

Transcripts of the  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE  
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

1. This meeting was called to order by Speaker Gonzalez at 4:38 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:** Senator Robinson, Senator Zimmer, Senator Salerno, Senator Obabko, Senator Moskal, Deputy Speaker Guerrero, Senator Owusu, Senato Lynch, Senator Boneicki
5. **Voting members Absent:** Senator Kushimo
6. **Voting members Excused:** Senator Asante

**VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

1. Senator Guerrero confirms quorum is met.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. There is none.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. There is none.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Speaker Gonzalez moves to approve the agenda.
2. Senator Guerrero 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. Vote passes with and business is moved.
8. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote to approve the agenda.
9. The motion is passed, and the agenda is approved.

## **SPEAKER REPORT**

### **A. Speaker Gonzalez states:**

1. Welcome to the first official session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Session of the Northern Illinois University Student Government Association. I am your speaker, Nathan Gonzalez, for this first report, I would like to first give thanks to the senators who are currently seated right now for their service in terms of student advocacy, but also commitment, who have taken the time out of their own personal lives in order to help spread the voices of the student body here at this university, not only that, they take the time, they're also going to be putting in the commitment and effort that will not only supplement and complement the current leadership, but will help to bring their own voices, from their own constituencies, out to the greater and open public. For the Senate, my plans are quite simple. I want to make sure that student government is both transparent, but it acts in good faith for all of his constituents and for the entire student body here at this university as well, and it is my hope that with the Senate body that we currently have, and hopefully that we will come to have in the coming weeks and even months, that we'll continue to make this improvement shine on through and through, along with the help of our executive branch and our esteemed president, Jakobe Jones, and just some quick little reminders I'd like to provide the Senate body in terms of committees, your committee assignments will be distributed out after the end of this meeting. Furthermore, I hoped that each of you will begin to do work in order to fill your obligations as a senator, but also to begin to reach out to your own constituencies in order to make sure that we have a progressive and

meaningful body, such as streamlining efforts for our students. Will we begin to see [that] today. That concludes my report.

## **SPECIAL REPORT**

- A. There is none.

## **OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT**

- A. Deputy Speaker's Report

- 1. There is none

- A. Parliamentarian's Report

- 1. There is none.

- A. Clerk's Report

- 1. There is none

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

- A. Chairperson of Student Life and Greek Affairs' report

- 1. There is none

- B. Chairperson of Campus Life and Environmental Affairs' report

- 1. There is none

- C. Chairperson of Public Affairs' report

- 1. There is none

- D. Chairperson of Organizational Oversight's report

- 1. There is none

- E. Chairperson of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion's report

- 1. There is none

- F. Chairperson of Board of Elections' report

- 1. There is none.

## **EXECUTIVE REPORT**

- A. President's report

- 1. President Jones states:

- a. Good afternoon, Senators, it is truly a pleasure to be here with you all today, and I am deeply honored to have had the privilege of serving not only as the 56th Session President but now also as the President of the 57th Session of our Student Government Association. I want to begin by thanking the student body for placing their trust in me and supporting me along this journey. I also want to extend my gratitude to my executive staff and to all of you, the senators of the 56th Session, for helping make last year a successful and impactful one. This past summer was filled with thoughtful planning and preparation for the year ahead. I dedicated nearly full-time hours—five days a week—working to ensure that our Student Government Association is equipped to meet the needs of our students and ready for any challenge. Over the summer, I met with campus leaders and departments to exchange ideas and explore innovative ways to better serve our community. I also partnered with Student Involvement to help ensure the Student Organization Conference ran smoothly and took time to connect with both new and returning leaders from across our student organizations. One of my favorite times of the year at NIU is Week of Welcome. I am proud to say that SGA had a strong presence throughout these events—whether at the Kickoff, Culture Fest, the President’s Picnic, Welcome Holmes, or so many others. A highlight for me was our own SGA-hosted event, “Welcome Aboard.” This event was especially meaningful because it was not only the first Week of Welcome event I attended, but also the first one I helped facilitate. Seeing students engage with SGA through volleyball, field games, and even kayaking showed me the power of building community through meaningful interactions. Looking ahead, I want to continue fostering that same energy and connection. My vision is for SGA to keep hosting events that bring us closer to students while strengthening our visibility and impact on campus. A major focus of mine this year is also filling my cabinet with students who are passionate about growth, advocacy, and service to their peers. I want leaders who are not only committed to representing the student body but also motivated to push forward initiatives that will leave a lasting impact on NIU. As we fill more Senate seats and

cabinet positions, I believe our presence at events and across campus will only grow stronger. In the near future, I am excited to share a few key initiatives. First, we are planning a Student Mixer at the Oasis, where students can network not only with SGA but also with CAB and other student leaders looking to build connections. We will also be re-launching the Student Success Survey, which last year provided us with critical insights into the needs of our students and how to deliver resources most effectively. This year, we plan to build on that foundation and use the results to guide our efforts in better serving the student body. Additionally, we will be hosting an SGA Town Hall, giving students the chance to share their voices, ask questions, and engage directly with us. This year is about building on the momentum we've created—maintaining our upward trajectory while continuing to find new ways to support and uplift the student body. I am confident that with your leadership, dedication, and ideas, the 57th Session will leave a lasting mark on our campus.

B. Vice-President's report

1. Vice President Rivera states:

- a. My name is Dave Rivera, and I have the honor of serving me as Vice President of the 57th Session of the Government Association. I'm going to keep this brief, but I'll just share a few goals that I hope to accomplish during my term last year during the 56th Session with our former Vice President James, we had to get the goal of reaching 50 organizations that are into and we've pretty short off of that with only two organizations. So, my goal is to try to get a good 50 organizations, and one of the ways I do that is applied to host about two events each semester, specifically designed for students who are interested in organizations, doctor organizations, I'm sorry about that. In organizations making additional guidance as a part of these events, we are running information, offering resources on the clarity on the process, just so people get more involved. Like this organization has not been open yet, and someone in the game company wants to start this, and they were dead, looking like a lift Game Club, and that has not been open yet. They can be the first one

to start it. And then we can help you able to recruit students. Like putting flyers around so and other things. Most of them are like a celebration, but yet, because, like, when you do all the organizations that like kind of illegal life and organization now that so I keep on, keep on going with that, going to be able to celebrate all the new organizations at the end of the semester. I'm thinking, or the following semester, is we have a full year of new organizations, and it's just like the Oasis, something like what Kobe would say and some beverages to get all the other organizations to come together. And, you know, sharing some more ideas that came out to do this. And like, Oh, what do you do when you do you have, you know, a problem here, like everyone's, you know, come together and share ideas. Yeah, like I said, I wanted you to do that the end of this semester, or the end of the next semester. I'm shooting more towards the end of next semester, so work in progress, but I only have one, because we all have so I think looking forward for your growth and collaboration.

C. Treasurer's report

1. There is none.

D. Deputy Treasurer's report

1. There is none.

E. Chief of Staff's report

1. There is none.

**CABINET REPORT**

A. Director of Diversity, Equity and, Inclusion

1. There is none.

B. Director of Organizational Development

1. There is none.

C. Director of Athletics

1. There is none.

D. Director of Student Life and Greek Affairs

1. There is none.

E. Director of Public Affairs

1. There is none.

F. Director of Academic Affairs

1. There is none.

G. Director of Campus Life and Environmental Affairs

1. There is none.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A.** There is none

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. SR57001: A resolution to approve all meeting times, locations and dates for the Fall 2025 semester.

1. Senator Boniecki moves
2. Senator Guerrero seconded.
3. Speaker Gonzalez states:
  - a. So because we act as a unique public body, we have to approve of our meeting times, location and dates. That being said, the proposed schedule I put out, as you can see in the meeting agenda, is we'll be having a meeting almost on a weekly basis. The only exemption is September the 19th, because I'm a graduate teaching assistant, I have a conference I must attend on the 19th, although it pains me to leave the Senate without official meeting time. It is not enough training for a potential new deputy speaker in order to take my place for that instance, therefore that meeting will not be meeting, and instead will make up that meeting on Friday, December the fifth, and all times, locations remains the same, 4:30pm in the sky room
4. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
6. This vote passes with 9 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

B. SR57002: A resolution to approve the 57<sup>th</sup> Senate Operating Manual

1. Senator Obabko moves
2. Senator Guerrero seconded.
3. Speaker Gonzalez states:

- a. Each session, the speaker is required to edit and update the Senate operating manual. Everyone has been provided a copy the Senate operating manual via email and digital form. Compared to our Senate orientation of last week for the proposed operating manual after rules and procedure committee, there was addition which is specifically outlining a potential possibility to hold virtual meetings if there is a need for it, otherwise, all information upon the Senate operating manual remains the same and serves as a resource for both the Senate, but as well as the Executive Branch and as well as members of the general public. On part of the Senate operating manual also contains the Senate rubric, stipend, as all senators are entitled to a stipend after legislation during the 55th session, as long as you fulfill and do the main requirements of whatever is required to be a senator, with the exception of community service code and Ally training. As having those requirements done in the Senate rubric would be counterintuitive. So therefore, it's just specifically Senate attendance, committee attendance, if you respond to a piece of legislation and attend SGA public relations outreach campaign, though, is what you're being rated on for. The rubric. You do what you're supposed to do. You get the full amount you don't. It means you get removed from Senate, because those are your requirements to be a senator. Anyways, if you go on above and beyond, there can be additions, additions to your stipend of the month.
4. Speaker Gonzalez ask if there is any discussion or debate
5. Speaker Gonzalez recognizes Senator Boneicki who states:
  - a. So when I was looking at the operating manual, I saw where, like under the rubric for the stipend it, I think it said three pieces of legislation. Is it just one piece of legislation that we have to do, or is it the three?
6. Speaker Gonzalez responds:
  - a. Good question for your base requirement in order to get the full amount, but you have to just sponsor one. One, all you have to do is sponsor one piece of legislation, which is what you're constitutionally bound to do anyways, if you write three pieces of legislation, that's a bonus you can receive for going



above and beyond. So unlike in the 56th Session, was more of a punitive measurement for the senator stipend rubric. This is a more of a

b. basically, bonus system.

7. Senator Boniecki asks:

a. So just like a question of clarification, so are students who are not in SGA able to write pieces of legislation for as long as the senator sponsors it?

8. Speaker Gonzalez responds:

a. From my understanding, if other people want to write pieces of legislation. The legislation has to come from a sitting senator, but then they can sponsor it from the well as well. Committees are also able to craft pieces of legislation as a unit as well. And in any of the case if, depending on the situation and circumstance, that's something I can assist with in determining who's the author and who's the co-sponsor.

9. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.

10. This vote passes with 10 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

C. SR57001: A bill to revise public comments pursuant to Open Meetings Act.

1. Senator Obabko moves

2. Senator Guerrero seconded.

3. Speaker Gonzalez states:

a. So SB 57001 is a repeat of the bill that was introduced in the Senate floor towards the tail end of the 56th Session. In terms of the main meat of the changes, it is no changes from last session. All this bill aims to do is basically just codifies it in our governing documents, what our current public comments rules are, which basically means anyone can put a public comments to for them to appear or be read out on the Senate floor, and all they would have to do is submit it at least by midnight the day before. So that would mean before midnight on Thursday, the day before Senate meets. Other than that, there is no specific requirements that will be imposed on them, and the best way for a set person to do public comments is to either fill out the intent to speak form on Huskie Hub or provide a written note to the speaker via email. Other than that, I made sure that these requirements does indeed follow OMA itself.

4. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
6. The bill has been tabled and will be voted on next week.

D. SB57002: A bill to add language for new Greek student organization recognition process.

1. Senator Obabko moves
2. Senator Guerrero seconded.
3. Speaker Gonzalez states:
  - a. So SB7002, basically just simplifies the way held Greek chapters or recognized by SGA here at NIU. The current process is a bit convoluted and is very burdensome and bureaucratic for these chapter incoming chapters, because they have to go through our fraternity and sorority life department, FSL, and they also have to go through Student Government. Basically what this bill aims to do is they only have to go through FSL once FSLs, I'll give some new approval, they're the ones that will just notify SGA via the Vice President or the Chair of Organizational Oversight Committee, and upon us receiving that memo that that chapter is good to go, they automatically receive SGA recognition without having to go into a completely different process.
4. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. Senator Obabko asks:
  - a. I just, I just have one question more like to clarify things. So is it like an automatic green light, or is there like a quick review that as SGA issue to make sure that everything is being followed completely properly within school, within school rules and regulations.
6. Speaker Gonzales responds:
  - a. Yes, good question. I have already made talk with FSL prior to writing this piece of legislation. They will, FSL will make sure that they abide by whatever SGA requirement are, hence why it's automatic, because by the time we receive that notification, they will already have met SGA standards.
7. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any further discussion or debate.
8. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
9. The bill has been tabled and will be voted on next week.

E. SB57003: A bill to expand the mediation procedures for the Organization Oversight Committee

1. Senator Obabko moves
2. Senator Guerrero seconded.
3. Speaker Gonzalez states:
  - a. So for SB57003, what this aims to specifically do is it specifically attempts to create an entire mediation process that OO can follow. This is a carryover legislation that was ended up dying in the 56th session due to lack of quorum in the final meeting. This is basically just a reintroduction of that piece currently in the SGA Bylaws organizational Oversight Committee, which oversees student organization does have the power to help mediate in student organizational conflicts, but there is no specific procedure and how student organizations can utilize that process. Otherwise, it would just have to go straight to the SGA Supreme Court. This specifically creates a procedure for student organizations to do without having to rely on whoever is the chair of organizational oversight to develop the procedures as they go along if they need it so. And this does not supersede the current procedures, where they can just go directly to the SGA Supreme Court. This is another avenue that student organizations can take, and then is part of that process.
4. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any further discussion or debate.
5. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
6. The bill has been tabled and will be voted on next week.

F. SR57004: A resolution to confirm a Chief of Staff

1. Senator Obabko moves
2. Senator Guerrero seconded.
3. Speaker Gonzalez states:
  - a. For this 57003, President Ja’Kobe Jones is elected to appoint Ashley Johnson to continue serving as the Chief of Staff. Ms. Johnson, you are welcome to take the scan to provide a speech no greater than five minutes. Please link to the Senate why you should be reconfirmed to your appointment.
4. Candidate Johnson states:

- a. Good evening, everyone. My name is Ashley Johnson, and I am a senior periodical student here at Northern Illinois University. I currently major in biological sciences and minor in public health in my year here, in my years here at the university, excuse me, I have been very involved in serving many different positions. Just to name a few. I have served as the past president of sorry, the past president of LEM sophomore Honor Society, as well as a junior advisor for them, secretary for the Association of Black Psychologists, and alongside that, have also been a Community Advisor at Kennesaw West, going on three years now, my potential to contribute to this organization spans a number of areas, starting with my Scholastic Ability, maintaining at least a 3.0 GPA has granted me access to many different resources and opportunities. The significance of education, which has which has broadened my knowledge, has shown in my academic record another aspect of my contribution to my commitment here as a student leader in these leadership roles, it has allowed me allowed. Allowed me to build transferable skills that I can bring to this organization. I believe that my expertise, enthusiasm and tenacity will continue to benefit the student government organization. Last year, serving as the Chief of Staff of 56<sup>th</sup> Session of SGA allowed me to grow in many ways that I had only hoped for, and I only developed more leadership skills, but also created the family atmosphere I envisioned, where everyone's voice was heard and members felt supported. This expertise taught me valuable lessons to time management, organization and social skills, all of which have prepared me to take on this role again with even greater confidence, excuse me, competency and efficiency. This year, I want to build on that foundation. I want this association to continue being more than just an organization. We will remain as a family as I will do my best to make sure that everyone's voice is heard. I expect you all to stay dedicated and execute a pen to make structure and comfort, holding everyone to a high standard while also being the support you can fall back on every step of the way if elected for the position again, I will continue to make it my duty to set clear deadlines, foster strong relationships and lead by example, as this association has said, they grow on campus and

will be and we will be responsible for executing many different projects. We must continue to work together, both efficiently and effectively. Thank you all for giving me this opportunity today, and I truly look forward to continuing the work we started and making this year even better. Thank you.

5. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there are any questions for the candidate

6. Senator Guerrero asks:

a. What's your schedule for the semester, and will you be able put time aside for SGA?

7. Candidate Johnson responds:

a. Yes, this semester, my schedule is pretty light. I have most of my classes are online. I have about two in person classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I do work, but I usually write morning shifts, so I would like to be more in the office for I would say evening, afternoon. I mean, I would definitely say my schedule is way more open than last semester, so I feel like I have way more time today.

8. Speaker Gonzalez asks

a. I just have one given that you've worked with President Jones in the past. Do you would you feel better working more efficiently this time around for the screen session?

9. Candidate Johnson responds:

a. Yes, definitely, for sure, I feel like we learned how to set boundaries with each other, with just having, like, you know, that family, friendship feeling, as well as with just knowing where to get the work done, and I feel like it also makes us work better and help each other better. And I know you only address President Jones, but I would love to have that relationship with everyone, even getting a little bit closer with saying, because you never know where help is needed. So just thank you should be open.

10. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any further discussion or debate.

11. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.

12. This vote passes with   10   yays,   0   nays,   0   abstentions.

G. SR57004: A resolution to confirm a Director of Athletics

1. Senator Obabko moves
2. Senator Guerrero seconded.
3. Speaker Gonzalez states:
  - a. Ja’Kobe Jones has decided to reappoint Damian Hepburn to continue to serve as Director of Athletics for the 57th session. Damien Hepburn, if you're in the stand you may step up to the front to give a speech no longer than five minutes
4. Candidate Hepburn states:
  - a. Hey, so my name is Damian Hepburn. I'm a junior sport and major here at Northern Illinois University. Originally from Southside, Queens, New York. My biggest thing for athletics, and my tenure in 56th Session was roughly about three weeks being transparent. So realistically, this is more so we're trying to push the same initiatives that I came in with. So really just fostering a sense of like community inside of athletics, or we can have more friendly faces at our games. My experience, my experience, I'm working with the athletics program here. Since I was a freshman for my first year I was in the women's program, and for the past two years, I've been with the events team. And if you guys keep up with athletics and any aspects, you know, we need all the help we can get. I think, personally, the biggest thing for me is really just being a face for the campus to be like, Okay, I want to go because the regular athletics is going and I'm getting people outside. I think the biggest problem here currently is student involvement. I think we're facing as like a driver is where people want to stay inside and stay in their groups instead of actually going out and enjoying the stuff that they're paying intuition for, because every single source home sporting event is free. I feel like we continue to try to push those to campus more, especially with this upcoming freshman class, which is one of the largest in the past couple years. My experience on campus, I serve as the president of the association community. I've also with the basketball managers here, me, personally, all I want to see is community and actually doing stuff that can get people outside, like not parties, not anything like that, but outside of the dorms, an aspect of paying

and paying \$6,000 to stay in the dorm. Why can't we get you that same thing that you're spending enough money on to go into the game, football, basketball, soccer, track, like we have so many different great programs here, especially with us moving into the Horizon League in the next spring, I think the biggest things for us to for us to come together and really just hone in on why we're paying our money. Thank you.

5. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is discussion or debate

6. Senator Obabko asks:

a. How do you plan to accomplish that plan.

7. Candidate Hepburn responds:

a. Like, what kind of ideas do you have in place in games more? I think the biggest thing is, while I learned the game, I could just watch it on my own. Was like, Really, like having more in gaming, like, more in game experiences working with the athletics marketing team as soon as to kind of make the game more interactive and really showing everybody like there's a reason why you want to come out the house for these games. Also, another issue I had is, I said it in the spring, but like a home awakening, basically, we have our bus and we go out for our away games, and we have a bus full of fans, and we cover tickets so they can really experience like a weight gain.

8. Speaker Gonzalez asks:

a. What's your time commitment looking like for this semester?

9. Candidate Hepburn responds:

a. For Class wise, I only have three classes in person, mainly with basketball on Tuesdays and on Saturdays, or kind of sort of outside of that, but that season starts on November, so we have a lot of time to kind of hit the ground running. To kind of hit the ground running earlier. I think that's why I'm grateful to kind of have that opportunity now in September versus I had it, I think April 17 or something. So it's like night and day.

10. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any further discussion or debate.

11. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.

12. This vote passes with \_10\_ yays, \_0\_ nays, \_0\_ abstentions.

H. SR57005: A resolution to confirm the Clerk of the Senate

1. Senator Obabko moves
2. Senator Guerrero seconded.
3. Speaker Gonzalez states:
  - a. Moving into this piece of resolution, as Speaker of the Senate, I am entitled to appoint several Office of the Speaker positions, including the clerk of the Senate. I have elected to choose Cameron Sawyer, who also served as the clerk of the Senate during the 56th session under previous speaker, Manny Corbett's Cameron, would you please like to come to the stand to provide a speech no greater than five minutes?
4. Candidate Sawyer states:
  - a. Hello, Senate, 57 Session. I come before you today to remind us clerk has done for the sixth 57th session because of my previous experience working in the 56th session alone. Now speaker Nathan Gonzalez was deputy speaker in the 56th session alongside previous speaker and corps as parliamentarian, an entire office of speaker during that time, I had to learn how to time manage, and my classes were a bit time consuming, but I may all work as well as being a senator and a chairperson for the CLEA Committee meeting for the Senate, my time commitment this semester is much more relaxed and I have a lot more time. I take five in person classes starting from Monday to Thursday, and they all end around two to 3pm and the rest of those days, I have to commit my time at any time here to get proof of this position as clerk. My experience working and you know, so the speaker for the 56 session has been with the tools to improve on the clerk position this session, for the December session, I have started transition materials from last session to be able to give over to the next clerk of the Senate once the 56th session ended. It's not really much I can say, but I do know experience in the this position, so I know how to handle all of that legislation.
5. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is discussion or debate
6. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
7. This vote passes with \_10\_ yays, \_0\_ nays, \_0\_ abstentions.



I. SR57006: A resolution to confirm the Deputy Speaker

1. Senator Obabko moves
2. Senator Guerrero seconded.
3. Speaker Gonzalez states:
  - a. So moving to SR57006, a resolution for Deputy Speaker. I had this since a carryover piece of legislation from last session, which timely got cut due to lack of quorum the final meeting. However, in any case, I am reintroducing this resolution to appoint former parliamentarian of the 56 session, Eddie Guerrero, to the position of Deputy Speaker. Senator Guerrero, can you please stand up to the floor and give a speech, no more than five minutes to explain your candidacy?
4. Senator Guerrero states:
  - a. For those who are new Senate, my name is Eddie Guerrero. I'm a history major focus on Secondary Education. I've been in this year for this will be my third year. I was in the fifth session and sixth and now seven. Under that I've been pretty involved in SGA. I've been involved in various committees. Last session, I was the Parliamentarian of SGA. I think I did a good job helping the Office of the Speaker getting work done and make sure everything ran smoothly with the Senate, as if elected as a new Deputy Speaker. I do have a few goals in mind. The first one is for those who are new to SGA. I do plan on holding monthly meetings with everyone in order to for you guys to sort of understand what SGA is, and hopefully you guys return back next year. I, from my experience, what has helped me be involved and enjoy. SGA was always working with the Office of Speaker. Pretty much, there are always pretty good people who are always willing to help you and sort of guide you and whatever you need it. I kind of look up for you guys as well. I think that will help you guys understand what is SGA and hopefully write some better legislations compared to last year. I know as Deputy Speaker, everything is, OO, I do plan on sort of making that a little bit quicker in the committee meetings by having something new for members to do before the meeting. So when we get to the meeting, just approve those clubs, get them underway, and

then sort of make better of our time on that. And lastly, just helping Speaker Gonzalez and transition to a speaker, and helping them sort of in any way at the end of this again.

5. Senator Kushimo asks:

a. In which role did you serve previously?

6. Senator Guerreo responds:

a. Oh, parliamentarian. So, parliamentarian is sort of this new role they we added last year where it was a mix of three previous roles into one. So, I had to work with Speaker and Executive branch, and they gave me, and then anywhere else, sort of so some things I did there was back to the face attention. We had kind of an overload of work for the Speaker, so I came in and helped him with various follow up focus on but through me and I take care of it.

7. Speaker Gonzalez adds:

a. Yeah, quick note on the role of Parliamentarian. It was as a result of the consolidation of three defunct positions in SGA, such as the historian, Director of Legislative Director and Director of Community Service. I'd like to remind Senator Guerrero that you can only [and] must abstain from this vote.

8. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is discussion or debate

9. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.

10. This vote passes with   9   yays,   0   nays,   1   abstentions.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

A. Speaker Gonzalez states:

a. I would just like to provide one bit for the good of the order. Over the summer, I was working in conjunction with NIU library, all digital files, specifically Senate meetings from the 56<sup>th</sup>, 54th and 52nd session have been now added to the Huskie Commons, which is the university's repository for all archived materials for the university. Our records now exist on the Husky Commons and materials from the 56/55 session will

be posted there, hopefully before the end of the semester. In addition, as the semester progresses, 57<sup>th</sup> Session materials will be posted to the Huskie Commons as well.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there are any announcements.
- B. Speaker Gonzalez announces:
  - a. I have one, today is the women's volleyball game, if you can attend, which begins at 6pm, please attend. Show some Husky support for other sports.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- 1. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- 2. Deputy Speaker Gurrero so moved.
- 3. Senator Obabko 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 passes and the meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM.

## **CLOSING ATTENDANCE**

- 1. **Voting Members Present:** Senator Robinson, Senator Zimmer, Senator Salerno, Senator Obabko, Senator Moskal, Deputy Speaker Guerrero, Senator Owusu, Senator Kushimo, Senator Lynch, Senator Boniecki
- 2. **Voting Members Absent:** None
- 3. **Voting members Excused:** Senator Asante
- 4. **Candidate Members Present:** Candidate Uhrine, Candidate Galloway

## **MINUTES SUBMITTED BY**

Speaker Gonzalez on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

57<sup>th</sup> Senate on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025