

Student Government Association Senate
Northern Illinois University
Friday October 24th, 2025 – 4:30 PM
Holmes Student Center – Sky Room
Public Streaming: <http://go.niu.edu/SGASenateLive>

Members of the public wishing to give public comment, please submit an [Intent to Speak](#) form, no later than 11:59 pm, October 9th, 2025.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

- A. This meeting was called to order by Deputy Speaker Guerrero at 4:37 pm in the HSC (Holmes Student Center) Sky Room.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. 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.
- D. **Voting Members Present: Tinajero, Robinson, Uhrine, Salerno, Zimmer, Galloway, Obabko, Moskal, Asante, Owosu, Kushimo, Lynch, Boniecki, Adeoye, Sanders, Lozano, Guerrero**
- E. **Voting members Absent:**
- F. **Voting members Excused: Speaker Gonzalez**

II. Verification of Quorum

- A. Senator Zimmer confirms quorum is met.

III. Public Comments

- A. There is none.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- A. Deputy Speaker Guerrero moves to table the minutes of October 3 and 17
- B. Senator Zimmer so moved.
- C. Senator Obabko seconded.
- D. Deputy Speaker Guerrero states
 - “ We are still working on the audio issues, and want to provide you all with time to review them.”
- E. Deputy Speaker Guerrero asks if there is any discussion or debate.
- F. There is none.
- G. Deputy Speaker Guerrero calls for a vote.
- H. The motion is passed, and the minutes are tabled till next Senate meeting.

V. Approval of Agenda

- A. Deputy Speaker Guerrero moves to approve the agenda.
- B. Senator Obabko so moved.
- C. Senator Boniecki seconded.
- D. Deputy Speaker Guerrero asks if there is any discussion or debate.
- E. There is none.
- F. Deputy Speaker Guerrero calls for a vote.
- G. The motion is passed, and the agenda is approved.

VI. Special Report

- A. There is none.
 - VII. **Speaker's Report**
 - A. There is none.
 - VIII. **Office of the Speaker Report(s)**
 - A. Deputy Speaker's Report
 - 1. Deputy Speaker Guerrero stated
"I would like to meet with the Chairperson of the committee to check in and see if you need any support from the Office of the Speaker. As all ways feel free to pass by our office, we are open to speaking about anything. Thank you"
 - B. Clerk's Report
 - 1. Clerk Sawyer stated
"I have talked with the audio technicians to see if there is anything we can do. It seems to be a audio file issue we are experiencing right now. I wanted to let you guys know."
 - C. Historian's Report
 - 1. There is none.
 - IX. **Committee Report(s)**
 - A. Chairperson of Student Life and Greek Affairs' report
 - i. There is none.
 - B. Chairperson of Campus Life and Environmental Affairs' report
 - i. There is none.
 - C. Chairperson of Public Affairs' report
 - i. There is none.
 - D. Chairperson of Organizational Oversight's report
 - i. Chairperson Guerrero states
"Organizational Oversight Committee has approved two organizations, since our last Senate meeting.
- NIU Art Club** provides students a place to create and share artwork with one another. Artwork can be any kind, including drawings, paintings, sculpture etc. Members can ask each other for advice and critique, and work on group projects focusing on creativity and collaboration. Members will also be able to make connections with fellow artists and are encouraged to interact with each other's work, giving feedback or advice.
- NIUSlamPoetry** is dedicated to fostering creativity, expression, and community through the art of spoken word and slam poetry. Our mission is to provide a platform for diverse voices, empower students to share their stories, and build a supportive community where artistry and advocacy intersect."
- E. Chairperson of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion's report
 - i. Chairperson Boniecki
"We are working on finalizing the Unity Dinner, and everything is going well."
 - F. Chairperson of Board of Elections' report
 - i. There is none.
 - X. **Executive Branch Report(s)**

A. Vice President Rivera

1. Vice President Rivera did not attend the meeting.

XI. **Cabinet Report(s)**

A. There is none.

XII. Old Business

A. SB57009: A bill to clarify communication between Finance Committee and student organizations

1. Senator Obabko so moved.
2. Senator Boniecki seconded.
3. Deputy Speaker Guerrero states

“SB57009 expands a provision in the SGA Bylaws about communication between student organizations and SGA members about the Finance Committee. If student organizations keep repeatedly emailing or showing up consistently without appointments or engaging in practices that are non-conducive to get information, clarify a decision, or any other decision made by committee members, SGA personnel, or student involvement staff, the organization could be suspended temporarily. The Speaker, SGA Treasurer or committee itself would have the ability to do so. The committee can overturn the suspension if the decision is appealed. Especially to cover instances if the Speaker or Treasurer decided to suspend them on their own belief without actual merit to still accountability.

This ensures that communication between student organizations and the SGA Finance Committee and its members remains professional, civil, but also respect our boundaries. Student Involvement staff have other duties outside SGA and we as SGA members are students at the end of the day. This is not due to a specific event that occurred but a preventive measure. There is already precedent as these provisions are found within the Supplemental Funding section. This provision expands that communication to encompass all operations and decisions of the SGA Finance Committee.”

4. Deputy Speaker Guerrero asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. There is none.
6. Deputy Speaker Guerrero calls for a vote.
7. The vote passes with a count of 14 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

B. SB57010: A bill to revise communications regarding student organizations

1. Senator Zimmer so moved.
2. Senator Galloway seconded.
3. Deputy Speaker Guerrero states

“SB57010 is an identical twin to SB57009 but in that it covers the Organization Oversight Committee. The wording and rationale are the same as SB57009 except who can issue the suspension. This bill specifies the Speaker, OO Committee, and Chairperson of OO. Again, this is not due to any incident, current or past, but it is just a preventive measure.”

4. Deputy Speaker Guerrero asks if there is any discussion or debate.

- Senator Owusu asked

“What is the reason for giving student organizations three months before being rejected by Organizational Oversight Committee?”

- Deputy Speaker Guerrero responded
“There has been organizations we had in the past that have stayed in the agenda for weeks. In this cases, we have been contacting them every week and never heard back from them. We believe that three months is enough time for someone to attend a meeting because it is almost a semester. If you scroll down a bit more we do allow them to reapply without waiting for the one year. Does that answer your question?”
- 5. Deputy Speaker Guerrero asks if there is any discussion or debate.
 - Senator Galloway asked
“I was a bit concerned because you mentioned if somebody was coming every day, it could be considered harassment. While I agreed with that I felt it was a bit arbitrary. However, I read through the specific bill, I think that is been clear and I appreciate that.”
- 6. Deputy Speaker Guerrero asks if there is any discussion or debate.
 - Senator Owusu asked a question on organizations classification regarding their funding tier.
 - Deputy Speaker Guerrero responded that SGA has a organization tier list depending on the type of organization. For example, sport club, competitive, and more. These have been used and created by previous SGA Senate.
- 7. Deputy Speaker Guerrero asks if there is any discussion or debate.
- 8. There is none.
- 9. Deputy Speaker Guerrero calls for a vote.
- 10. The vote passes with a count of __13__ yays, __0__ nays, __1__ abstentions.

XIII. **New Business**

- A. There is no new business.

XIV. **Good of the Order**

- A. Deputy Speaker Guerrero reads Speaker Gonzalez email

“Good afternoon 57th Session,

I apologize again for my absence but I'm helping to judge the Applequist Moraine Valley Community College speech & debate tournament. Efforts on further bureaucratic reform and improving communication between student organizations and SGA have been fruitful and those will be revealed next week. In addition, the first discussion.”

XV. **Announcements**

- A. Senator Boniecki stated

“Music of Resistance: Frank Wain Live with Q&A on November 5th, in the Huskie Den from 5 to 7 pm. Thank you.”

- B. Senator Galloway stated

“I wanted to say today I brought with you to the meetings and cards. I do not have enough for everybody. As you guys know, immigration custom enforcement has been operating in the Dekalb Community, which has caused a lot of concern for some of my constituents. Thankfully, there are actions that we can take. So, one side of this card is the phone number for the NIU police to report if immigration custom enforcement comes to campus; the number is 8157531212. And on the other side of the card, they Know your Rights information, and I think it's important even if you're not impacted it.”

C. Senator Uhrine stated

“Littlejohn Elementary School is hosting its Fall Fest on Thursday, October 31st, from 1:30 PM to 3:15 PM, and they are looking for volunteers to help make the event a success. There will be plenty of fun activities, including face painting, “ring around the pumpkin,” and other seasonal games. Volunteering at Fall Fest is a great opportunity to connect with kindergarten through 5th-grade students, support our local community, obtain your required volunteer hours, and spread some Halloween joy!!”

XVI. Adjournment

A. Deputy Speaker Guerrero motioned to adjourn

B. Senator Zimmer so motioned

C. Senator Galloway seconded the motion

D. Deputy Speaker Guerrero asks if there is any discussion or debate.

E. There is none.

F. Deputy Speaker Guerrero calls for a vote.

G. The motion passes and the meeting is adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Closing Attendance:

A. **Voting Members Present:** Tinajero, Robinson, Uhrine, Salerno, Zimmer, Galloway, Obabko, Moskal, Asante, Owosu, Kushimo, Lynch, Boniecki, Adeoye, Sanders, Lozano, Guerrero

B. **Voting members Absent:**

C. **Voting members Excused:** Speaker Gonzalez

Candidates in Attendance:

A. Brownlee, Gunther, Walker, Lozano

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3. Speaker Gonzalez on January 18th, 2026

Please be advised that public comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per person, and that any one topic may not be discussed for more than 15 minutes.

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