Transcripts of the

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE

OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

October 25, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

1. This meeting was called to order by Speaker Corpuz at 4:03 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, Robinson, Chigurupati, Monteleone, Vaske, Ivy, Samuel, Udoh, Guerrero, Samsonek, Rosales**
5. **Voting members Absent:**
6. **Voting members Excused:** Field, Lavalas, Crawford, Gonzalez

**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 Guerrero seconded.
4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. Senator Rosales states
   1. “Regarding the minutes from the last meeting, I noticed like the UI, there were some errors in there.”
6. Clerk Sawyer states
   1. “Those will be solved.”
7. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any more discussion or debate.
8. There is none.
9. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
10. 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, I spent the first part of this week writing legislation for this meeting. As it stands right now, most legislation is written by myself or Deputy Speaker Gonzalez. The deadline to submit legislation for consideration to R&P is November 12th for bills and November 19th for resolutions. I bring this warning up since I do not want to be going through every single senator's legislation for our final meeting. You must email me the completed legislation as soon as you finish them. In addition, I would also like to convey my expectations for all Senators in committees. Those committees are created so that you guys are able to share your ideas and foster a discussion space to help SGA provide support to students. After visiting and sitting in on all committees, I am disappointed in the lack of commitment and initiative that certain members provide to their committees. It is not just a requirement for you to be there, but also a way that you guys can genuinely affect the student body. Moving forward, I am expecting active participation in members and a general idea of the direction that the committees are working towards. I have also been working on finishing Senator Interviews with everyone one of you just to check in on each one of you throughout the semester. I have met with, or at least talked about having an interview with all but one of you. If you know that you have not met with me, it is up to you now to try and plan a meeting. In the next few weeks, I will be releasing the next semester's stipend rubric, next semester's amount, and your personal amounts of the stipend you received in the past semester. You may appeal the amount with R&P within one week's notice, afterwards the stipends will be finalized. Please make sure you are checking your emails for that in the coming weeks. In lighter news, Deputy Speaker Gonzalez and I hosted an Intercollegiate Panel earlier this week between several schools. I will dive into further details in Deputy Speaker Gonzalez's report later.

**SPECIAL REPORT**

1. There is none.

**OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT**

1. Deputy Speaker’s Report
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez states
      1. “This past Monday, Speaker Corpuz and I attended the Intercollegiate Panel attended by representatives of Student Governments in this state such, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois State University, and DePaul University. We had discussed various topics such as community impact, which was fruitful and will help us better lead the NIU community. This was a panel that our SGA hosted. This was a panel that I had prepared for in the background for at least 2 months now. It was such a success that we are in talks with the other student governments of hosting a second one. “
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. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez states
      1. “We have approved 2 new organizations. Justice and Sustainability Association and Garden Club. Our Mini-Involvement Fair for new organizations is scheduled for November 21 at 5pm in the OASIS Pit. Spread the word to your constituents so we can drum up support for our new organizations!
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. Vice President James Innis states “23 organizations have been approved on Husky Hub and sent to Deputy Speaker Gonzalez and the Organizational Oversight Committee for full recognition. We are nearly halfway to my goal of 50 organizations approved during the academic year. I've begun training the new director of Organizational Development, David Rivera, this past week, and once he has fully transitioned into the role, I'll begin updating the Constitution and Bylaw. I hope to have all the updates completed by the start of winter break. If members of SGA or students have any questions, please come visit me in the Oasis during my office hours or if those hours do not work, please don't hesitate to e-mail me to set up an appointment for a more convenient time.
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. SB56007: A bill to update the responsibilities of the Board of Elections
   1. Clerk Sawyer so moved.
   2. Senator Rosales seconded.
   3. This just helps to maintain that organizational representation is less than or more no more than 50% in total of the entire SGA Senate.
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   6. This vote passes with \_\_12\_ yays, \_\_0\_ nays, \_0\_\_ abstentions.
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**NEW BUSINESS**

1. SB56008: A bill to update the bylaws to allow the senators to speak to the press with certain restrictions.
   1. Clerk Sawyer so moved
   2. Senator Guerrero seconded.
   3. Speaker Corpuz states
      1. “I would like to inform the general Members of this organization that as it stands right now, we were only covered by a blanket statement listed in the responsibilities of the speaker. I'm adding this now so it allows you guys to speak to the press, not on behalf of SGA but on just your own behalf, and to convey your own questions, comments or concerns. This change would just allow you guys to speak, but if you do try to represent SGA or try to push your beliefs on behalf of SGA you will be brought to R&P.”
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. There is none.
   6. This bill will be voted on next week.
2. SB56009: A bill to update the bylaws to change the committee.
   1. Clerk Sawyer so moved.
   2. Senator Guerrero seconded.
   3. Speaker Corpuz states
      1. “This just goes that you guys already required to be part of a committee, at least one Senate committee. This also ensures that any university committee can be accounted for a sender, and that you're not just attending one of the committees. That is only a necessity-based committee as counting for your Senate requirements. This also just requires that a written report be given to any about any meeting that happens on the University committee, and it shall be given to the office of the speaker.
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. This bill will be voted on next week.
3. SR56011: A resolution to recognize student organizations.
   1. Clerk Sawyer so moved.
   2. Senator Guerrero seconded.
   3. Speaker Corpuz states
      1. “These organizations were recognized by OO, but it was before the last bylaw change. I believe it was SB56005. But these organizations did go up and they got to OO, and they were sent after the legislation was passed.”
   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 13 yays, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. Speaker Corpuz states
   1. “I would just like to say there are elections are taking place, early voting is available in the US, in the Home Student Center on the 2nd floor in the gallery. Please vote if you are able to. It's open until November 4th.”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Speaker Corpuz asks if there are any announcements.
2. Senator Chigurupati states
   1. “We plan to have a tabling event this coming week on Thursday. I would appreciate any Senators that could attend. It’s cheap. It’s in the student center where we are having CAB.”
3. Clerk Sawyer states
   1. “I would like to that regarding the minutes, I would like everybody to speak clearly into the microphone if you have something to say. Please say it clearly so that the recording can pick it up so when I go back into it I can make changes. “
4. Speaker Corpuz states
   1. “As previous Clerk, I recognize that problem too. That’s why I talk like this half the time. It would be very helpful to Clerk Sawyer if you would just speak into the microphone very clearly.”

**ADJOURNMENT**

1. Speaker Corpuz calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
2. Clerk Sawyer so moved.
3. Senator 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 4:20.

**CLOSING ATTENDANCE**

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

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY**

Clerk Sawyer on October 25, 2024

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