**Student Government Association Senate**

**Northern Illinois University**

**Friday November 22nd, 2024 – 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, November 21st, 2024.*

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Verification of Quorum
3. Public Comments
4. Approval of Minutes
   1. Minutes from November 15th, 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. Vice President Report
11. Cabinet Report(s)
12. Old Business
13. New Business
    1. SR56015: A resolution to confirm the new senator stipend rubric for the Spring 2024 semester.
    2. SR56016: A resolution to add the Senate Stipend Rubric to the 56th Operating Manual
    3. SR56017: A resolution to appoint the Election Commissioner for the Spring 2024 Elections
14. Good of the Order
15. Announcements
16. 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.

**New Business First Reading**

**Agenda Item:** ANovember 22nd, 2024

**Author:** Speaker Corpuz

**Sponsor:** Speaker Corpuz

**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 560**

**Fifty–Sixth Session**

**Summary:** A resolution to confirm the new senator stipend rubric for the Spring 2024 semester.

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, the rubric for the senator stipend was established in the fall; and

WHEREAS, the rubric was created by the Speaker under the impression of their own time spent contributing to SGA; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Speaker recognizes that Senators are individuals and do not have the same time commitment and freedom of schedule as the Speaker might have; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Speaker is tasked with establishing the stipend amounts that each senator shall receive at the end of the semester; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Speaker is tasked with providing adequate reasoning for the amounts selected for each stipend amount; and

WHEREAS, the new stipend rubric is aimed at providing a more fair system for senators to complete their responsibilities for SGA;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact that the stipend rubric provided below be used for the Spring 2024 Semester and shall be used to determine the amount of the stipend a senator shall receive for their work in SGA.

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

**New Business First Reading**

**Agenda Item:** BNovember 22nd, 2024

**Author:** Speaker Corpuz

**Sponsor:** Speaker Corpuz

**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 56016**

**Fifty–Sixth Session**

**Summary:** A resolution to add the Senate Stipend Rubric to the 56th Operating Manual

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, the rubric for the senator stipend was established in the fall; and

WHEREAS, the rubric was created by the Speaker under the impression of their own time spent contributing to SGA; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Speaker recognizes that Senators are individuals and do not have the same time commitment and freedom of schedule as the Speaker might have; and

WHEREAS, the new stipend rubric is aimed at providing a more fair system for senators to complete their responsibilities for SGA;

WHEREAS, the previous stipend rubric is still available on the 56th Senate Operating Manual; and

WHEREAS, the new stipend rubric has changes that are more lenient for senators and for the Spring Semester; and

WHEREAS, the changes also include the weighted amounts for each section of the rubric; and

WHEREAS, the changes help to convey the importance of each item and how much a Senator’s work should impact the student body; and

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact that the stipend rubric provided below be used for the Spring 2024 Semester and shall replace the previous rubric in the 56th Session Senate Operating Manual

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

**­­­New Business First Reading**

**Agenda Item:** C  November 22nd , 2024

**Author:** Speaker Corpuz

**Sponsor:** Speaker Corpuz

**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 56017**

**Fifty–Sixth Session**

**Summary:** A resolution to appoint the Election Commissioner for the Spring 2024 Elections

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, Bylaws Part II, Article II, Section 2.B of the Student Government Association Bylaws states that, “When the Senate is in session, the Election Commissioner shall be appointed by the President for the Spring Election with the approval of the Senate. The Senate shall have oversight authority over the performance of the Election Commissioner.”

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 1.A of 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

WHEREAS, President Ja’Kobe Jones has made the appointment of Zachary Althoff as Election Commissioner; and

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate hereby approve the appointment of Zachary Althoff as Election Commissioner for Spring 2024 Elections.

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