**Student Government Association Senate**

**Northern Illinois University**

**Friday January 17th, 2025 – 4:00 PM**

**Holmes Student Center Capitol Room**

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*Members of the public wishing to give public comment, please submit an* [*Intent to Speak*](https://cglink.me/2sZ/s54) *form, no later*

*than 11:59 pm, January 16th, 2025.*

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Verification of Quorum
3. Public Comments
4. Approval of Minutes
   1. Minutes from November 22nd , 2024
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Speaker’s Report
7. Special Report
8. Office of the Speaker Report(s)
9. Committee Report(s)
10. Executive Branch Report(s)
    1. Student Trustee Report
11. Cabinet Report(s)
12. Old Business
13. New Business
14. Old Business
    1. SB56015: A bill to establish an international representative seat on Senate.
    2. SR56018: A resolution to confirm an alternate member of Board of Elections for Spring 2025
15. New Business
    1. SB56016: A bill to establish the Finance Operating Manual
    2. SB56017: A bill to unify language from the creation of the Parliamentarian
    3. SB56018: A bill to reform the Campus Life and Environmental Affairs Committee
    4. SR56019: A resolution to call the Supreme Court for a hearing
    5. SR56020: A resolution to call for the establishment of Naloxone Training initiatives
    6. SR56021: A resolution to confirm a Parliamentarian
16. Good of the Order
17. Announcements
18. Adjournment

*Please be advised that public comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per person, and that any one*

*topic may not be discussed for more than 15 minutes.*

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.

**Old Business**  **First Reading**

**Agenda Item**: A  November 15th, 2024

**Author:** Senator Samuel, Senator Udoh, Deputy Speaker Gonzalez

**Sponsor:** Senator Samuel, Senator Udoh, Deputy Speaker Gonzalez

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 56015**

**Fifty–Sixth Session**

**Summary:** A bill to establish an international representative seat on Senate.

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, Northern Illinois University hosts a diverse international student population contributing to the University’s academic and cultural environment; and

WHEREAS, International students face unique challenges and have specific needs that no other constituency group can present; and

WHEREAS, cultivating an international seat will allow international students be represented to the Student Government Association and the University; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, §1.B of the Student Government Association Constitution states that, “The Senate shall have the power to create and amend the SGA Bylaws”;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact that the SGA Bylaws be changed to the following:

**ARTICLE III**

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDACY**

**Section 1**

**Legislative Qualifications**

1. Senate voting seats shall be composed of the following constituents:
2. The number of seats in the Senate at one time shall not exceed seventy-five (75) seats.
3. The number of seats in the Senate at one time shall not be less than twenty (21) seats.
4. Every Senate session should have available the following seats at minimum.
5. Each of the NIU Colleges shall be represented by at least two students who occupies two (2) seats per college.
6. Graduate students representing the Graduate School shall occupy one (1) seat.
7. Students residing in any university provided housing shall occupy two (2) seats.
8. Any enrolled international student shall occupy two (2) seats.
9. Underserved student communities shall occupy seven (7) seats and shall be defined as any group of students who are protected classes under federal, state, or university nondiscrimination policies, with one to be allocated to a Graduate student.
10. Students not representing any of the above categories shall occupy four (4) seats as University At-Large representatives. Students who are undecided on their major may also occupy these seats.
11. A minimum of twenty percent (20%), rounded up to the nearest whole number seat, of the seats should be reserved for senators representing underserved communities.
12. A minimum of twenty percent (20%), rounded to the nearest whole number seat, of the seats should reserved for senators representing the university at large.
13. A minimum of ten percent (10%), rounded up to the nearest whole number seat, of the seats should be reserved for senators representing university provided housing.
14. A minimum of ten percent (10%), rounded up to the nearest whole number seat, of the seats should be reserved for senators representing international students.
15. The rest of the seats shall be reserved based on enrollment and housing data, gathered from the division of Enrollment Management, Marketing and Communications from the most current enrollment data done by 31st of January, such that there is one seat for every one thousand (1000) students rounded to the nearest whole number seat.
16. All questions and disputes regarding the seat status of any candidate or student shall be directed to the Election Commissioner. Decisions of the Election Commissioner on the disputes referenced immediately above may be appealed to the Board of Elections.

***This legislation is ordered to take immediate effect for the Spring 2025 Elections.***

**­­­Old Business First Reading**

**Agenda Item: B** November 22, 2024

**Author:** DeputySpeaker Gonzalez

**Sponsor:** DeputySpeakerGonzalez

**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 56017**

**Fifty–Sixth Session**

**Summary:** A resolution to confirm the Spring 2025 Board of Elections

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, Part II, Article I, §5 of the Student Government Association Bylaws states that “Nominations for the Board of Elections shall take place no later than the second-to-last regularly scheduled Senate meeting of November. The Board of Elections shall also be appointed at the next consecutive meeting.”; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws stipulate that the five (5) persons receiving the most votes shall become members of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws also stipulate that “The two (2) people receiving the sixth (6th) and seventh (7th) highest number of votes shall be designated as alternate members of the Board of Elections, to become full members if other members are removed or resign during the election process.”; and

WHEREAS, “The two individuals that the Senate decides to be the alternates for the Board of Elections must be listed in the order in which they will assume the seats if a vacancy occurs. This order should be that the person receiving the 6th highest vote should be given first preference, the person receiving the 7th highest vote should be given second preference.”; and

WHEREAS, “If there is not an Election Commissioner appointed, the Senate shall vote a second time to choose one of the members of the Board and shall designate that person as Chairperson of the Board of Elections. The Senate shall vote, with each Senator having one vote. The person with the most votes shall become Election Commissioner.

WHEREAS, Senator Udoh has expressed interest in serving as a member of Board of Elections for the Spring 2025 elections and expressed it to the Office of the Speaker; and

WHEREAS, the current Board of Elections has the five (5) members with one (1) alternate member; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections has one (1) open seat as an alternate member of the Board of Elections;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate resolve that Senator Onyenum Ruth Udoh be confirmed as the second alternate of the Student Government Association Board of Elections for the Spring 2025 Elections.

***This legislation is ordered to take effect for the Spring 2025 Elections.***

**New Business First Reading**

**Agenda Item: A** January 17, 2025

**Author:** Speaker Corpuz, Deputy Speaker Gonzalez

**Sponsor:** Speaker Corpuz, Deputy Speaker Gonzalez, Treasurer Pesavento

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 56010**

**Fifty–Sixth Session**

**Summary:** A bill to codify the Finance Operating Manual

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, the SGA Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Speaker of the Seante, and Deputy Speaker of the Seante have agreed that a more robust an easier document is needed to cover tiny aspects of the finance policy; and

WHEREAS, the SGA Bylaws are required to cover a general oversight of funding for student organizations and does not need an in-depth parameters for funding; and

WHERAS, long complicated guidelines that would have to be continuously updated by Senate due to University, or otherwise, funding fluctuations can cause delay to student organizations; and

WHEREAS, the creation and adopting of an official Finance Operating Manual to be amended by Seante at direction of the SGA Treasurer will ensure a constant update to the fiancé policy to prevent delays for student organizations.

WHEREAS, Article IV, §1.B of the Student Government Association Constitution states that, “The Senate shall have the power to create and amend the SGA Bylaws”;

WHEREAS, Article IV, §1.B of the Student Government Association Constitution states that the Senate has the power, “To solely amend the SGA Constitution as provided for herein. ”;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact that the SGA Bylaws be changed to the following:

***ARTICLE III.  THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

**Section 3.  Duties of the Treasurer of the Student Government Association**

The Treasurer of the Student Government Association shall be empowered to:

A.  Oversee the management and appropriations of SGA funds.

B.  Cause to be kept accurate records of SGA expenditures, which shall conform to standard University financial record-keeping practices.

C.  Assist in the preparation of and present student organization budgets to the Senate for approval.  The Treasurer shall advise all student organizations as to correct financial procedures.

D.  Appoint such deputies as shall be necessary for the proper operation of the office of the Treasurer.  The Treasurer shall have only one (1) paid Deputy Treasurer.  The paid Deputy Treasurer shall be approved by the Senate.

E.  Submit a written financial report of all Student Government Association financial activities at the last regular meeting of the Senate of each semester.

F. Review, Revise & maintain the Finance Operating Manual at least once (1) a semester and submit any changes to the Senate to amend the manual. Purchasing Guidelines that are updated by the University will be maintained by the SGA Treasurer and inform all branches of Student Government Association of changes made.

***ARTICLE IV.  THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH***

**Section 1.  Powers of the Senate**

The Senate shall consist of representatives from the Northern Illinois University Student Body elected according to the rules set forth in the Bylaws.  The number of senators shall be set in the Bylaws.  The Senate shall review and check the actions of the Executive Branch and shall legislate on matters of student interest.  The Senate shall be further empowered:

A.  To appropriate allotted monies and other benefits to SGA-recognized student organizations.  The expenditures of such monies are required to follow standard University purchasing and disbursement procedures and are subject to audits as required by state law.

B.  To solely amend the SGA Constitution as provided for herein.  The Senate shall have the power to create and amend the SGA Bylaws in accordance with the rules for a presidential veto prescribed herein.  The Elections Policy and the Finance Policy shall be part of the SGA Bylaws. The Finance Policy shall also be a part of the Finance Operating Manual.  The Senate shall have the sole power to create and amend the Senate Operating Rules.  The Senate shall have the power, with the approval of the Supreme Court, to create and amend the Code of Procedure.

C. To soley amend the Finance Operating Manual by the direction of the SGA Treasurer or University with the exception of the Purchasing Guidelines. The Seante shall have the power to create and amend the SGA Finance Operating Manual in accordance with the rules for a presidential veto prescribed in the SGA Bylaws. The Constitution, SGA Bylaws and SGA Finance Operating Manual shall coexist as equal governing documents so long as they do not conflict. If there is conflict, the Constitution is considered to be superior followed by the SGA Bylaws.

D. To recognize student organizations.  Qualifications for SGA-recognition as a student organization shall be specified in the SGA Bylaws.  The Senate shall also have the power to ratify, reject or revoke SGA recognition of student organizations after it has notified the affected organizations and their advisors of the time, date and place of the meeting at which this will be decided.  Revoking a student organization’s SGA recognition shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

***This legislation is ordered to take immediate effect.***

**New Business First Reading**

**Agenda Item: B** January 17, 2025

**Author:** DeputySpeaker Gonzalez

**Sponsor:** DeputySpeakerGonzalez

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 56017**

**Fifty–Sixth Session**

**Summary:** A bill to unify language withing the governing documents concerning the Parliamentarian.

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, SB56009 was passed in the Senate consolidating the positions of Historian, Legislative Director, and Director of Community Service into the Parliamentarian; and

WHEREAS, there are several instances in the Student Government Association Constitution and Student Government Association Bylaws that retain the names and other duties of the now terminated/merged position(s); and

WHEREAS, having uniformed language will assist in ensuring that the SGA Constitution and Bylaws remain consistent with one another and prevent errors in operation; and

WHEREAS, the SGA Parliamentarian is considered to legal successor to each corresponding position before the consolidation and will carry out those similar functions so long as it does not interfere with other positions responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Article II, §1.A the Student Government Association Constitution states that, “The Senate shall have the power to create and amend the SGA Bylaws”,

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate resolve that Bylaws be amended to the following:

**ARTICLE IX.  AMENDMENTS**

**Section 3.  Preserving the Constitution and Amendments**

The ~~Historian~~ Parliamentarian shall maintain a copy of each new constitution in the SGA’s digital files. The 55th Senate recognizes that previous amendments were not made according to the constitution, however the Senate recognizes the currently used constitution as the most updated one and as the one to be updated into the future.

## ARTICLE II

## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

**Section 1**

**Duties and Responsibilities of the Senate**

1. The Senate shall have a number of paid officers, and each shall have duties as defined in the Constitution, Bylaws, and/or Senate Operating Rules.
   1. The Speaker of the Senate shall manage all affairs of the body.
   2. The Deputy Speaker shall manage all the Senators of the Senate.
   3. The Senate Clerk shall be responsible for all recordings and documents of the Senate as directed by the Speaker of the Senate
   4. The ~~Historian~~ Parliamentarian shall be responsible for accurate records of the SGA.

**Section 2**

**Duties and Responsibilities of Senators**

C. Senators are required to complete five hours of community service per semester. Verification of these hours must be provided to the ~~Director of Community Service~~ Parliamentarian and the Speaker no later than the second to last Senate meeting of each semester. Senators who fail to complete or turn in the necessary hours of community service must submit a written statement as to why they were unable to complete the hours to the Rules and Procedures Committee. This statement will be reviewed by the Committee. If there is no written statement delivered for not completing the necessary hours of community service or if the reasoning of the statement is considered invalid by the committee, then it will result in the Senator’s removal from office.

**Section 6**

**Senate Order of Succession**

If at any time during their one-year term in office the Speaker of the Senate chooses by their own free will or is forced to step down from their position temporarily, the Temporary Speaker of the Senate will be chosen from the Senate Order of Succession and will serve until the vote has been finalized in the case of legislation, in which the Speaker of the Senate can assume the position once again. In the case that the Speaker is removed from their position or chooses to step down indefinitely, the Temporary Speaker of the Senate will be chosen from the Senate Order of Succession and will serve until the end of the term or choose to pass the position in line of the Senate Order of Succession. If a person serves multiple positions on the Senate Order of Succession, they will represent the highest position and shall not be eligible to be on the Order of Succession for any lower positions. The Senate order of Succession is as follows

1. Deputy Speaker of the Senate
2. ~~Legislative Director~~
3. ~~Historian~~ Parliamentarian
4. Sergeant at Arms
5. Chair of Organization Oversight Committee
6. Chair of Public Affairs Committee
7. Chair of Student Life and Greek Affairs Committee
8. Chair of Campus Life Environmental Affairs Committee
9. Chair of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee
10. ~~Director of Community Service~~
11. Most Senior Senator as determined by most amount of time in office.

## ARTICLE III EXECUTIVE BRANCH

## Section 4

## Student Government Association Cabinet

1. The Director of Community Engagement and Environmental Affairs, working under the direction of the President and Chief of Staff, is responsible for all communication, coordination, support, and work dealing with related items on behalf of the Student Government Association. The Director of Community Engagement and Environmental Affairs shall
   1. Be responsible for the coordination of environmental service projects each semester in office.
   2. Support and collaborate with the University environmental groups for programming, advising, guidance, and accountability.
   3. Oversee all recycling campaigns on campus, including assisting with Department and organization initiatives.
   4. Serve on the NIU Green Team
   5. Work with the University for the Study of the environment, sustainability, and energy to promote green initiatives for the University to enact.
   6. Advocate for greener alternatives on campus to the University Administration, including offering suggestions to the University Administration on behalf of the Student Government Association to improve the university’s environmental initiatives and include students in this process.
   7. Collaborate with the University Administration and student body to help create a campus sustainability plan, including collaboration with all green student organizations to minimize campus waste and make the University as environmentally efficient as possible.
   8. Collaborate with the Director of Governmental Affairs to bring any campus initiative to the City of DeKalb and bring initiatives found in the city’s Sustainability Master Plan or discussed in the Citizen’s Environmental Commission back to campus.
   9. Oversee Earth Week, beginning the Monday before Earth Day.
   10. Serve as non-voting ex-officio member of the SGA Senate Environmental Affairs Committee.
       1. Serve as Secretary of the Committee as such attendance is required. If a director cannot not make a meeting, they are required to fill out the absence form on Huskie Hub within 48 hours of the meeting. This form is approved or denied following the same Guidelines for the Senator Absence form.
   11. Collaborate with SGA ~~Senate Community Service Director~~ Parliamentarian to provide opportunities for staff to engage in community service and community building events.

## ARTICLE IV

**CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS**

**Section 3**

**Corrective Action Procedures**

1. The supervisors of each branch shall, in coordination with the ~~Historian~~ Parliamentarian Historian, maintain a filing system for historical records of corrective action.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**EXPENDITURE REPORTING**

**Section 3**

**Public Reporting**

1. The Election Commissioner, with the guidance of the Student Government Association Treasurer, shall make the financial records of each campaign public before any election results are announced.
2. The Election Commissioner shall create a final financial report of all campaigns that shall be documented by the Student Government Association ~~Historian~~ Parliamentarian for public review. The report shall include the total amount of election expenses from the ticket and/or candidate, a financial report of each ticket and/or candidate, and a record of any financial violations.

***This legislation is ordered to take immediate effect.***

**­­­New Business First Reading**

**Agenda Item: C** January 17, 2025

**Author:** Senator Samuel

**Sponsor:** Senator Samuel, Deputy Speaker Gonzalez

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 56019**

**Fifty–Sixth Session**

**Summary:** A bill to reform the Campus Life and Environmental Affairs Committee

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, the SGA Bylaws Article II §1.D of the Student Government Association Bylaws governs the duties of Campus Life and Environmental Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, Northern Illinois University has no established Campus Stainability Week to promote environmental awareness, sustainable practices, and community; and

WHEREAS, Northern Illinois University is committed to fostering environmental sustainability and addressing climate challenges as part of its institutional mission; and

WHEREAS, Campus Sustainability Week will provide an opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to engage in educational and participatory activities to advance sustainability on campus; and

WHEREAS, such an initiative aligns with the university’s goal of promoting environmental stewardship and integrating sustainability into campus life; and

WHEREAS, mandating a committee member Environmental literacy program will equip committee members with foundational knowledge of environmental literacy will improve their ability to evaluate, propose, and implement effective policies and programs; and

WHEREAS, mandatory training ensures a consistent and comprehensive understanding of sustainability principles among all committee members, fostering collaboration and impactful leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Campus Life and Environment Affairs committee will handle the planning and implementation of Campus Sustainability Week, including collaborating with other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, §1.B of the Student Government Association Constitution states that, “The Senate shall have the power to create and amend the SGA Bylaws”

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact that the SGA Bylaws be changed to the following.

## ARTICLE II

## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

**Section 4**

**Senate Standing Committee Duties and Responsibilities**

1. Committee on Campus Life and Environmental Affairs
   1. The Committee shall be concerned with the improvement of environmental quality on campus as well as contributions to environmental initiatives put forth by the University or the Student Government Association.
   2. The Committee shall assist the Director of ~~Community Engagement~~ Campus Life and Environmental Affairs in their initiatives and objectives, especially in regard to communication with organizations.
   3. The committee, under the direction of either the Director or Chair of ~~Community Engagement~~ Campus Life and Environmental affairs must implement a environmental literacy program that all committee members must go through. They shall attend the program once a semester for how long they serve on the committee.
   4. The Committee shall plan and implement a program aimed at educating students about environmental issues with assistance from the Director of ~~Community Engagement~~ Campus Life and Environmental Affairs. This program shall consist of at least one event each semester and must be educational in nature. One event must fall under the purview of Earth Week.
   5. The Committee shall attempt to bring environmental and sustainability issues to the attention of campus administrators and encourage their participation in student-initiated changes.
   6. The Committee shall serve as representatives for the Director of ~~Community Engagement~~ Campus Life and Environmental Affairs should they not be able to attend committee meetings as listed in the duties.
   7. The Committee shall cooperate with existing environmental student organizations, or community partners, to assist and further agendas regarding sustainability.
   8. The committee shall establish an annual Campus Sustainability Week either before, or on Earth Week. They shall work with the Director or Chairperson to plan, implement, and execute all activities.
   9. The following members of the Student Government Association may attend meetings of the Committee and participate as non-voting ex-officio members to give reports and hear the opinions of the Committee members: Director of ~~Community Engagement~~ Campus Life and Environmental Affairs.

## ARTICLE III EXECUTIVE BRANCH

## Section 4

## Student Government Association Cabinet

1. The Director of ~~Community Engagement~~ Campus Life and Environmental Affairs, working under the direction of the President and Chief of Staff, is responsible for all communication, coordination, support, and work dealing with related items on behalf of the Student Government Association. The Director ~~Community Engagement~~ Campus Life Community Engagement and Environmental Affairs shall

1. Be responsible for the coordination of environmental service projects each semester in office.

2. Support and collaborate with the University environmental groups for programming, advising, guidance, and accountability.

3. Oversee all recycling campaigns on campus, including assisting with Department and organization initiatives.

4. Serve on the NIU Green Team

5. Work with the University for the Study of the environment, sustainability, and energy to promote green initiatives for the University to enact.

6. Advocate for greener alternatives on campus to the University Administration, including offering suggestions to the University Administration on behalf of the Student Government Association to improve the university’s environmental initiatives and include students in this process.

7. Collaborate with the University Administration and student body to help create a campus sustainability plan, including collaboration with all green student organizations to minimize campus waste and make the University as environmentally efficient as possible.

8. Collaborate with the Director of Governmental Affairs to bring any campus initiative to the City of DeKalb and bring initiatives found in the city’s Sustainability Master Plan or discussed in the Citizen’s Environmental Commission back to campus.

9. Oversee Earth Week, beginning the Monday before Earth Day.

10. Oversee Campus Sustainability Week, on or before Earth Week.

11. Serve as non-voting ex-officio member of the SGA Senate Environmental Affairs Committee.

* + 1. Serve as Secretary of the Committee as such attendance is required. If a director cannot not make a meeting, they are required to fill out the absence form on Huskie Hub within 48 hours of the meeting. This form is approved or denied following the same Guidelines for the Senator Absence form.
  1. Collaborate with SGA Senate Community Service Director to provide opportunities for staff to engage in community service and community building events.

***This legislation is ordered to take immediate effect.***

**New Business First Reading**

**Agenda Item: D**  January 17, 2025

**Author:** Speaker Corpuz, Deputy Speaker Gonzalez

**Sponsor:** Speaker Corpuz, Deputy Speaker Gonzalez

**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 56019**

**Fifty–Sixth Session**

**Summary:** A resolution to call a hearing from Supreme Court Justices.

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, Article IV §1.F of the Student Government Association Constitution states, “To require any official of the SGA…to testify at Senate or committee proceedings, after prior notification in writing.”

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has failed to heed call to action by SR56002; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice serves as the official spokesperson of the Judicial branch and oversees all matters of the court such as reviewing potential cases; and

WHEREAS lack of a Chief Justice prevents cases from being heard and paralyzes a branch of the Student Government Association;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact that all justices of the Student Government Association Supreme Court be called to next Senate’s meeting for a hearing.

***This legislation is ordered to take immediate effect.***

**New Business First Reading**

**Agenda Item: E** January 17, 2025

**Author:** DeputySpeaker Gonzalez

**Sponsor:** DeputySpeakerGonzalez, Dr Rachel Boldman

**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 56020**

**Fifty–Sixth Session**

**Summary:** A resolution to establish intent and resources for Naloxone and Harm reduction efforts.

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, the health risks of an opioid overdoes are not to be understated that impact many across the country and it is better for Northern Illinois University to be proactive than reactive to ongoing health issues; and

WHEREAS, Naloxone is already distributed through community by DeKalb County by the DeKalb County health Department and Student Health Services but provide no specific training;

WHEREAS, information is accessible in pamphlet form but only to students and community members who seek it; and

WHEREAS, stigmas and resistance due to misconceptions prevent accessible methods for help or information regarding Naloxone and other harm reduction efforts; and

WHERAS, Student Government Association has a vested interest in helping the Students of Northern Illinois University in all domains as much as possible; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this resolution will provide a basis for Student Government Association to work closely with administration in ensuring that training options are provided and expand current distribution efforts at the University; and

WHEREAS, Student Government Association will direct appropriate standing committees, Senators, Directors, and other members to assist in planning and implementation of this initiative;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate resolve that Naloxone and Harm Reduction become an official stance of Student Government Association and direct resources and committees as needed to support the cause with administration and relevant community partners.

***This legislation is ordered to take effect immediately.***

**New Business**   **First Reading**

**Agenda Item: F** January 17, 2025

**Author:** SpeakerCorpuz, DeputySpeaker Gonzalez

**Sponsor:** Speaker Corpuz**,** DeputySpeakerGonzalez

**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 56021**

**Fifty–Sixth Session**

**Summary:** A resolution to confirm the Parliamentarian.

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, Article II, §1.O.1 the Student Government Association Bylaws states that the Parliamentarian shall “be a currently elected Senator appointed by the Speaker of the Sente and confirmed by the Senate via a simple majority vote”; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Corpuz has appointed Senator Eddie Guerrero as the Parliamentarian; and

WHEREAS, Senator Guerrero has displayed initiative, leadership qualities and will to do more work for the Senate during the 56th Session; and

WHEREAS, Article II, §1.A the Student Government Association Constitution states that, “Only the Senate shall have the power to authorize a person to be paid from student fee monies”; and

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate resolve that Senator Eddie Guerrero be appointed as Parliamentarian for the 56th Session.

***This legislation is ordered to take effect immediately.***