Transcripts of the

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE

OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

March 28th, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

1. This meeting was called to order by Speaker Corpuz at 4:05 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: Crawford, Chigurupati, Gonzalez, Monteleone, Obabco, Samuel (Late), Boniecki, Udoh, Guerrero, Robinson, Zimmer**
5. **Voting members Absent:**  **Klister, Fields, Lavallais, Woodson, Ivy, Meister, Ramirez**
6. **Voting members Excused:**

**VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez confirms quorum is met.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. There is none.

**APROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes from March 21st , 2025
2. Speaker Corpuz moves to approve last week’s minutes.
3. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez so moved.
4. Senator Zimmer seconded.
5. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
6. There is none.
7. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
8. The motion is passed, and the minutes are approved.

B. Minutes from March 7th , 2025

1. Speaker Corpuz moves to strike the minutes from March 7th, 2025
2. Clerk Sawyer so moved.
3. Chairperson Crawford seconded.
4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. Senator Boniecki asks
   1. “What does it mean to strike the minutes?”
6. Speaker Corpuz responds
   1. “It basically means to remove the entire minutes and the meeting from the record. It means to get rid of it entirely”
7. Senator Boniecki responds
   1. “Ok, thank you.”
8. Seaker Corpuz asks if there is any more discussion or debate.
9. There is none.
10. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
11. The motion is passed, and the minutes are struck.

**APROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Speaker Corpuz moves to approve the agenda.
2. Clerk Sawyer so moved.
3. Senator Boniecki 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. For this week, I received an email last Sunday about a potential OMA violation within SGA. This was that we did not post our meetings to Husky Hub for this last week’s Senate meeting. This was an error due to my office and it is a responsibility I will take. Moving forward we do have a plan of action so we do not experience this problem again. The OMA violation was that we did not publicize the agenda for last week’s meeting 48 hours in advance. All legislation that we have voted on within the last week we are bringing back to be revoted in accordance with OMA. Moving on into my speaker’s report. This whole week, I have spent working on SGA elections with the Election Commissioner, as well as working with the Treasurer for annual funding. Treasurer Pesavento will bring up the annual funding request as soon as he finishes it. As soon as we stop taking in more requests. Elections will be posted within the next week. The elections were uncontested and I have not looked at the results from last night, but suffice to say, those who ran in SGA’s elections, as long as there’s no other sanctions or any other errors within the elections it's safe to say that you guys will be coming back for next year.

**SPECIAL REPORT**

1. There is none.

**OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT**

1. Deputy Speaker’s Report
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez states
      1. For this past week, I have been preparing transition materials to leave for the next Deputy Speaker, whoever they may be. An addition was also brought to both me and Parliamentarian Gurrero’s attention about the terms of supply and papers for different locations across campus when it came to printing. It was an accessibility concern for students especially. Finals week is approaching, and students may need to print and publish their papers for class. This will be something we’ll begin exploring for this last month or so.
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. Chairperson Crawford states
        1. I don’t have results right now and update on the survey, but it looks like it’s been going pretty well with participation and everything, so please keep pushing it out to people to take it please.
2. Chairperson of Campus Life and Environmental Affairs’ report
   * 1. There is none.
3. Chairperson of Public Affairs’ report
   * 1. Chairperson Monteleone states
        1. I would just like to thank all senators for stopping by the Public Affairs Committee and the SGA Committee tabling events and encourage students to vote.
4. Chairperson of Organizational Oversight’s report
   1. Chairperson Gonzalez states
      1. Organizational Oversight committee recently approved the NIU Cultural Concert organization as well as also approving the Japanese music, Music and Culture Club on Pardon. We were also beginning to help Treasurer Pesavento and Deputy Treasurer Nicholas Lazaric in terms of what the tabling event is to help to spread the awareness that the deadline for annual funding is March 31st for student organizations.
5. Chairperson of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion’s report
   1. Chairperson Guererro states
      1. This one's for university campus parking. The most important thing that was discussed in our meeting last week was the parking permit rates. Last time we discussed this, they were going to increase to $102.00 for students in our meeting. They discussed that that is not going to happen for this fiscal year. So, campus parking permits should stay at $100 for students who are commuting. I do not know about the price for on campus, though.
6. Chairperson of Board of Elections’ report
   1. There is none.

**EXECUTIVE REPORT**

1. President’s report
   1. President Ja’kobe Jones states
      1. I would first like to say thank you for having me today and allowing me the opportunity to provide an update on the progress that we've made, but the semester is coming to a close. I want to thank all the members of SGA that have assisted in upholding the mission of our student government association with the 56th session. The 56th session has been a very productive and transformative experience for not only SGA, but for me as well. As many of you may know, I did run in this year's elections for the 57th session with the new session approaching. The executive team has prioritized completing our transition materials for our next student leaders. Joining SGA every year is a new set of challenges for student leaders and organizations on campus, and it is imperative that when joining SGA students understand their roles and responsibilities within the organizations to better serve our NIU community. One of my goals for this session is to clarify the requirements and the processes of applying for and receiving executive funding with the help of Treasurer Ethan Pesavento and Deputy Treasurer Nick Lazaric, we plan to continue to define the steps and procedures of executive funding allocations for future requests in terms of impact and student engagement. Director Xavier Phillips and I, alongside the committees of Student Life and Public Affairs, created a student success survey, which has proved to be very effective in receiving feedback for our student experience going into next week. Our efforts will include more promotion in residence halls and down the hall areas in the future, I hope to bring a survey that includes faculty and staff as well for more. Lastly, Monday, April 7th, SGA will be holding its very first ice cream social event in our Oasis. This event is aimed to encourage students to get to know the student leaders within SGA while also being able to enjoy ice cream with their friends. I want to encourage as many of you senators to participate as well, and this event will take place between 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM. Thank you and have a wonderful weekend and finish the semester strong. Thank you.
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.
6. Student Trustee’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. SB56023: A bill to update the Constitution to provide further definition of the Code of Procedures.
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez so moved.
   2. Clerk Sawyer seconded.
   3. Speaker Corpuz states
      1. This legislation is just providing to the Constitution what is actually the code of procedures and providing at least a little more definition and timeline for the code of procedures being turned into the SGA.
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   6. The vote passes with a count of \_\_11\_\_yays, \_\_0\_\_nays, \_\_0\_\_ abstentions.
2. SB56024: A bill to update responsibilities and duties of Chief Justice.
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez so moved.
   2. Parliamentarian Guerrero seconded.
   3. Speaker Corpuz states
      1. Again, this is just adding on to the responsibilities of the Chief Justice to maintain the Code of procedures and also give the Chief Justice a little more definition of what their roles are in SGA within the Constitution itself.
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   6. The vote passes with a count of \_\_12\_\_yays,\_\_0\_\_nays,\_0\_\_abstentions.
3. SB56025: A bill to ensure that there is a clear precedent and archiving standards for the SGA Supreme Court.
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez so moved.
   2. Clerk Sawyer seconded.
   3. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez states
      1. Very briefly, the bill simply aims to establish clear precedents in terms of archiving materials, such as quota procedures or any cases the Supreme Court hears. It would be delivered to the Parliamentarian, whereas the old bill we passed earlier this session, Parliamentarian services liaison to all branches, including Supreme Court. So, they're able to essentially assist the Supreme Court with clerical matters
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   6. The vote passes with a count of \_\_12\_\_yays,\_\_0\_\_nays,\_\_0\_abstentions.
4. SB56026: A bill to update the bylaws to provide definition of major changes to student organizations constitutions.
   1. Clerk Sawyer so moved.
   2. Chairperson Crawford seconded.
   3. Speaker Corpuz states
      1. So this legislation is about student organizations and any changes that are considered major within list right now will be called to Organization Oversight Committee to describe the changes to the committee itself. Any smaller changes can be handled within the organization itself. This allows student organizations to amend their constitutions without having to go through organizational oversight every single time they want to make a small little change.
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   6. The vote passes with a count of \_\_\_12\_yays,\_\_0\_\_nays,\_\_0\_abstentions.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. SB56027: A bill requiring Senators to complete one form of ally training.
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez so moved.
   2. Senator Guerrero seconded.
   3. Parliamentarian Gurrero states
      1. This bill comes from the DRI committee. So last week, as I mentioned, we did a tour with all the resource centers in campus life building and most of them had a form of ally training or planning to do a form of ally training, such as the Disability Resource Center, is planning to do next year, which I'll plan on helping them complete. But this just requires centers to complete one form of ally training that's available on campus. The Undocumented Resource Center, the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, and our discussion with Molly Holmes, the director of the Gender Sexuality Resource Center. She did mention that we are student leaders, and we should be informed about how to be an ally to different groups on campus, and that's where the idea came in from the DEI Committee to create a bill like this.
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks
      * 1. Parliamentarian Guerrero, would you like to explain what Allied training is in depth, please?
   5. Parliamentarian Guerrero responds
      1. I don't know the definition, but Ally train is just a form of training where you become educated on the struggle that a certain group of individuals might face that you might not face in your own day-to-day life. For example, undocumented individuals might face different struggles than those who are not undocumented. Same thing with the LGBTQ community. They might face different struggles that if you're not part of the LGBTQ community, you might not know about it. So it's just a way to be educated.
   6. Speaker Corpuz states
      1. Thank you as well as this code training is a requirement already issued within SGA. What is the difference between code training and allied training?
   7. Parliamentarian Guerrero responds
      1. Code training is the base of being educated and all these different diversity, equity and inclusion its covering. Co-train might not be covered, and it's not really covered overall about everything, so they do not really cover undocumented individuals or the LGBTQ community. When I did Co training last year, it was just talking about understanding struggles that you might see in your day-to-day life. And it's just a way to acknowledge them, but Allied training will take it one step further and be better educated on what other individuals might struggle with.
   8. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   9. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   10. This bill will be voted on next meeting.
2. SB56028: A bill to amend the stipend disbursement process for the Board of Elections.
   1. Clerk Sawyer so moved.
   2. Parliamentarian Guerrero seconded.
   3. Parliamentarian Guerrero states
      1. This bill is just to prevent the future Board of Elections from asking too much of a stipend and doing little work. For me, it’s wierd to give individuals a stipend without knowing the amount of work they’ll do. Instead of voting before the Board of Elections meet, it’s voted on after elections end. That way you could better assess what the Board of Elections has done and associate the amount of work done and the amount of money they deserve for that amount of work. That’s pretty much it.
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   6. This bill will be voted on next meeting.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. Parliamentarian Guerrero states
   1. Sladjana sent out an email to all senators being invited to a special dinner hosted by Dr. Reneau and a College of Business professor where you will engage in a great conversation, enjoy homemade lasagna prepared by the professor. Sladjana is asking senators if they could either accept it and go to the event or just decline. You are not required to go but are invited. Speaking of the email I saw the date back words, it’s April 3rd, not April 4th. Accepting and declining by the 19th.
   2. Speaker Corpuz states
      1. I would just say we have 4 weeks left in the meeting of meetings, so legislation you has to be put in if it's a bill has to be put in at least by the third week of April, otherwise it will not be able to be voted on. So keep that in mind.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Speaker Corpuz asks if there are any announcements.
2. There is none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

1. Speaker Corpuz calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
2. Clerk Sawyer so moved.
3. Parliamentarian Guerrero 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 4:28 pm.

**CLOSING ATTENDANCE**

1. **Voting Members Present: Crawford, Chigurupati, Gonzalez, Monteleone, Obabco, Samuel (Late), Boniecki, Udoh, Guerrero, Robinson, Zimmer**
2. **Voting members Absent: Klister, Fields, Lavallais, Woodson, Ivy, Meister, Ramirez**
3. **Voting members Excused:**
4. **Candidate Members Present:**

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY**

Clerk Sawyer on April 4th, 2025

56th Senate on March 28th, 2025