

Transcripts of the
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

1. This meeting was called to order by Speaker Gonzalez at 4:33 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 Brownlee, Senator Tinajero, Senator Zimmer, Senator Galloway, Senator Kushimo, Senator Adoye, Senator Boniecki, Senator Gunther, Senator Lozano, Senator Walker, Senator Sanders
5. **Voting members Absent:** Senator Asante, Senator Owusu
6. **Voting members Excused:** Senator Uhrine, Senator Salerno,

VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

1. Senator Zimmer confirms quorum is met.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. There is none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Speaker Gonzalez moves to table the minutes from October 31st and November 7th
2. Senator Gunther so moved.
3. Senator Galloway 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 minutes from October 31st and November 7th have been tabled to next meeting.
8. Speaker Gonzalez moves to approve the minutes from October 3rd, October 24th, and November 21st.
9. Senator Zimmer so moved.
10. Senator Tinajero seconded.
11. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
12. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
13. The motion is passed, and the minutes of October 3rd, October 24th, and November 21st were approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Speaker Gonzalez moves to add Update from the Office of the President to the agenda.
2. Senator Lozano so moved.
3. Senator Gunther 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 motions passes and Update from the Office of the President is added to the agenda.
8. Speaker Gonzalez moves to approve the agenda.
9. Senator Zimmer so moved.
10. Senator Tinajero seconded.
11. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
12. There is none.
13. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
14. The motion is passed, and the agenda is approved.

SPEAKER REPORT

A. Speaker Gonzalez states

1. "Greetings! Welcome back for another spring session for SGA. We have a fairly large Senate, though it doesn't currently look like it but that's because of the cold weather. I'm very fortunate that you decided to come out braving the cold weather to still attend this meeting. For that, I'm truly very grateful and as promised, I have

handwarmers for everyone who attended today's meeting. As you can tell, 2 Senators have been removed from Senate because they were not able to comply with the SGA Bylaws. Specifically, regarding the completion of the Open Meetings Act training, or OMA. They have been effectively removed over winter break. We take OMA very seriously here at SGA and for every new Senator, you have 90 days since you were confirmed by the Senate to complete the training and for me to have it on file. Otherwise, it does become an automatic removal since OMA is a state law, not just an SGA requirement. Additional thing I would like to say is committee will be running up if I have already been running up. Just a quick clarification because Deputy Speaker Gurrero has resigned, I will now be chairing the Organization Oversight Committee until someone from the committee would like to take over as chairperson. Otherwise, I am more than happy to remain in the position as chairperson and oversee the operations and functions of the committee. Finance Committee met yesterday and will begin to open the next fiscal year application soon, the exact details and exact time frame I'm still discussing with Treasurer Lazaric. Other committees are still being finalized in terms of membership as well as when they meet based on everyone's current availability. Senators, if you do not submit the availability form for the spring semester please do so at the end of today's meeting, as it is crucial for me in order to identify which committee I should put you in, because that does, in fact, affect the operations of the entire senate. So I do need that very soon. I would also like to report that Clerk Cameron Sawyer has also resigned from the Student Government Association Senate. His was due to personal reasons that he chose not to disclose so. Moving forward, the position of clerk is also open as well as that we see. To this point; the same rationale gave to President David Rivera about filling the vice presidency, I carry over and provide that same rationale to both positions. However, if anyone is interested, please come find me at this meeting if you are interested. And then I have so far been working on a slew of different bills and different initiatives that 2 of them will be released as Senate for consideration for next week's meeting. And there are other ideas and initiatives that I want us to get a head start on. That concludes my report.”.

SPECIAL REPORT

A. Update from the Office of the President

1. President Jones written report as read by Speaker Gonzalez states,

- a. “After thoughtful reflection and careful consideration, I am formally submitting this report to notify the Senate of my decision to step down from my role as President of the Student Government Association. This decision was not made lightly. However, due to personal health concerns, including matters related to my mental well-being, I have determined that stepping away from this position is the most responsible course of action for both myself and the organization. I firmly believe that true leadership is not only knowing how to serve, but also knowing when to step away in order to protect one’s well-being and the continued effectiveness of the organization. At this time, prioritizing my health is necessary to ensure long-term stability and a positive path forward. Serving within the Student Government Association throughout the 56th and 57th Sessions has been a profoundly meaningful experience. Over the course of these two sessions, I have had the privilege of growing as a leader, advocating for students, navigating challenges, and celebrating progress alongside individuals who care deeply about this institution and its student body. These experiences have shaped my understanding of leadership, service, and accountability in lasting ways. Serving as President has been an honor, and I am deeply grateful for the trust placed in me by the student body. I am especially honored to have been able to work alongside each of you in this Senate, as well as the Executive Board and committee leadership. The dedication, resilience, and passion demonstrated throughout the 56th and 57th Sessions have been inspiring, and I am proud of the work we have accomplished together. I remain confident in the continued success and strength of this organization. I am fully committed to supporting a smooth and effective transition of leadership. I will ensure that all relevant information, documentation, and responsibilities are appropriately communicated and transferred. While I am stepping down from this role, I remain available for support and guidance as needed during this transition. In closing, I want to sincerely thank the members of the Senate, the Executive Board, committee chairs, advisors, and campus partners for their

collaboration and support throughout my time in the organization. It has truly been a privilege to serve during the 56th and 57th Sessions, and I will always value the relationships, lessons, and shared commitment to student advocacy that defined this chapter. Thank you for your understanding and professionalism. It has been an honor to serve this Senate and the student body.

1. Speaker Gonzalez says,
 - a. “With the resignation of President Ja’Kobe Jones, per SGA Bylaws the presidency now goes to the vice president, should be accepted. Vice President David Rivera has, indeed, accepted the position of president. So, therefore, David Rivera is your new president for the 57th session. And doing so, he's also issued three executive orders that will also read, because it pertains in the aftermath of former President Ja’Kobe Jones resignation. Which I shall read to you, and I should also at least provide a copy so you may view on the projector as well. Moving when the first executive order, it is an order requesting for the creation of contingency plans. Whereas for the SA Constitution, Article 3, section 4, vice president becomes the next president, the event of removal, resignation, whether vacancy if they exempt. And whereas Jones resigned, in fact, January the 21st, 2026, so the position president, where Vice President David Rivera accepted the position, coming the next 7th session, president of the Northern Illinois University, student government association. And whereas the student SGA Constitution and Article 3, Section 1, provides a mechanism for peaceful transition for the executive branch. Whereas it has been a wild since the position of presidents vacated during session, and thus it brings in challenges, especially regarding the provisions, the functions of the former vice president, and the workload that will now have an impact to the organization oversight community. And whereas Speaker Gonzalez advises to the new president about some of the struggles about the resignation of the clerk of the Senate, and the dead speak. Whereas a student government association should explore and have detailed plans ready, take similar incidents occur, but also for situations that arises, such as a new pandemic. where the sessions were held with a secret in the Senate, to ensure proper function, the time being, so they

just clarified it, and yet she constitutional bylaws, um... I make sure I'm not messing up the order. We're as in our association president, article three, section one of the Government Association Institutions, say, he's a privacy trying to be able to issue a order zone only in four schools, matters of the executive branch. I have my copy... Having level participation, ensuring that all provisions of any contingent plans are open to the public, so within a constitutional limit, the student government association, constitutional bylaws. And whereas part one, Article 3, section 3, dot M, of the student government association, bylaws, Article 3, section one of the student government association, Constitution, provide the executive orders or only enforceable to the executive branch. There is a formal request, assistance, an action to figure a senate to ensure that such conditions can be written and approved prior to start in the 57th Session. And where a secret is being sent, they think it's all subsidies, subs to assist creation adoption, suspense, or made a priority for the spring semester. And then you can see the further result. Therefore, the new present, David Rivera, becomes of the situation, as requested, for us to explore the possibility of creating and adopting plantation plans, and for us to remain effective in our current positions. So, which I will heal the acceptance, all and he can propose the dishes and plan, it would affect the functions of the executive branch in the Senate. What we propose to Senate and will be passed to a resolution to ensure that there is transparency and accountability in terms of those contiguous plans. As a footnote, according to my records that I have in the office of the speaker. The last time a sitting SGA President was removed, I lived with impeachment, resignation, or any other vacancy, was back in 1999 under the president of Andrew Anderson when he was impeached by the Senate. Sentence for almost 26 years again, according to my records, we have not had a similar situation where the person has resigned. Of course, the university may have other records that differ, at least the ones I have, which is in 26 years since this occurred. Which is why it lets the creation of executive order 57001. Moving into executive order 57002. And although executive order is only forcible to executive members per the requirements set by the SGA Constitution, when

there was proposed in 56th Session, I am required to announce these executive orders to the student body. That way at least everyone is aware of what is going on in the executive branch. And I will also now pull up the text of executive order 57002. So that you also have are aware of what it is affirming. Most executive order it pertains to the duties, responsibilities, of the vice president. So, in a nutshell, because now the Office of the Vice President is vacant, because Vice President Rivera accepted the presidency. That means that per SGA Constitution, we are supposed to appoint a new vice president. However, as I discussed with the new president, one, during the 55th the vice president was removed by the Senate, and no position was ever refilled in that time. So that created a precedence. Additionally, by the time he is able to find, interview, an appointment, and have something confirmed, there will certainly go to an HR, which by that point, it will already be end of the semester. And by the fact, the end of the year, meaning they will serve no purpose. So therefore, after consultation with President Rivera, we have the sign, STEM, to duty of the responsibilities of the former vice president position. He will still continue to oversee student organizations as he did in the position of vice president, which will help many additional work of Julie organization oversight committee. The delegation provision, so in the instance, Sam, he needs the vice president to act as a delegate or acting president when he's not able to. That provision will not fall on treasure, Nicholas Lazaric. And then in terms of the primary custodian with updating regardlessly as the Constitution bylaws, I will now take up that primary responsibility, which is already something that the speakers require to do. I would just now be the main person in charge of updating the Constitution. As a way to help to alleviate additional workload changes. But also to ensure that there is a nice transition about from present to new president. I mean, the third executive order that the new president has issued. Really, in terms of the directors. Because all the directors, which make up the president's cabinet were appointed by Jacoby Jones, it was recognized that there is no mechanism for the new president to remove them. And there's also, would be no reason why a new president would remove the cabinet anyways, as they would just create more

headaches and venues. So what this executive order basically just says is that the current cabinet is to now report to the new president with all the initiatives and reports that they have. as well as there's now to submit reports and to recognize that President David Rivera is their new supervisor. I would like to add is former President Ja'Kobe Jones has told me that he will be coming into Senate in order to answer any questions that you may have for him. He was unable to be president per state, but that's because, unfortunately, he had the flu.

1. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there are any questions.

1. There is none.

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT

A. Deputy Speaker's Report

a. There is none.

A. Parliamentarian's Report

a. There is none.

A. Clerk's Report

a. There is none

COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Chairperson of Student Life and Greek Affairs' report

a. There is none.

B. Chairperson of Campus Life and Environmental Affairs' report

a. There is none.

C. Chairperson of Public Affairs' report

a. There is none.

D. Chairperson of Organizational Oversight's report

a. There is none.

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

a. There is none.

F. Chairperson of Board of Elections' report

a. There is none.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

- A. President's report
 - a. There is none.
- B. Vice-President's report
 - a. There is none.
- C. Treasurer's report
 - a. There is none.
- D. Deputy Treasurer's report
 - a. There is none.
- E. Chief of Staff's report
 - a. There is none.
- F. Student Trustee's Report
 - a. There is none.

CABINET REPORT

- A. Director of Diversity, Equity and, Inclusion
 - a. There is none.
- B. Director of Organizational Development
 - a. There is none.
- C. Director of Athletics
 - a. There is none.
- D. Director of Student Life and Greek Affairs
 - a. There is none.
- E. Director of Public Affairs
 - a. There is none.
- F. Director of Academic Affairs
 - a. There is none.
- G. Director of Campus Life and Environmental Affairs
 - a. There is none.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion Regarding Transportation

- a. Senator Zimmer so moved.
- b. Senator Galloway seconded.
- c. Speaker Gonzalez says,
 - i. “I will first provide a quick rationale while we are having this discussion. in the first place. And for whatever reason, no one assigns to volunteer, I will go down by the center officer. And ask and call upon each and every one of you to provide at least some sort of thoughts and opinions. After there's been five minutes of total discussion, or after I went to the center of Australia once. Then you, it is permissible to call for emotion, to close the debate, which will still follow Robert's rules order. So I wanted to give that quick reminder to everyone. All senators should have received a copy once this, when the Senate agenda went out, and for whatever reason, you don't have a copy, no worries, the copy is out on the screen. So therefore, quick rationale. The rationale why we're having a discussion about transportation is that it matters a lot to all of us. Ranging from the husky bus line, which historically was controlled by the Sudan Government Association, before it was turned over to the City of DeKalb. We have a large commuter base, and yet we also have many students that reside on campus, both in the great towers, Neptune, Northern View, et cetera. We have an expansive campus from east to west, and we, although we may not be the largest campus in the state of Illinois, we have a wide enough campus that has many needs and considerations for that matter to everyone. And if you were following reports from Faculty Senate, even staff members, when it comes to evens parking, which is a part of transportation, voiced concerns about parking itself during one of the meetings. So, this is something that both touches on students and staff at this university which merits this discussion.”.
- d. Senator Sanders says,
 - i. “Okay, so, um, I basically just get my experience, otherwise, so... pretty much all I might take buses, but compared to outside here, as for at home,

I would say, honestly, the buses are. I'd say they're worse than they were when I was in the first year, they were running all the time, and they were able to, like, get to my destination when I needed to. But now, the bus is kind of, like, they're either right behind each other or they're farther apart. Like one time I was on my way to work and the bus kind of just like was like 30 minutes behind. And then there was another time for the bus when we just didn't show up at all. And my that just shouldn't be happening because there's multiple reasons why the lessons are there and if you go, it's not everybody is able to have a car”.

- e. Senator Walker says,
 - i. “Also, like, with the cold weather and everything, people can't walk 'cause it's, like, everything on campus is pretty, not, not far at all, but with this cold weather its not good to walk. And also, like, the bus wait times are ridiculous. Um, the busses aren't packed. I would feel like there are enough buses around campus, or if there are, they're being good teams, and then they have areas, and not specifically, and I use campus”.
- f. Senator Sanders says
 - i. “So go back off basically what she said. I remember what she said. Also, there was a point in time where the buses were running into like DeKalb itself, but the buses were and I used to was not working my door down. And they literally had to replace the three buds with a like car or whatever they come around. And pick the kids and. A lot of people weren't able to yell at it because of life space.”.
- g. Senator Walker says,
 - i. “Also, with the spot app, it would be like, it was, and it was doing center that would say, our service, and the school center, but on the app, It'll be like the two artists outside, but the bus is out of service. So that probably, like, after a day or something, and then the wedding person is listening. It's really going outside. Set urban egg. Oh, um... I could do recall seeing that. I think it was a Northern Star article, that was great, that, because that was partially addressed, uh, these concerns that were engineering today,

and I just, I was, I guess I've just been publishing for some sort of, like, an update from the school as to how that progress is going because I talked about hiding buses, I talked about, like, a country. They talked about updating the technology that we have. So, it's just things, seeing what's happening so far in terms of that progress. Because, like, it's my knowledge, like, I'm conscious. Thank you.

h. “Senator Kushimo says,

i. “I speak on personal experience that I have. Usually, at the bus stop on the area, towards the meantime, nighttime, perils is complicating. So, we have students over there waiting for people. Sometimes never goes through them. And at one point, I was on the bus from the students, and it was meant to pass 3 days, the usual route, and it just never went in that direction. So then I understood what was happening, and it wasn't just the sports malfunction. So that they were just skipping. That's... And it's, it's not a place for people that are just there waiting for the person, then they have to be, um, it's, it's, just because, I don't just, no complication. Thank you”.

i. Senator Galloway says,

i. “So, when it comes to personal experience, I've never really lost on campus, but I've heard from various foods that have, there's nice opinions. There's a lot of things that we do better in terms of the transportation on campus. For this side of the room, I feel like a lot of the problems that I hear from you probably, if we explore some kind of like predicting why a lot of students, we're gonna have higher volume of students on the buses. So, what I would say, for example, for a final week, I know a lot of people are on buses, their buses, to do their finals. And then also, during cold weather, seems to be the 2 friends that I would say. So, I think technical, proportional, you know, real, robust, buses available on the roads on those specific times, I think“.

j. Senator Sanders says,

i. “I do want to say that thing, but like, so what we were talking about. So, as I'm going across my top, I was talking to the bus driver, and they were

talking about how, like, the city was talking about changing some of their bus stops and stuff. And I feel like when they do that, they should update the students on that because us being not aware of that causes unexpected situations, more possibilities when they are, of course, actions or might get to places. Another name was. I was on the bus waiting. For the lead and like busting like 1530 minutes before they pull off my office or any other place. And I feel like if they're behind time, that's like that that shouldn't be penalized for students to have to wait for them to drive off like it should be hard time not just you know. Taking breaks because they're just gonna be. I understand, you know, everybody have a work schedule and everything, but, like, when it comes down to that, you should be able to affect your job. And another thing is, so when I was on the bus one time, they were talking about training another bus driver and everything and like. He was just going from bus to bus and for me, my understanding what they were talking about is saying that the leadership didn't even understand who he was supposed to be training with or what time he was what we wanted. ”.

k. Senator Walker says,

- i. “Oh, and another thing, like, a lot of the bus drivers need, uh, they really, especially, um, I've had an imposing, whereas, like, the bus travel below, the right has to stop, or they feel like, because it's nighttime, they don't have to stop with us and open up the doors, at least. And, yeah, they, some of those times, it's just, like, trying to get a shot. \$100? ”.

l. Senator Gunther says,

- i. “Um, yeah, I heard a lot about the, uh, buses, but I was in Boston. I drive. So, I just wanted to touch on the parking. It sucks. Um, I am in the engineering building, so I'm engineering, but where my class has got overrun and now, we are building. And I know a few people in that class, we don't have permits to park by the art but they do by the engineering building, because they're engineering majors. So, they don't have any way to get the class on the block, you know, online, you know.”.

m. Senator Galloway says,

- i. “I think when it comes to the lack of bus drivers, and the confrontation on the neighborhood was there, Um, I grew up, and I went to public school, and I were high school, girls, school business, and I was taking out as well, I was pretty moral, from, you know, outside the city area. So there's a lot of problems, I think, firing, and we read out, like, a lower volume of bus services. So, I'm not sure what we can do to test them, but I think that's a packing and some of the issues. ”.

n. Senator Walker says,

- i. “I stay in Patterson East, and I feel like all of the other halls, living halls, they have the, um... They have, they have north doors, not North Service, but like, they don't have to walk for really nowhere to get today anymore. 2 Ls on the corner, and then 2 hours closest to west. So, like, especially with this cold weather, I feel like West, Harrison West, has the advantage. Stevenson has the managed, has the advantage, because it's been right there. Whereas us that's staying Patterson East is gonna come out 5 minutes early or we're gonna miss the bus. And it's like a way that they can get closer to the door. The bus is, like, I don't know if you guys know, but it's, like, attorney and, right, their body from her across the street from me. And I thought they should put it to these. Thank you.”

o. Senator Kushimo says,

- i. “Yeah, something else I noticed is, I don't know if it transformed my sense to this go out. Sometimes the buses are switched like so it becomes to our and it doesn't reflect on the app. So there's no way for you to travel that. And I feel like it's just a huge time. That needs to be repaired to be triggered, right? That's what happens. Thank you.”

p. Speaker Gonzalez says,

- i. “I do want to add one thing. During the 56th Session, while I was still Deputy Speaker, I did have a meeting with TransDev. These are the liaisons to see the city for transportation, specifically the buses. What they told me is that a lot of times they receive reports like with the app and they

did run a test a little while ago by now. But they did run a test to verify the draggers on the buses, and they are all functioning well within the designer range that's acceptable for them. I mean, they did say, though, is that sometimes much like the way that they explained it to me was like when you're tracking your DoorDash order, sometimes there's that delay. In terms of when it pops up in the app or actual location. It's basically the same thing. In the outward setting, the buses, so unfortunate. In terms of the equipment itself, it is all function property. Another thing they didn't on me in that meeting was anytime there is an issue. If there is an issue on that bus, whether regarding timing, or even if it is professional conduct of bus drivers from what I'm hearing, they are urging you to report it immediately. So, providing us with providing us like the time, the location, et cetera. Because what they were telling me is, even if you tell them after the fact, because so much time has passed, and if you don't remember those periods of details, they can't track down the actual bus and determine what actually happened with the tools they have. So, what they said is report and details these problems that we are seeing to address with the care and attention that we want. We must let not only just ourselves, but also the entire student body, understand that if you see something happen, you report it immediately to the Huskie Line. That way they can take the proper measures and procedures to address issues. In regards to the parking situation, cause I also serve on the campus parking committee, that's something that I can bring up if it is something, especially the engineering section, to see if there's any way we can maybe rezone the section or anything that we can possibly explore in that regard. And I know there's different places on campus as well that has the exact same situation. The bottom line, as much as it might sound easy to just pay to build a new lot or just have another layer to the parking garage, the unfortunate reality is that the one the parking garage was built with the intended load it has now. So, it would be a structurally unsound to add another one. In addition, it also costs a lot of money. Unlike other

universities, parking at NIU is solely funded by the parking fee from both staff and students and any parking fees. The university does not provide any funding directly to parking. So that is so that is why a lot of times parking is unable to meet the demands of the majority of students. It is because of that funding issue. So that is something if you are not aware of that fact, now you are. I mean, at least bright side, comparing the parking rates and fees that you paid for is actually one of the lowest in the entire state of Illinois compared to student parking. For instance, I believe, if I remember correctly, off the top of my head the numbers, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has students paying students close to \$375 for the parking compared to our \$100 for parking. Not to say, you know, we can't make changes, but hopefully this information puts things to perspective. So far, what I'm hearing, there does need to be some sort of change, but we also need to come at it a place where we're all informed about what the current situation is and what we can do to address those causes. So, we can continue with this conversation based on that new information as well. Set in the gallery. So, I agree about being informed on this name, um, with respect to the recording occurs in an unprofessional garage on the buses. Is there a way that we could mandate that the city of Chicago has, like, a poster or a wrap of paper on the bus that says, you know, if you feel good for that professional product, then you can work at this number or this, do you know what I mean? Give me some kind of information for the writers, because obviously we can disseminate some information as far as the student money. But I feel that it would be most effective if it was on the buses invisible to the students and other passengers around the buses. We could make that recommendation, for sure. Whether it be through, like, a resolution in terms of Senate, or just a simple conversation, have food done, or just depend on exactly what as a collective we want to do, for that regard, is something that we wouldn't be able to do. One other note, this came to mind. They are currently replacing the bus fleet. I believe they are supposed to get relief in total four buses if

I'm not mistaken. I hated within the, um, agenda packet for the City of the DeKalb council meetings. I believe it was in one of those meetings, um, for the discussion and the approval for this year's special year. So that was my step. But it is in the pipeline for them to do. Because I know we like to go to electric vehicles that they're trying to build vehicles, they're trying to put out. I did have the idea while I was Deputy Speaker if there's a potential possibility, we could invite trans staff to NIU and have, like, an open town hall, or even a Q and A session, that would we invite all the students of NIU to come and participate, provide what their concerns are. But also, for them to even have a chance to communicate what changes it has been doing but also communicate. So that's also something I thought of, and that's something I can also propose to send as well for something to appreciate for us to do and any of the sponsor. After today's meeting, if you talk to any constituents, come across anything else or even have ideas of what we potentially could possibly do. Please feel free to shoot me a message by email or through the teams or even converse with your own constituencies as well. Hopefully, we can continue to have these meaningful conversations, even if it's not just about transportation, but about other items that manage to the NIU student body”.

- q. Senator Zimmer motions to close discussion.
- r. Senator Tinajero seconded.
- s. The transportation discussion comes to a close.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. There is none.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is anything for the good of the order.
 - a. There is none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- B. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there are any announcements.

a. Senator Galloway says,

- i. "It's a little personal, or, like I said, happy new year, and happy spring semester to one of my fellow senators. Last weekend, I attended the conference for organizing advocacy, and it was really, you know, a lightning experience. But I also talked with some students at a conference who has interesting opinions about student government. And, you know, they, um, sufficed to say that they didn't do it in a positive community, so I go. So that gave me some perspective on the opinions on student government on campus, and I hope, I know that the speaker has been doing a lot of work to, you know, improve our image on campus and I hope we can continue to work on that. Psychically, with the cold weather, I would like to caution everybody about a different kind of ice that's been around in the area, but of course, I'm speaking about immigration and customs. That's it's very intense time right now for a lot of my constitutions, as well students and classmates. So I would just like to say, you know, keep your, um, awareness individually, and personally being, um, that's not angry, but in the semester, it used to be called coming out of the channels, but for last year, this year, we'd be coming up with solidarity, where our immigrant students present a list of announce to the Trump administration. And I would just, I mean, personally, I'd like to see you all, I'm on my room, but, um, make sure that you're paying attention to your goals with that, because I expect that some of the bands might come over this or... So, thank you."

b. Senator Owusu says,

- i. "So there's, uh, mental occasions, so, uh, they kind of, into, into, into cultural, copy, um, Fridays, uh, 6.30, and it's where international students, uh, press to, you know, share, you know, discuss, um, I really, like, everyone's welcome to school at the end, and, you know, being a, friends, they can go into, into the international students, they'll be able to send out 6 PM, they can. happens, engineer, referring, uh, results, that's, uh, I think I'm on real, but, and... In times, the, I'm sorry, five, and then... Uh, you know, it was, it was going to be close, uh, since, you know, the problems are done".

- c. Speaker Gonzalez remarks for the Seante to remain warm due to severe cold.
Reminds the Senate and any Senate guests about hand warmers provided by the Student Government Association.

ADJOURNMENT

1. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
2. Senator Tinajero 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 passes and the meeting is adjourned at 5:15 pm.

CLOSING ATTENDANCE

7. **Voting Members Present:** Senator Brownlee, Senator Tinajero, Senator Zimmer,
Senator Galloway, Senator Kushimo, Senator Adoye, Senator Boniecki, Senator Gunther,
Senator Lozano, Senator Walker, Senator Sanders
1. **Voting members Absent:** Senator Asante, Senator Owusu
2. **Voting members Excused:** Senator Uhrine, Senator Salerno
3. **Candidate Members Present:** Arthur Kucharzyk, Jalen Ford

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