

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 4:32 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 Tinajero, Senator Zimmer, Senator Galloway, Senator Owusu, Senator Kushimo, Senator Adoye, Senator Boniecki, Senator Gunther, Senator Brownlee, Senator Walker
5. **Voting members Absent:** Senator Sanders
6. **Voting members Excused:** Senator Lozano

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
2. Senator Uhrine 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 minutes from October 31st have been tabled for the next meeting.
8. Speaker Gonzalez moves to approve the minutes from January 30th.
9. Senator Sanders so moved.
10. Senator Zimmer 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 from January 30th were approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Speaker Gonzalez requests to add Election Commissioner's Report to Executive Report
2. Senator Salerno so moved.
3. Senator Zimmer seconded.
4. Speaker Gonzalez moves to approve the agenda.
5. Senator Zimmer so moved.
6. Senator Salerno seconded.
7. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
8. There is none.
9. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
10. The motion is passed, and the agenda is approved.

SPEAKER REPORT

A. Speaker Gonzalez states,

1. "Greetings everyone. There's a lot to get through today so please listen carefully.
First, President Rivera and I had a very productive meeting with NIU Chief of Police Jason John. We are seeking more collaboration to better serve students such as programming and part of what I want to ask the Senate today is based on those conversations and I want to engage Senate sentiments regarding that proposal. Chief John would like to have a liaison officer with the SGA and both the President and I agreed to it. However, what I'm specifically asking for is if the liaison officer would be able to be here in the Senate chamber as a guest during our Senate meetings. They don't have to be here for all Senate meetings and those [they do attend] will be determined by both me and the liaison officer. I will gauge the sentiment by a show

of hands if you would support this decision. Before I ask for that show of hands, let me provide some clarification and justification while you sit and think of that decision. It would mean to foster cooperation and engagement between us and it will allow Senators to ask questions directly to the NIU liaison officer regarding questions about safety here at NIU or any other concerns that you may have. And though they'll try their best to answer all questions, they can still be here as a resource for you, and by extension, for the entire Student Government Association. NIU P.D is here as a service to provide advice and mentorship for all of those involved and they're not here to inadvertently cross any line or step on anyone's toes, that is why they asked me to come to everyone here and ask for senator's permission on if they can come. They're not going to be a part of any discussion debate upon matters that they have and when in fact just be sitting by themselves just in the audience, probably in the corner, if they were to come to a Senate meeting".

- B. Speaker Gonzalez asks for raise of hands for supporting NIU Liaison Officer presence in SGA Senate meetings.
- C. The Senate confirms unanimously
- D. Speaker Gonzalez continues his report,
 - 1. "I will inform Chief John that he can have the liaison officer with us in the Senate, and I will work with NIU P.D directly to ensure and determine when those meetings will be appropriate for their presence. Thank you! Second, SGA Treasurer Nicholas Lazaric has informed me that the annual funding applications for the next fiscal year are now open. Student organizations are encouraged to converse amongst themselves and have their Treasurers submit their requests, that way the SGA Finance Committee can begin to review such proposals as quickly as possible. The deadline for submissions for annual funding, and by extension any requests, such as supplemental funding, executive allocation, and normal budget use for student organizations is March 31st, 2026. Next, I've been working hard at keeping up with administrative duties such as reviewing minutes, filing documents, and uploading all approved agendas and minutes so far to the Huskie Commons University Archives. I've also been hard at work at updating the SGA Constitution and Bylaws based on remaining bills leftover from the fall session. I've also been communicating with Election

Commissioner Eddie Guerrero regarding room reservations for candidate meetings for the SGA elections. Lastly, I have asked students, including Senator Uhrine, to investigate housing students' needs and if they could be resolved by reviving the defunct Residence Hall Association. More work is being done to collect student feedback but it's something I want to have on everyone's minds. Student well-being, SGA functionality, and academics, based on an upcoming committee report, are adjectives I want SGA to tackle, and I hold personally dear to me. This is the hope of these objectives and current initiatives such as addressing our on-campus housing student needs that we can address and begin to provide recommendations for them based on the feedback that we shall receive”.

SPECIAL REPORT

E. There is none

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT

F. Deputy Speaker's Report

a. There is none.

G. Parliamentarian's Report

a. There is none.

H. 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

1. Election Commissioner Gurrero says in a written report read by Speaker Gonzalez,

- a. "Good afternoon, Senate. For those who may not know me, my name is Eddie Guerrero, and I have the privilege of serving as the Election Commissioner for the Spring 2026 SGA Elections. Some of you may remember that I stepped away from Senate, and from SGA entirely, when I began preparing for my student teaching experience. At the time, I said I was closing that chapter for good. But somehow, even after walking away, I found my way right back here. The Board of Election held our first meeting on January 30th to discuss and establish candidate meetings' dates and time. I am glad to announce that candidate meetings will begin next week, February 9th at 2 pm in the Agee Conference room. Here are the following dates and time: All SGA Candidate meetings will take place in the **Steven R. Agee** room located in the Holmes Student Center, Oasis G27A. Monday, **February 9, 2026**, at 2 pm. Wednesday, **February 11, 2026**, at 10 am. Friday, **February 13, 2026**, at 5:30 pm. Monday, **February 16, 2026**, at 2 pm Wednesday, **February 18, 2026**, at 10 am. Friday, **February 20, 2026**, at 5:30 pm. Please note that the Board of Election members have been instructed that they may leave after 10 minutes if no interested candidates arrive for a scheduled meeting. If you, or someone you know, are planning to run for an SGA position and expect to arrive late, please contact me 24 hours in advance. This will allow me to notify the Board of Election member facilitating the meeting so they can wait for your arrival. I look forward to working closely with the Board of Elections to deliver a smooth and fair election cycle where all NIU students have a voice. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me, and I will respond as soon as I can".

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. Senator Galloway expresses that they were unable to meet quorum but is excited and optimistic about the work they have planned.
- 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. Speaker Gonzalez states,
 - i. "The Campus Life and Environmental Affairs Committee had it's very first meeting of this semester this past Monday. [Presently] considering a proposal from Director Ninan regarding a clothes

exchange to address textile waste which is being ironed out at the moment. However, we've also examined directives regarding dining and graduate students. The committee will be drafting a survey to release to the student body to gather insights related to dining so that SGA can make recommendations. This came after a student came forward with concerns regarding lack of dining in Gilbert Hall and their own proposed survey. That survey is currently being reviewed to determine if a SGA can back it. Additionally, we're collecting feedback from graduate students regarding any issues or causes of concern they might have so that the committee can draft and propose a resolution to Senate to make a recommendation to the Graduate School. I'm excited about all the efforts of the committees making and hope to provide more as time goes on. Students interested in providing any feedback about these above concerns or welcome to e-mail me directly or the SGA e-mail address”.

OLD BUSINESS

A. SB57018: A bill to eliminate the Sergeant At-Arms position

- a. Senator Zimmer so moved.
- b. Senator Tinajero seconded.
- c. Speaker Gonzalez says,
 - i. “There is no need for this position anymore as professionalism and conduct standards for SGA Senators and the Senate chamber has become more elevated since in the time it was initially introduced. It is up to the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, and Parliamentarian, if it is filled, to be able to execute and enforce decorum. As I stated last week, if the Speaker of the Senate cannot enforce decorum in the Senate chamber anymore and they had to rely on the Sergeant At-Arms position, then they have failed the Senate and by extension the entire Student Government Association, and the student body, if that were to ever be the case”.
- d. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.

- e. There is none.
- f. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
- g. This bill passes unanimously by everyone present.

B. SB57019: A bill to update expectations and consequences for paid SGA officials.

- a. Senator Salerno so moved.
- b. Senator Sanders seconded.
- c. Speaker Gonzalez says,
 - i. “And foremost and forward update regarding this bill if you see that the provision regarding the requirement that no SG leadership position can hold another executive board membership and the student organization that was struck him down during the rules of procedure committee the reason why the rules and procedure committee struck that provision down was twofold freedom of association and restrictive membership the SGA bylaws specifically state for student organizations that student organizations cannot impose further restrictions upon what the SA bylaws keep already has stipulated they can but they will lose SJ funding when that provision was essentially doing was putting that same restrictive membership component that organization oversight committee if they would have reviewed it for any other student organization would have deemed it restrictive and therefore and eligible to receive SGA funding so while that same lodging that we had in that conversation based with rules and procedure committee member as well as our treasurer who wanted to participate in those conversations and we decided that that provision was too problematic which I do personally agree with and therefore was struck from the bill remaining provisions such as fireable offenses however currently remain and because in since it was merely an edit to an already established bill this bill still can be voted on for this meeting with that is there any discussion or debate on this bill”.
- d. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
- e. Senator Boninecki asks,

- i. “Considering the legislation was amended, but the committee revised the piece of legislation that was presented to Senate, I’m assuming this was serious enough for the committee by itself to make that decision without the entire Senate approving it”.
- f. Speaker Gonzalez responds,
 - i. “Correct. Rules and procedure committee per the SGA bylaws has the ability to review and edit any legislation before it goes to the Senate itself. The Rules and Procedure Committee, you can think of act as like an Internal Affairs of SGA. Based on those provisions within our bylaws, if R&P decided that there was such a serious breach of potential constitutionality, or just other issues regarding to the provision, they have the right to strike it from the bill.”
- g. Senator Galloway asks,
 - i. “So, this might seem like a redundant question, but you said last week, when we talked about some requirements for Senate members, to have to disclose having associations, I don't think, so, or we're going do a forced revision. If we still introduce that as a separate piece of public discussion. Figuring in a sense that this doesn't restrict us from future changes, right?”.
- h. Speaker Gonzalez responds,
 - i. “Correct. As long as it would be, as I mentioned last week, it would be a separate bill. So, we can still go through the same procedures as this bill. As long as it doesn't impose that same restrictions and if you ever want to have like a clear idea of what is considered restrictive, we can have a conversation outside of Senate or you can even attend a Organization Oversight Committee as a guest so you can understand when we as a committee make those decisions”.
- i. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any further discussion or debate.
- j. There is none.
- k. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
- l. This bill passes unanimously by everyone present.

C. SB57020: A bill to clarify the Code of Procedures

- a. Senator Salerno so moved.
- b. Senator Gunther seconded.
- c. Speaker Gonzalez says,
 - i. “This bill removes all references to an SGA-approved special version of the NIU Code of Conduct, which is called the Code of Procedures that would only specifically apply to SGA members. As a fun fact, I'll provide to Senate, over the last week I discovered the true reasoning of why the Code of Procedures was introduced and passed into Senate. That was because many years ago, at the time, the Vice President made some political remarks that, although we're not inflammatory in nature, the Senate wanted to control those remarks and thus passed the Code of Procedures. We are not in no business, even if we are in a apolitical political organization, to censor free speech and freedom of political expression, regardless of personal senators' feelings, or even the feelings overall. Therefore, to correct a historic wrong, but also to ensure for accountability and transparency that no member of SGA is above the NIU Code of Conduct or any law. It is why I'm proposing to strike this completely from SGA's Bylaws.”
- d. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
- e. There is none.
- f. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
- g. This bill passes unanimously by everyone present.

D. SB57021: A bill to further revise student organization policies

- a. Senator Kushimo so moved.
- b. Senator Tinajero seconded.
- c. Speaker Gonzalez says,
 - i. “For this bill, as mentioned last week, it includes three (3) additional members, aside from the President, Vice President, and Treasurer for all new student organizations if they want to go through the process. And then additionally, it just makes sure that all recognized student

organization members must include their members to their executive boards. It's for the purpose of people having different points of contact. If Organization Oversight Committee needs to email the organization, they also have different points of contact. Additionally, there was also the provision of no individual shall occupy more than one position within the same student organization's Executive Board. That's just because some student organizations have their language set where each executive board position has a vote instead of just per member, so that can create issues within an organizational level. Instead of having OO go back and enforce it, it is just putting it at a SGA level".

- d. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
- e. There is none.
- f. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
- g. This bill passes unanimously by everyone present.

E. SB57028: A resolution to appoint a Senator

- a. Senator Tinajero so moved.
- b. Senator Zimmer seconded.
- c. Candidate Kucharzyk says,
 - i. "My name is Arthur Kucharzyk, I'm a freshman. I found out about SGA online and I dug deeper and sort of wanted to join. I just wanted to help campus a bit more. There was a lot of stuff that, I guess, need a change. And, uh, one idea I had in mind, was for the, I guess, the use of, um, like meal swipes, kind of how Einstein has like a certain power frame where they use those cars, kind of like running that idea, the husky then, and then Kyoto as well. So, yeah. Thank you".
- d. Speaker Gonzalez asks,
 - i. "How is your time commitment looking like for this year? Like, in terms of classes? Yeah, or just overall other commitments you have.
- e. Candidate Kucharzyk replies,
 - i. "Um... Well I have stuff from 5 morning, till 2 p.m., sometimes I'm good. Yeah, I feel that. Okay".

- f. Senator Gunther asks,
 - i. “Um, yeah, so, last year, we had swipes, like, you know, by the Husky Day after 7 a.m. So how would you go about getting that reinstated between last year this year?”
- g. Candidate Kucharzyk replies,
 - i. “Um, I guess just having, um... a certain amount of meal swipes, um, like, roughly, like, five or six. So, they can use it once a day. Um, and the rest of them, like, we use for, Qdoba, I just, like, two. So...”
- h. Senator Galloway states,
 - i. “I just want to state that I was interested in the premise, so you were no swipe idea, because I know a lot of my institutions of people I talked to are, you know, excited about that change list by semester, I think it was. [Inaudible] But you said you guys were going to hang into, like, the number of games for the dining halls, for example, if I don't know, I think that's going to be a little difficult because, you know, based [inaudible] you're suggesting that 5 minutes. I think that we can get there with, like, a different proposal, but I definitely support promotion.
- i. Senator Walker asks,
 - i. “Okay, so I have two questions. Um, I don't know if I missed it, but I wanted to know what your major was, and for my second question, are there any other things you are looking forward to fix on campus other than your [inaudible] situation?”
- j. Candidate Kucharzyk replies,
 - i. “Um, the 1st question, I am a biochemistry major. Um, and then the 2nd one, I was thinking about just like hearing out other people's ideas. I guess, like, sort of like within the main sort of issue, uh, going around campus, sort of just like kind of coming up with an idea to sort of, I guess, resolve it, or try to improve it a little bit more. Um, so, Yeah”.
- k. Senator Uhrine asks,

- i. “Hi, it's nice to meet you. Um, so just remind me one more time. What was your plan for your college and how to represent them individually? Um, and why did you want to become a part of our team?”
- l. Candidate Kucharzyk replies,
 - i. Um, 'cause I honestly, like... Like, as a freshman here coming in, like, I felt like, I guess there was, like, some good things about it. as most of bad things about it. So I kind of wanted to, I guess, help out the committee and community as well. So, honestly, that's probably the most, like, reason I can really hit you”.
- m. Senator Uhrine follows up,
 - i. “I also have a follow-up question, but... Yes. Um, are you a part of any clubs or committees, or, um, anything of that sort currently right now, or any, um, connections that you made with professors or stuff like that?
- n. Candidate Kucharzyk says no.
- o. Senator Kushimo asks the candidate if he was part of any student organizations or clubs in the past.
- p. Candidate Kucharzyk replies,
 - i. “Um... like high school work? Um, I've been in ambassadors club. And then also I've been in sports as well. [Inaudible].
- q. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is discussion or debate.
- r. There is none.
- s. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a vote.
- t. In a vote count of __ 11 __, __ 1 __, __ 0 __, this legislation passes.

NEW BUSINESS

A. SB57022: A bill to restructure Executive Directorships

1. Senator Kushimo so moved.
2. Senator Tinajero seconded.
3. Speaker Gonzalez says,
 - i. “So, this bill was in development since the fall semester. Both I and President Jacoby Jones were in discussions with us. The intention of this bill is overhauling all the directorships that make up the president's cabinet. The rationale for that is to broaden the scope of the duties and

responsibilities for the directors, as well as eliminating specific mandates for the directors. That way, for example, the campus life and environmental affairs director, if they fail to meet the required event for Earth Week, they are not automatically removed by Senate because they filled one aspect of their job, while they could have been doing many more and productive work and other areas and aspects of it. So, this is just a broad on the scope and initiatives that these directors can have without fear of being punished for an event that they hadn't done. That said, of we're going to do events here in SGA, it has to be meaningful [and] purposeful events. Not just because it is constitutionally required for us to do. It must have a measurable impact to the student body. And one other thing that you can see is that the Director of Campus Life and Environmental Affairs has been renamed to the Director of Academic and Campus Affairs. The rationale for that is, is to, they'll still be in charge of around bunch of aspects, but it's to broaden their scope, specifically to address more academic concerns regarding the university. Part of this came from an old discussion. I had with the Office of the Provost last year in my capacity as deputy speaker. Provost Dr. Ellish-Piper, I mentioned that in the olden days, there used to be a position called Director of Academic Affairs that would sit upon the Provost Student Advisory Committee. When the 55th Session removed that position, they never informed the Office of the Provost that position, and by extension, SGA representation, to that committee was terminated until I made mention of it last year, when I was on the committee, in conjunction with Senator Uhrine. This proposal not only brings that back and allows that Director to finally have representation back on that committee, but it also allows us to focus much more on other well-being aspects of students here at this campus. And these provisions were made with the new President David Rivera's approval, because I did not feel it fair or good to unilaterally change the President's Cabinet if it is affecting the President directly. So that is why I made sure to converse with both President Jones and President Rivera regarding this topic. In that case, then, is there any discussion or debate on this topic?"

4. Senator Galloway asks,
 - i. "So, I support the [Director] autonomy for people in the position as directors. I was interested in there is still a backup as Senate oversight [inaudible], that the director's fulfillment of responsibility, that we're putting in a more arbitrary motion and allowing growing autonomy, can we still decide that if we don't like the performance impeach them?"
5. Speaker Gonzalez responds,

- i. “Correct. There's many other mechanisms. For example, there's the issue of office hours, all student government officials, including myself, have to maintain office hours. They're maintaining office hours, or even if their office hours schedule is not posted outside of their office door, that can be grounds for [removal], if they're not participating in their scheduled work. And the Senate [can] compel the director to come in and explain, just to have a check-in, and the Senate determines they're not actually doing work. That is a mechanism for removal. Or even additionally in these other clauses that you can see right here, highlighted in section 5. Um, they have to attend meetings by the President [and] submit weekly staff reports. If said it is ever so chosen, they're available with [inaudible], so if it can be available upon request. So, Senate will be able to directly see whatever work they're doing by virtue of those requesting those staff reports. And if Senate doesn't believe that the work being done in that staff report is reflective of what they could be doing, then yes, they still have a mechanism to hold them accountable”.
 6. Senator Galloway asks,
 - i. “Yeah, I guess what I was asking about was, like, if they were, if they weren't productive, we could still impeach is where we're at?”.
 7. Speaker Gonzalez replies,
 - i. “Yeah, there would be, it would come down to requesting for staff reports. Instead of having, like, a set [of], “they failed to do this event, gotta remove them”. It allows them to do more within their position than having to meet arbitrary standards that old speakers or old senators decided to force upon them”.
 8. Senator Galloway says,
 - i. “I know they report to the President, but I do feel we should have some oversight, so I think that's important”.
 9. Speaker Gonzalez furthers,
 - i. “Yeah, which is why this says that line, they can be available upon request. So, it doesn't have to be the President or Chief of Staff. They'll be the ones charging and receiving those documents, but they're available upon request by anyone. So, students, senators, Speaker, even the Northern Star can request those staff reports”.
 10. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
 11. There is none.
 12. This bill has been tabled for next meeting.
- B. SB27023: A bill to revise SGA Committees
1. Senator Kushimo so moved.
 2. Senator Zimmer seconded.

3. Speaker Gonzalez says,
 - i. Because the Directors, by virtue of them taking minutes in some of our committees, if we're going to be changing the directors we might as well adjust some of our committees as well to meet the expanded scope and demand. So, for instance, the Director of Campus Life and Environmental Affairs Committee will also have their name changed to meet the new director's title as well. Additionally, what you can also see is that a lot of [revisions] have been about clarifying to make this overall section a lot shorter, but it's just because provisions were just consolidated. Not one of these committees has lost what they currently do or need to do. It's just making it more plainer English. So, everyone, including the public, can understand what our governing documents are saying. Additionally, there was a section within the current SGA Bylaws that had repeats of how committees would work that were specifically found within the executive branch section. It regarded standing committee procedures so to make sure there's no confusion for anyone this section was removed. It was instead consolidated at the very beginning in the legislative branch section and it's just going over all committees, and where it can be referenced to, such as standing or overall SGA committees Which are Board of Elections, and the Finance Committee, which none of those provisions were changed. It's just making it more consolidated and centralized so it's easier to reference to.”

4. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.

5. There is none.

6. This bill has been tabled for next meeting.

C. SB57024: A bill to clarify and codify Senator Removal.

1. Senator Kushimo so moved.

2. Senator Tinajero seconded.

3. Speaker Gonzalez says,

- i. “All right, let me preface this: I am in no way trying to remove any senator at this present moment. I want to stress that right now. No one is at risk of being removed at this present moment. I just want to put it out there since this bill is talking about codifying Senator removal process. So, the reason for this bill specifically is with future thinking in mind. This provides clear procedures for how the Speaker of the Senate is supposed to remove a senator if it is believed they're committing misconduct or not fulfilling their entire burden of what it is to be a senator. And so, we can see this process outlined in its own section, such as in this section, Senator removal. So, for instance, [how does] the process for work? Is if there's a complaint, it would go through Rules and Procedure Committee; the Rules

and Procedure Committee will review it, and [if] they find merit, they might impose some sort of censure, sanction, or even removal. If they find nothing at fault, they'll rule it as such. If there's a second complaint, then that gets escalated straight to Senate. So, Senate at that point can decide as an entire body. The only exception to this is, is of course, OMA violation for failure to complete OMA, as that is a state law. And any other place currently within the SGA Bylaws that already has a mechanism, such as the attendance policy. So, this doesn't supersede that. But there's also a benefit of this procedure is that explicitly states, even in the first sentence, The Speaker of the Senate cannot unilaterally remove a senator, except for the, in case of failure to complete OMA training or failing to meet Senate requirements. This specific sentence is to protect senators from a Speaker that wants to remove anyone that they see fit, even if there is reasonable expectation of violation of any procedure. This is to protect you senators, because as of right now, the Speaker can act with impudence. I personally find that uncomfortable. So that is why this bill is being proposed to make sure that your rights as senators, in terms of your position as a senator, as respected, and has due process. With that being, and additionally, the two B and C components that you see, they're just being moved over from what it currently is in the Bylaws, and it's just moving them down to this new section. That way it keeps everything nice and centralized, which is what we've been trying to do this entire session”.

4. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. There is none.
6. This bill has been tabled for next meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Speaker Gonzalez asks if there are any announcements.
 - a. Speaker Gonzalez says,
 - i. “I do want to announce, first, hopefully, you can catch the last few minutes of the lagoon ice skating event that is currently out and about. However, the 2nd most important thing I wanted to mention is there is no Senate meeting for next week, Friday. That is February 13th, as that was agreed upon in the resolution, which approved all senate meeting times, dates, and locations in

the fall semester, November 7th, 2025, meeting. So, we will be reconvening Senate on February 20th at 4:30 p.m. in the Sky Room. All committees are still expected to function, and I will be still releasing a report of what SGA has been doing in that week since I will not be able to share that in the Senate meeting. I will have that report published via the Huskie Hub and I will send a copy directly to the Northern Star on that Friday as well”.

ADJOURNMENT

1. Speaker Gonzalez calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
2. Senator Tinajero so moved.
3. Senator Salerno 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 5:22 PM.

CLOSING ATTENDANCE

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

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY

Speaker Gonzalez on March 4th, 2026

57th Senate on February 6th, 2026