. Any modifications or changes to the constitution or bylaws that occur outside of the Annual Recognition or Transition Process must be submitted to and approved by the Organization Oversight Committee.
4. Organizations must participate in, or attend any required training outlined in the Student Organization Handbook.
5. Organizations must have at least the president or vice president of their respective organization to attend CODE training in the fall semester of each academic year.
   1. President or vice president must be certified to have completed CODE trainings to receive credit.

**­­­New Business First Reading**

**Agenda Item:**  B   **9 February 2024**

**Author:** Deputy Speaker English, Senator Guerrero

**Sponsor:** Deputy Speaker English

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 55015**

**Fifty-Fifth Session**

**Summary:** A resolution to update the bylaws based on the recommendations from the Organizational Oversight Committee

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, The bylaws should be routinely reviewed by committees; and

WHEREAS, The organization oversight committee has made these suggestions; and

WHEREAS, Implementing these suggestions would help organizations be able to start up easier

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

**Part III**

**Article III**

**Section 2**

**Membership and Required Positions**

1. Every student organization must have at least one (1) advisor
2. Student organizations must have at least three (3) ~~five (5)~~ interested members who are NIU Students to receive initial recognition.
3. Student organizations that cannot maintain at least three (3) ~~five (5)~~ members registered in NIU’s Student Organization Platform must work with staff in the areas of Fraternity and Sorority Life or Student Organization Development to develop a recruitment plan.

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