

Student Government Association Senate
Northern Illinois University
Friday November 21st, 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, November 20th, 2025.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

1. This meeting was called to order by Speaker Gonzalez at 4:37 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. **Voting Members Present: Tinajero, Robinson, Uhrine, Salerno, Zimmer, Galloway, Obabko, Asante, Owosu, Lynch, Boniecki, Adeoye, Sanders, Walker, Lozano, Guerrero**
4. **Voting members Absent: Brownlee, Moskal, Kushimo, Gunther,**
5. **Voting members Excused:**

II. Verification of Quorum

1. Deputy Speaker Guerrero confirms quorum is met.

III. Public Comments

1. There is none.

IV. Approval of Minutes

1. Speaker Gonzalez moves to table the minutes from October 24, 31, and November 7th
2. Deputy Speaker Guerrero so moved.
3. Senator Zimmer seconded.
4. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. There is none.
6. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
7. The motion is passed, and the minutes are tabled till next Senate meeting.

V. Approval of Agenda

1. Speaker Gonzalez moves to approve the agenda.
2. Senator Obabko so moved.

3. Senator Boniecki seconded.
4. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. There is none.
6. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
7. The motion is passed, and the agenda is approved.

VI. Special Report

1. There is none.

VII. Speaker's Report

- 1.

VIII. Office of the Speaker Report(s)

1. Deputy Speaker Gurrero states

" Hello,

Since our last meeting, I have worked alongside Speaker Gonzalez to complete the yearly Organizational Oversight checklist to ensure all students organizations are ready for when annual funding opens in the Spring. If you are looking for service hours, SGA advisor Sladjana Grbic, announced that Student Involvement has one more opportunity on December 4th at 6 pm with Barb Foodmarks. Who are seeking volunteers to pack and load wagons to deliver food to over 200 families. If you are interested, you can register through HuskieHub.

Lastly, I want to thank you all for a great semester, as I mentioned at the end of October, I will be stepping down as Deputy Speaker and Senator at the end of the semester. I will begin student teaching in the spring, and I know my workload will increase significantly next semester. My time in SGA has been one the best part of my college experience, right up there with the tennis club. I worked my way up leadership from Senator, chairperson, Parliamentarian, and finally Deputy Speaker. Throughout my journey, I have tried my best to support students, Senators, and organizations. I have hear great ideas and goals from many of you that can truly make an impact on campus. I encourage you to continue to work on them and push for what you want to see accomplished by the end of the semester.

Thank you. "

2. Historian's Report
 - i. There is none.
3. Clerk's Report
 - i. There is none.

IX. Committee Report(s)

1. Chairperson of Student Life and Greek Affairs' report
 - i. There is none.
2. Chairperson of Campus Life and Environmental Affairs' report
 - i. There is none.
3. Chairperson of Public Affairs' report
 - i. There is none.
4. Chairperson of Organizational Oversight's report
 - i. Chairperson Guerrero states
 1. *"Organizational Oversight Committee has approved 2 organizations since our last Senate meeting. The first one is the black student health association, also known as BSHA, who is this to empower support students pursuing or interested in the health and medical field. Their mission is to promote academic excellence, professional development and personal wellness. Among students in health relay, disciplines, BSHA a provides a community where members can connect grow and prepare for successful careers while maintaining balance and well-being.*
The other one is Judson, fellowship whose purpose is to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ praying that God will use us wherever we may. Be to bring glory to the name of cries and to help bring others know him and love him. In our efforts to surprise, we will seek the guidance wisdom and power, the Holy Spirit, help us help them fulfill the task that God has given them as Christian students on college campus.
5. Chairperson of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion's report
 - i. Chairperson Boniecki states
 1. *"Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion priorities are the following Unity Dinner. We are scheduled to have it on March 26, 2026, in the Regency room. We are working with our advisor Sladjana Grbic on the details and making sure that everything is going. Second, as a committee, one of our members has introduced a piece of legislation that is currently in discussion. Thank you."*
6. Chairperson of Board of Elections' report
 - i. There is none.

X. Executive Branch Report(s)

1. President Jones states

- i. *“Over the last several weeks. I've shifted my focus for strengthening interim operations of our executive team, and then we're meeting regularly with my directors to access progress on our ongoing initiatives and identified areas where additional support or collaboration is needed. This has helped ensure that our work remains aligned with student needs and continues to move forward and effectively. I've also been actively working on finalizing our leadership team at this time. All of our directorships have been filled except for Public Affairs and Student Life and Greek Affairs filling these remaining goals as a priority as some leading our director roster will expand our capacity, diversify our perspectives and ensure that every branch of our organization is fully equipped to meet student needs, I've continued representing the student body in various meet committee meetings across campus. During these discussions, I've worked to voice student concerns, provide feedback on university decisions and ensure that student perspectives remain a central part of institutional conversations.*

I'm also working alongside our director of Campus Life Environmental Affairs to build partnerships with very student organizations and campus departments to strengthen our sustainability efforts. Our goal is to collaborate more intentionally across the university, increasing engagement and environmental issues, and creating a more unified approach towards launch turn camp is sustainability. Additionally, alongside Speaker Gonzalez, I am attending the process of reworking leadership responsibilities within our directorships, as well as filled and vacant.

This restructuring aims to clarify expectations, increase accountability and ensure that our efforts remain relevant to the student body. Also SGA, recently hosted a breast cancer awareness table ones where students created supportive cards for patients at local hospitals during this event, as she shared valuable information about breast cancer early detection. And available resources, helping to raise awareness and encourage proactive health education across campus. SGA will be hosting and event this upcoming Monday, focusing on combating food security before the holiday season.

We recognize that this time of year can be especially difficult for many students and are those who ensure everyone has access to such resources. And support on campus through this initiative, SGA hopes to create a welcoming environment where students feel seen supported and connected to the services they need. As always.

I appreciate the Senate support and collaboration as we seek to enhance our organizations; effectiveness and deepen our impact on the students.”

2. Treasurer Lazaric

- i. There is none

3. Student Trustee Innis

- i. *"I am happy to report that I have attended every boarding committee meeting this semester and have other members of the board, as well as President Freeman and her entire team have been more than welcoming as I've transitioned to my current role as a student trustee. This past Tuesday, I attended the Veterans Day luncheon, and as a veteran myself, it is outstanding to see the continuous gratitude, respect and support the NIU community has for the veteran community and their families.*

This year, 3 branches of our country's armed forces, United States army, United States, navy and the United States Marine Corps. All celebrated their 250th anniversaries. Congratulations to all current former service members of these branches on such a significant milestone and our heartfelt.

Thank you to all veterans for their service."

XI. Cabinet Report(s)

- 1. There is none

XII. Old Business

1. Discussion Regarding Transportation

- i. Speaker Gonzalez moves to table the agenda item to the next Senate meeting.
- ii. Senator Obabko so moved.
- iii. Senator Adeoye seconded.
- iv. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
- v. There is none.
- vi. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
- vii. The motion is passed, and the agenda item is table.

2. SB57012: A bill to revise Senator responsibilities regarding Outreach campaigns and Public Relations

- i. Senator Zimmer so moved.
- ii. Senator Tinajero seconded.
- iii. Speaker Gonzalez states

1. "This bill clarifies senators expectations regarding public relations, clarification on the definition of "outreach," and senator attendance to events."

- iv. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.

- 1. Senator Boniecki asks

- a. *“Do we go according to this piece of legislation or the original SGA Bylaws to meet the requirements?”*
 2. Speaker Gonzalez responds
 - a. *“This legislation will not go into effect until the 58th Session, so we will operate under current terms.”*
 - v. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
 - vi. There is none.
 - vii. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
 - viii. The vote passes with a count of 18 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
3. SB57013: A bill to revise SGA election policies
 - i. Senator Uhrine so moved.
 - ii. Senator Robinson seconded.
 - iii. Speaker Gonzalez states
 1. *“This bill clarifies policies regarding SGA Board of Election and SGA Elections from capping stipends to 1,000 dollars, OMA requirements, and public notice of meeting locations.”*
 - iv. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
 1. Deputy Speaker Guerrero makes a friendly amendment and states
 - a. *“Regarding section 4 of Board of Elections that states 48 hours notice for meeting. However, Board of Elections is a close committee during elections, and if review the section regarding election policy that any board of election member can call a meeting at any time will impact the capabilities of the Board of Elections. I've been in for an election before, and sometimes we have to have meetings immediately to deal with sanctions or any issues related to election.”*
 2. Speaker Gonzalez accepts the friendly amendment
 3. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate on the amendment
 4. There is none.
 - v. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
 - vi. There is none.
 - vii. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
 - viii. The vote passes with a count of 16 yays, 1 nays, 0 abstentions.
4. SB57014: A bill to further revise SGA election policies
 - i. Senator Zimmer so moved.
 - ii. Senator Boniecki seconded.

- iii. Speaker Gonzalez states
 - 1. “This bill includes an anti-AI policy for campaign materials.”
 - iv. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
 - v. There is none.
 - vi. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
 - vii. The vote passes with a count of 17 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
5. SB57015: A bill to adjust Senator seats during the election process
- i. Senator Tinajero so moved.
 - ii. Senator Boniecki seconded.
 - iii. Speaker Gonzalez states
 - 1. *“This bill replaces the old election seats formula that made no sense and created inequality among Senate seats. This new formula provides each college in the university with a minimum of two seats, except graduate seats. Additional seats will be provided to colleges with the new formula. It will be implemented for the 58th Session Senate.”*
 - iv. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
 - 1. Senator Galloway asked
 - a. *“Did you mean divided by the number of students in the university?”*
 - 2. Speaker Gonzalez responded
 - a. *“Correct.”*
 - v. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
 - vi. There is none.
 - vii. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
 - viii. The vote passes with a count of 16 yays, 1 nays, 0 abstentions.
6. SB57016: A bill to revise student organization policies
- i. Senator Adeoye so moved.
 - ii. Deputy Speaker Guerrero seconded.
 - iii. Speaker Gonzalez states
 - 1. *“This bill outlines a requirement that all student organizations must contact SGA leadership A-ID email and CC the SGA email to all emails to SGA leadership. Furthermore, all student organizations leadership must maintain GPA requirements or be removed after grace period.”*
 - iv. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
 - 1. Senator Obabko asked

- a. *“Why not just send everything to the sg email to make things simpler?”*
 2. Speaker Gonzalez responded
 - a. *“Prevent emails from being ignored by SGA leadership, but as well to maintain record of emails when new leadership transition.”*
 3. Senator Walker asked
 - a. *“So correct, they get a grace spirit of one semester?”*
 4. Speaker Gonzalez responded
 - a. *“Correct. It remains the same as the previous legislation but clarifies.”*
 - v. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
 1. There is none.
 - vi. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
 - vii. The vote passes with a count of 17 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
7. SB57017: A bill to revise student organization finance communication
 - i. Senator Adeoye so moved.
 - ii. Senator Tinajero seconded.
 - iii. Speaker Gonzalez states
 1. *“This bill follows SB57016 but in regards to Finance Committee. It requires student organizations to CC the SGA email and contact SGA leadership using their A-ID emails. Furthermore, aims to prevent miscommunication regarding funding.”*
 - iv. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
 1. There is none.
 - v. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
 - vi. The vote passes with a count of 17 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
8. SR57021: A resolution to confirm the Spring 2026 Board of Elections
 - i. Senator Adeoye so moved.
 - ii. Senator Tinajero seconded.
 - iii. Speaker Gonzalez states
 1. *“Is there any further nominations for the board of elections?”*
 2. Senator Zimmer nominates Senator Tinajero.
 3. Senator Tinajero declines the nomination.
 - iv. Speaker Gonzalez states
 1. *“Is there any further nominations for the board of elections?”*
 2. Deputy Speaker Guerrero nominates Senator Adeoye.

3. Senator Adeoye accepted the nomination.
- v. Speaker Gonzalez states
 1. *"Is there any further nominations for the board of elections?"*
 2. Speaker Gonzalez nominates Ryan Umare.
 3. Ryan Umare accepted the nomination.
- vi. Speaker Gonzalez states
 1. *"Is there any further nominations for the board of elections?"*
 2. Speaker Gonzalez nominates Noah Joerin.
 3. Noah Joerin accepted the nomination.
- vii. Speaker Gonzalez states
 1. *"Is there any further nominations for the board of elections?"*
 2. Speaker Gonzalez nominates AJ Evon.
 3. AJ Evon accepted the nomination.
- viii. Speaker Gonzalez states
 1. *"Is there any further nominations for the board of elections?"*
 2. Senator Salerno nominates Senator Lynch.
 3. Senator Lynch declines the nomination.
- ix. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
- x. The vote passes with a count of 17 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- xi. Speaker Gonzalez tasked the Board of Election to appoint an Election Commissioner.

xii. Senator Walker left the meeting early.

XIII. New Business

1. SR57022: A resolution to recommend the development and implementation of Pre-Student Teaching Orientation Modules to the College of Education
 - i. Senator Uhrine so moved.
 - ii. Senator Tinajero seconded.
 - iii. Speaker Gonzalez states
 1. "Senator Uhrine would you like to introduce the legislation?"
 - iv. Senator Uhrine stated
 1. *"Hi everyone as you know, I'm the college of education, senator and today I'll be presenting the pre student teaching orientation module's act. This resolution is designed to support students and trade clinicals and student teaching placements by giving them clear expectations more preparation and a stronger sense of confidence before entering the classroom.*

Right now. The college of education provides an in person, orientation session, which is helpful, but they aren't accessible to everyone. Some may feel anxiety or feel anxious because they don't fully know what they are going to expect when they walk into their first classroom.

These online modules would change that ultimately, the goal is simple to provide students with structured accessible and consistent preparation before they start their field of placements. These modules would cover topics such as classroom management assessments, professionalism, communication with faculty and collaborating teachers and time management. These also could include scenarios, short videos, checklists, reflection prompts and opportunities to earn digital badges.

There would be opportunities to receive 2 certifications and a resume workshop to better the College of Education's skills for new students. This is not meant to replace called coursework. Instead, this bridges the gap between theory and real field experience. It allows the students to begin their placement. Prepare confident and aware of expectations.

Something that benefits not only students but classrooms cooperating teachers and the university's reputation. But I want to be clear the college of education would be responsible for developing and maintaining these modules as she and his role is to recommend support and advocate for the project.

What I am asking for today is for the Senate's approval to move this forward to the college of education, Dean faculty council so we can collaborate with them and create a new existent high quality orientation experience for all college students.”

- v. Senator Uhrine and Senator Sanders discuss the legislation.
- vi. Speaker Gonzalez made a point of order to Senator Uhrine and Senator Sanders about waiting until recognized by the Speaker.
- vii. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
 - 1. Senator Galloway asked
 - a. *“This legislation is not replacing the in-person event you mentioned.”*
 - 2. Senator Uhrine responded
 - a. *“Correct. It will be there as a review.”*
- viii. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
 - 1. There is none.
- ix. Speaker Gonzalez stated
 - 1. *“Thank you, senator you write for proposing this piece of legislation for signs consideration.”*
- x. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
- xi. The vote passes with a count of 15 yays, 0 nays, 1 abstentions.
- 2. SR57023: A resolution to cancel the December 5th 2025, SGA Sente Meeting
 - i. Senator Adeoye so moved.

- ii. Deputy Speaker Guerrero seconded.
 - iii. Speaker Gonzalez states
 - 1. *“Deputy Speaker Guerrero would you like to introduce this piece of legislation?”*
 - iv. Deputy Speaker Guerrero
 - 1. *“Yes. OMA requires us to provide a 10 day notice if a meeting is to be cancelled. We are doing it now to provide plenty of time because we will have no bills or resolutions to vote on for next week’s meeting. Furthermore, it provides you time to study for finals.”*
 - v. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
 - 1. Deputy Speaker Guerrero makes a friendly amendment regarding the spelling of “Senate”
 - 2. Speaker Gonzalez accepts the friendly amendment.
 - vi. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
 - 1. There is none.
 - vii. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
 - viii. The vote passes with a count of 12 yays, 2 nays, 2 abstentions.
- XIV. Good of the Order
- 1. Senator Obabko notified the Senate that he will be stepping down as he will graduate at the end of the semester.
 - 2. Speaker Gonzalez congrats the Senate for the work completed in the Fall session compared to the previous SGA session.
- XV. Announcements
- 1. Senator Galloway congratulated Deputy Speaker Guerrero and Senator Obabko as they leave the Senate.
- XVI. Adjournment
- 1. Speaker Gonzalez motioned to adjourn
 - 2. Senator Zimmer so motioned
 - 3. Senator Adeoye seconded the motion
 - 4. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
 - 5. There is none.
 - 6. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
 - 7. The motion passes and the meeting is adjourned at 5:38 pm.

Closing Attendance:

- 1. **Voting Members Present: Tinajero, Robinson, Uhrine, Salerno, Zimmer, Galloway, Obabko, Asante, Owosu, Lynch, Boniecki, Adeoye, Gunther, Sanders, Lozano, Guerrero**
- 2. **Voting members Absent: Brownlee, Moskal, Kushimo, Walker**

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY

3. Speaker Gonzalez on January 17th, 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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