Transcripts of the

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE

OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

March 7th, 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: Klister, Crawford, Lavallais, Chigurupati, Obabko, Ivy, Boniecki, Guerrero, Meister, Ramirez, Robinson, Zimmer**
5. **Voting members Absent:**
6. **Voting members Excused: Fields, Woodson, Monteleone, Samuel, Udoh,**

**VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez confirms quorum is met.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. There is none.

**APROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Speaker Corpuz moves to approve last week’s minutes.
2. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez 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 is passed, and the minutes are approved.

**APROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Speaker Corpuz moves to approve the agenda.
2. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez 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. 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. Over this past week I've been working on finishing the verification of all the candidates for this year's elections, as well as also finishing up a letter that we will be sending to all presidents of student organizations. For annual funding, Treasurer Pesavento will talk about it later in his report I believe, but annual funding is open and there'll be an e-mail sent to any presidents for all student organizations on campus. So, if you do know anyone that is a president or you are a president of a student org, please check your e-mail within the next week or so.”

**SPECIAL REPORT**

1. Chief Justice Jarmula states
   1. “This semester has been a strange one. However, we have met a total of 4 times. This was not ideal and not something we wanted to do but this is what happened. We had issues that were out of our control and have caused us to not be able to meet. Some examples that the springboard justices had to deal with were, as we are students, mandatory classes, last-minute job scheduling, and recently, important personal matters. For example, one of our justices had lost an important person in their life.00:04:04 Speaker 4
   2. And expecting them to be able to make all of these meetings with special everything going on. And expecting them to be able to make all of these meetings, especially with everything going on, is just not feasible in our meetings. We've gone over the Code of Procedure. We’ve made some minor changes to the Code of Procedure, and we were halfway through the stone code of conduct before we ran out of time due to our meeting times as well as other duties we had to go through. We've had some other issues. This semester, one of the main issues that I've been dealing with was e-mail communications. The process has been slow as many emails were not being sent properly to me from respondents, as well as petitioners where they were getting buried in e-mail chains rather than being sent into new e-mail chains as requested. Also, when we were supposed to meet for a case about two weeks ago, the room that I registered it to two to three days in advance at the student center, I received no status updates on the room, even when I reached out to our advisor Sladjana as well as the Stew itself and we did not know about the status of the room until the very last minute, and by then we had to reschedule the meeting time for the case. There's also been some issues with the respondents as we were advised to make sure that we meet with these individuals both respondent and the petitioner in person, with both of them there, they have been very strange, with the way that they've been emailing us and last-minute changes or rescheduling from them on multiple occasions. And well, I will admit the Senate communication has been lacking as well. These were the issues that we were dealing with. They were not exactly things Senate could really be able to help with, such as family, personal matters or emergencies, job shift changes, and other organizational responsibilities. But there, in my opinion, could be a way to possibly mitigate this. This is possibly something that could happen that would benefit the Supreme Court is possibly a separate clerk or secretary that does not have any powers of a Supreme Court Justice, but rather their only responsibilities, would be to be meeting scheduling as well as booking rooms and other things like that as our current Supreme Court Justices have a lot of responsibilities on their plate and I believe that it would definitely streamline the process of everything and make things a lot more cohesive as such. One other thing for the Senate that we brought up in our meeting with the Senate on January 17th would be that I believe would help the Supreme Court, substantially, would be the appointment of a new justice. As you know, two of the current Supreme Court justices are seniors and just as it is to be a senior, they're going to have one foot out the door and a lot of other responsibilities that will affect them, in their graduate years. And so, they may not be able to focus as much as they can or should for the SGA and Supreme Court. as they would be graduating. Next semester, there wouldn't even be a Supreme Court and it would not be able to function, so it is pertinent that we get or appoint a new Supreme Court Justice that should be an underclassman, as I know when I was a Supreme Court Justice as an underclassman. I had a lot less responsibilities and was able to make meeting times much more frequently.
   3. Speaker Corpuz states
      1. 00:08:31 Speaker 1
      2. Thank you. On the notes that you have given us, I would like to say that I have not received any form of communication about receiving new justice. I have not received any e-mail notifications from the Supreme Court about anything that This is why you were brought up via legislation last week. In addition to that, I understand how hard it is to be a senior. In trying to figure this stuff out, I'm also a senior as well and I try and keep in contact as much as I can about any problems that I'm having within the area, so please do e-mail me if there are issues. In the case of you guys having wanted to appoint a justice. The current process is that the president makes the appointment with the Senate approving it. So, if you are looking to add a new justice, I would talk to President Jones 1st about.
      3. Senator Ivy states
         1. “I think in the last conversation we had about the feasibility of participating in this organization and it just seems like that seems to be a consistent thing where you just you all just don't have the time. Would that be accurate, or not?”
      4. Chief Justice Jarmula responds
         1. “Well, the thing that's been happening the issues is that it's just last-minute changes. You know the time should be there and we've planned it out to be there, however it's things like family emergencies. I know I’ve had to deal with two of them already. I wasn’t able to be on campus at the time where I should've been.”
      5. Senator Ivy asks
         1. “00:10:29 Speaker 6
         2. If it seems like last minute changes are the issue, what good does adding a clerk or having someone take on the responsibility do if when you all do set a time in the meeting date that something else comes up outside of you all's control, So what issue does appointing another person, giving them that responsibility, does that mitigate, when it comes to those last-minute changes.
      6. Chief Justice Jarmula respondss
         1. 00:10:49 Speaker 4
         2. Well, one of the issues obviously there is you know, the last minute changes. However, it's also about e-mail communications as well. Our emails, at least for me, they get buried in replies and they aren't getting in new e-mail chains as I've requested and having a clerk would also mitigate that issue. But to your point on the last-minute changes is that it'd be much easier to go between, if that makes sense. Where we have this centralized person that we all you know, can make sure that this day, this day, this day and they would be able to do that. So, in a sense, you want that person to basically relieve the stress.
      7. Senator Ivy asks
         1. “So that person would basically just do what you all are doing?”
      8. Chief Justice Jarmula responds
         1. Well, that’s the thing, the Clerk of the Court is also a Justice in the Supreme Court and there have been moments where he had mandatory events to go to or the communication hasn't been the best with the clerk of the court and if we just had a person which that is their sole responsibility and duty then I feel like they would not have to worry about the other matters that Justices have and would be able to be reasonable and speak with us.
      9. Senator Ivy asks
         1. So, you would say that this person, their responsibility would be to manage you all’s schedule so you all can participate in other things as seniors and a part of other organizations. That doesn't really seem fair to that person in that role. To limit them to supporting you all.”
      10. Chief Justice Jarmula responds
          1. No, no. That is fair and that makes sense. However, at the same time if it makes things more streamline, I fel like personally, it would make more sense. I mean, and you're not wrong as well about the part where the biggest issue has been, you know, things like jobs, as you know, the Supreme Court justices aren't paid. And I in no way believe that they should be paid. However, because of that fact and we are students we have to make up for that by doing things like working long hours. I know I have a part time job and I get asked to pick up shifts or asked to pick up shifts and I have no say in the subject.
      11. Chairperson Crawford states
          1. Speaking personally, I'm involved in the Senate. I hold the chair for the committee here. I'm also on the exec board for an organization here. I am the captain of the dance team here, and I'm also in a sorority, and I was on the exec board last semester, and I also have a job and I still granted there's times where I don't make it absolutely. I'm also doing observations for my major and I'm also a student, so I'm very busy, but I do always make time, and I think a lot of that is coming from bad communication and excuses, I understand we're all busy like I think all of us in this room are. So, we obviously are busy with something more than just being a student here and life is a lot too. We all have a lot of things going on but I just think a lot of it are excuses, and I’m not speaking generally just you. I'm speaking as a whole, like for all of those that are constantly making those excuses and not making it when they should be. Obviously, family emergencies are different, but the other situations I don't think are as fair.
      12. Chief Justice Jarmula responds
          1. No. Yes. And you're not wrong. It's just one of the issues, obviously, with the Supreme Court is that, you know, the quorum requirements as well as the limited amount of justice we have. So, you know the number of people that we have to deal with, we need to be there. It's just so small that if something happens to two people, it’s done. We can't get anything done that day and it's just a big issue.
      13. Senator Ivy asks
          1. So, back to my first question. Does it just seem like Supreme Court is too busy for you? I mean, you're just too busy to do your duty to the supreme. And I'm not again, I'm not speaking to you specifically. But I said this in a meeting. Take priority, respect and understand. Right? I'm not saying that you shouldn't respect your job and your class, but we make time for the things that we want to make time for. No one forced you all in these positions. No one forced us to do these. No one is breaking our arm to do. So, if it seems that the consistent issue and if I remember correctly, you all didn't meet until what, a month ago you all had met all year? So, it kind of seems that this is like I wouldn't feel comfortable saying, hey, you guys. Yeah, get a clerk, get a separate person to manage our schedules and you all with the extent of April of 24 to what? Of 25? You ought to meet. I don't really see how bringing another person can handle that. And you're telling us again now we all have stuff going on. We just all got this other stuff. Well, maybe you need to step down. I mean that. When you're too busy for stuff, you need to step away from stuff that just seems like the most logical solution instead of saying, well, I got this going on, I got this going on. We have removed a senator for the same issue. If it's just too much for you, then maybe you all need to find a different avenue for leadership. It's just that's just kind of what I'm hearing.
      14. Speaker Corpuz states
          1. 00:16:56 Speaker 1
          2. I would like to also point out you have four people in supreme courts.
          3. 00:17:02 Speaker 1
          4. That's four people schedules.
          5. 00:17:04 Speaker 1
          6. I have 18 people, 18 different people, schedules. Not to mention I also work with Exec on scheduling things, so if it's an issue of scheduling.
          7. 00:17:16 Speaker 1
          8. I can help you with that, but The thing is I've had no form of communication.
          9. 00:17:21 Speaker 1
          10. There has been no attempt to communicate with me via e-mail or via coming into my office hours to ask about how you can.
          11. 00:17:32 Speaker 1
          12. Run the Supreme Court.
          13. 00:17:34 Speaker 1
          14. The big thing I have to say is this is now your responsibility as Chief Justice to manage the courts.
          15. 00:17:42 Speaker 1
          16. The real reason why I'm pushing for this, chief for the Supreme Court to meet is so that we actually can have it.
          17. 00:17:50 Speaker 1
          18. I don't see a reason of having the title without actually being able to follow through the responsibilities.
          19. 00:17:57 Speaker 1
          20. And I can say with certain that it's a struggle to get everyone in a solid room in one time like I planned months and ahead. I told everyone here in Senate months ahead.
          21. 00:18:12 Speaker 1
          22. That there was a time slot at Friday, 4:00 PM that you have to be here at that time. The rest of the time I worked with every single other sender and I individually went through everyone's schedule and said, hey, when can you meet? This is the perfect.
          23. 00:18:27 Speaker 1
          24. That you guys can.
          25. 00:18:28 Speaker 1
          26. Meat. So if the issue is only scheduling, I would rather you guys bring this up beforehand rather than we have to call you.
          27. 00:18:37 Speaker 1
          28. For this.
      15. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez
          1. I would just like to say that by coming into Senate and almost disguise asking for Senate to approve some sort of resolution to grant any sort of payment or stipend. It seems to give an incentive for Supreme Court to do its work is highly irregular, inappropriate in my opinion, specifically because even if Senate were to give any sort of monetary incentive, as you had mentioned there, as of right now, we do not have any sort of body of work that we can say and go off of. Yes, the Supreme Court has done some work that would benefit any sort of compensation. What would make us give any sort of compensation to incentivize the work done is the Senate has always done its work prior to the 56th session without formal compensation.
      16. Speaker Corpuz states
          1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez, I don't think he mentioned anything about getting a stipend. He's just asking for a new position.
      17. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez responds
          1. Being not specifically in regard to earlier, it was mentioned about specifically pay in regard to jobs and then recurrent actions. It wasn't specifically stated, but it seemed like, not like an ASK, but it did seem like something that was attached to it, unless I misheard.
      18. Chief Justice Jarmula states
          1. What I was simply stating at the time was that due to the fact that it's not a paid position and college students need money, it's just a fact of the matter. Obviously, other people have jobs as well, however, you know, just as a college student, you need money and therefore you have to work a job, and you have other responsibilities. I'm not saying I strictly stated it. I, in no way wish. I understand why the Supreme Court doesn't get paid and I in no way think that it should be paid. I strictly stated that I just wanted that to be known.
      19. Speaker Corpuz
          1. I would also like to say up until last year, senators were not paid either. This was a voluntary position that you signed up for and that you had to at least show the work that you were doing, regardless of any incentive. It was only until last year that I implemented a new stipend for the seniors because I thought that the work was deserving the payments so. If payment monetary incentive is the reason why that's an issue for people to complete the work, I really don't think that's a valid excuse.
      20. Chief Justice Jarmula states
          1. I was just simply trying to state the fact that students need jobs, and the jobs take up time and that's the only thing that I want to get out from saying that. I just didn't phrase it correctly.
      21. Senator Chigurupati asks
          1. Would all the chief's justices be willing to publicly post their schedules just to keep accountable. Would you be willing to do it?
      22. Chief Justice Jarmula responds
          1. Yes.
      23. Senator Boniecki states
          1. In a sense, like, I feel like for almost reliving what we had happened here a few weeks ago with just, the communication was failing. We voted someone out over this, and to add on to what other people were saying, like the job has got to get done. These are positions that are incredibly important to serve in the community serving our school, and I just urge any form of action that could be taken to get this on track because it must happen, it really does.
      24. Speaker Corpuz asks
          1. What is the status of the Code of Procedures considering that document has not even entered my office in this past year, nor do I have any knowledge of what's going on with the Code of Procedure since it is supposed to be reviewed every two years?
      25. Chief Justice Jarmula responds
          1. Yes. What I was saying earlier is we reviewed it. However, we didn't want to send anything in until we had all the documents reviewed. I can get that to you as soon as possible after this is over.
      26. Speaker Corpuz asks
          1. Similar to that, what is the status of the bylaw review as well, since the code of procedures has to be reviewed as well as the bylaws and constitution of SGA.?
      27. Chief Justice Jarmula responds
          1. Yes. As I mentioned in the meeting in which we were reviewing we didn't have enough time to go through all the documents and we had to end the meeting when we finished the code of procedures. However, we did begin on the bylaws.
      28. Speaker Corpuz asks
          1. And I believe you mentioned earlier that there was another petitioner for a Supreme Court case, if I'm correct, or no? It's only the one Supreme Court case that is pending right now?
      29. Chief Justice Jarmula responds
          1. 00:24:12 Speaker 4
          2. Yes. And as I was saying, it's just we want to make sure that we are meeting with these two individuals in person, and I understand that they're not needed to be there; however, we wanted to make sure that they were there and multiple times when we've set the date they've just changed their schedules or told us they've had to reschedule.
      30. Speaker Corpuz asks
          1. At what point do we just set a hard deadline and say if you're not there, the case is still happening that day? Because I would like to point out if this is an extreme matter to the petitioner and the respondent, they would make time for it. So, it's not about waiting for them to answer, it's more so about who is showing that they actually care. Is there anything else you'd like to add about that?
      31. Chief Justice Jarmula responds
          1. No, sir.

**OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT**

1. Deputy Speaker’s Report
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez states
      1. “Greetings. I'm back in Senate today. In terms of actions being done so far this week, I've spoken with Sarah Wilkow. Hopefully I pronounced her name correctly from student Wellness. So that naloxone training initiatives resolution that was passed that has moved forward in terms of the back-end stuff to the point where she has invited as she aims to essentially either hold the table or even have a little workshop during Wellness fair itself, which is in April. There's more of a mention instead of an invitation as of right now, for senators to be involved on. If senators are interested, I'm more than happy to hear them. But as of right now, that's still a work in progress, though I still wanted to update the Senate on. And other matters in and of itself, I've been mostly focused with getting transitional materials in order to prepare for the upcoming administration and whoever that may be."
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. Last week at our meeting, we had a really beneficial meeting. So, John actually sat in with us and we kind of touched on the fact that we don't need to make these events the biggest thing ever but just make them impactful and important. And today we have our meeting after. So, we haven't discussed it yet, but we're going to try to incorporate a little more events that are just smaller but different than tabling. We finished our survey so that will be going out. When you guys see that if you could just push that out on your social media, the SGA Instagram will be posting it. If you guys could do that, that would be great.
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. Chairperson Gonzalez states
      1. The Organizational Oversight Committee will be holding an event on Thursday, March 20th, 2025, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. The tabling event specifically will be a financial aid financial workshop specifically for student organizations. The aim is to help student orgs not only apply for annual funding, which the deadline closes on March 31st, 2025, but as well as to help them with supplemental funding. And just to answer any questions related to funding itself, this is to help with the Finance Committee and their financial aid efforts. The Organization Oversight Committee has also approved the Fiber Arts Club which has anything related to the umbrella of fiber arts such as sewing, knitting etc. Has been approved by OO and given full SGA recognition as well.
5. Chairperson of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion’s report
   1. Chairperson Guerrero states
      1. “The DEI Committee met today at 2:00 PM. We continue to discuss the various upcoming events, including some taking place after spring break, as previously mentioned. I want to remind everyone about Director Montoya’s Quinceañera event, which will be held on Friday, March 21st, in the evening at the Barsema Alumni and Visitor Center. If you would like to assist with decorating, setup will begin at 8:00 AM. Additionally, I encourage you to attend and to represent SGA at the event. Another event we are planning for this semester is a sporting event aimed at fostering awareness and unity among different colleges across campus. To give you a summary of what we discussed in our meeting, each SGA seat would be a team made up of 16 students with a single elimination bracket. The winning team will be given a trophy, alongside, top goal scorer and goalkeeper will be given an award. You, as senators, would serve as the managers for the college or seat that you represent or simply volunteer. To make this a successful event, I am asking you all to please start reaching out to your constituents to gauge their interest in participating. Additionally, DEI committee members will be meeting with the Disability Resource Center, Student Assistance, Gender Sexuality Resource Center, and the Undocumented Resource Center on March 21st at 12:00 PM. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know.”
6. Chairperson of Board of Elections’ report
   1. Speaker Corpuz states
      1. Just on the Board of Elections side, election Commissioner Althoff and I would like to thank the Board of Elections for helping to finish up the candidate's verification last night. The ballot will be released later today, pending student advisor approval, and it will be publicized as well. So thank you to the Board of Elections for helping out with that.

**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. 00:31:13 Speaker 5
      2. My report today will mostly entail annual funding, but I'm starting with briefly touching on supplemental funding. First, just to give you guys.
      3. 00:31:20 Speaker 5
      4. Little bit of an update.
      5. 00:31:22 Speaker 5
      6. Finance Committee is considering both annual and supplemental funding at the same time, ensuring all organizations funding requests are being considered.
      7. 00:31:29 Speaker 5
      8. The Finance Committee has approved $12,289 in supplemental funds this semester only not including last.
      9. 00:31:38 Speaker 5
      10. That's pretty much my low supplemental funding update, so I'm going to get into a more detailed annual funding update. So, as Speaker Corp has said, annual funding portal open at the beginning of February and we have been considering requests since the second Finance Committee meeting on February 6th annual funding workshops have been presented in collaboration with Deputy Speaker Lazaric, both in person and virtually, for the workshops. I prepared a PowerPoint including all information pretty much based on how to apply for annual funding, what it is so and so, and this was presented at the workshops. Currently, we have marketed annual funding workshops by mass emailing all presidents and treasurers of all student organizations sharing the invite to attend the workshops through an e-mail. This hasn't been as effective as I've hoped, so I decided to take a slightly different approach to it moving forward in the next couple weeks as the closing day comes. I collaborated with the Organizational oversight committee, led by Deputy Speaker Gonzalez, to utilize the check in form OO has created. Have you like informed them of what the check in form was?
   2. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez states
      1. I have not, but I can quickly just mention. The OO Check in is an office, use Excel sheet that we have documented not only the tiers, but specifically to ensure that all student organizations have satisfied the constitutional checks set by the SGA organizational policy found in the bylaws, as well as to ensure that they are indeed fully eligible to receive SGA funds as well. This is to help streamline the process not only for OO, but for Finance Committee as well.
   3. Treasurer Pesavento states
      1. 00:33:26 Speaker 5
      2. There we go.
      3. 00:33:27 Speaker 5
      4. This assists in helping find all eligible organizations for annual funding based on their constitution. So, this aims to create a more concentrated approach of finding all realistic organizations that are funding applicants. I can directly target those as opposed to just blindly emailing everybody and hoping that somebody will click on it and apply. So, this is going forward. This is going to be my plan is to mostly concentrate on all the organizations that currently are eligible. I believe it is around 170. Moving on, so currently the Finance Committee is considering 27 different organizations for annual funding, pending approval. We're taking careful time and consideration to ensure all organizations that apply are eligible. This number should increase hopefully in the next couple of weeks. And then additionally going forward until the annual funding portal closes, we're going to have two finance committees a week just to ensure and keep processing as many requests as we can. So other than that, I hope you guys all have a nice spring break.
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. SB56022: A bill to update the bylaws to prevent removed senators from being appointed as a Senator for the next session.
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez so moved.
   2. Parliamentarian Guerrero seconded.
   3. Speaker Corpuz states
      1. This bill was brought up last week as just a way to allow senators to reapply if they've been removed pending the Supreme Court's Supreme Court's hearing of it. This is also why I'm pushing for the Supreme Court to meet more often than they are just because I want to be able to actually utilize the Supreme Court more than what we have in the past.
   4. Senator Obabco asks
      1. I noticed that the legislation says that if a senator is removed, they cannot run for the next. Just to ask some clarification. Is it just they cannot run for the next session or any other session in the future in general during their time here at NIU?
   5. Speaker Corpuz responds
      1. Here in the second sentence, the removed senator shall not be eligible to apply or be appointed to send it for future sessions unless they're removed. Senator files on appeal with the Supreme Court. So, to answer your question, it's all future sessions that they are applicable for.
   6. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   7. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   8. The vote passes with a count of \_12\_\_\_yays, \_\_1\_\_nays, \_0\_\_\_\_abstentions

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. SB56023: A bill to update the Constitution to provide further definition of the Code of Procedure

* 1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez so moved.
  2. Senator Boniecki seconded.
  3. Speaker Corpuz states
     1. 00:37:19 Speaker 1
     2. So, in preparation for Chief Jarmula coming up to Senate. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez and I were doing a little research about the responsibilities of the Supreme Court. This is one of the pieces that we are introducing today. So, if you look right at item D. That's all that's in the Constitution right now. We added AB and C as just a way to provide definition of what the code of procedures is and what exactly is needed for the code of procedures. The Supreme Court has full jurisdiction over it pending the Senate's approval. But now it's just written in our constitution.
  4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
  5. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
  6. The bill will be voted on next meeting.

B. SB56024: A bill to update the responsibilities and duties of the Chief Justice

* 1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez so moved.
  2. Chairperson Crawford seconded.
  3. Speaker Corpuz states
     1. If you look closely at the screen section, A and B is the only thing that's written in the Constitution about what the Chief Justice is. Going into further definition, this is just to add more definition of what their responsibilities are and just to maintain that the Chief Justice has a point of direction moving forward from this year for the Supreme Court.
  4. Senator Chigurupati states
     1. I understand that it doesn't apply to this session of Supreme Court.00:39:47 Speaker 1
     2. I just want to get this done as quick as possible, just so that we do have more definition, and we can give Chief Justice Jarmula some form of help and an idea of what his responsibilities are as Chief Justice.
  5. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
  6. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
  7. This bill will be voted on next week.

C. SB56025: A bill to ensure that there is clear precedent and archiving standards for the SGA Supreme Court.

* 1. Senator Obabco so moved.
  2. Senator Sky Boniecki seconded.
  3. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez
     1. This bill specifically looks at the Clerk of the Court. As passed by the Senate in this session, what Eddie's position as parliamentarian serves as liaison between the executive and judicial branch, although there's specific job isn't necessarily to the same caliber as what Chief Justice Max had wanted. Their main position is to review the archival. What this bill does is simply adds that language into the Clerk of the court section to ensure there's no ambiguity in terms of the parliamentarian’s role in terms of the Supreme Court's fresh. And it also ensures that the Chief Justice shall always appoint a clerk of the court as they essentially serve as the person in charge, should the Chief Justice not be able to carry out their functions or if there's a case that would render them in conflict of interest.
  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 week.

D. SR56039: A resolution to elect a new member of the Board of Elections

* 1. Parliamentarian Guerrero so moved.
  2. Senator Chigurupati seconded.
  3. Speaker Corpuz states
     1. The current situation is that Pres. Or Vice President James Innes has stepped down from his position as a Board of Elections member. The current alternate Senator Udo is taking a leave of absence at this time, hence why she has not been in our Senate meeting. So, we are now out a Board of Elections member as well as our alternate right now, my main concern is getting the 5th Board of Elections member And in talks with Treasurer Pesavento, he is not returning to SGA at this time for next or he is not running in the elections at this time. Treasurer Pesavento and I, as well as President Jones have are elected to appoint him Treasurer Pesavento as the new 5th member of the Board of Elections.
  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,\_\_2\_\_nays,\_\_0\_abstentions.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. Speaker Corpuz states
   1. I would just like to say the end of the semester is coming up. Everyone's busy. I'm busy, so please start looking into your responsibilities as a senator. That means also writing legislation for Senate that will be brought up if you do need help. Now is the time to ask me because at some point later on, I know that I'm going to be busy and I'm not going to be able to help you as much as I can right now. This is my way of trying to help you guys as much as I can and trying to help you guys complete your responsibility as a senator. If you do need help, please e-mail me or please come visit me during my office hours. You can also visit parliamentarian Guerrero or Deputy Speaker Gonzalez, but most of the time I'm already in the office when they're in the office.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Parliamentarian Guerrero states
   1. Niu Care Day is on April 4th at noon. I want to do one as SGA. So, if you're interested in participating in being part of the group for SGA, please let me know. This would be a great way for you guys to get those service hours requirements that you need.

**ADJOURNMENT**

1. Speaker Corpuz calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
2. Senator 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 4:50 pm.

**CLOSING ATTENDANCE**

1. **Voting Members Present: Klister, Lavallais, Crawford, Chigurupati, Ivy, Guerrero, Sawyer, Rosales, Meister, Robinson, Ramirez, Boniecki,**
2. **Voting Members Absent:**
3. **Voting members Excused:** **Fields, Monteleone, Woodson, Samuel, Udoh,**
4. **Candidate Members Present:**

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY**

Clerk Sawyer on March 21st, 2025

56th Senate on March 7th, 2025