Transcripts of the

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE

OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

November 1, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

1. This meeting was called to order by Speaker Corpuz at 4:07 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, Field, Robinson, Chigurupati, Gonzalez ,Monteleone, Samuel, Guerrero, Samsonek**
5. **Voting members Absent:**
6. **Voting members Excused:** Crawford, Sawyer, Vaske, Ivy, Rosales, Lavallias 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 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 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. 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. 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 hope that you all enjoyed Halloween. I first would like to apologize as the agenda was not sent out to you all. I published the agenda beforehand, but did not properly send it out via email.  As of this week, I have been setting up for the final few meetings for Senate. We will be having three more Senate meetings, which means bills will need to go up in the next two meetings for them to be voted on. Please start sending me your initial legislation for any revisions or changes. During R&P, the committee discussed infractions from senators and the reasonable consequences for them. Any decisions that the committee chose will be coming out in the next week, pending review from my Office. Over the past week, I have been focused on writing legislation for this week and trying to secure the supplies for the SLGA committee's event, which had a great turnout. I will let the chair of SLGA talk more about the event in their report. I have also been working with the Asian American Resource Center to provide information about funding and create a discussion about what SGA can do for the AARC.”

**SPECIAL REPORT**

1. There is none.

**OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT**

1. Deputy Speaker’s Report
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez states
      1. “I have been hard at work crafting legislation for next week. Part of those legislation has been in collaboration with President Jones, Treasurer Pesavento, and Speaker Corpuz. These pieces of legislation will be revealed next week. The work with the Executive branch is to ensure that the needs of the branch are met and have been very successful. Me and President Jones have had talks about transportation throughout this past month. Something that originated from those discussions will be an update on the Huskie Line that will come in the following weeks. Me and the other student governments that attended the Intercollegiate Panel are nearing another date to hold a second panel. This will be a more focused topic discussion.  “
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. “In the student life and Greek Affairs Committee. We focused on our trick or treating event we did on Halloween. Yesterday. All went well and our councils got to spend some time together this week. That was all we talked about because we wanted to ensure it went well and we were prepared for it.”
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. “No new organizations were approved. However, our min-involvement fair for new student organizations is confirmed. It's called Discover Your Pack for Thursday November 21 at 5pm till 7pm in the Holmes Student Center, specifically OASIS. The committee is gearing up to do a review of student organizations to ensure they remain compliant with what SGA requires. “
5. Chairperson of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion’s report
   1. Chairperson Rosales states
      1. “The DEI Committee has been meeting to discuss what plans and goals we have for the committee. We need to figure out how we can help the students and the resource center or resource centers. The committee has been in contact with the ADEI office to see how we can help with the resource centers. We have planned to establish a relationship with the centers to help them and see how DEI Committee can support them.”
6. Chairperson of Board of Elections’ report
   1. There is none.

**EXECUTIVE REPORT**

1. President’s report
   1. President Ja’kobi Jones states
      1. “Good afternoon, Senators. Thank you for having me again today. Today I would like to give a recap of events I attended and representation of our student government association. I would like to highlight the success of our homecoming events, which took place from October 13th through the 20th. Student participation was seen all throughout campus, with events such as the window painting which allow for student organizations to give themselves a shout out with their goals and mission. To add on to Homecoming, we had a wonderful parade where we connected with downtown DeKalb, which had more than 500 attendees, which consisted of students, families, parents and Huskies from all over past and present. I also attended the Edible Campus dinner, at which I had great food and great conversations that I shared with different administrators from different departments. I also attended and represented the Student Government Association on the Panel for an event. Love Shouldn't Hurt. This event took place in the Husky Den where we talked about safe relationships and how we can be more receptive to showing love and receiving love. The Student Government Association also participated in the Huskies vote March, which had a wonderful turn out and raised awareness about voting and the importance of letting your voice be heard. Yesterday during Halloween, the Student Government Association organized a trick or treat which took a Greek trick or treat which took place on Greek row. This allowed for Greeks from different councils to protect, participate, and connect. Last week, I participated in our very own Huskies takeover Instagram account. I utilized this Instagram account to shed light on student involvement and student leadership. I highlighted the importance of our student government association and the responsibilities that we hold to our student body. I would also like to speak on the success of our directorships and how we have been proactive on filling our cabinet. My personal goal for our student government association this year is to make our organization feel like a family. I believe what students see from our cabinet and our students that are in leadership, this is how they were perceived by our current student government association. I'm very optimistic about my last two directorship seats, which are open for the positions of campus life and athletics. And lastly, I would like to announce that Speaker Corpuz and I have officially set a date for the upcoming state of the student government organization conference. The date and time is December 4th at 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM in the Carl Sandburg Auditorium.”
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. SB56007: A bill to update the responsibilities of the Board of Elections
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez so moved.
   2. Senator Guerrero seconded.
   3. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez states
      1. “The simple bill is mostly just ensuring that the election Commissioner themselves must disclose what's affiliated student organizations that are part of some grammar changes, removing the stipulation about the stipend, and then the last real big one is just organization representation on BOE itself cannot be no more than 50%.”
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   6. This vote passes with \_\_11\_ yays, \_0\_\_ nays, \_0\_\_ abstentions.
2. SB56008: A bill to update the bylaws to allow senators to speak to the press with certain restrictions.
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez so moved.
   2. Senator Guerrero seconded.
   3. Speaker Corpuz states
      1. “I created this bill just so that to allow senators to speak to the press for anything besides Senate. If they were to speak on behalf of the Senate or speak about Senate, they will be brought to Rules and Procedures.”
   4. Speaker Corpuz asks if there is any discussion or debate.
   5. Speaker Corpuz calls for a vote.
   6. This vote passes with \_\_9\_ yays, \_0\_\_ nays, \_2\_\_ abstentions

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. SB56009: A bill to consolidate the positions of Historian, Director of Community Service and Legislative Director into the Parliamentarian.
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez so moved.
   2. Senator Guerrero seconded.
   3. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez states
      1. “What this bill aims to do is simply consolidate some of the Senate leadership positions that we have, those being the Director of Community service, the SJ historian and the legislative director. These positions have been unfilled for quite some time and some of these positions have overlapped already with some of the duties in the Office of the Speaker and with other members in SGA in general. So, in order to help promote a more efficient workflow for the office of the speaker, these positions have been solely combined in a way that makes sense based on our current workflow and anticipated workflow for student government and allows for that position to be paid with the amount of tasks given to them and of itself.”
   4. Speaker Corpuz states
      1. “Actually, the last time that any of these positions were filled that I know of was two years ago, with the historian being filled in the 54th session. As Clerk from last year, I was able to help alleviate some of the workflow of the historian. I see that this I s a good bill that recognizes that we need to have more people that are responsible in the office of the speaker and that some responsibilities other than what their name entails.”
   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.
2. SB56010: A bill to update and simplify the tiers of organizational funding
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez so moved.
   2. Senator Guerrero seconded.
   3. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez states
      1. “I was in talks with Treasurer Pesavento about the current tier system. We are keeping it and I don't know what to make of it. I don't want to give the false impression that we're getting rid of the tiers for funding. We are keeping the tiers with this bill. It’s similar to the other bill that was passed with the funding Oversight 1. It basically says “Hey, we're going to put it in this document that way in case tiers have to constantly be changed it doesn't require specific bylaw changes which can impede workflow on all ends, but also specifically allows for any sort of changes to occur more naturally. Especially in regards towards the financial health of NIU itself, and so this is just a way to make it clearer for both students, for SGA and for the Treasury itself.
   4. Speaker Corpuz states “For those who do not understand what tiers do, tiers are there to help organizations receive certain amounts of funding based on their qualifications and the actual purpose of the organization itself.
   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.
3. SB56011: A bill to update the committee’s procedures and conduct of business
   1. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez so moved.
   2. Senator Guerrero seconded.
   3. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez states
      1. “What this bill aims to do is to bring more focus into how committees themselves are formed, but also operate within itself. So it's just to specifically lay out more of the responsibilities for the chairs in general regarding to Senate and itself, this is just based on just past sessions as well as this current session is to help ensure that committees get to a point where they can start essentially as soon as Senate begins to meet that way, more work can be done in a more longer period of time, and this just sets the expectations more clearly. The consequences in case those are not done in a reasonable manner such as ensuring OMA is followed, such as giving sharing reports, are given to Senate, and really those are the two main things when it comes to this bill.”
   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.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. Speaker Corpuz states
   1. “OMA Training is due soon on the 24th for everyone. Please get that in and submit it to Huskie Hub. Just as well, anything in the stipend amount or stipend rubric is a responsibility that you guys are supposed to be fulfilling. Please take a look at the rubric and Please note what you have to still do. “
2. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez states
   1. “Spring registration opens beginning next week, so ensure that you've already spoken with your academic advisors, and you begin to select your classes. That way we can start to focus on the spring semester as well for us SGA.”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Speaker Corpuz asks if there are any announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

1. Speaker Corpuz calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
2. Deputy Speaker Gonzalez 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 4:27 pm.

**CLOSING ATTENDANCE**

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

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY**

Clerk Sawyer on November 5, 2024

56th Senate on November 1, 2024