Transcripts of the

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE

OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

October 18th, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

1. This meeting was called to order by Speaker Corpuz at 4:06 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, Gonzalez, Monteleone, Ivy, Samuel, Guerrero, Rosales, Rucker**
5. **Voting members Absent: Fields, Samsonek, Chigurupati, Lavalas, Robinson**
6. **Voting members Excused:** Vaske, Crawford, Udoh

**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. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez 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. Happy Homecoming all. Recently I was invited to the Asian American Resource Center to speak with different organizations and discuss how we can collaborate and better support the Asian American community moving forward. I'm looking to continue to outreach to other resource centers and other underserved communities on campus. I also was able to meet with Doctor Carol Sumner and the University Social Justice Committee to discuss the on-campus DUI initiatives for this year, mainly focusing on the outreach and collection of data to various racial and cultural groups across campus. Outside of the DI initiative, I've also been focused on helping with the campus Activities Board and the Office of Student Involvement to run their various homecoming events throughout the week. I would like to congratulate and recognize CAB for the amount of work that they put into this week to make homecoming an enjoyable event for all students. I bring these events up to show everyone here that SGA is supposed to serve the student body and support student organizations. We are not here just to make changes in our own organizations, but here to make changes that better the student population. On the topic of our own organization, I'd like to report that I've been working with Treasurer Pesavento to simplify and organize the tiering systems for funding. The bill to simplify the tier systems will be coming out shortly as soon as I finalize it. For all senators, please note that legislation is a requirement for all of you and the last date to submit or to submit resolutions is November 19th, while the last date to submit bills is November 12th. If you have any other questions, please let me know.\

**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. Treasurer Pesavento states
      1. Just going to go through some of the things I've been working on. So the main priority for me right now is the annual funding presentation. So, I'm working on a full presentation about benefits, the process of how to go through it, applying, everything like that. Pretty much everything an organization would need to know. So that’s my top priority right now. I’m trying to work on getting that done. As well as, making that presentation the whole point. I want to have the able fundings.”
   2. Speaker Corpuz asks if there are any questions for the Treasurer.
   3. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez asks
      1. “If you are annually funded, can you take it out on your own or does it go into effect as soon as it happens?”
   4. Treasurer Pesavento responds
      1. “It would have to go into effect when you become funded.”
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. SB56004: A bill to update the procedures of recognizing student organizations
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez so moved.
   2. Senator Guerrero seconded.
   3. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez states
      1. “This bill essentially moves full approval of the organizations to organizational oversight Committee instead of coming up with full Senate. This will be expediting time that organizations are approved doesn't prevent them from Obtaining the full benefits, and it's just modeled off for President, set by the Finance Committee in and of itself.”
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez makes a motion for a friendly amendment.
   6. Deputy Speaker Gomzalez states
      1. “The friendly amendment will specifically make it a requirement that for an organization to be approved, they must present in front of the OO committee. This is just to ensure that there is some accountability for the new student organizations. And I also believe that this is one of the main talking points during the first meeting of this bill. So, I just wanted to make that clarification. I would propose the friendly amendment come in-between “committee members” and “ the chairperson or of the organization respect meeting. It would simply be organizations must be present at the committee. The organization may submit a detailed written report or request a meeting date. That way its as equitable as possible”
   7. Speaker Corpuz accepts this friendly amendment.
   8. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   9. This vote passes with \_11\_\_ yays, \_0\_\_ nays, \_0\_\_ abstentions.
2. SB56005: A bill to update and expand some aspects of the Deputy Speaker of the Senate.
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzales so moved.
   2. Clerk Sawyer seconded.
   3. Deputy Speaker Gonzales states
      1. “This bill aims to allow two things. 1: it allows the deputy speaker to be appointed in a session prior which they gain along with the Speaker of the Senate that way. This helps with transition more efficiently and, just in case, there’s any sort of prices or anything, it’s straighter. The other aspect of this bill is that deputy speaker will be forced the chair of OO. That's where there’s some accountability in terms of Senate leadership presence and our own especially with the passage of our previous build. That way, there’s been some sort of Senate leadership there to help improve the organization.
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any more discussion or debate.
   5. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez make a motion for a friendly amendment.
      1. Gonzalez states
         1. “It would be to add “it may” before be confirmed. That way it gives the option to that it's going to be fired during the session prior or during the session. They deserve just to give increased flexibility based on something.
      2. Speaker Corpuz accepts this friendly amendment
      3. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez makes another motion for a friendly amendment.
      4. Gonzalez states
         1. “Specifically creating subsection I on 2. this would be the ideal purpose of this so they can serve 5 minutes. It would be least there's no long due harm to set it, or so the government takes. The position is unfilled, and so I propose that we may go unappointed for a maximum of 2 weeks when the sentencing session of the one they shall serve.
      5. Speaker Corpuz approves of the friendly amendment.
   6. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   7. The vote passes with a count of 9 yays, 3 nays, and 0 abstentions.
   8. The vote passes and the bill is approved.
3. SB56006: A bill to update and clarify the Clerk’s responsibilities in the SGA bylaws.
   1. Clerk Sawyer so moved.
   2. Senator rosales seconded.
   3. Speaker Corpuz states
      1. “The changes that I made help to support the clerk to focus more on the legislative branch and office of the speaker, rather than serving everyone in the SGA. These changes basically allow the speaker to hire a clerk while session is not in session and then be updated to a paid position once Senate becomes or is in session and confirmed by the Senate.”
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. Speaker Corpuz moves for a vote
   6. Clerk Sawyer seconded.
   7. The vote passes with a count of 11 yays, 1 nays, and 0 abstentions.
   8. The vote passes and the bill is approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. SB56007: A bill to update the responsibilities of the Board of Elections.
   1. Clerk Sawyer so moved
   2. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez seconded.
   3. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez states
      1. “What this bill aims to do is just allow us to make some clarification in the elections that process specifically in regard to what are elections and election commissioning, It also contains just random stuff as well. Specifically, the things are changed is Electric Commissioner must disclose what we're organizations have. And lastly, Tibet is Board of Elections and no 50% of its makeup, and that need by one organization or demographic. Those are the main big changes.
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. There is none.
   6. This bill will be tabled for next week.
2. SR56010: A resolution to confirm a Director for Public Affairs.
   1. Senator Rosales so moved.
   2. Clerk Sawyer seconded.
   3. Candidate Ivory Rucker states
      1. “Hello everybody. My name is Andrew Gunther, and I'm honored to stand for you today as a candidate for the record, as the current director of IT and orientation for the Association of Black Psychologists and a member of the Digital Media Committee for the Black Communion. I have dedicated myself to enhancing our community through effective communication is about and my role is on the city as a shareholder of the diversity, equity and inclusion as well as the chair for the Public Affairs Committee. I've seen firsthand the power of connection. I work to ensure that our events and other organizations are not helping organized while officer reaches many people. My experience has taught me the importance of amplifying voices and fostering that law, I believe these skills are from. Those that are in their public lives. My vision is to create a transparent, inclusive platform that engages every member of our community and prioritizes clear communication, ensuring that important updates and opportunities are reached properly. I leverage my background in digital media to enhance our online presence, make it easier for officers to access resources and information. Additionally, I believe in the words of the collaboration plan to work closely with each committee and merge within educated events and initiatives that matter to us and turn our collective voices are heard. Together we can create a stronger network of support and families passionate about making our campuses space where every student feels valued and connected. With your support, I will work tirelessly to represent our interests and make our community even wider. Together we can shape our future, where every voice is heard and every story matters. If elected, I will have to wrongly return from the sending, but I hope we don't see this as a loss. But only in addition to the executive branch that understands the big job public setting who can advocate for more for Easter. Thank you.”
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks “ What is your availability? Since you will be taking on tensor or 10 hours per week as a director?”
   5. Candidate Ivory Rucker responds,
      1. “Due to the 15 credit hours I'm available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to do 10 hours.”
   6. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   7. Speaker Corpuz states
      1. “Thank you, Chairperson Rucker, for coming to me and talking to me about this position. I understand that you showed very much interest in public affairs and I'm happy to be working with you. And the ideas that you have brought to me before I see as a great way for our social media and our public face to be at least amplified from the previous year.”
   8. Speaker Corpuz moves for a vote.
   9. Clerk Sawyer seconded.
   10. The vote passes with a count of 11 yays, 0 nays, and 1 abstentions

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. Speaker Corpuz states “Once again, I must remind you that you all have responsibilities as a sender, so please make sure that you are following them. Also interviews with me, I only have half of you that have scheduled an interview and have met with me or plan to meet with me. This coming week, I'd like to meet with all of you before the end. If not, I will be announcing names of who has not signed up for an interview.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Speaker Corpuz asks if there are any announcements.
2. Speaker Corpuz states “From vice or director Kelly Olsen, there is a Center for Greek life. Tonight at 5:00 PM. In the Husky den, once again, there's a Center for Greek life events. And Husky, then for homecoming at 5:00 PM. So please, if you are part of that organization or part of that area, please come and check it out.

**ADJOURNMENT**

1. Speaker Corpuz calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
2. Clerk Sawyer so moved.
3. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez 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 4:32 PM..

**CLOSING ATTENDANCE**

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

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY**

Clerk Sawyer on October 23rd, 2024

56th Senate on October 18th, 2024