**68Student Government Association Senate**

**Northern Illinois University**

**Friday November 8th, 2024 – 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, November 7th, 2024.*

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Verification of Quorum
3. Public Comments
4. Approval of Minutes
   1. Minutes from November 1st , 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
    1. SB56009: A bill to consolidate the positions of Historian and Legislative Director into the Parliamentarian.
    2. SB56010: A bill to update and simplify the tiers of organizational funding.
    3. SB56011: A bill to update the committee’s procedures and conduct of business
13. New Business
    1. SB56012: A bill to update and simplify the definition of supplemental funding.
    2. SB56013: A bill to update and simplify the definition of executive allocation.
    3. SB56014: A bill to clarify the transition process of elected paid officials.
    4. SR56013: A resolution to approve all meeting times, locations, and dates for the upcoming semester
    5. SR56014: A resolution to finalize the stipend amount for the next semester’s session
    6. SR56015: A resolution to confirm the Spring 2025 Board of 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.

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

**Agenda Item: A**     November 1st, 2024

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

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

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 56009**

**Fifty–Sixth Session**

**Summary:** A bill to consolidate the positions of Historian, Director of Community Service, and Legislative Director into the Parliamentarian.

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, the SGA Bylaws Article II §1.O & Article II §1.P of the Student Government Association Bylaws governs the positions of the Legislative Director and the Historian; and

WHEREAS, the rationale for the creation of the Historian outlined in SAB49005 no longer apply due to consistent bylaw changes since the 49th session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Director, Director of Community Service and Historian have had large gaps of time when people have filled those positions; and

WHEREAS, some of the provisions of the Legislative Director are taken by the Director of Campus and Environmental Affairs and some Historian duties overlap with the Clerk of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, such changes shall consolidate leadership positions and ensure that the Office of the Speaker is efficient; 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 1**

**Duties and Responsibilities of the Senate**

1. The Speaker shall have the authority to appoint the Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian:
2. Shall be a currently elected Senator appointed by the Speaker of the Senate and confirmed by the Senate via a simple majority vote.
3. Shall act as a liaison between the Executive and Legislative branches by working alongside the Director of Campus and Environmental Affairs on legislative and policy matters.
4. Shall update the Office of the Speaker on local, state, and federal laws that impact the functions of Student Government Association
5. 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.
6. Shall schedule, direct, and organize all community service events conducted by the Senate
7. Shall collect, record, and verify all community service forms turned in by Senator at the direction of the Speaker
8. Shall maintain a record of all election related materials in both the Senate office and the archives, currently within Founders Memorial Library. (Talk to Manny; save for friendly amendment to Election Commissioner or BOE)
9. Shall assist the Sergeant-at-Arms in ensuring that members follow Roberts’ Rules of Order and disseminate procedures of the Senate.
10. Shall assist alongside the Clerk of the Senate in the archival of legislation, documents, recordings, and any other materials for the current session.
11. Shall be resource of information on past activities and business of Student Government Association.
12. Shall serve on Rules and Procedures Committee.
13. Shall be a paid position.
14. ~~The Speaker shall have the authority to appoint the Legislative Director. The Legislative Director:~~
15. ~~Shall be a currently elected Senator appointed by the Speaker of the Senate and confirmed by the Senate via a simple majority vote.~~
16. ~~Shall monitor all state and federal legislation pertaining to higher education and maintain relationships with appropriate legislators and executive officers.~~
17. ~~Shall monitor all local policy that pertains to the students of Northern Illinois University. The director shall maintain relations with local elected and appointed officials.~~
18. ~~Shall work with the DeKalb registrar to host at least one voting registration drive in coordination with the Director of Governmental Affairs.~~
19. ~~Shall act as a liaison between the Executive and Legislation branches with the Director of Governmental Affairs on legislative and policy matters.~~
20. ~~Shall prepare and send a weekly Senate legislative update to the Chief of Staff on the legislation passed within 48 hours of the previous Senate meeting,~~
21. ~~Shall serve on the Rules and Procedures committee.~~

~~8. Shall not be a paid position.~~

1. ~~The Speaker shall have the authority to appoint the Student Government Association Historian. The Student Government Association Historian:~~
2. ~~Shall be a currently elected Senator appointed by the Speaker of the Senate and confirmed by the Senate via simple majority vote.~~
3. ~~Shall oversee archiving all past Student Government Association business in the Senate office, the Executive office, and Founders Memorial Library.~~
4. ~~Shall be in charge of creating and maintaining an archive at the Regional History Center in conjunction with the Center’s Local Government Records collection as part of the Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD) system administered by the Illinois State Archives.~~
5. ~~Shall be in charge of recording all student campaign materials during Senate and Executive elections in the archives at Founders Memorial Library.~~
6. ~~Shall create a master list of past and current voter turnout election results that will be filed in the archive at Founders Memorial Library.~~
7. ~~Shall create a printed/digital archive of Student Government Association Senate legislation to be saved both in the archive at Founders Memorial Library and in the Senate office.~~
8. ~~Shall be a paid position.~~
9. ~~This position may be considered as an internship in collaboration with the NIU Department of History if so desired by the Senator. All internship materials must be agreed upon by both the Student Government Association and the supervising faculty member from the Department of History.~~
10. ~~The Speaker shall have the authority to appoint the Director of Community Service. The Director of Community Service:~~
11. ~~Shall be a currently elected Senator appointed by the Speaker of the Senate and confirmed by the Senate via a simple majority vote.~~
12. ~~Shall schedule, direct, and organize all community service events conducted by the Senate.~~
13. ~~Shall collect, record, and verify all community service forms turned in by Senators at the direction of the Speaker.~~
14. ~~Shall collect, record, and verify all public relations forms turned in by Senators at the direction of the Speaker.~~
15. ~~Shall attend Rules and Procedures committee during considerations of removal of Senators for failure to comply with community service requirements.~~
16. ~~Shall not be a paid position.~~

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

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

**Agenda Item: B**     November 1st, 2024

**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 update and simplify the tiers of organizational funding.

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee shall be in charge of the allocation of funds towards student organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has a set list of categories to allocate student organizational funding; 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

WHEREAS, 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 Tier Funding Guidelines that are set forth to student organization when funding is requested is an obligated set of conditions et forth by the University and the state; 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**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Section 2**

**Finance Subcategories**

1. ~~The annual budget shall consist of four (4) subcategories. The annual budget requests for the Student Government Association recognized organizations and certain university departments and offices shall be reviewed in each of these assigned categories as determined by the SGA Finance Committee. Funds allotted to each SGA-recognized organization will be allocated within funding levels for each subcategory. Each subcategory’s funding level will be set by the Finance Committee in the second meeting of the Spring semester.~~
2. ~~Any individual on the SGA Finance Committee must disclose any current or previous involvement in organizations requesting Student Government Association funding. Furthermore, individuals currently serving or who have previously served in organizations requesting funding must abstain from voting and discussion and debate on the consideration of that organization’s budget request.~~
3. ~~The individual subcategories are as follows:~~
4. ~~Tier 1: University Departments and Department Organizations. These are defined as having office space on campus, office staff, and having a direct responsibility to the student body. There shall be no maximum for funding requests and no requirement to present budgets to the Finance committee.~~
5. ~~Tier 2: Governing Councils and Sports and Recreation. These are defined as any entity where a middleperson(s)/entity is involved for the distribution of funds to those under their oversight. There shall be no maximum for funding requests. Budget presentations to the Finance Committee are required.~~
6. ~~Tier 3: Academic and Department Affiliated Organizations. These are defined as organizations affiliated with a specific academic interest or university department serving a larger section of the student body. The maximum amount of annual funding requested shall not exceed $2500. Budget presentations to theFinance Committee are not required.~~
7. ~~Tier 4: Sponsored Student Organizations. These are defined as organizations with a focus that serves their specific membership and have no real responsibility to the rest of the student body. The maximumamount of annual funding requested shall not exceed $500. Budget presentations to the Finance Committee are not required.~~
8. ~~Tier 3 and Tier 4 Organizations that are not sport clubs or sport organizations but attend/engage in competitions, may be eligible for additional annual funding from SGA. This additional funding may not exceed $2500. To Qualify for the funding, the organization must meet the following criteria . . . 1. Must be eligible for annual funding. 2. Must have a minimum of three (3) yearly competitions. 3. Must not be a sport organization where sport is defined as an activity involving physical exertion and skill.~~

1. Any individual on the SGA Finance Committee must disclose any current or previous involvement in organizations requesting Student Government Association funding. Furthermore, individuals currently serving or who have previously served in organizations requesting funding must abstain from voting and discussion and debate on the consideration of that organization’s budget request.
2. All organizations that receive funding from SGA are required to follow all the rulings and policies made by the SGA Treasurer, Finance Committee, SGA Supreme Court, and NIU organization-related laws. Failure to follow any rulings or policies may result in an organization’s suspension or loss of SGA recognition.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to update and maintain the definition, structure and process of organizational tier funding in accordance with the most current Tier funding Guidelines set by the Treasurer, the Office of Student Involvement, the University, and the state.

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

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

**Agenda Item: C**    November 1st, 2024

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

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

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 56011**

**Fifty–Sixth Session**

**Summary:** A bill to update the committee’s procedures and conduct of business

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, the current guidelines and procedures allow for ambiguity in the operation of committees that can conflict with precedent, desires, and objectives from the Office of the Speaker; and

WHEREAS, online meetings were useful in the pandemic, but now, they only allow Senators not to accomplish the work as required by the Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, online meetings shall only be used in extreme circumstances with sufficient reasoning; and

WHEREAS, clarification and expansion of what the committee entail will ensure a professional and efficient Senate workload, and

WHEREAS, the Chair shall take responsibility for the meeting operations, like creating agendas, and cancellations of their respective committees; and

WHEREAS, Chairs shall report to Senate to provide Senate and the NIU community with a detailed explanation of committee event planning or general committee workload; 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**

**LEGLISLATIVE BRANCH**

**Section 3**

**Senate Committees**

1. Committee procedures:
2. The Speaker of the Senate will appoint the members of all Senate committees.
3. Appointed shall not require a resolution but must be made in writing.
4. All standing committees of the Senate shall meet at least once every fourteen (14) calendar days, when the Senate is in session, and shall submit a written report of each meeting to the Office of the Speaker. ~~Deputy Speaker.~~
5. Failure to give a report or meet in the prescribed timeframe shall result in the Chair and/or members being called into Rules and Procedures Committee for a reconciliation of grievances.
6. Officers of committees shall be a chair, who is the presiding officer; the vice-chair, who shall preside over the committee in the chair’s absence; and a secretary, who shall keep records of the committee’s meetings. The Speaker shall appoint and remove the chair when deemed necessary. The vice chair and secretary shall be appointed by the chair with the consent of the committee, except for the Committee on Rules and Procedures. The Secretary Shall be the Director to each corresponding committee. This is found under each Director Section in Article III, Section 4. If there is a Director Vacancy, the Chair may appoint a new interim Secretary upon approval of the Committee to hold the role until the director ship is filled.
7. The chairperson of a committee shall be free to discuss any matter that concerns the committee but shall vote only in the event of a tie. Although the chairperson is free to debate any matter before the committee, the chairperson shall conduct all meetings with regard for parliamentary procedure and see that order is maintained in meetings, keeping in mind meetings are to be conducted in an informal manner. It is the duty of the chairperson to see the committee perform in accordance with its required functions. The chair shall determine the schedule for regular meetings of the committee with its approval. The chair may call special meetings of the committee.
8. The chairperson, with a majority consent by the committee, may appoint or remove previously appointed relevant administrative staff as non-voting ex-officio members as seen fit.
9. The following members of the Student Government Association Shall attend meetings of any Senate committee and participate as non-voting ex-officio members to give reports and hear the opinions of the committee members: Speaker, Deputy Speaker, President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Student Trustee.
10. Committee action can only be taken when a quorum is reached. Quorum is considered to be more than fifty percent (50%) of the committee’s current voting membership.
11. The Chair shall be responsible for the distribution of the agenda to OMA regulations. If an agenda is sent in violation of OMA regulations, the meeting shall be cancelled by the Speaker and the chair will be given a warning by the Office of the Speaker. The chair will be called to the Rules and Procedures Committee for a hearing after the 2nd infraction.
12. The Speaker must be sent a copy of the agenda and related committee materials. This shall include but is not limited to: posters, events, minutes, funding requests, surveys etc.
13. It will be the duty of the Chair to inform committee members of the cancellation due to any reason.
14. All committee meetings shall meet in person, unless the Chair secures permission from the Speaker with sufficient reasoning.
15. Committee Chair Meetings:
16. Chairs will be required to attend one meeting with the Deputy Speaker each month when the Senate is in session to monitor the progress of the committees as well as encourage cooperation among the varying chairs.
17. Types of Committees: There shall be two types of Senate committees, standing and ad hoc.
18. 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. Ad hoc committees are all closed at the end of the session in which they were formed. The Speaker may appoint an ad-hoc committee to study any matter brought before them or the Senate that does not particularly relate to any standing committee. These committees shall consider only the matter referred to them and shall make a report to the Senate in relation to its study and subsequent findings in regard to the particular matter referred to it.
19. Standing committees are created in the bylaws and exist as permanent parts of the Senate.

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

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

**Agenda Item:  A** November 8th, 2024

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

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

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 56012**

**Fifty–Sixth Session**

**Summary:** A bill to update and simplify the definition of supplemental funding.

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee shall be in charge of the allocation of supplemental towards student organizations; and

WHEREAS, current phrasing provides ambiguity on definitions and procedures that do not reflect proper operations; and

WHEREAS, added clarity allows the SGA Treasurer to streamline the supplemental funding requests process for student organizations; and

WHEREAS, added clarity will make the SGA Finance Committee meet on a weekly basis to handle more requests, work on other tasks given by the SGA Treasurer, and support future operational efficiency of the committee; 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 V**

**ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES**

**Section 1**

**Supplemental Funding**

1. Supplemental Funding is defined as funding made available to ~~SGA recognized organizations or departments that is supplemental to what is already in their budget, regardless of the funding source.~~ only SGA recognized organizations that is supplemental to their annual budget. Supplemental funding is only available once an organization’s annual budget is exhausted or to complement the remaining annual funds.
2. The total Supplemental Funding budget each year will be divided evenly between each semester, with the funds remaining from the fall semester rolling over to the spring semester. Any remaining money in the Supplemental Funding budget at the end of the Fiscal Year shall remain in the General Reserve.
3. Organizations requesting Supplemental Funding must adhere to the following process:
4. An application form, including reasoning for funding request and breakdown of anticipated budget, must be submitted via NIU’s organization platform, Huskie Hub, which if they are organized under a council or department should be submitted through that council or department, this includes but is not limited to sports clubs under the Recreation Center and fraternities or sororities under Greek council and all similar situations.
5. The application form will be forwarded to the SGA Treasurer, who will then review the form and present the application ~~schedule a date with the organization to present the request~~ to the SGA Finance Committee for full approval, partial approval, or rejection. ~~This meeting must take place within two (2) weeks of the submission of the application.~~ SGA Finance Committee shall meet every week when Senate is in session to hear supplemental requests.
6. The organization shall receive notification of their funding only through the Student Government Association or SGA Treasurer email ~~Student Government Association email~~ and shall only respond with questions or concerns to the stated ~~the SGA~~ email or the Student Involvement accounting department(s) chosen form of contact. Continuously contacting individuals associated with the finance committee, accounting department, or SGA as a whole privately via social media, ~~private~~ any email, or in person without scheduling a meeting in regards to the decision made by the finance committee may be viewed as harassment ~~can result in loss of funding at the discretion of the finance committee.~~
7. The SGA Finance Committee can rescind granted supplemental funds as a result of harassment. This may prevent future requests for supplemental funding due to harassment at the discretion of the Finance Committee.
8. Organizations receiving Supplemental Funding shall use such funding only for the purposes approved by the SGA Finance Committee. It is the committee’s responsibility to ensure that requests contain provisions for how the money is to be spent. The regular expenditure process is to be followed to ensure that such funding is being used in accordance with the specific request as well as all other SGA and university guidelines.

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

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

**Agenda Item: B**    November 8th, 2024

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

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

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 56013**

**Fifty–Sixth Session**

**Summary:** A bill to update and simplify the definition of executive allocation.

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee shall be in charge of the allocation of funds towards student organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Branch has funds available to be given to student organization for specific purposes; and

WHEREAS, current procedures and definitions create an obstacle for student organizations requesting additional funds for large campus events or initiatives; and

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

WHERAS the Executive Guidelines that are set forth to student organization when funding is requested is an obligated set of conditions set forth by the University and the state; and

WHEREAS, coordination between the Executive and Legislative is imperative for proper governmental functions

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 V**

**ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES**

**Section 2**

**Executive Allocations**

1. Executive Allocations are defined as funding made available by the SGA President for larger campus initiatives. ~~These initiatives are defined as initiatives that may be department sponsored, collaborations between student organizations, and serve a larger portion of campus. Requesters must be able to demonstrate how the funds will serve the larger student body and/or further serve the mission, vision, and values of the university.~~ Further clarification on the definition can be found in the Finance Operating Manual.
2. The total Executive Allocation budget each year will be divided evenly between fall and spring semesters, with the funds remaining from the fall semester rolling over to the spring semester. Any remaining money in the Executive Allocation budget at the end of the Fiscal Year shall remain in the General Reserve.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to update and maintain the definitions and process of Executive Allocation with the most current Finance Operating Manual et by the Treasurer, the Office of Student Involvement, the University, and the state. All requesters must consult with the most recent Finance Operating Manual to understand the applicable definitions and the entire process.
4. ~~Organizations and departments requesting an Executive Allocation must adhere to the following process:~~
5. ~~An application form, including reasoning for funding request and breakdown of anticipated budget, must be submitted online via NIU’s Student Organization Platform.~~
6. ~~The application form will be forwarded to the SGA Treasurer, who will then review the form and forward it to the SGA President for full approval, partial approval, or rejection. The decision to approve or deny a request must take place within two (2) weeks of the submission of the application.~~
7. ~~If deemed necessary by the SGA Finance Committee, they may review the Executive Allocation decision and veto it. The SGA Finance Committee must hear the review within two (2) weeks of the decision of allocation approval.~~
8. If the SGA President is affiliated with the entity requesting funds, approval of the request shall be handled by the SGA Vice President. If the SGA Vice President is also affiliated with the entity, approval of the request shall be handled by the next officer in the Presidential order of succession who is not affiliated with the entity.

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

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

**Agenda Item: C** November 8th, 2024

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

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

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL 56014**

**Fifty–Sixth Session**

**Summary:** A bill to clarify the transition process of elected paid officials.

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, transition materials provide the incoming administration invaluable information in operational functions and overview of expectations of the office outside of the governing documents; and

WHEREAS, large gap between election and when the newly-elected officials can hinder progress for student government as each administration will have to keep learning by error; and

WHEREAS, not all transitional materials are created or elected by the current clauses found in the Student Government Association Bylaws or Constitution; and

WHEREAS, such clarifications only applied to paid positions of Student Government Association as it’s the responsibility for leadership to train new Senators or other support staff that are not paid; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of outgoing administrations training elected officials will help with on hand learning and retention and invigorate a sense of community and duty; and

WHEREAS, it’s in the best interest of the Northern Illinois University community for there to be a smooth transition of power and operations; 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 1**

**Duties and Responsibilities of the Senate**

1. It shall be the responsibility of all paid members to write weekly staff reports and upload those reports to the Student Government Association website
2. 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.
3. If their successor has already been elected, or appointed, for the term they will serve, they shall work with the incumbent
4. This applies to all paid positions in the Office of the Speaker, including the Speaker.
5. If any official fails to provide any material by the deadline they will go to the Rules and Procedures Committee
6. The Office of the Speaker shall review all of each members materials to ensure they are professional, provide clarity, or otherwise do not contain omissions of fact by the last business day of March.

**ARTICLE III**

**EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

**Section 3**

**Duties and Responsibilities of the Executive Branch**

The Student Government Association Executive Branch shall have the following duties and responsibilities when acting in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws:

1. Coordinate all Student Government Association activities to ensure the success of the organization.
2. Investigate issues of student interest using Senate and non-Senate persons.
3. Initiate and recommend legislation to the Student Senate.
4. Act for the student government in situations in which immediate action is necessary.
5. Allocate financial expenditures to a maximum of five (5%) percent of the total Student Activity Fee collected during the fiscal year. A written report will be filed with the Senate Speaker and the SGA Treasurer within four (4) business days following the executive allocation.
6. Supervise Student Government Association committees to ensure their efficient functioning based on the Bylaws of the Student Government Association.
7. To establish ad hoc committees of the SGA, such as taskforces, etc., and/or conduct hearings. Establishment includes the determination of the organization, membership, and non-management duties of the ad hoc committees.
8. The President shall conduct at least one (1) comprehensive evaluation of all paid SGA executive branch staff members, other than the elected officers, each semester. Staff evaluations are to be conducted by the tenth (10th) week of each semester. The Evaluations shall include recommendations as to how to improve. The President must report the evaluation immediately to the Senate after it is completed. The Chief of Staff shall help the President in the evaluation process.
9. The President of the SGA shall address Northern Illinois University’s student body and the Student Government Association’s Senate by speaking on the state of the student government and student interest.
10. It will be the responsibility of the SGA to review the following listed organizations and services and provide funding to enhance the quality of life for NIU students: Campus Child Care, Health Enhancement, Huskie Bus System, Huskie Tracks (GPS Bus Locator), Organizational Expo, Organizational Development, Recreation Services, Student Legal Service, Campus Security Fund, Go Student Leaders, Organizational Blackboard Community, SGA Study Abroad Initiative, and SGA Senator Study Abroad Scholarship.
11. Executive Branch Members are required to become certified and take the Illinois Open Meetings Act training as directed by the SGA Operating Manual. Executive branch members are only required to complete the training once during their term in office.
12. Executive Branch Members are required to write transitional materials due no later than the first week of March. They are to be entrusted to the President or Chief of Staff.
13. If their successor has already been elected for the term they will serve, they shall work with the incumbent to train them accordingly.
14. The Chief of Staff is responsible for collecting Director transitional materials and providing it to the next administration.
15. If no materials are collected by the deadline, then the President can speak to the official to reconcile the lapse in duty. If the President does not submit materials, the Vice President or Chief of Staff may remind them of their responsibility.
16. The Executive Branch shall review all of each members materials to ensure they are professional, provide clarity, or otherwise do not contain omissions of fact by the last business day of March.

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

**­­­New Business First Reading**

**Agenda Item: D**   November 8th , 2024

**Author:** Speaker Corpuz

**Sponsor:** Speaker Corpuz

**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 56013**

**Fifty–Sixth Session**

**Summary:** A resolution to approve all meeting times, locations, and dates for the upcoming semester

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, the Senate shall meet on a weekly basis on Fridays at 4:00 PM in various rooms of the Holmes Student Center for the Spring 2025 semester;

WHEREAS, the meeting schedule must be agreed upon and approved by the members represented in the Senate;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate approve of the Spring 2025 Senate Meeting Schedule as listed below:

**SGA SENATE MEETING SCHEDULE SPRING 2025**

*All meetings shall be at 4PM in the Holmes Student Center unless otherwise noted. Rooms will be announced via agendas each week.*

Friday January 17th – Sky Room

Friday January 24th – Sky Room

Friday January 31st - Sky Room

Friday Feburary7th – Sky Room

Friday February 14th – Sky Room

Friday February 21st – Sky Room

Friday February 28th – Sky Room

Friday March 7th – Sky Room

Friday March 21st – Sky Room

Friday March 28th – Sky Room

Friday April 4th – Sky Room

Friday April 11th – Sky Room

Friday April 18th – Sky Room

Friday April 25th – Sky Room

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

**­­­New Business First Reading**

**Agenda Item:** E  November 8th, 2024

**Author:** Speaker Corpuz

**Sponsor:** Speaker Corpuz

**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 56014**

**Fifty–Sixth Session**

**Summary:** A resolution to finalize the stipend amount for the next semester’s session

**Legislation:**

WHEREAS, the SGA Bylaws Article II Section 2.H of the Student Government Association Bylaws states that “Senators will receive a stipend at the end of the semester for their work accomplished during the semester.”; and

WHEREAS, the Speaker of the SGA Senate has the authority to decide the stipend amount for Senator; and

WHEREAS, the Speaker of the SGA Senate shall decide the decide the stipend amount before the start of the next semester; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Corpuz has deemed that the Spring 2025 stipend amount shall be $250;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact that the Spring 2025 SGA Senator Stipend amount be approved.

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

**New Business First Reading**

**Agenda Item: F** November 8th, 2024

**Author:** Speaker Corpuz

**Sponsor:** Speaker Corpuz

**ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 56015**

**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.

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate resolve that the individuals in consideration for the Board of Elections be confirmed as members of the Student Government Association Board of Elections for the Spring 2025 Election.

**Election Commissioner Nominations**

**Board of Elections Member Nominations**



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