**Student Government Association Senate**

**Northern Illinois University**

**2:00 p.m. – Friday, 6 October 2023**

**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, October 5th, 2023.***

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Verification of Quorum
3. Public Comments
4. Approval of Minutes
   1. From September 29th, 2023

*Minutes are distributed electronically to the Senate.*

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Speaker’s Report
3. Special Report
4. Office of the Speaker Report(s)
5. Committee Report(s)
6. Executive Branch Report(s)
7. Cabinet Report(s)
8. Old Business
   1. SR55007: A resolution to confirm Director Appointments
   2. SR55010: A resolution to require the Student Trustee to give a report to the Senate twice per semester concerning the Board of Trustees.
   3. SR55011: A resolution to update the constitution to reflect changes made in the previous year regarding the duties of the Vice president.
9. New Business

a. SR55013: A resolution to recognize student organizations.

b. SR55014: A resolution to confirm a Senator

1. Good of the Order
2. Announcements
3. 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.

**Old Business First Reading**

**Agenda Item: A** 22 September 2023

**Author:**  Speaker Hensley

**Sponsor: Speaker Hensley**

**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 55007**

**Fifty-Fifth 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 Olivia Newman has appointed Arianna Ramos to serve as Director of Governmental 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 Arianna Ramos to serve as Director of Governmental Affairs.

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

**Old Business First Reading**

**Agenda Item:**  B  29 September 2023

**Author:**  **Previous Senator Olson**

**Sponsor: Deputy Speaker English**

**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 55010**

**Fifty-Fifth Session**

**Summary:** A resolution to require the Student Trustee to give a report to the Senate twice per semester concerning the Board of Trustees.

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, the Student Trustee is the main link between the Board of Trustees and the student body; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the student body remains up to date and informed with the activities and decisions of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Student Trustee is knowledgeable of the activities and decisions of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Student Trustee should give a report concerning the activates and decisions of the Board of Trustees twice per semester;

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

**ARTICLE I**

**EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

**Section 5. The Student Trustee**

A. The Student Trustee shall be elected with the executive officers in the spring semester.

B. Subject to the terms and conditions of applicable law, the Student Trustee shall function as a full voting member of the NIU Board of Trustees and fulfill all duties as specified in the Northern Illinois University Law, NIU Board of Trustees governing rules, and the Student Government Association governing rules.

C. The Student Trustee shall be a Student Government Association officer and a member of the Student Government Association Executive Branch.

D. The term of office and conditions of the Student Trustee shall be as specified in the Northern Illinois University Law, or in its silence by the NIU Board of Trustees governing rules and by the Student Government Association governing rules.

E. If the Office of Student Trustee should become vacant, the President of the Student Government Association, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term.

F. In addition to the requirements listed in the Northern Illinois University Law, the Student Trustee shall be required to be a full time NIU student and shall not concurrently serve as an elected or stipend official within the Student Government Association.

G. Meet with the Senate twice per semester to give a report concerning the Board of Trustees.

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

**Old Business First Reading**

**Agenda Item: C** 29 September 2023

**Author:**  **Deputy Speaker English**

**Sponsor:** **Deputy Speaker English**

**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 55011**

**Fifty-Fifth Session**

**Summary:** A resolution to update the constitution to reflect changes made in the previous year regarding the duties of the Vice president.

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, in the 54th session the Vice president was made to no longer be required to be on the Board of Elections as they often would be running in said election and thus be unable to hold a BOE position; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and bylaws should agree with each other; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution should be made up of sentences that are grammatically correct and this sentence to be removed currently does not: and

WHEREAS, Article IV, §1.B of the Student Government Association Constitution states that, “The Senate

shall have the power to solely amend the SGA Constitution as provided for herein”;

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

**ARTICLE III.  THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

**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 First Reading**

**Agenda Item: A** 6 October 2023

**Author:**  Deputy Speaker English

**Sponsor: Deputy Speaker English**

**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 55013**

**Fifty-Fifth Session**

**Summary:** A resolution to recognize 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 to;

1. Society of Manufacturing Engineers
2. SACNAS
3. Huskie Bass Fishing Team
4. Aerospace
5. Black Counselors Association
6. Multiracial Student Union

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

**­­­New Business First Reading**

**Agenda Item:** B 6 October 2023

**Author:** Speaker Hensley

**Sponsor: Speaker Hensley**

**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 55014**

**Fifty-Fifth Session**

**Summary:** A resolution to confirm a Senator

**Legislation:**

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

WHEREAS, Matt Robinson is running to represent the College of Health and Human Sciences; and

WHEREAS, there are vacant seats within the College of Health and Human Sciences bloc;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate hereby appoint the following as a Senator for the College of Health and Human Sciences:

1. Matt Robinson

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