

Student Government Association Senate

**Northern Illinois University
Friday, September 25th, 2026 – 1:30 PM
Holmes Student Center – Sky Room**

Members of the public wishing to give public comment, please submit an [Intent to Speak](#) form, no later than 11:59 pm, September 24th, 2026.

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Verification of Quorum
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Senate Minutes 09.18.2026
- V. Approval of Agenda
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- IX. Office of the Speaker Report(s)
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 - A. Student Trustee Jaikovski
- XII. Cabinet Report(s)
- XIII. Old Business
 - A. SB58006: A bill to reform Board of Elections Appeal Process
- XIV. New Business
 - A. SR58006: A resolution to approve Judicial precedent and standards.
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 - C. SR58008: A resolution to confirm a Director of Campus and Academic Affairs
 - D. SR58009: A resolution to confirm a Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - E. SR58010: A resolution to confirm a Director of Student Life and Greek Affairs
- XV. Good of the Order
- XVI. Announcements
- XVII. 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

Agenda Item: A

Author: Speaker Gonzalez

Sponsor: Speaker Gonzalez

First Reading

Friday, September 18th, 2026

ENROLLED SENATE BILL 58006

Fifty–Eighth Session

Summary: A bill to revamp the Board of Elections

Legislation:

WHEREAS, SB58005 was introduced to the SGA Senate on Friday September 4th, 2026 that seeks to eliminate the SGA Supreme Court and replace it with the Judicial Board that carries on the judicial practices of the Supreme Court while addressing the fundamental flaws of the old one such as issues for conflicts of interest and issues with forcing the Supreme Court to function if it lacks quorum or Justices are unable to meet within the constitutional provisions; and

WHEREAS, part of the reforms involves the Judicial Board not being able to hear Election related cases to prevent conflict of interest from the incumbent administration or deviate the Board judicial duties; and

WHEREAS, the current Board of Elections has flaws in its appointment procedures which can be confusing; and

WHEREAS, the appeal process is not as well defined and could cause issues for candidates who may have a genuine case of dubious standards being applied to their case by the Election Commissioner or the Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, the general trend of other student governments in the State of Illinois is to let election related matters be handled only by the election body to insulate electoral politics from the current administration; and

WHEREAS, there still needs to be more solidified groundwork compared to the haphazard band aid that was passed by the 57th Session under Speaker Nathan Gonzalez, as the intention was for it to always remain temporary until a new system could be implemented which it now can; and

WHEREAS, the current Board of Elections has many structural issues at its core; and

WHEREAS, Part I, Article II, §1.B of the Student Government Association Bylaws 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 the SGA Bylaws be amended as follows:

ARTICLE II

Election Commission

Section 1

Requirement of Neutrality

- A. No member of the Board of Election shall participate in the elections in any form, except for the duties outlined in the SGA Bylaws concerning their position. This includes, but not limited to: prohibition in running for office, public or private support or endorsement of any candidate, campaigning or voting for any candidate in the election.
- ~~B. No member of the Board of Elections shall play an active role in the campaign of any candidate. None of the above mentioned persons endorse, publicly support, or play an active role in advocating in public for any candidate or referendum subject to election.~~
- C. All SGA officials involved in the administration, tabulation, certification, or appeals of the SGA Election 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 groups or organizations with which they are affiliated. All Board of Election officials must sign the Neutrality document that Judicial Board members sign prior to conducting official business no later than fourteen (14) days after being confirmed by the Senate.
- D. Any Board of Election members that violates the Neutrality document, SGA standards, conducts or engages in unconstitutional actions related to their position or otherwise, or engages in any action or conduct that compromises the operation, fairness, and accountability of the election, regardless of intent, shall be investigated automatically by the Judicial Board for disciplinary measures or subject to removal by the SGA Senate.
- ~~E. Any member of the Board of Elections who fails to comply with the rule regarding Public Neutrality or whose misfeasance, malfeasance or incompetence jeopardizes the conduct of an election, will be subject to removal as prescribed herein and in the Student Government Association (SGA) Constitution.~~
- F. When validating candidates' eligibility or in the consideration of sanctions, Board of Elections members shall abstain from verifying documents, discussion or debate, and voting on those with whom they share or have shared current or past organization affiliation, excluding the SGA.

Section 2 Election Commissioner

- A. To hold the office of Election Commissioner, a student must fulfill the following requirements:
 - 1. Must not be on academic probation or punishment for academic or criminal misconduct with the University, and the student must have and maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50 for undergraduate students or 3.00 for graduate students during their tenure in office or be in their first semester at the University.
 - 2. Shall be paid the same hourly rate as the highest paid executive staff member for each hour worked. No person shall become Election Commissioner who already holds a paid position within the SGA.
 - 3. An undergraduate student must be enrolled for twelve (12) semester hours in the same semester in which they shall serve; all other students must also be enrolled for nine (9) semester hours.
 - 4. Shall disclose their organizational affiliation to the Senate during their confirmation and inform them of any affiliation changes. They shall also disclose to Senate if they have a working relationship with anyone present in SGA.
- B. The Election Commissioner shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The Senate shall oversee the actions and performance of the Election Commissioner.
- C. If the President is unable to appoint an Election Commissioner once the timeline set by the SGA Bylaws passes, the Speaker shall appoint an Election Commissioner and confirmed by the Senate. The Speaker shall allow a one (1) week grace period after the deadline to allow the President to appoint someone. The Speaker may choose to allow the President to exercise their ability to appoint based on conversations, ultimately at the Speaker's discretion.
- D. If an Election Commissioner is not appointed by either the President or Speaker prior to the confirmation of the Board of Election members, the Senate shall vote a second time to choose one of the members of the Board and shall designate that person as Election Commissioner. The Senate must appoint and confirm an

- individual to take their spot on the Board of Elections.
- E. When the Senate is not in session and the President nor the Speaker have been unable to appoint an Election Commissioner, the Board of Elections shall take charge. The Board of Election shall appoint a Temporary Election Commissioner, with full rights and responsibilities without pay, by a vote at least three of the total five members. Once Senate returns, the Senate shall confirm the Temporary appointment or appoint and confirm an alternative Election Commissioner.
- ~~F. 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.~~
- ~~G. When the Senate is not in session, a Temporary Election Commissioner shall be appointed by the President with the approval of at least three of the five members of the Board of Elections. The Temporary Election Commissioner will hold office until the Senate can confirm the appointment. If the President is unable to reach an agreement with the Board as to the appointment of an Election Commissioner, then the Speaker shall appoint the Election Commissioner with the approval of at least three of the five members of the Board of Elections.~~
- H. The authority and duties of the Election Commissioner include
1. The Election Commissioner shall serve as the Chairperson of the Board of Elections.
 2. The Election Commissioner will administer all NIU Student Government Association elections and referenda in accordance with the SGA Constitution, SGA Bylaws, and Elections Policy.
 3. The Election Commissioner shall have the authority to issue warnings and sanctions to candidates, their supporter(s), or any other person interfering with an election. The Election Commissioner cannot disqualify candidates.
 4. All rulings of the Election Commissioner shall be in writing and shall be posted in the Student Government Association office and available for review by any member of the SGA or the student body within twenty-four (24) business hours.
 5. The Election Commissioner shall be responsible for holding executive candidate debate(s) at least one (1) week preceding the week of Spring Elections.
 6. The authority to issue warnings and sanctions and hear appeals shall be outlined in the section detailing Warning, Sanctions, Appeals, and Disqualifications.
- I. The Election Commissioner shall only be removed during an election through resignation, the Supreme Court, or impeached via resolution by a 2/3 majority vote of the Senate.
- J. The Election Commissioner shall be ineligible to run or vote in any general election or special election for the term in which the elections occur.
- K. The Election Commissioner shall have final say on all election proceedings unless a decision is overridden by a majority vote of the Board of Elections or the SGA Supreme Court or decisions relating to student placement on the final election ballot.
- L. The Election Commissioner will notify the Board of Elections on any decisions made within twelve hours. The Board of Elections will then vote upon the Commissioner's decision within forty-eight hours and within twenty-four hours during the elections.
1. If no vote is reached by the Board of Elections in 48 hours, the decision made by the Election Commissioner stands.

Section 3

Board of Elections

- A. 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 2.50 for undergraduate students and 3.0 for graduate students during their tenure in office or be in the first semester at the University. All members of must be currently enrolled students with no credit hour requirement for

members of the Board of Elections.

- B. 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. The stipend for the Board of Elections shall not be approved or disbursed until after the conclusion of the election cycle, including special elections. The Senate shall decide on the dollar amount of the stipend via resolution to be approved by a simple majority without input from the Election Commissioner. The limit for a stipend amount is no more than one-thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200). In the event the Senate does not, or is unable to approve a stipend amount prior to the end of the academic year, then the SGA Advisor shall decide an amount.
- C. When the Senate is in session, the Board of Elections shall be appointed in accordance to the following procedure:
 - 1. All persons interested in becoming members of the Board of Elections shall be nominated at a Senate meeting by a member of the Senate. Nominees need not be members of the SGA.
 - 2. Those who shall qualify to hold a position on the Board of Elections shall appear at the same Senate meeting. The Senators shall vote on all candidates for membership on the Board of Elections at the same time. Each Senator shall have one (1) vote. Senators who are being considered for positions on the Board may not vote in the determination of Board members. The vote shall not commence until there are at least five (5) nominees.
 - 3. Nominations for the Board of Elections must disclose any organizational affiliation or if they have a working relationship with anyone presently in SGA to the Senate.
 - 4. The five (5) people receiving the most votes shall become members of the Board. If a tie vote occurs, then the Senate shall vote again only to break the tie and decide between those who are tied.
 - 5. The Senate meeting at which members of the Board of Elections are appointed shall be selected at the discretion of the Speaker of the Senate with the approval of the Senate.
 - 6. 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.
 - ~~7. 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, according to ranked choice voting rules. The person with the most votes shall become Election Commissioner.~~
- D. When the Senate is not in session, the Board of Elections shall be appointed in accordance to the following procedures:
 - 1. The members of the Board of Elections shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate with approval of the President. ~~and the Vice President.~~ If the President rejects more than seven (7) prospective members of the Board, the Speaker can seek approval from the Vice President or Treasurer.
- E. Authority and duties of the Board of Elections are as follows:
 - 1. The Board of Elections, composed of five (5) members and the Election Commissioner, will oversee the proper administration of all Student Government Association student elections and referenda and perform other duties as set forth herein.
 - 2. The Board of Elections members shall have the authority to issue warnings and sanctions to any candidates, their supporter(s), or any other person interfering with an election. The Board of Elections shall also have the sole authority to disqualify any candidate(s) for office or election. The Board shall do so with a majority vote.
 - 3. The Board of Elections shall have the sole authority to disqualify any candidate(s) for office or election. The Board shall do so with a majority vote.
 - 4. The Board of Elections shall have the sole authority to determine the students who will appear on the official ballot based on the requirements laid out in the Bylaws.
 - 5. All rulings of the Board of Elections shall be in writing and shall be posted in the Student Government Association Office and available for review by any member of the SGA or the student body within twenty-four (24) hours of business.

6. At its first meeting, the Board of Elections shall nominate and confirm by majority vote a Vice Chairperson and Secretary. Minutes for Board of Elections meetings shall be recorded, but not released publicly until the conclusion of the election season.
 7. Quorum for the Board shall consist of three (3) members. Board rulings can only be made when quorum is reached. If the Chair is not present at a meeting, the Vice Chairperson shall serve as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.
 8. Any member of the Board of Elections may call a meeting of the Board.
 9. The Board of Elections shall assist in publicizing and promoting the elections to ensure maximum candidate and voter turnout.
 10. The authority to issue sanctions and hear appeals shall be outlined in the SGA Bylaws: Election Policy: Warning, Sanctions, Appeals, and Disqualifications.
 11. In the absence of an Election Commissioner, the Board of Elections shall be empowered with all the authority granted to the Election Commissioner.
 12. The Board of Elections shall, prior to the beginning of the election, be required to update the seats of the Senate for the next session as described in Part II Article III Section 1 A.
 13. The Board of Elections will send out an email to the student body at the end of each election day about any official decision reached by the Board of Elections.
- F. A member of the Board of Elections shall only be removed during an election, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Elections, excluding the Board member in question, or impeached via resolution by 2/3 majority vote of the Senate.
 - G. The members of the Board of Elections shall be ineligible to run in any general election, runoff election, or special election for the term in which the elections occur.
 - H. Organizational representation on the Board of Elections shall be no more than fifty (50) percent of the total make-up.
 - I. The Board of Elections shall create a video, audio, and transcript of all meetings.

ARTICLE V SANCTIONS, APPEALS, AND DISQUALIFICATION

Section 3

Filing an Appeal to the Board

- A. Prior to Election Day: All appeals to the Board of Elections must be filed within twenty-four (24) hours when notice was provided to the candidate. All appeals must be made in writing and submitted to the Election Commissioner who will notify all Board of Election members and any applicable party within six (6) hours. A notice will be sent by the Board of Election with a time and date on which the hearing will be held regarding the appeal.
 1. The Board of Elections will hear and rule on any appeal within three (3) days, except on election days or before elections start, whichever is sooner.
- B. On Election Day: Each day of Elections, the Board of Election shall meet at the end of each Election Day to accept and hear any request for appeals. Appeals may be made in person at the daily Board of Election meetings or in writing. No appeal may be made to the Board after two (2) hours after the close of the voting on the last day of the election, unless entirely new information has been discovered and the person making the appeal cannot be properly expected to know about the information.
 1. During an appeal, all elections will proceed as scheduled unless the Board concludes that the conduct of a fair election has been rendered impossible due to a violation(s) of the election procedures.
 2. The Election Commissioner shall exercise discretion to impound all ballots and seal election results for the positions affected until exhaustion of all appeal methods.
- C. Election Review Panel: If a decision is unsatisfactory for the candidate they can file an appeal with the Chairperson of the Judicial Board. The Chairperson and the two Neutral members of Judicial Board shall

convene within three (3) days to decide to accept or decline the petition. If accepted it must be decided within seven (7) days.

1. Quorum shall be all three (3) Neutral members. If any member must recuse themselves or is unavailable, a Reserve List member shall be seated in for the appeal. The President, Speaker, or their appointees can serve to fill any vacancy or have any decision regardless of they are neutral or election candidacy status.
2. The Panel may uphold, reverse, or modify the decision of the Board of Election or Election Commissioner only when (1) the action was supported by evidence or record; (2) violation of the SGA Bylaws or other governing documents; or (3) arbitrarily, capricious, or abuse of discretion. The Panel shall not substitute its own judgement for the Board of Election solely because it would arrive at a different conclusion.
3. The Election Review Panel shall have exclusive original appellate jurisdiction over appeals from decisions or actions of the Board of Elections or the Election Commissioner, as provided in the SGA Bylaws. If the actions violated SGA's governing documents a petition can be submitted directly to the Board only for review of their action and not in connection to the candidate's eligibility prior to the review or the Panel may initiate an investigation and case against the members by reconvening with the Judicial Board.
4. The Panel has latitude in remedying any ramifications caused by Board of Elections or Election Commissioner if the standards described above are met.
5. Election Review Panel decisions are final and cannot be appealed to the Judicial Board or anywhere else.

~~D. Prior to Election Day: All appeals to the Board must be filed within twenty-four (24) hours of the notice of action or decision of the Board of Elections. Such time of action or decision must be written on the hard copy of the decision or action posted in the SGA office. All appeals will be in writing and will be directed to the Election Commissioner who will, within four (4) hours of receipt of the appeal, notify the Board of Elections Members, and other persons who it may be reasonably assumed are relevant parties to the appeal, of both the filing of the appeal and the time at which a hearing will be held on the appeal.~~

- ~~1. The Board of Elections will hear and rule on any appeal within three (3) days, except on election days or before elections start, whichever is sooner.~~

~~E. On Election Day: Appeals may be made in person at the meetings of the Board, and no written appeal is necessary. Each day of elections and prior to reviewing any election results, the Board shall meet at the end of each election period and hear all pending requests for appeals. No appeal may be made to the Board after two (2) hours after the close of the voting on the last day of the election, unless entirely new information has been discovered and the person making the appeal could not be properly expected to have known about the information.~~

1. During an appeal, all elections will proceed as scheduled unless the Board concludes that the conduct of a fair election has been rendered impossible due to a violation(s) of the election procedures.
2. In the event of an appeal, the Election Commissioner will impound all ballots and seal all election results pending the exhaustion of all appeals to the Board of Elections and the SGA Supreme Court.

F. The Board of Elections may uphold, reverse, or modify any action or decision of the Election Commissioner appealed to the Board.

~~G. Submitting an appeal to the SGA Supreme Court: Submission of the appeal must be made pursuant to the procedures set forth by the Supreme Court's Code of Procedure or in its silence by the Chief Justice. Copies may be obtained from the SGA main office.~~

~~H. Submitting an appeal to Student Involvement: Should the SGA Supreme Court be unavailable for any reason, the submission of an appeal can be made to Student Involvement in writing within twenty-four (24) hours after a decision by the Board of Elections or Election Commissioner. Student Involvement shall assemble a panel, chaired by the SGA Adviser, made up of Student Involvement faculty members and the SGA President, SGA Speaker, and any member of SGA. If the sanction, disqualification, or issue that is the subject of appeal pertain to the President, Speaker, or SGA member due to affiliation, same ticket, or they are the subject, they shall recuse themselves and the next senior position in their respective branch shall be~~

selected until someone who is not affiliated is able to attend the panel. This shall be the final appeal available and is considering binding with no avenue to overturn the decision.

Section 4

Disqualifications

- A. Each day of the election, the Board shall meet immediately following the time of the closing of the voting stations as laid out in SGA Bylaws: Election Policy: Elections Procedure: Voting Stations and all actions necessary to secure the voting process. These meetings shall serve as the only point on each Election Day in which disqualification as a punishment shall be determined and issued. The Board shall hear all cases and issue in writing all sanctions and/or punishments it deems necessary prior to reporting tabulated votes.
- B. In addition to the sanctions stated herein, the Board of Elections shall disqualify a candidate at any date before, during or after an election upon commission by the candidate or person(s) acting on behalf of the candidate of one or more of the following: three (3) ~~five (5)~~ or more separate violations of the SGA election procedures before election day or two (2) ~~three (3)~~ or more separate violations of the SGA election procedures on election day(s).
- C. The following offenses, including but not limited to those, listed below are disqualifiable offenses:
 - 1. Any fraud relating to the election,
 - 2. Altering or destroying voting machines,
 - 3. Buying votes
 - 4. Intimidating other candidates or voters, or
 - 5. Repeated interference with another candidate's campaign.
 - 6. Accruing expenditures exceeding a total of \$2500.
 - 7. Extreme violation of any university policy or federal, state, county, or municipality laws
 - 8. Any candidate who begins to campaign for office prior to being notified by the Election Commissioner
 - 9. A candidate(s) or ticket(s) who is found to have falsified or omitted any Financial Disclosures.
 - 10. Interfering with another candidate's campaign.
- D. A note to disqualify a candidate from an election shall require three (3) of the five (5) members of the board to agree in writing.
- E. In the event a candidate is disqualified, the candidate will not be allowed to assume office and any votes cast for them will not be counted and will be reported as disqualified votes. A disqualified candidate will be disqualified for the entirety of the election for which they ran for office, including special or run-off elections. Sanctions and punishments, including disqualification of a candidate, will remain in effect pending the outcome of any appeals.

This legislation is to take immediate effect

New Business

Agenda Item: A

Author: Speaker Gonzalez

Sponsor: Speaker Gonzalez

First Reading

Friday September 25th, 2026

ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 58006

Fifty-Eighth Session

Summary: A resolution to approve Judicial precedent and standards.

Legislation:

WHEREAS, the passage of SB58005 eliminated the SGA Supreme Court and replaced it with the Judicial Board; and

WHEREAS, part of the provisions for SB58005 indicate that case precedents must be established to the Judicial Board so that it can have precedent and judicial direction to work with once it becomes operational; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Nathan Gonzalez was able to find past cases within SGA's archives, believed to be lost, and was able to comb through readily available Northern Star archives to find past SGA Supreme Court, and when it was under the Student Association name, SA Supreme Court cases; and

WHEREAS, it should be noted that all cases attached to this resolution are cases where Speaker Gonzalez has direct copies of the opinions or publicly available via the Northern Star; and

WHEREAS, the intention is to preserve the memory of these past cases by highlighting them in this resolution for the new Judicial Board, not cherry-pick precedent nor attempt to expunge old wounds or overturn any rulings; and

WHEREAS, by the adoption of this resolution, this creates a binding obligation for the Judicial Board to observe these cases and standards in their operations; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this resolution will constitute an amendment to the SGA Senate Operating Manual currently adopted by the 58th Session; and

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate approve of the following stipulations and articles:

RESOLVED:

Section 1 – Conventions

All cases shall be formatted in a specific manner, regardless of case type. The name of the petitioner, the party(s) who sends a case to the Judicial Board shall be listed first. Afterwards, with "v." And then the listed the respondent, named in the petition. Press and other communication may use the full name versus or "vs." but all official correspondence within the Student Government Association and decisions, opinions, and other matters from the Judicial Board must utilize "v."

The last name or full name of the organization are to specifically be used in the naming convention.

As an example, if Speaker Nathan Gonzalez were to file a petition against the SGA Senate and the Judicial Board accepted, the official case name would be *Gonzalez v. SGA Senate*. As the petitioner is Speaker Gonzalez and the Senate is the respondent.

Section 2 – Notice of Cases

The inclusion of cases and the quick overview of them are in no way intended to bring up “old wounds” or create issues. Instead, it is to understand specific cases that could be useful for the new Judicial Board.

Section 3 – Case #1 (*BSU v. Howard*)

The information regarding the case was published in a Northern Star article on September 26th, 2011, and therefore the exact evidence, legal arguments, and opinions have now been lost to time. However, the remaining information still provides useful precedent as it corresponds to constitutionality of student organizations.

During the Spring 2011 Presidential elections, controversy arose due to actions by one of the presidential candidates that saw his electoral win stripped. Whether the candidate initiated the resultant case or the student organization is unclear, however the previously mentioned Northern Star article identifies the student organization as filing the complaint. Thus, the case shall be retroactively named *BSU v. Howard*.

The student organization did not abide by all standards set in their governing documents affecting the election. In addition, the organization was using governing documents that were not on file with the Student Association (Student Government Association as it was then known) which updated governing documents on file with the SGA is a requirement then and now as dictated by the SGA Bylaws.

Section 5 – Case #3 (*Delta Chi v. IFC*)

The information regarding this case was published in a Northern Star article on October 30th and 31st, 2011, and therefore the exact evidence, legal arguments, and opinions have now been lost to time. There was question over whether constitutional standards and protocol were followed by the IFC regarding full membership of Delta Chi. Based on the article, the exact nature that led to case may not be replicated at present, but the court’s insistence that it is only weighing on the constitutional question at hand only is precisely the motto that the new Judicial Board should have.

As Delta Chi brought forth the case as the petitioner, the case shall be retroactively named *Delta Chi v. IFC*.

Section 6 – SGA Cases

All cases that the SGA currently has opinions for, regardless of if they are within the constitutional bounds of the current Board, shall automatically be carried over. These cases are to be kept on physical file with the Office of the Speaker and upload to a public depository at the Speaker of the Senate’s discretion.

Section 7– Cases Not Named

There are several cases, some very recent such as 55th Session Election related cases, and some that only exist in public memory through old articles found online in the Northern Star, that were not explicitly named by this resolution.

Some exclusions include the few election cases, such as 55th Session SGA Elections and 46th Session SGA Elections, where the Office of the Speaker does have the opinion of the 55th Session case and only Northern Star articles of the 46th Session. Part of this exclusion is not due to cherry-picking precedent but because the new Judicial Board will no longer have jurisdiction over election related materials. In addition, any outstanding cases arose from policies that have long since changed.

Although not directly named and attached to this resolution to be included in memory, does not exclude the Judicial Board from considering the information and the prior case when something similar appears before them. If the Board decides to base some of their decision on the case, they must reference it and release the case details to the public.

BE FURTHER RESOLVED, all sections listed above shall be incorporated into the 58th Session Operating Manual with the format at the discretion of Speaker Nathan Gonzalez but identical in wording and structure to this resolution; and

BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that these provisions can be codified into the SGA Constitution or Bylaws as the SGA Senate sees fit prior to operational status of the SGA Judicial Board, although it must be an introduced bill and approved in the procedures set by the SGA Bylaws.

This legislation is to take immediate effect

New Business

Agenda Item: B

Author: Speaker Gonzalez

Sponsor: Speaker Gonzalez, President Rodriguez

First Reading

Friday September 25th, 2026

ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 58007

Fifty-Eighth Session

Summary: A resolution to confirm an Election Commissioner for the Spring 2027 Elections

Legislation:

WHEREAS, Part II, Article II, §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.”; and

WHEREAS, Part II, Article I, §1.A of the Student Government Association Bylaws states that, “The Election Commissioner shall be appointed by the first scheduled Senate meeting in October”; and

WHEREAS, Friday, September 25th is the last SGA Senate meeting before the month of October; and

WHEREAS, President Leilani Rodriguez has appointed Taoheed Adeoye to serve as Election Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Taoheed Adeoye served as Senator and Board of Elections member during the 57th Session; and

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”;

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate confirm Taoheed Adeoye to serve as Election Commissioner for the 58th Session.

This resolution is ordered to take immediate effect.

New Business

Agenda Item: C

Author: Speaker Gonzalez

Sponsor: Speaker Gonzalez, President Rodriguez

First Reading

Friday September 25th, 2026

ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 58008

Fifty-Eighth Session

Summary: A resolution to confirm a Director of Campus and Academic Affairs

Legislation:

WHEREAS, Part I, Article III, §4.A of the Student Government Association Bylaws states that “The Student Government Association Cabinet is created by the President and exists for the purpose of assisting the president in the performance of their duties and responsibilities”; and

WHEREAS, Part I, Article III, §4.B states that “All Directors shall be appointed by the President or Vice President and confirmed by the Senate”; and

WHEREAS, President Leilani Rodriguez has appointed Alieh Asongwe to serve as Director of Campus and Academic Affairs; and

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

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate hereby approve of Alieh Asongwe to serve as Director of Campus and Academic Affairs for the 58th Session.

This resolution is ordered to take immediate effect.

New Business

Agenda Item: D

Author: Speaker Gonzalez

Sponsor: Speaker Gonzalez, President Rodriguez

First Reading

Friday September 25th, 2026

ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 58009

Fifty-Eighth Session

Summary: A resolution to confirm a Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Legislation:

WHEREAS, Part I, Article III, §4.A of the Student Government Association Bylaws states that “The Student Government Association Cabinet is created by the President and exists for the purpose of assisting the president in the performance of their duties and responsibilities”; and

WHEREAS, Part I, Article III, §4.B states that “All Directors shall be appointed by the President or Vice President and confirmed by the Senate”; and

WHEREAS, President Leilani Rodriguez has appointed Tysaun Allen to serve as Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; and

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

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate hereby approve of Tysaun Allen to serve as Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the 58th Session.

This resolution is ordered to take immediate effect.

New Business

Agenda Item: E

Author: Speaker Gonzalez

Sponsor: Speaker Gonzalez, President Rodriguez

First Reading

Friday September 25th, 2026

ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 58010

Fifty-Eighth Session

Summary: A resolution to confirm a Director of Student Life and Greek Affairs

Legislation:

WHEREAS, Part I, Article III, §4.A of the Student Government Association Bylaws states that “The Student Government Association Cabinet is created by the President and exists for the purpose of assisting the president in the performance of their duties and responsibilities”; and

WHEREAS, Part I, Article III, §4.B states that “All Directors shall be appointed by the President or Vice President and confirmed by the Senate”; and

WHEREAS, President Leilani Rodriguez has appointed Sienna Serrano to serve as Director of Student Life and Greek Affairs; and

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

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate hereby approve of Sienna Serrano to serve as Director of Student Life and Greek Affairs for the 58th Session.

This resolution is ordered to take immediate effect.