**Student Government Association Senate**

**Northern Illinois University**

**Friday April 4th, 2025 – 4:00 PM**

**Holmes Student Center Sky 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, April 3rd, 2025.*

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Verification of Quorum
3. Public Comments
4. Approval of Minutes
   1. *Minutes from March 28th, 2025*
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
    1. SB56027: A bill requiring Senators to complete one form of ally training.
    2. SB56028: A bill to amend the stipend disbursement process for the Board of Elections
13. New Business
    1. SB56029: A bill to update the definitions of senate vacancies in the bylaws
    2. SB56030: A bill to amend the stipend disbursement process for the Board of Elections
    3. SR56040: A resolution to amend the ad hoc committee focused on transportation
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.

**­Old Business First Reading**

**Agenda Item: A**   **March 26th, 2025**

**Author:** Parliamentarian Guerrero

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

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 56027**

**Fifty–Sixth Session**

**Summary:** A bill requiring Senators to complete one form of ally training.

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association (SGA) is committed to fostering an inclusive, equitable, and respectful environment for all students at Northern Illinois University;

WHEREAS, Senators represent the diverse student body of NIU and are expected to advocate on behalf of all students, including those from historically marginalized and underrepresented communities;

WHEREAS, ally training provides essential knowledge and skills for understanding issues related to identity, privilege, oppression, and advocacy;

WHEREAS, NIU’s resource centers, such as the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center (GSRC), the Undocumented Resource Center, and Disability Resource Center (DRC), offer valuable allyship and cultural competency trainings;

WHEREAS, requiring ally training for Senators will help create a more informed, empathetic, and socially conscious student government and aligns with NIU’s values of diversity, equity, inclusion;

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:

**Section 2**

**Duties and Responsibilities of Senators**

In addition to those described in the Constitution and Senate Operating Rules, SGA senators shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

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.

D. Senators are required to attend Conversations on Diversity and Equity (CODE) training during the first semester of their one-year term in office. Senators are only required to complete the training once during their one-year term in office.

1. If a senator has already attended CODE training during their term for another purpose, such as their involvement in student organization, they shall not be required to attend additional training.

2. If a senator is appointed to the Senate after the final CODE training of the semester has taken place or are otherwise unable to attend the remaining CODE training(s) due to demonstrable schedule conflicts, their CODE training requirement shall be deferred to the following semester of their term.

3. If a senator is appointed to the Senate during the spring semester, and their appointment occurs after the final CODE training of the semester has taken place or are otherwise unable to attend the remaining CODE training(s) due to demonstrable schedule conflicts, they shall not be required to attend CODE training during the term of their appointment.

4. Senators shall be required to attend CODE training at least once per each one-year term in which they serve, even if they have completed CODE training during a previous term.

5. It shall be the responsibility of the Speaker to schedule a minimum of three (3) CODE training courses per semester with the appropriate university office.

E. Senators are required to complete one ally training available through an NIU resource center during the first semester of their one-year term in office.

1. If a Senator has already completed ally training during their term for another purpose, they shall not be required to complete additional ally training.

2. If a Senator is appointed after the final ally training of the semester has occurred or is otherwise unable to attend any remaining sessions due to demonstrable schedule conflicts, their requirement shall be deferred to the following semester of their term.

3. Senators shall be required to complete ally training at least once per each one-year term in which they serve, even if they have completed ally training during the previous term.

4. It shall be the responsibility of the Speaker or their designee to coordinate with resource centers to make available a minimum of two (2) ally training opportunities per semester for Senators.

~~E~~ F. Senators are required to become certified and take the Illinois Open Meetings Act (OMA) training as directed by the Senate Operating Manual. Senators are only required to complete the training once during their term in office.

~~F~~ G. Senators are required to attend at least one Student Government Association Public Relations event per semester. Verification of this attendance must be provided to the Director of Community Service and the Speaker no later than the second to last Senate meeting of each semester. Senators who fail to attend at least one Student Government Association Public Relations event must submit a written statement as to why they were unable to attend an event to the Rules and Procedures Committee. This statement will be reviewed by the Committee. If there is no written statement delivered for not attending at least one Student Government Association Public Relations event or if the reasoning of the statement is considered invalid by the Committee, then it will result in the Senator’s removal from office.

~~G~~ H. Senators are required to plan and execute at least one outreach campaign per semester to their respective area of constituency. Verification of this attendance must be provided to the Deputy Speaker and the Speaker no later than the last Senate meeting of each semester. Senators who failed to meet this requirement must submit a written statement as to why they were unable to enact one to the Rules and Procedures Committee. This statement will be reviewed by the Committee. If there is no written statement delivered or if the reasoning of the statement is considered invalid by the Committee, then it will result in the senator's removal from office.

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

**Old Business First Reading**

**Agenda Item: B**   **March 26th, 2025**

**Author:** Parliamentarian Guerrero

**Sponsor:** Parliamentarian Guerrero

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 56028**

**Fifty–Sixth Session**

**Summary:** A bill to amend the stipend disbursement process for the Board of Elections

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, previous Boards of Elections have completed varying levels of work depending on the scope and complexity of each election cycle, and each Board has continued to propose increased stipend amounts regardless of workload;

WHEREAS, delaying stipend approval until after the conclusion of the election cycle ensures that the Senate has an opportunity to assess the overall performance and execution of duties by the Board of Elections;

WHEREAS, the current process allows for Board of Elections stipends to be approved prior to the completion of their duties and responsibilities related to the election cycle;

WHEREAS, aligning the Board of Elections stipend with the actual work completed during the election cycle ensures fair compensation;

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:

**Section 3**

**Board of Elections**

1. To serve on the Board of Elections, a student must not be on academic probation or punishment for academic or be the defendant in any civil or criminal procedures with the University is also a party. The student must also have and maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00 during their tenure in office or be in the first semester at the University. There is no credit hour requirement for members of the Board of Elections.
2. Board of Elections members shall receive a stipend, except for the Election Commissioner. A person who already holds an hourly rate paid position within the Student Government Association is eligible to receive a stipend. No person shall hold more than one Student Government Association stipend position at one time. The stipend for the Board of Elections shall not be approved or disbursed until after the conclusion of the election cycle. It shall be up to the discretion of the Election Commissioner to decide on the dollar amount of the stipend each year, with consent from the Senate in the form of a vote. If the Election Commissioner is unable to set this stipend, the Senate shall be empowered to do so by a majority vote. No member of the current Board of Elections may vote on said stipend.

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

**­­­­­­New Business First Reading**

**Agenda Item: A** April 4th, 2025

**Author:** Speaker Corpuz

**Sponsor:** Speaker Corpuz

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 56029**

**Fifty–Sixth Session**

**Summary:** A bill to update the definitions of senate vacancies in the bylaws

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association has clauses on filling vacancies within the Senate written in the bylaws; and

WHEREAS, each Senate seat is open to any student to apply for; and

WHEREAS, the language in the SGA bylaws about applicants running for SGA Senate is outdated and did not treat applicants as separate entities; and

WHEREAS, any SGA applicants must follow a process before being voted on to join the current session of SGA; and

WHEREAS, all SGA applicants will be brought up to Senate as separate pieces of legislation as well as be voted on separately; and

WHEREAS, SGA applicants should not be previously removed Senators who have not gone through the process of appeals with the Supreme Court; 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:

**Section 5**

**Senate Vacancies**

1. Until all Senate seats have been filled as described in the Student Government Association Bylaws Part II Article III, §1.A the Speaker shall accept applications for all vacancies on the Senate, ~~including vacancies for the next session that were not filled during the Spring Election.~~ Vacancies shall include all seats in which a Senator has resigned or been removed, or the seat was not originally filled during the initial election. As each vacancy is announced, the Speaker shall present the name of the first applicant who has registered with a completed application for consideration for an open seat.Applications will not be taken from graduating students when less than six (6) meetings remain in the session or from returning students when less than four (4) meetings remain in the session. No person who is on the applicant list may be skipped, except for the following:
2. The applicant asks to be skipped.
3. The applicant cannot attend the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting.
4. The applicant’s packet of information is not complete; such applicants will be moved to the bottom of the applicant list for later consideration.
5. The applicant has not attended at least one Senate meeting in its entirety.
6. The applicant has already been denied by the Senate in ~~any given~~ the current Senate session.
7. ~~The applicant has been removed from any position in Senate in a previous session and has not gone through the appeal process with the Supreme Court to be allowed again to run for Senate again.~~
8. The Senate will interview each applicant in order ofeach open seat. The Senate Speaker will introduce all applicants who meet the current Senate seat replacement criteria to the Senate.
9. The Senate Seat Replacement Criteria and procedures are as follows:
10. Candidates for all Student Government Association offices shall be NIU students in good academic standing.
11. All candidates for the Student Government Association office must sign awaiver releasing their name and student identification number, allowing them to determine if the student is in good academic standing through the Office of Registration and Records.
12. Re-entering students shall be eligible for candidacy for Student Government Association posts. Re-entering students are not eligible for any Student Government Association posts if they have been previously removed from their position in a prior session, unless the Supreme Court has met and voted to allow the student to reapply for the next session.
13. All candidates for Senate seat replacement positions must have attended at least one full Student Government Association Senate meeting prior to candidacy for Senate. (To ascertain attendance, potential candidates must check in with the Senate Clerk within five minutes of roll call being called and be present when their name is called at the final roll call at the adjournment of the meeting.)
14. Applicants must give their presentation to the Senate within four (4) Senate meetings of their attendance as a member of the public. This time limit may be waived at the Speaker’s discretion should any extenuating circumstances apply.
15. All candidates must obtain fifty (50) signatures from their constituents prior to submitting the application to the Speaker. The signatures must include the students’ full name, signature, Z-ID number, and a local phone number.
16. Candidates must have turned in an application for the Senate seat replacement position to the SGA Senate Speaker at least 48 hours prior to the Senate meeting in which applications are first presented. ~~If the candidate is applying for a seat for the next session of the Senate, the candidate must indicate that they are applying for the next session.~~
17. All candidates are required to provide proof of residence hall contracts, college affiliation, or resource center affiliation depending on the seat for which they are running. Regarding college seats, ‘proof’ shall be an official document or email received from the school; in the case of university-At-Large, an official document or email from the University. Proof for underrepresented seats shall be an email or letter from the resource center (If there is no resource center for an underrepresented group, then an official email or letter from a student organization representing the group will suffice.) University housing shall provide an official letter or email from the Housing Department/Hall Director/Graduate Hall Director or official housing contract.
18. At the meeting in which they are presented, the applicants will be given the opportunity to give a speech, no longer than five minutes, to address the Senate on their reasons for becoming a Senator.
19. The order in which applicants will be allowed to speak will be the same order in which the applications were turned into the Senate Speaker~~. However, e~~ Each applicant will be considered separately during the Senate meeting. For each application, the Speaker shall submit a separate resolution for each applicant which is to be the way for Senators to vote on the applicant.~~for each open seat. No applicant can be considered before an applicant who is qualified and turns in a completed application first.~~
20. After the candidate’s speech, the Senate floor will be open for the Senate to ask the candidate questions. Each Senator will have five (5) minutes to ask questions and receive answers. After all questions have been answered by the candidate or the five (5) minutes have completed, the candidate will step down and the Senate shall discuss and deliberate the candidate’s qualifications for being a Senator. The candidate is allowed to sit in during any discussion, however they are prohibited from partaking in discussion or providing further reasoning of their qualifications during discussion. If the candidate continuously provides interruptions during discussion after receiving a warning from the Speaker, the candidate shall be removed from the meeting until the Senate closes discussion. ~~Following all candidates’ speeches, the candidates will wait outside the Senate chambers as the Senate discusses the candidates.~~
21. After the Senate closes discussion, each candidate will be voted on, requiring a two-thirds vote of all present and voting senators to be approved. If an applicant fails to receive the necessary amount of votes, the applicant shall be denied from joining the Senate, but the applicant can still run for Senator in the Spring elections or apply again in the next session. ~~individually in the order in which they spoke. Any candidate who has completed the process outlined above but was not selected to join the Senate will be required to attend an entire additional meeting before being considered again.~~
22. All SGA officials involved in the Senate vacancy approval process must make all decisions in a viewpoint-neutral fashion. All candidates shall be judged objectively on their personal merit and character and not on the views of the group(s) or organization(s) with which they are affiliated.
23. ~~The applicants must be approved by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting.~~
24. The newly approved Senators will take office immediately after the voting has taken place. ~~on all candidates at that meeting.~~

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

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

**Agenda Item: B**   April 4th, 2025

**Author:** DeputySpeaker Gonzalez

**Sponsor:** DeputySpeakerGonzalez

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 56030**

**Fifty–Sixth Session**

**Summary:** A bill to adjust some responsibilities for Deputy Speaker and Parliamentarian.

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, the Deputy Speaker Nathan Gonzalez has occupied the position of Deputy Speaker of the Senate for nearly the entire 56th Session; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Speaker Gonzalez helped to lead the establishment of the position of the Parliamentarian that involved the consolidation of Legislative Director, Director of Community Service, and Historian; and

WHEREAS, after review of the past actions of the Parliamentarian Gurrero who has done an excellent job of establishing precedent in the role and of reviewing tasks carried out by Deputy Speaker Gonzalez, there are still rooms for improvement; and

WHEREAS, the changes made to Deputy Speaker allow for better clarity well they are able to be appointed and better controls their workflow to allow greater oversight on Senators, Chairpersons, and their respective committees; and

WHEREAS, such changes allows the Deputy Speaker have increased oversight in the actions of the Chairpersons to ensure that committees are operating and moves to identify problematic occurrences before they negatively impact the functions of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, the changes made to Parliamentarian also provide better clarity to when they are able to be appointed and consolidates further some of their duties, provides more clarity, and emphasizes the duties of what would have been the Historian more; and

WHEREAS, the reemphasis of the Historians duties in the Parliamentarian allow for the history of Student Government Association to be preserved and to allow our records to be deposited in a timely and efficient manner in the Founders Memorial Library and does not provide for a misconception that the Parliamentarian is a “second” clerk; 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 resolve that the SGA Constitution and Bylaws be amended to the following:

**Section 1**

**Duties and Responsibilities of the Senate**

The Student Government Association Senate shall have the following duties and responsibilities as a body acting in accord with the Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules:

1. Only the Senate shall have the power to authorize a person to be paid from student fee monies. The following officials are authorized to be paid from student fees at the amount determined by the Senate each year in its annual budget: SGA Accountant and SGA Office Support Specialist.
2. Legislate all matters of student interest.
3. Review all activities, business, policy, and property affecting the students of Northern Illinois University.
4. Review any executive action that spends student fee money within two Senate meetings after it has occurred, unless that expenditure was authorized by either of the following:
5. The passage of a resolution or act by the Senate.
6. The expenditure was necessary to the normal conduct of SGA activities.
7. Allocate Student Activity Fees based on a budget submitted by the Treasurer on behalf of the organization(s) requesting funds. It shall be a sole responsibility of the NIU SGA Senate to legislate salary increases for all student organizations.
8. Investigate, initiate, and recommend student government and University policy and present such recommendations or orders to the proper people.
9. Request the advice of any elected or appointed member of the Student Government Association. No person shall be compelled to give advice by the Senate other than its own members. No person shall give advice if the opinion requested is outside of their area of knowledge, creates a conflict of interest, requires extensive research, or is the duty of the Senate or its committees.
10. Each member of the Senate is required to author one piece of legislation during their term in office to demonstrate their knowledge as well as their outreach efforts to their constituency. Multiple Senators may collaborate on one piece of legislation at the discretion of the Speaker or Deputy Speaker. This piece of legislation shall be completed and submitted to the Senate before the third (3rd) to last meeting of the current session.
11. The Senate shall adopt a The SGA Operating Manual. The SGA Operating Manual shall have a status inferior to the SGA Bylaws and superior to Robert’s Rules of Order. The Speaker of the Senate shall have the responsibility for keeping the Senate Operating Manual up-to date.
12. The Senate shall be the ultimate legislative decision-making body of the Student Government Association in adherence to the Constitution and Bylaws.
13. To pass resolutions giving its opinion on behalf of the student body to the University, University committees, or any part of the Student Government Association, except the Senate, may not issue resolutions regarding the result of judicial verdicts from inside the University and the SGA.
14. The Senate shall consist of senators allocated as described in the Student Government Association Bylaws Part II Article III, §1.A.
15. It shall be the responsibility of all paid members to write weekly staff reports and upload those reports to the Student Government Association website.
16. It shall be required of all paid positions to write transitional materials due no later than the first week of March. They are to be entrusted to the Clerk.
17. If their successor has already been elected, or appointed, for the term they will serve, they shall work with the incumbent.
18. This applies to all paid positions in the Office of the Speaker, including the Speaker.
19. If any official fails to provide any material by the deadline they will go to the Rules and Procedures Committee.
20. The Office of the Speaker shall review all of each member's materials to ensure they are professional, provide clarity, or otherwise do not contain omissions of fact by the last business day of March.
21. Facilitate and host a “Town Hall” meeting in which the student body is encouraged to directly ask SGA and specifically The President, Vice President, and Senate questions. The student body should also be encouraged to suggest actions SGA might want to consider moving forward.
22. These meetings should happen at least twice per semester and cannot occur within less than two (2) months from the previous meeting, with the exclusion from academic breaks during the school year
23. The Speaker, President, Vice President, and Deputy speaker are required to attend this event barring extreme extenuating circumstances.
24. The Senate shall announce and begin advertising the date, time, and location of these meetings at least one (1) week prior to the event.
25. The Speaker, President, Vice President, and Deputy Speaker should make a good faith effort to answer the questions honestly and should work to investigate any suggested actions from the student body.
26. 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.
27. The Speaker of the Senate shall manage all affairs of the body.
28. The Deputy Speaker shall manage all the Senators of the Senate.
29. The Senate Clerk shall be responsible for all recordings and documents of the Senate as directed by the Speaker of the Senate
30. The Parliamentarian shall be responsible for accurate records of the SGA.
31. The Speaker shall have the authority to appoint the Deputy Speaker of the Senate. The Deputy Speaker shall:
32. Be a currently elected Senator appointed by the Speaker of the Senate and confirmed by the Senate via a simple majority vote.
33. ~~Be~~ Can be confirmed by the Senate in the session prior to the one they shall serve.
34. Provide oversight and direction to the Senate Chairs by helping to approve committee events, and coordinate overall activities upon request from Senators, Chairperson, direction of the Speaker, or by self-involvement.  ~~coordinating overall activities of the chairs and every month, and Senators once every two months.~~
35. Shall meet with Chairpersons at least once a month, and Senators twice a month, to help advise, monitor progress, or otherwise.
36. Shall collect reports from all Chairpersons on their activities prior to Senate and collect reports from Senators who serve in any non-SGA Standing Committees.
37. Shall create and administer leadership quizzes to ensure all elected legislative positions are equipped with sufficient comprehension of Robert’s Rules of Order and other knowledge deemed by the Deputy Speaker important to hold the role.
38. Assist the Speaker of the Senate in the execution of duties.
39. Shall temporarily carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Speaker of the Senate when directed by the    Speaker or in the absence of the Speaker.
40. Shall become Acting Speaker if at any time the Speaker shall resign, be removed, or otherwise leave office before the end of the term.
41. ~~Maintain chair office hour records to ensure proper conduct of Senate committee chairs.~~
42. Shall serve on the Committee on Rules and Procedures and as vice chair of the committee.
43. Shall serve on the Committee on Organization Oversight and as chair of the committee.
44. In the event that the Deputy Speaker is unable to perform the function as chair, they shall be given a verbal warning and may have their position replaced at the discretion of the Speaker.
45. ~~Shall collect, record, and verify all Senator outreach campaigns to their respective constituencies.~~
46. Shall be a paid position.
47. Shall prepare weekly staff reports to be given to the Speaker of the Senate in addition to being placed on the SGA website.
48. Shall serve as one of the main spokespersons for the SGA Senate alongside the Speaker for any press releases or statements made to the press, in regards to the SGA Senate
49. At the discretion of the Speaker.
50. If a comment or statement is requested, when answering the Deputy Speaker must objectively speak on behalf of the SGA Senate.
51. The Speaker shall have the authority to appoint the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate. The Sergeant-at-Arms
52. Shall be a currently elected Senator appointed by the Speaker of the Senate and confirmed by the Senate via a simple majority vote.
53. Shall preserve order and decorum as directed by the Speaker or Deputy Speaker of the Senate and shall, at the direction of the Speaker or Deputy Speaker, have the authority to remove a disorderly individual or group from the Senate chambers.
54. Shall escort all nominees seeking appointment or confirmation to and from the Senate chambers before and after deliberations on their confirmation, respectively. ~~The Senate shall refer to the most up-to-date manual of Robert’s Rules and consider this procedure a closed session.~~
55. Shall be sensitive to individuals who require special seating for reasons of sight, hearing, etc.
56. Shall enjoy the full rights and privileges extended to all other Senators, including, but not limited to, the right to vote in any and all matters before the Senate.
57. Shall be knowledgeable regarding the SGA Constitution, the SGA Bylaws, and Roberts Rules of Order and shall assist the Speaker and Deputy Speaker in their duties upon request.
58. Shall serve as a member on the Committee on Rules and Procedures.
59. This shall not be a paid position.
60. The Speaker shall have the authority to appoint the Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian:
61. Shall be a currently elected Senator appointed by the Speaker of the Senate and confirmed by the Senate via a simple majority vote.
62. ~~May~~Can be confirmed by the Senate in the session prior to the one they shall serve.
63. Shall act as a liaison between the Executive and Legislative branches by working alongside the Chief of Staff. ~~the Director of Campus and Environmental Affairs on legislative and policy matters.~~
64. Shall update the Office of the Speaker on local, state, and federal laws that impact the functions of Student Government Association.
65. Shall act as a liaison between the Judicial and Legislative branches alongside the Clerk of the Court in reviewing and archiving court opinions and documents.
66. Shall schedule, direct, and organize all community service events conducted by the Senate.
67. Shall collect, record, and verify all community service forms turned in by Senator at the direction of the Speaker.
68. ~~Shall maintain a record of all election related materials in both the Senate office and the archives, currently within the Founders Memorial Library.~~
69. Shall assist the Sergeant-at-Arms, in ensuring that members follow Robert’s Ruled of Order and disseminate procedures of the Senate.
70. ~~Shall assist alongside the Clerk of the Senate in the Archival of legislation, documents, recordings, and any other materials for the current session.~~
71. Shall work with the Election Commissioner or Clerk of the Senate in archiving legislation, documents, recordings, election materials, or any other materials in Office of Speaker and Founder Memorial Library.
72. Shall maintain a documented record of the history, activities, and business of Student Government Association and be a ~~re~~source of information for those who request it. ~~on past activities and business of the Student Government Association.~~
73. Shall collect, record, and verify all Senator outreach campaigns to their respective constituencies.
74. Shall serve on the Rules and Procedures Committee.
75. Shall be a paid position.

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

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

**Agenda Item: C**   April 4th, 2025

**Author:** DeputySpeaker Gonzalez

**Sponsor:** DeputySpeakerGonzalez

**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 56040**

**Fifty–Sixth Session**

**Summary:** A resolution to amend the ad hoc committee focused on transportation

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, SB56021 passed in the Northern Illinois University Student Government Association (SGA) Senate close to the end of the 56th Session and has impacted the momentum of the work of the committee; and

WHEREAS, time for research or discussions with the City of DeKalb officials or University administration can be made over the summer and lack of Senators due to work or deserved vacation time leaves only remaining paid positions of SGA that can lead to meaningful implementation of policies and actions that can taken by the Senate upon the start of the 57th Session; and

WHEREAS, this resolution aims to allow for paid positions of SGA that will work through the summer, prior to the start of the 57th Session, can become members of the committee to meet and carry out the responsibilities and charge set out by SR56021 in a transitional caretaker position; and

WHEREAS, senators elected to serve on the 57th Session have the option to be a part of the committee upon requesting the Speaker-elect of the 57th Session; and

WHEREAS, meetings of the committee will still follow OMA procedures to ensure fair public participation of the discussion of the committee and shall be posted in the window of the Office of the Speaker or Office of the President’s window for this time period, and be published to Huskie Hub; and

WHEREAS, paid members who are on the Committee and are on the clock for any aspect of committee activities shall still write weekly staff reports and submit them to the SGA Adviser; and

WHEREAS, the make-up of the summer transitional Transportation Committee will be decided by the Speaker-elect of the 57th Session and the Speaker of the 56th Session; and

WHEREAS, upon the start of the 57th Session, the terms of condition, duties, charge, responsibilities, and make-up of the committee, if somehow change through committee action, will revert to how it was initially approved by the 56th Session and directed so by the Speaker of the 57th Session; and

WHEREAS, Article II, §3.C of the Student Government Association Bylaws states that, “Ad hoc committees are temporary Senate committees that may be created by the Speaker with the approval of the Senate or by a majority vote of the Senate to serve a particular purpose.”,

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate resolve that the Northern Transportation Taskforce be amended as described.

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