Transcripts of the

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE

OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

September 20, 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, Lazaric, Field, Lavallias, Robionson, Chgurupati, Gonzalez, Monteleon, Samuel, Udoh, Samsonek, Sawyer, Rosales
5. **Voting members Absent:**
6. **Voting members Excused:** Crawford, Vaske, Ivy,

**VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

1. Senator Rosales confirms quorum is met.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. There is none.

**APROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Speaker Corpuz moves to approve last week’s minutes.
2. Senator Rosales so moved.
3. Lazaric 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. Senator Rosales so moved.
3. Senator Lazaric seconded.
4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. There is none.
6. Speaker Corpuz motions to change Student Trustee to Student Treasurer in Executive Branch report
7. Senator Rosales seconded.
8. Vote passes with and business is moved.
9. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote to approve the agenda.
10. The motion is passed, and the agenda is approved.

**SPEAKER REPORT**

1. Speaker Corpuz states
   * 1. Hello, over the past week I was focused on working alongside Executive Branch and Deputy Speaker Gonzalez to start our committees up. Working alongside the Treasurer, we were able to set up Finance Committee so student organizations can start receiving funding. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez and I will hold the rest of the committee meetings this next week acting as chair for only this meeting to allow you all to understand how committees will be working this year. R&P, OO, and Finance have all met this week, as committees are a requirement for every senator and counts as an absence, if you missed one of those meetings, please check to make sure what committees you are serving on as you can be removed from office if you miss too many meetings.”

**SPECIAL REPORT**

1. There is none.

**OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT**

1. Deputy Speaker’s Report
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez states
      1. Building off what Speaker Corpuz had mentioned int terms of attendance for the committees. Whether it be missing attendance senate or your committee depending on what’s your rational for them, they can be excused. You can fill out a form through huskie Hub or follow the link that Speaker Corpuz had emailed you about. I think it was yesterday. You have 48 business hours to fill out that form and provide and any rational or any sort of documentation that you may have to go along with that. Moving forward, more of an introduction all senators are required per the SGA Bylaws to have some sort of voluntary croc community service hours. Those are 5 total hours with 1 hour being an SGA approved or recognized event. This is more so for you to be aware of this as opposed to trying to meet it at the end of the semester. This requirement is per semester not overall per the year. Furthermore, I will be beginning to meet with chairs after they have been appointed and with individual senators within the coming weeks, as per SGA bylaws within itself. You can except an email from me relatively soon or so. Last thing I want to report on what I have been so as far Deputy Speaker since Friday of last week, I have chaired OO along with committee members for OO we have helped to recommend 5 new student organizations for the senate which we will see that resolution next senate meeting for final approval and confirmation. That has been going along quite well and nicely. Furthermore, I have also serve Speaker Corpuz in more administrative duties and task within the Officer of the Speaker as well. Helping to make sure things run a bit more smoothly and swimmingly. Other than that, that concludes my report.

Historian’s Report

* 1. There is none.

1. 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. So, I just have a few things to go through for you guys I have a little bit of a report. So last things I have been over the last month I completed or revised the supplemental funding form to kind of match what the more current bylaws as its very outdated from last year so that was one of the first things I did. I hosted the very first finance committee meeting this last Wednesday at 5pm. From that meeting we roughly approve I want to say 850 rough in funding. I am currently now in the process of finding and hiring a Deputy Treasurer, I have performed one interview. Another thing I presented a presentation at the student organizational conference about how SGA funding works so that all student organization presidents or someone on the executive board has some sort of knowledge how they can apply for SGA funding. And then I'm also in the process of recreating and just editing the executive allocation form.
   2. Speaker Corpuz asks if there are any questions for Treasurer Pesto.
   3. Senator Monteleone asks.
      1. When will you be having these interviews?
   4. Treasurer Pesavento responds
      1. Interviews, it's obviously as I get applications, but I have my office hours throughout the week. I work Monday Wednesday Friday so whenever I get it, I'm just going to schedule it during the office hours.
      2. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any further questions.
      3. 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. SR56001: A bill to update the SGA Bylaws to allow organizations to be recognized if restricted by a national organization.
   1. Senator Rosales so moved.
   2. Senator Lazaric seconded.
   3. This legislation came up last week and will be voted on next week.
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. It is tabled for next week’s meeting.
2. SB56002: A resolution to reorganize and update the Senate Line of Succession as Temporary Speaker of the Senate.
   1. Senator Rosales so moved.
   2. Senator Lazeric seconded.
   3. Once again this came last week. Brief explanation is this just updates any errors or remaining names that have been replaced or removed from the last few years. So that's all changing
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. It is tabled for next week’s meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. SR56003: A resolution to call upon the Supreme Court to meet and select a new Chief Justice
   1. Senator Rosales so moved.
   2. Senator Lazaric seconded
   3. This is just for the call to the SGA report as a formality. The SGA supreme court does not have a chief justice at this current time this calls upon them to meet and vote upon a new chief justice within the 4 justices that are still present
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. Senator Rosales asks
      1. Yeah, I want to mention that Tyler, the interim Chief Justice they consider from what happened and whereas the removal that he should be responsible for everything getting done on time and then they know this since May, so I think it's time to get them going in regards to the Supreme Court
   6. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   7. This vote passes with 10 yays, 1 nays, 2 abstentions.
2. SBR56003: A bill to update and simply the oversight of organization funding requirements.
   1. Senator Rosales so moved.
   2. Senator Lazaric seconded.
   3. As you can see here funding oversight has a long list inside of it in the Bylaws. The main problem with that is these are covered in the purchasing guidelines that are provided to all organizations on campus when they request funding. This just removes it and just says to look into the purchasing guidelines provided. This allows for more malleable Bylaws to be made and for Bylaws not to conflict with any guidelines that are provided by the state or NIU organizational.
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez asks.
      1. Would organizations still be able to abide by the current Bylaws then or where they able to use the new purchasing guidelines
   6. Speaker Corpuz responds
      1. At this current point the purchasing guidelines are the ones that are mainly used. Bylaws create a conflict or contradiction to the purchasing guidelines at times. This allows it so that when there's a change to the rulings of the purchasing guidelines it's not being contradicted by our Bylaws.
   7. Senator Rosales asks.
      1. Like you said, can you give an example of the contradicting conflicts an example.
   8. Speaker Corpuz responds
      1. So recently the highlighted section that I have says “any purchases for merchandise must only be for the members of an organization”. That had to be simplified to any merchandise to be only for NIU students not a member of the organization. So on a technicality nobody outside of the organization should be receiving the merchandise at all and that was a change that was made in the purchasing guidelines and now it contradicts right now with our Bylaws. So technically we cannot even sell or we cannot even fund people for merchandise…on the technicality of course.
   9. Senator Rosales
      1. I know this regard to finance do you have a commented with a treasure about this suggestion or no?
   10. Speaker Corpuz responds
       1. Treasurer Pesavento and our accountant have been working with me on this. I have brought this up solely by myself just because I'm the one that is writing the legislation, but they are the ones that have been teaching me what is the contradiction and that's just too much explanation that we do not need for our bylaws Senators all
   11. It is tabled for next week’s meeting.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. There is none.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Speaker Corpuz asks if there are any announcements.
2. Senator Rosales
   1. Yes I know this week is family weekend so I know a lot of events going on around campus tomorrow and NIU plays Buffalo so cheer on the Huskies for victory as well
3. Speaker Corpuz notes
   1. Just as well there's a family picnic right outside MLK commons right now. We finished early so you guys can have the free time to go out there. It's going to be pretty nice event.

**ADJOURNMENT**

1. Speaker Corpuz calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
2. Senator Lazaric 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 4:23 PM

**CLOSING ATTENDANCE**

1. **Voting Members Present:** Klister, Lazaric, Field, Lavallias, Robionson, Chgurupati, Gonzalez, Monteleon, Samuel, Udoh, Samsonek, Sawyer, Rosales
2. **Voting Members Absent:**
3. **Voting members Excused:** Crawford, Vaske, Ivy
4. **Candidate Members Present:**

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY**

Interim Clerk Gonzalez on 9/25/24

56th Senate on 9/20/24