Transcripts of the

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE

OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

November 15th, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

1. This meeting was called to order by Speaker Corpuz at 4:08 pm in the HSC (Holmes Student Center) Sky Room.
2. 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
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. **Voting Members Present: Klister, Field, Chigurupati, Monteleone, Ivy, Samuel, Guerrero, Samsonek, Rosales**
5. **Voting members Absent:**
6. **Voting members Excused:** Udoh, Gonzalez, Crawford,

**VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

1. Clerk Sawyer confirms quorum is met.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. There is none.

**APROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Speaker Corpuz moves to approve last week’s minutes.
2. Clerk Sawyer so moved.
3. Senator Guererro seconded.
4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. There is none.
6. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
7. The motion is passed, and the minutes are approved.

**APROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Speaker Corpuz moves to approve the agenda.
2. Clerk Sawyer so moved.
3. Senator Rosales seconded.
4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. There is none.
6. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
7. Vote passes with and business is moved.
8. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote to approve the agenda.
9. The motion is passed, and the agenda is approved.

**SPEAKER REPORT**

1. Speaker Corpuz states
   1. “Hello, this week I was hard at work focused on reviewing the materials for the senator stipends that I recently emailed you all about this morning. Please check your emails for that information. Additionally, I have been finishing up checking on everyone's committees, events, and other basic requirements. This includes the work you have completed in the semester, the effort you put into your individual committees, and just overall the amount of communication you put out to me normally. Adding onto that list of responsibilities, OMA training is a requirement for being a senator. It is due November 24th for everyone, and failure to complete it will result in your immediate termination from Senate, which you cannot appeal to be reinstated. The Open Meetings Act is essential for all public bodies and it is necessary that you are informed on what exactly is. I would also like to point out that Senator Robinson has been removed from Senate due to accumulating a total of 3 absences in the semester. This serves as a reminder that if you know you are going to be absent, please fill out an absence form on Huskie Hub. It takes less than 5 minutes and it prevents you from running into problems during the semester. In addition to everything, I have also been helping plan each committee's events and helping to ensure that each committee has plans for the next semester. I ideally would like to see each committee hold at least an event every single month for next semester. This week's meeting will be ideally short since we have a photographer in the back and will be having our group photo after the meeting so please stick around.”

**SPECIAL REPORT**

1. There is none.

**OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT**

1. Deputy Speaker’s Report
   1. There is none.
2. Historian’s Report
   1. There is none.
3. Clerk’s Report
   1. There is none.

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Chairperson of Student Life and Greek Affairs’ report
   1. There is none.
2. Chairperson of Campus Life and Environmental Affairs’ report
   1. There is none.
3. Chairperson of Public Affairs’ report
   1. There is none.
4. Chairperson of Organizational Oversight’s report
   1. There is none.
5. Chairperson of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion’s report
   1. There is none.
6. Chairperson of Board of Elections’ report
   1. There is none.

**EXECUTIVE REPORT**

1. President’s report
   1. There is none.
2. Vice-President’s report
   1. There is none.
3. Treasurer’s report
   1. There is none.
4. Deputy Treasurer’s report
   1. There is none.
5. Chief of Staff’s report
   1. There is none.

**CABINET REPORT**

1. Director of Diversity, Equity and, Inclusion
   1. There is none.
2. Director of Organizational Development
   1. There is none.
3. Director of Athletics
   1. There is none.
4. Director of Student Life and Greek Affairs
   1. There is none.
5. Director of Public Affairs
   1. There is none.
6. Director of Academic Affairs
   1. There is none.
7. Director of Campus Life and Environmental Affairs
   1. There is none.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. SB56012: A bill to update and simplify the definition of supplemental funding.
   1. Senator Rosales so moved.
   2. Senator Guererro seconded.
   3. Speaker Corpuz states
      1. “This bill was brought up by Deputy Speaker Gonzalez as a way to clarify the rules of supplemental funding in the bylaws.”
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   6. This vote passes with \_10\_\_ yays, \_\_0\_ nays, \_\_0\_ abstentions.
2. SB56013: A bill to update and simplify the definition of executive allocation.
   1. Clerk Sawyer so moved.
   2. Senator Guererro seconded.
   3. Speaker Corpuz states
      1. Just as the previous bill was brought up last week, Deputy Speaker Gonzalez has brought this bill up to clarify what the rules are for executive allocation. This is also just to include a finance operating manual that will be released as soon as the document is finalized and Treasurer Pesavento is fine with it.”
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   6. This vote passes with \_\_10\_ yays, \_\_0\_ nays, \_\_0\_ abstentions.
3. SB56014: A bill to clarify the transition process of elected paid officials.
   1. Clerk Sawyer so moved.
   2. Senator Rosales seconded.
   3. Speaker Corpuz states
      1. “This bill requires that all paid positions write transitions materials and that it be brought to the Office of the Speaker. This ensures that a smooth transition of power is created and as well as leave previous results from the previous session into the upcoming session”
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   6. This vote passes with \_\_\_ yays, \_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_ abstentions
4. SR56014: A resolution to confirm the Spring 2025 Board of Elections
   1. Clerk Sawyer so moved.
   2. Senator Guererro seconded.
   3. Speaker Corpuz states
      1. “As I said before, Board of elections is coming up in the Spring. I would like to make one friendly amendment to remove election commissioner nominations. Since President Jones and I have been talking and he is currently interviewing for a new election commissioner. I want to work with President Jones on this, so I am removing our selection for now.
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. Nominations results
      1. Speaker Corpuz
      2. Senator Ivy
      3. Senator Samsonek
      4. Senator Fields
      5. Senator Samuel
      6. Vice President James Innis (as alternate)
   6. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   7. This vote passes with \_\_10\_ yays, \_0\_\_ nays, \_0\_\_ abstentions.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. SB56015: A bill to establish an international representative seat on Senate.
   1. Clerk Sawyer so moved.
   2. Senator Guererro seconded.
   3. Senator Samuel states
      1. “Myself, Senator Udoh, and Deputy Speaker realized the need to have a seat for international students who have unique problems and challenges. So, we are soliciting that those people should have their own seat at the table and only international students know the unique challenges of other international students.”
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. Speaker Corpuz states
      1. “Senator Samuel, you were in talks with Deputy Speaker Gonzalez, as he informed me that you would like to add a little more information to this? So, in keeping with that, would you like to table this for R&P so that you would have as much as you need so that the bill will go up?”
   6. Senator Samuel responds
      1. “Yes”
   7. Speaker Corpuz motions to send the bill back to R&P.
   8. The vote is passed and the bill will be sent back to R&P.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. There is none.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Speaker Corpuz states
   1. “The Discover Your Pack event that Organizational Oversight is holding is this Thursday, November 21st from 5-7pm in the Holmes Student Center Oasis Pit. Please come support your fellow senators as this event is meant to hold many organizations that the OO committee has approved over this past semester.”

**ADJOURNMENT**

1. Speaker Corpuz calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
2. Clerk Sawyer so moved.
3. Senator Rosales seconded.
4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. There is none.
6. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
7. The motion passes and the meeting adjourned at 4:38 pm.

**CLOSING ATTENDANCE**

1. **Voting Members Present: Klister, Field, Chigurupati, Monteleone, Ivy, Samuel, Guerrero, Samsonek, Rosales**
2. **Voting Members Absent:**
3. **Voting members Excused:** Udoh, Crawford, Gonzalez
4. **Candidate Members Present:**

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY**

Clerk Sawyer on November 20th, 2024

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