Transcripts of the

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE

OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

April 4th, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

1. This meeting was called to order by Speaker Corpuz at 4:00pm 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 (Late)**, Lavallias, Chigurupati, Gonzalez,** Monteleone (Late), **Obabko, Woodson, Samuel, Udoh, Boniecki, Guerrero, Meister, Zimmer**
5. **Voting members Absent:**
6. **Voting members Excused:** Sawyer, Field, Crawford, , Ivy, Ramirez, Robinson

**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, this past week I have worked with Treasurer Pesavento to close supplemental funding for this school year and we are getting through the last of annual funding which will be going up in two weeks. We are just finalizing the rest of the annual funding request. More information will follow once we get to it. Additionally, congratulations to those who have rerun into the 57th session for next year. I have the full official election results. More will be posted pending Director Rutgers creation of the post, but everyone who has run in the elections will be sitting on the 57th session. So, congratulations to everyone that has run and thank you for the Board of Elections for helping with that.

**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.
4. Parliamentarian’s Report
   1. I would just like to say thank you to Senator Zimmer, Senator Field, Senator Woodson, and Senator Obabko for volunteering today at NIU Care’s Day at the Dekalb County History Center. I think it was a good workout we did today. Thank you all.

**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. SB56027: A bill requiring Senators to complete one form of ally training.
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez so moved.
   2. Parliamentarian Guerrero seconded.
   3. Parliamentarian Guerrero states
      1. As I brought up in the last meeting, it was brought up through DEI committee after our first round of discussions with the various resource centers on campus. As student leaders, I believe that we should be educated on the different issues that different groups on campus coming here to NIU. That’s just what this bill is all about.
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
      1. Senator Boniecki states
         1. I would just like to say that the importance of this bill cannot be overstated. We need as much knowledge as we can acquire to be the most effective community leaders we can be and I firmly believe that knowledge is a catalyst for change, and we need to be that change.
      2. Senator Obabko asks
         1. When exactly would said training be happening?
      3. Speaker Corpuz responds
         1. Due to the short amount of time that we have and complexities of planning these events we will not be requiring this training. However, for next year for the 57th session, any senator at the time, or will be joining SGA at that time will be required to complete this training.
   5. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   6. This vote passes with \_\_10\_ yays, \_\_3\_ nays, \_\_1\_ abstentions.
2. SB56028: A bill to amend the stipend disbursement process for the Board of Elections
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez so moved.
   2. Parliamentarian Guerrero seconded.
   3. Parliamentarian Guerrero states
      1. This is just to match the amount of work the Board of Election does to the money they receive. Usually, the elections fluctuate overtime. Some years are very competitive, other years are not so competitive. So, it just matched the amount of money to the amount of work the Board of Election does in their election cycle.
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   6. This vote passes with \_14\_\_ yays, \_\_1\_ nays, \_0\_\_ abstentions.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. SB56029: A bill to update the definitions of senate vacancies in the bylaws
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez so moved.
   2. Parliamentarian Guerrero seconded.
   3. Speaker Corpuz states
      1. So, this legislation that I have put up will help to define and codify what the process is for to join Senate. A lot of the information that was in the bylaws was completely outdated as well as extremely vague or confusing. All the changes that I have made are either grammar changes or even just word changes. There's not that much that has changed from what we have been doing. It's just so that it is written down and we can continue the process that we have written down that we've been practicing for this whole year.
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
      1. Senator Obabko asks
         1. Is it just like a grammar change and is anything a significant change for new senator vacancies?
      2. Speaker Corpuz responds
         1. The major change that I have is listed in .11 which just says that the candidate is now allowed to sit during the discussion of themselves. I don't think that a discussion about yourself is bad to listen to, and even in previous sessions we have kept the senator or the applicant inside the room while we discussed them. So that's the major changes. It's a lot of just definition changes and as well as stuff that we have written down. The system has been outdated and the bylaws have been outdated, so we're just trying to update it so that we're following what we're saying or what we have written down.
      3. Senator Obabko asks
         1. So, basically putting words to procedures on the paper?
      4. Speaker Corpuz responds
         1. I just said that, yes.
   5. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   6. This bill will be voted on next week.
2. SB56030: A bill to amend the stipend disbursement process for the Board of Elections
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez so moved.
   2. Parliamentarian Guerrero seconded.
   3. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez
      1. This bill is just to clarify and update duties for Deputy Speaker and Parliamentarian. The rationale behind this is after being in this position for a year, there are certain things that just have to be tweaked a bit, specifically relating to governing the Senate chairpersons, just to ensure that stuff can be caught ahead of time instead of afterwards. On it is more of a reflection on what we've seen and what is, I think, best to help make the workflow more efficient for the next Deputy Speaker and the same goes for Parliamentarian. Considering it is a new position and we’re seeing how Eddie was able to use a position in a way that was beneficial for Senate and it's just making sure that there are some tweaks to it that helps and reemphasizes the previous historian’s role in SGA. So that's specifically highlighted in the parliamentarian changes.
   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.
3. SR56040: A resolution to amend the Ad Hoc committee focused on transportation.
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez so moved.
   2. Parliamentarian Guerrero seconded.
   3. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez states
      1. The rationale behind this is because transportation, especially in relation to trying to get anything done with the city of DeKalb in regard to the Husky Line or to maximize the amount of effort and productivity. This essentially amends the Ad Hoc committee to allow the current speaker and speaker elect to essentially pick people. It could be senators as well, or the newly elected administration to do some work over the summer. And related to committee as soon as the next session begins, it reverts back to how the original attempts, such as makeup of the committee itself and as identified in the where \*\*\*\*\*. They still have to abide by OMA. They still have to be published, and everything has to be essentially a paper show, for it is just to provide them an option To work over the summer to ensure transportation concerns are heard throughout the course of the summer. And it's not just OO, we only listen to it during the fall and spring semester.
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   6. This vote passes with \_14\_\_ yays, \_0\_\_ nays, \_\_0\_ abstentions.
4. SB560XX: A bill to clarify and amend the Board of Election succession procedures.
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez so moved
   2. Parliamentarian Guerrero seconded.
   3. Senator Udoh states
      1. Let me give a little background. I was on temporary leave, and I was an alternate for the Board of Elections and because I was on the temporal leave an individual was replaced instead of me and so I brought up this act just to fill up some of the gaps that the bylaw doesn't fill. And so when you read the Amendment, Act, the Leave of Amendment Act, you would see what it is talking about and also the second legislation I have is the legislation of reinstatement and this is just to follow the procedural rule that has been stated in the bylaw.
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   6. This resolution will be sent to R&P.
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   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   6. This resolution will be sent to R&P.
6. SR560XX: A resolution to confirm the Speaker of the Senate for the 57th Session.
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez so moved
   2. Parliamentarian Guerrero seconded.
   3. Speaker Corpuz states
      1. So we are going to be having speaker elections at this time. This legislation is just to take nominations for when we actually have the elections. So if you are wanting to run for speaker, either ask someone next to you or someone that you know to nominate you, or you can nominate yourself at this time. So are there any nominations for the Speaker of the Senate for the 57th session?
      2. Parliamentarian Guerrero states
         1. I'd like to nominate Deputy Speaker Gonzalez.
      3. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez states
         1. I accept the nomination.
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   6. This resolution will be sent to R&P

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. There is none.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Speaker Corpuz states
   1. To all the newly elected SGA representatives, e-mail will be sent out later, pending when the inauguration will be held. Just keep an eye out for that e-mail as it will either be election Commissioner Althoff or myself. That will be sending out the details to that so.

**ADJOURNMENT**

1. Speaker Corpuz calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
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 passes and the meeting adjourned at 4:25pm.

**CLOSING ATTENDANCE**

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

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY**

Clerk Sawyer on April 11th, 2025

56th Senate on April 4th, 2024