

Student Government Association Senate
Northern Illinois University
Friday March 6th, 2026 – 4:30 PM
Holmes Student Center – Sky Room
Public Streaming: <http://go.niu.edu/SGASenateLive>

Members of the public wishing to give public comment, please submit an [Intent to Speak](#) form, no later than 11:59 pm, March 5th, 2026.

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Verification of Quorum
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Senate Minutes 10.31.2025
 - B. Senate Minutes 02.16.2026
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 - D. Senate Minutes 02.27.2026
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- VI. Special Report
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- VIII. Office of the Speaker Report(s)
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- XII. Old Business
 - A. SB57027: A bill to implement Senate Continuation Contingency Plan
 - B. SB57028: A bill to repeal Senator Stipend
 - C. SB57029: A bill to redefine weekly staff reports
- XIII. New Business
 - A. SB57030: A bill to repeal the Finance Operating Manual
 - B. SB57031: A bill to repeal language from the Constitution as adopted by the 55th Session
 - C. SB57032: A bill to revise Board of Elections Stipend
 - D. SB57033: A bill to amend the Presidential Line of Succession
 - E. SB57034: A bill to revise Senator removal process
 - F. SR57033: A resolution to cancel the April 10th, SGA Senate meeting.
 - G. SR57034: A resolution to confirm the Speaker of the Senate for the 58th Session
- XIV. Good of the Order
- XV. Announcements
- XVI. 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 February 27th, 2026

ENROLLED SENATE BILL 57027

Fifty–Seventh Session

Summary: A bill to implement Senate Continuation Contingency Plan

Legislation:

WHEREAS, Executive Order 57001 issued by President David Rivera outlined a need for contingency plans that Student Government Association shall prepare and adopt after the resignation of President Ja’Kobe Jones highlighted that need; and

WHEREAS, although the Executive Order only affects the Executive Branch, Speaker Nathan Gonzalez believes in the need for such contingency plans and agrees with the text of the order; and

WHEREAS, when the SGA Senate went remote due to the COVID-19 pandemic there was confusion due to how the Senate would function; and

WHEREAS, although Student Government Association was able to pull through the lockdown era of the pandemic yet the SGA Senate agendas and minutes for the session immediately preceding and following the era have become permanently lost; and

WHEREAS, these revisions will allow for the SGA Senate to operate, if necessary, within a legally binding format approved by the Senate, since the circumstances of any given situation might prevent Senate from acting and the Speaker of the Senate from exercising ability to direct Senate as needed, especially if handicapped by present wording of the SGA Bylaws; 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:

APPENDIX B

Section 1: Contingency Plan for Senate Operations

All provisions, except for clause G, shall only apply if the Student Government Association Senate must go to remote activities due to pandemic or other emergencies that will endanger student well-being if attending an in-person Senate functions. This includes but is not limited to: Senate meetings, Committee meetings, or other official activities.

- A. The Speaker of the Senate must get approval from the SGA Adviser prior to issuing a written statement proclaiming movement of SGA Senate to online. Such a proclamation shall be announced to all under their authority being composed of Office of the Speaker, Chairpersons, and Senators and appropriate news organizations.

- B. Senate meetings shall have the meeting link posted on the SGA website or other accessible site within forty-eight (48) hours including the agenda. Quorum rules and guidelines shall follow in accordance with Open Meetings Act (OMA). If the State of Illinois or other governing body issues new guidelines related to OMA for online activities, those shall be followed or pandemic era guidelines if none are available.
- C. The SGA Senate must reapprove all Senate meeting times, dates, and update online location at their first meeting and inform the public within forty-eight (48) hours. The Senate can include a clause to return to the prior approved agreed meeting times, dates, and locations if the emergency is lifted or alternative in person location is arranged. The Senate, public, and appropriate news organizations must be made aware if the clause is utilized within forty-eight (48) hours and more than ten (10) days before the date of the meeting the change will take effect. Otherwise, a new resolution to approve new meeting times, dates and locations is needed.
- D. All paid positions shall maintain office hours in a remote setting by outlining the times they are available to receive a Teams call, message or email. If paid members can work at an alternative location, they shall do so with the permission from the SGA Adviser. Hours shall be posted on the SGA website or other accessible site.
- E. All SGA Senate committees under the purview of the Office of the Speaker can authorize virtual meetings in accordance with proper OMA provisions. Physical meetings shall be acceptable only if the SGA Adviser recommends doing so in writing.
- F. Emergency proclamation shall cease when either the SGA Adviser notifies the Office of the Speaker that in person meetings can be maintained, all clear from the University, or vote of the Senate with consultation of the SGA Adviser. Emergency proclamation automatically expires at the end of the Session it was issued, unless renewed by the Speaker after consultation with the SGA Adviser for the next Session.
- G. In preparation for the above provisions, the Office of the Speaker shall include the contingency plan in the Senate Operating Manual. In addition, the Office of the Speaker shall record and upload all SGA files within a central repository monitored and maintained by the SGA Advisor to ensure continuity of documentation before, during and after an emergency proclamation.

This legislation is ordered to take immediate effect

Old Business

Agenda Item: B

Author: Speaker Gonzalez

Sponsor: Speaker Gonzalez, Election Commissioner Guerrero

First Reading

Friday February 27th, 2026

ENROLLED SENATE BILL 57028

Fifty-Seventh Session

Summary: A bill to repeal the Senator Stipend

Legislation:

WHEREAS, then Clerk Manny Corpuz of the 55th Session of the Senate introduced SB55043 to grant Senators a stipend for their work in the Senate to incentivize fulfillment of their responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 56th Session of the Senate, the then Speaker Manny Corpuz, and in tandem with the Office of the Speaker have watched the progress of Senators following the Stipend Rubric; and

WHEREAS, although Senators have achieved the minimum qualifications to maintain their seat, the inclusion of the stipend has not incentive increase outreach to constituencies nor increased the flow of legislation from Senators; and

WHEREAS, even in the 57th Session, the status of noted progress remains the same as in the 56th Session; and

WHEREAS, the allocation of funds to provide for Senator stipends would have better served to support SGA operations or been reallocated to supplemental funding reserves for student organizations based on the large payment made to the 56th Session and activities of the 57th Session with the Huskie Pantry resolution; and

WHEREAS, although the stipend rubric was significantly improved for the 57th Session, the spirit of SB55043 was not met even after two sessions of experimentation and thus should be repealed; and

WHEREAS, it is up to future sessions of Student Government Association to revisit the idea of stipends if it is observed to be truly needed to incentivize or other purposes; 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 Constitution and Bylaws be changed to the following:

SGA CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE IV. THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The legislative authority of the Student Government Association shall be vested in the Senate.

Section 1. Powers of the Senate

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

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

- B. To solely amend the SGA Constitution as provided for herein. The Senate shall have the power to create and amend the SGA Bylaws in accordance with the rules for a presidential veto prescribed herein. The Elections Policy and the Finance Policy shall be part of the SGA Bylaws. The Senate shall have the sole power to create and amend the Senate Operating Rules. The Senate shall have the power, with the approval of the Supreme Court, to create and amend the Code of Procedure.
- C. To recognize student organizations. Qualifications for SGA-recognition as a student organization shall be specified in the SGA Bylaws. The Senate shall also have the power to ratify, reject or revoke SGA recognition of student organizations after it has notified the affected organizations and their advisors of the time, date and place of the meeting at which this will be decided. Revoking a student organization's SGA recognition shall require a two thirds (2/3) majority vote.
- D. To choose additional legislative officers it may deem necessary. The Senate shall decide the duties of each appointed SGA member and to establish a stipend for any official of the SGA that the Senate shall deem necessary. The Senate must approve all appointed officers. All stipend officials of the SGA must perform work equivalent to their stipend during the time in which they are paid. ~~Senators and any other stipend officials shall receive their stipends, pending review following the HR Policy and review by the SGA Advisor.~~ The Senate may conduct a review of the job performance of all paid members of the SGA each semester.

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:

- A. Senators shall be required to serve on at least two (2) standing Student Government Association or University committees, one of them being a standing Senate or executive committee.
- B. All Senators of the Student Government Association must adhere to the Attendance Policy of the Senate, which shall be detailed as follows:
 - 1. Senators who fail to attend regular Senate meetings will be charged absences as follows:
 - a. One-half (1/2) absence toward their semester Senate Attendance record for missing the initial roll call during the Call to Order unless quorum is never reached, in which case a senator will incur one full absence.
 - b. One-half (1/2) absence toward their semester Senate Attendance record for missing the roll call during Adjournment.
 - c. One-half (1/2) absence toward their semester Senate Attendance record when quorum is called for during a meeting and the meeting fails to have quorum at that time and the Senator was not among those recorded present for the roll call of the quorum.
 - 2. Senators who fail to attend required committee meetings – whether it is a University Standing Committee, Student Government Association Standing Committee, Senate Standing Committee, Student Government Association Ad- Hoc Committee or Senate Ad-Hoc Committee – will be charged with a one-half (1/2) absence toward their semester Senate Attendance record for each committee absence. If a meeting fails to meet due to quorum not being met, absences will be counted for members that failed to meet.
 - a. Senators are encouraged, but not required, to apply for appointment to university committees. If they are appointed, the Senator must attend the meetings of the University committees and will be held to the same standard as missing a Senate committee meeting. Absences are considered the same as an absence from the SGA committee.
 - 3. Any Senator who accumulates three (3) absences during a single semester or five (5) absences during their one-year term of office based on the attendance policy of the Senate, the Office of the Speaker

shall have the authority to remove that Senator from the Senate. This policy shall not follow an impeachment procedure, and the Senator shall be informed of their removal at the discretion of the Office of the Speaker. Should the Senator wish to appeal the Office of the Speaker's decision, they may petition the Committee on Rules and Procedures for the absolution of the absence in question. The Committee on Rules and Procedures shall have the power to grant or deny the appeal.

4. Any absence that is accumulated by a Senator may be excused by the Office of the Speaker by submitting an absence excusal request form, which may include a Disability Resource Center letter of accommodations two business days, at the latest, after the absence occurs. The Office of the Speaker reserves the right to deny any excusal request in any situation. If an absence excusal request form is not submitted within two business days, the absence excusal request form shall be deemed invalid. Upon the receipt of an absence excusal form by the Clerk of the Senate, the Clerk of the Senate will sign the form and send it for approval to the Office of the Speaker.
 5. The Office of the Speaker shall be charged with notifying a Senator of the status of their excusal form within five (5) business days of receiving the form. The Speakers, upon reaching a decision on the status of the excusal form, shall also notify the Sergeant-at-Arms in writing of the status of the Senator's excusal form.
- C. Senators are required to complete five hours of community service per semester. Verification of these hours must be provided to the 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 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. 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. 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.

H. ~~Senators will receive a stipend at the end of the semester for their work accomplished during the semester. The amount will be predetermined by the Speaker and Student Advisor and will only be rewarded fully upon the completion of all responsibilities that a Senator must complete within the semester.~~

1. ~~The Office of the Speaker will collect a list of the duties and responsibilities that Senators will complete over the semester. From there, the Office of the Speaker will determine the amount each Senator shall receive based on the list of completion.~~

2. ~~The Office of the Speaker will release to each Senator individually the total amount of the stipend they will receive based on their work for Senate no later than two (2) weeks before the last meeting of the semester.~~

3. ~~It is at the Speaker's discretion to award a portion of the stipend to a Senator if the Senator completed only a partial amount of the listed responsibilities for a Senator. Should the Senator wish to appeal the decision for the amount received, the Senator can appeal with the Rules and Procedures Committee within one (1) week of the initial notice of the stipend release.~~

4. ~~If a Senator graduates within one semester of session, the requirements to receive the stipend will be the same as if they were serving as a Senator for an entire session.~~

5. ~~If a Senator joins before the semester ends, they will still be held to the same responsibilities as any other Senator and will receive the amount determined by the Office of the Speaker.~~

6. ~~If a Senator does not complete a single one of the aforementioned duties and responsibilities and that are described in the Constitution and Senate Operating Manual, they will not receive any amount of the stipend. This cannot be appealed by the Rules and Procedures Committee.~~

7. ~~If a Senator is removed from Senate, they will not receive any amount of the stipend, and this cannot be appealed by the Rules and Procedures Committee.~~

- I. Senators are not permitted to speak on behalf of Senate or SGA to any members of the public or press.

Senators are required to point any questions, comments, or concerns to the Speaker or Deputy Speaker, as they are the main representatives of Senate. Should any Senator violate this policy, the Speaker shall enact disciplinary action up to and including the Senator's removal from office.

1. Senators are able to appeal any disciplinary action in front of the Rules and Procedure Committee within one (1) weeks' notice of the disciplinary action.

BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the 57th Session Senate shall still be eligible to receive their stipend at the close of the Spring semester in accordance with the approved Senate Operating Manual for the 57th Session.

This legislation is to take immediate effect

Old Business

Agenda Item: C

Author: Speaker Gonzalez

Sponsor: Speaker Gonzalez

First Reading

Friday February 27th, 2026

ENROLLED SENATE BILL 57029

Fifty–Seventh Session

Summary: A bill to redefine weekly staff reports

Legislation:

WHEREAS, after the passage of SB57026 regarding the restructuring of Executive Directorships that touched on staff reports being made available upon request it muddled if other paid positions could be covered by the same provision; and

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association’s mission for the 57th Session remains committed to improving transparency and accountability for SGA positions; and

WHEREAS, to promote transparency and accountability such provisions should apply to all paid positions of the Student Government Association such as those in the Office of the Speaker and Office of the President; and

WHEREAS, current provisions are scattered across the SGA Bylaws with no clear centralized clause that encompasses all provisions; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the SGA Constitution, superior to the SGA Bylaws, will not only make such weekly reports clearly mandated for all paid positions, but accessible to the public to understand the work that their elected or appointed officials are doing for the benefit of Northern Illinois University; and

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

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

SGA CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE II. THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Section 6. Paid Position(s) Limitations

~~Unless otherwise specified – a~~ All paid positions of SGA shall be limited to a maximum of ten (10) hours of paid work a week. If a position is identified to require more than ten (10) hours the student may bring a resolution forward before Senate with the approval of the SGA Advisor or as a petition without the approval of the SGA Advisor with at least signatures from at least seven (7) sitting Senators. The fact that the Advisor did not approve is required to be disclosed to the entire Senate when the petition is brought to the floor.

A. All paid positions must write weekly staff reports detailing the activities and other work conducted in their position, though they can exclude specific names or groups to protect privacy. Such reports shall include general timeframes for when work was conducted and must include if it was conducted during scheduled office hours.

B. Staff reports shall be submitted to the Student Government Association repository for files and be made accessible, when possible, per the SGA Advisor. Any member of either branch

and their members, relevant news organizations, and NIU community can request reports by contacting the SGA Advisor.

SGA BYLAWS

ARTICLE II LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

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:

- A. 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.
- B. Legislate all matters of student interest.
- C. Review all activities, business, policy, and property affecting the students of Northern Illinois University.
- D. 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:
 1. The passage of a resolution or act by the Senate.
 2. The expenditure was necessary to the normal conduct of SGA activities.
- E. 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.
- F. Investigate, initiate, and recommend student government and University policy and present such recommendations or orders to the proper people.
- G. 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.
- H. 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.
- I. 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.
- J. The Senate shall be the ultimate legislative decision-making body of the Student Government Association in adherence to the Constitution and Bylaws.
- K. 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.
- L. The Senate shall consist of senators allocated as described in the Student Government Association Bylaws Part II Article III, §1.A.
- ~~M. It shall be the responsibility of all paid members to write weekly staff reports and upload those reports to the Student Government Association website.~~
- N. ...[Continued]

ARTICLE VI

STANDARDS

Section 1: Staff Reports

It shall be up to the SGA Advisor to determine how weekly staff reports are requested and distributed to those requesting them. The President and Speaker should supervise and advise the SGA Advisor on creating or maintaining the process. Staff reports are to be archived by the Office of the Speaker along with all other Student Government Association files and handled accordingly.

This legislation is to take immediate effect

New Business

Agenda Item: A

Author: Speaker Gonzalez

Sponsor: Speaker Gonzalez

First Reading

Friday March 6th, 2026

ENROLLED SENATE BILL 57030

Fifty–Seventh Session

Summary: A bill to remove the Finance Operating Manual

Legislation:

WHEREAS, the 56th Session passed SB57013 to introduce the Finance Operating Manual after discussion between then-Speaker Manny Corpuz, then-Deputy Speaker Nathan Gonzalez, and then-Treasurer Ethan Pesavento; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Operating Manual was intended to be a concise way for student organizations to understand SGA financial policies but also decrease the wording within the SGA Bylaws and be an accessible document; and

WHEREAS, reforms led by now-Speaker Nathan Gonzalez and Treasurer Nicholas Lazaric helped to clarify, simplify, and streamline the SGA Bylaws to a point where it is readable and financial systems and regulations are fully realized and stable; and

WHEREAS, there is now no need for the Finance Operating Manual due to the 57th Session’s efforts to streamline procedures and reduce unnecessary bureaucracy; and

WHEREAS, clauses that are not explicitly part of the SGA Bylaws but still in effective due to the Manual’s adoption and do not conflict with the reforms adopted by the 57th Session are being transferred over to the Bylaws; 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 Constitution and Bylaws be amended as follows:

SGA CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE III. THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

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

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

- A. Oversee the management and appropriations of SGA funds.
- B. Cause to be kept accurate records of SGA expenditures, which shall conform to standard University financial record-keeping practices.

- C. Assist in the preparation of and present student organization budgets to the Senate for approval. The Treasurer shall advise all student organizations as to correct financial procedures.
- D. Appoint such deputies as shall be necessary for the proper operation of the office of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have only one (1) paid Deputy Treasurer. The paid Deputy Treasurer shall be approved by the Senate.
- E. Submit a written financial report of all Student Government Association financial activities at the last regular meeting of the Senate of each semester.
- F. Review, revise & maintain the Finance Operating Manual at least once (1) a semester and submit any changes to the Senate to amend the manual. Purchasing Guidelines that are updated by the University will be maintained by the SGA Treasurer and inform all branches of Student Government Association of changes made.

ARTICLE IV. THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The legislative authority of the Student Government Association shall be vested in the Senate.

Section 1. Powers of the Senate

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

- A. To appropriate allotted monies and other benefits to SGA-recognized student organizations. The expenditures of such monies are required to follow standard University purchasing and disbursement procedures and are subject to audits as required by state law.
- B. To solely amend the SGA Constitution as provided for herein. The Senate shall have the power to create and amend the SGA Bylaws in accordance with the rules for a presidential veto prescribed herein. The Elections Policy and the Finance Policy shall be part of the SGA Bylaws. The Finance Policy shall also be a part of the Finance Operating Manual. The Senate shall have the sole power to create and amend the Senate Operating Rules. The Senate shall have the power, with the approval of the Supreme Court, to create and amend the Code of Procedure.
- C. To solely amend the Finance Operating Manual by direction of the SGA Treasurer of University with the exception of the Purchasing Guidelines. The Senate shall have the Power to create and amend the SGA Finance Operating Manual in accordance with the rules for a presidential veto prescribed in the SGA Bylaws. The Constitution, SGA Bylaws and SGA Finance Operating Manual shall coexist as equal governing documents so long as they do not conflict. If there is conflict, the Constitution is considered to be superior followed by the SGA Bylaws.

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Section 5. Definition of Bills, Statutes, Proposed Resolutions, and Resolutions.

All request for a decision submitted to the Senate or any of its committees shall take one of the following two forms.

- A. Any request for a decision submitted to the Senate or any of its committees regarding appointing or removing a person from office, adoption or amendments to the Senate Operating Rules, punishment or expulsion of senators, and appointments shall be considered a proposed resolution. Any request submitted to the Senate or any of its committees to make a declaration of its will or opinion binding or non-binding, utilizing or not SGA funds, forcing any SGA official to act officially or not, and affects the internal procedures of the Legislative Branch shall be considered a proposed resolution. Upon approval by the Senate the proposed resolution shall be considered a resolution of the Senate. All proposed changes to the Senate Operating Rules shall be considered proposed resolutions and, if passed, shall be considered a resolution of the Senate. All spelling, grammatical, formatting, punctuation, and redundancy changes to the Constitution may be made at the discretion of either the Speaker or the Vice President without the need for the changes to be presented in a resolution. A proposed resolution can be voted on the meeting of its first reading.
- B. All requests for a decision submitted to the Senate or any of its committees that proposes amendments of the SGA Constitution and Bylaws, and Finance Operating Manual, shall be considered a bill. When a bill is passed by the Senate and signed by the President it shall become a statute of the SGA. Except for spelling, grammatical, formatting, punctuation, and redundancy changes, all proposed changes to the Bylaws shall be considered bills and, if passed, shall be considered a statute of the SGA. All spelling, grammatical, formatting, punctuation, and redundancy changes to the Bylaws may be made at the discretion of either the Speaker or the Vice President without the need for the changes to be presented in a bill. It shall take two (2) weeks for any proposed bill to be voted on. The first week is the first reading with no vote of approval allowed. The second week shall be the second round of reading and can be voted for approval.

SGA BYLAWS

ARTICLE II FINANCE COMMITTEE

Section 1 Finance Committee Membership and Structure

- A. The Finance Committee shall be tasked with the oversight of all financial matters of the Student Government Association, including the allocation and oversight of Student Activity Fee money.
- B. The Finance Committee will consist of ten (10) voting members, seven (7) of whom are Senators, appointed at the discretion of the Speaker. The Speaker, Treasurer, and Deputy Treasurer shall serve as

- the remaining three (3) voting members. The chair of the committee shall have the power to appoint and remove previously appointed administrative staff as non-voting ex-officio members, as they see fit.
- C. The SGA Treasurer shall serve as chair of the committee but shall only vote to break a tie. The SGA Deputy Treasurer shall serve as the vice-chair of the committee and preside over the committee in the absence of the SGA Treasurer. The Deputy Treasurer shall serve as the secretary, who shall keep accurate records for the committee.
- D. The Finance Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
1. at least once every fourteen (14) days while the Senate is in session.
 2. Review the annual budget recommendations for each of the budget subcategories and consolidate each subcategory budget recommendation into one omnibus funding bill to be introduced to the Senate no later than the second Senate meeting in April.
 3. Assign SGA-recognized organizations and departments requesting funding to a specific finance subcategory for administrative purposes.
 4. Review any expenditures and financial approvals within the Executive Branch, including Executive Allocations.
 5. Introduce the fiscal policies and recommendations coming from the Committee to the Senate.
- Review and approve Supplemental Funding requests.

Section 2

Finance Subcategories

- A. 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.
- B. 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.
- C. The individual subcategories are as follows:
1. Tier 1: Non-Funded Organizations: These are defined as organizations that are not annually funded due to any reason. The maximum amount of annual funding requested shall not exceed \$500.
 2. Tier 2: Competitive Organizations: These are defined as organizations that are not sports clubs or sport organizations but attend/engage in competitions regardless of their affiliation with a university department. Organizations must have already been annually funded, engage in a minimum of three (3) yearly verifiable competitions and are not involved in activity involving physical exertion and skill. The maximum amount of annual funding requested shall not exceed \$5,000.
 3. 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.
 4. 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 maximum amount of annual funding requested shall not exceed \$1,000.
- D. University departments that provide members of a specific student organization with resources or other benefits, otherwise unavailable to the greater student population. This is the definition for Tier 3 student organizations.
1. Examples include additional funding, a dedicated study place, use of department staff or materials

etc. The Finance Committee can ask for documentation or the name of the department to ensure that they meet the definition of sponsorship or affiliated student organization.

Section 3

Tier Change

The Student Government Association allows student organizations to change their tier status during the academic year. The determination will be made by the SGA Treasurer and proper university officials to confirm the factuality of the change.

- A. Organizations must secure a written formal agreement, email acknowledgement, or other written agreement with the department that is sponsoring.
- B. Fill out "Tier Change Form" available through Huskie Hub.
 - a. Attach all relevant documentation to help prove the change in tiers
- C. Allow two (2) weeks for the SGA Treasurer and/or Deputy Treasurer to review the application.
 - a. If the Treasurer believes that there shall be more documentation needed, they may request it without jeopardizing the application decision within one (1) week of application submission. If the organization does not respond within one (1) week, the Treasurer must decide on available information.
- D. The Treasurer will notify the organization of either approval or rejection of the tier change. The Treasurer will contain as much information in the email if it has been rejected.

Section 3 4

Finance Committee Communication

ARTICLE V

ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES

Section 2

Executive Allocations

- A. Executive Allocations are defined as funding made available by the SGA President for larger campus initiatives. Initiatives shall be classified according to the following: ~~Further clarification on the definition can be found in the Finance Operating Manual.~~
 1. Class 1: Low Level – Organization that Organizations that are operating solely or in collaboration with only one (1) other SGA recognized student organization or university department. Neither of these organizations can be Tier 6. The maximum amount that can be given is \$2,500.
 2. Class 2 - High Level - Organizations that are operating in collaboration with at least two (2) or more SGA recognized student organization or university department. Neither of these organizations can be Tier 6. The maximum amount that can be given shall be no more than 50% of available Executive Allocation funds.
- B. Organizations must secure written formal agreements with one another by either a mutually signed agreement, email acknowledgement, or other written agreement if collaboration for purpose of requesting Executive Allocation. Any other documentation related to the purpose, event, or impact that will demonstrate the minimum requirements for Executive Allocation must be attached.
- C. For the President or Treasurer to consider and approve the request, it must meet certain eligibility requirements. Those being: serving the greater campus, aligning with the values of the Student Government Association and University, be an approved event on Huskie Hub, and abide by the Purchasing Guidelines.

- D. 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.
- ~~E. 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 set 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.~~
- F. 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 to take immediate effect

New Business

Agenda Item: B

Author: Speaker Gonzalez

Sponsor: Speaker Gonzalez

First Reading

Friday February 27th, 2026

ENROLLED SENATE BILL 57031

Fifty–Seventh Session

Summary: A bill to repeal language from the Constitution as adopted by the 55th Session

Legislation:

WHEREAS, Speaker Nathan Gonzalez has decided to review approved Constitution and Bylaw changes from the 57th Session after the passage and voluntary acceptance of Executive Order 570002 from President Rivera; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Gonzalez expanded his review of approved Bylaws to reexamine if anything was missing in adopted changes from the 56th Session or in the final months of the 55th Session; and

WHEREAS, there were several items not included in the SGA Constitution and Bylaws which were approved; and

WHEREAS, something overlooked in the 56th Session and large part of the 57th Session until Speaker Gonzalez noticed the wording in Article XI, Section 3 of the SGA Constitution that the 55th Session acknowledges past amendments were not done according to established procedures, yet the changes made henceforth are to be the most recent adopted constitution; and

WHEREAS, by the Senate’s adoption of the constitutional change acknowledging this occurrence and the SGA Supreme Court lack of intervention during the period and the fact the changes have already being effective for more than two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Gonzalez believes that there is no reason to conduct further action on determining what was passed to be subsequently removed as the Constitution has changed since then in the 55th, 56th, and 57th Session; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Gonzalez believes that the 55th Session was acknowledging those issues and remedying as best they could with the adoption of the language which the Speaker finds commendable; and

WHEREAS, the repealing of this language and adoption of new provisions to ensure that what transpired that led to the 55th Session’s adoption of such language does not happen again will be the best step for the Student Government Association; and

WHEREAS, the 57th Session mission has always been transparent and accountability and even though present members of the SGA Senate were not part of the 55th Session, it is important for SGA to address it to be a model for the current NIU student body and future SGA sessions; and

WHEREAS, the Rules & Procedures Committee has decided []

WHEREAS, Article IX, §1 of the Student Government Association Constitution states that, “A proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be delivered to the Senate in writing at any regular meeting. When the Senate meets next it shall consider the proposed amendment. The meeting at which the vote shall take place must be at least two (2) calendar weeks from the date of the delivery of the proposal to the Senate.”

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

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Proposing Amendments

A proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be delivered to the Senate in writing at any regular meeting. When the Senate meets next it shall consider the proposed amendment. The meeting at which the vote shall take place must be at least two (2) calendar weeks from the date of the delivery of the proposal to the Senate.

Section 2. Approval of Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all senators, regardless of whether they are present, abstain, or vote. Amendments not approved as a bill or in above manner shall automatically be considered null and void.

Section 3. Preserving the Constitution and Amendments

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

This legislation is to take immediate effect

New Business

Agenda Item: C

Author: Speaker Gonzalez

Sponsor: Speaker Gonzalez

First Reading

Friday March 6th, 2026

ENROLLED SENATE BILL 57032

Fifty-Seventh Session

Summary: A bill to revise Board of Election stipend

Legislation:

WHEREAS, Speaker Gonzalez noted an issue with the changes made to the Board of Elections stipend procedures where the current language states that no amount may be approved nor disbursed until the end of the election cycle but does not imply if this includes special elections; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Gonzalez was thinking in a scenario should Senate be unable to approve a stipend while in Session for any reason or if a special election continues past the last day Senate meets; and

WHEREAS, to incorporate understanding if there could be a special election or more work is done than typical, the stipend amount should reflect the work that they would do which the Senate shall still decide the amount the stipend amount which still helps with balancing; 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 enact that the SGA Bylaws be changed to the following:

**ARTICLE II
Election Commission
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 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. [Continued....]

This legislation is to take immediate effect

New Business

Agenda Item: D

Author: Speaker Gonzalez

Sponsor: Speaker Gonzalez

First Reading

Friday February 27th, 2026

ENROLLED SENATE BILL 57033

Fifty–Seventh Session

Summary: A bill to amend the Presidential Line of Succession

Legislation:

WHEREAS, the 47th Session of the Student Government Association passed legislation in the form of SR47029 which updated the Presidential line of succession; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution provides if the Vice President cannot fill the vacant Presidential position, it will then go to the Treasurer which if they cannot assume the position falls on the Speaker; and

WHEREAS, the rationale for SR47029 was that in the event if all three individuals could not accept the Presidency, there needed to be another option as the Constitution does not provide a mechanism; and

WHEREAS, since then, that provision was repealed at some point in time bringing about the same concern; and

WHEREAS, when President Ja’Kobe Jones resigned, Speaker Gonzalez was fearful if then-Vice President Rivera declined and Treasurer Nicholas Lazaric also declined, the position would fall on Speaker Gonzalez; and

WHEREAS, the resignation of Deputy Speaker Guerrero and each of our overlapping positions as Chairpersons of SGA Committees on the Senate Line of Succession would have fallen on someone who would have not been immediately ready nor prepared to transition to the workload of the Speaker; and

WHEREAS, fortunately it was just “disaster” thinking on Speaker Gonzalez’s part as Vice President Rivera accepted the position of the President to ensure smooth SGA operations, but this scenario is still plausible; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Gonzalez intends to follow Executive Order 57001 regarding contingency plans; and

WHEREAS, the restoration of this provision will allow a better outcome for the Student Government Association as it is clear what should happen as opposed to a Presidential succession crisis; and

WHEREAS, revisions to wording and inclusion of other languages such as explicit calling to Senate Line of Succession in the SGA Bylaws will cover any potential situations that could arise; and

WHEREAS, Article IX, §1 of the Student Government Association Constitution states that, “A proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be delivered to the Senate in writing at any regular meeting. When the Senate meets next it shall consider the proposed amendment. The meeting at which the vote shall take place must be at least two (2) calendar weeks from the date of the delivery of the proposal to the Senate.”

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

ARTICLE III. THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Section 4. Order of Succession

- A. If the President shall resign, be removed, or otherwise vacate office before the expiration of their term the following procedures shall be followed. The Vice President will serve as President. If unable to or declines, the Treasurer shall serve as Interim President. If the Treasurer is unable to or declines, the Speaker of the Senate shall serve as Interim President. In the instance that the Vice President, Treasurer or Speaker is unable to assume the Presidency, then an emergency meeting of all paid positions will convene and elect an Interim President by majority vote. The Senate shall appoint and confirm a new President if there is an Interim President. Any Executive Branch position that is vacant while the presidency is vacant shall remain vacant until filled by the new President, not by the Interim President.
- ~~B. If at any time the President shall resign, be removed or otherwise leave office before the end of the term, the Vice President shall become President. If for any reason the Vice President cannot assume the office, the Treasurer shall serve as Interim President until the Senate chooses a new President. If for any reason the Vice President and the Treasurer cannot assume the vacant office of the President then the Speaker of the Senate shall serve as Interim President until the Senate shall choose a new President. Any Executive Branch position that is vacant at the same time that the presidency is vacant shall remain vacant until filled by the new President, not by the Interim President. The Interim President shall have the power to appoint acting officials to the Executive Branch and to make all other appointments that are the responsibility of the President.~~
- C. The Interim President shall have all duties and responsibilities of the President including appointments. They shall return to their previous position upon Senate's confirmation of the new President, unless they were confirmed to continue as President. If the Speaker should serve as Interim President, the Senate Line of Succession will be utilized.
- D. If at any time the Vice President or the Treasurer shall resign, be removed, or otherwise leave office before the end of the term, the President shall appoint their replacements with the approval of the Senate.
- E. A majority of all executive Branch members who are paid a regular stipend may petition the Senate to remove an elected Executive Branch officer for incapacitation due to illness or other inability to perform their duties. The Senate may remove the person in accordance with the removal procedure proscribed herein.
- F. Except as otherwise specified by this Constitution, all officers appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold office until the expiration of the term which is being filled.

This legislation is to take immediate effect

New Business

Agenda Item: E

Author: Speaker Gonzalez, the Rules & Procedures Committee

Sponsor: Speaker Gonzalez, Senator Tinajero

First Reading

Friday February 27th, 2026

ENROLLED SENATE BILL 57034

Fifty–Seventh Session

Summary: A bill to revise Senator removal process.

Legislation:

WHEREAS, Senator Tinajero noted to Speaker Gonzalez that there is an issue when it comes to the clauses adopted by the 56th Session on prohibition of removed Senators from returning to the Student Government Association; and

WHEREAS, current language allows a Senator under threat of removal to resign and escape consequences for whatever perceived transgression that occurred; and

WHEREAS, some of the language within SB57026 was inconsistent and created potential issues should serious cases such as objectivity came into question such as Rules & Procedures Committee members

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:

Section 7
Senate Removal

- A. The Speaker of the Senate cannot unilaterally remove a Senator except in the case of failure to complete Open Meetings Act (OMA) training or failure to meet Senate requirements, or egregious actions related to conduct. Senators shall be removed, regardless of whether they were elected or confirmed by the Senate, according to the following provisions:
1. Should a Senator be deemed acting improperly through conduct or behavior, impedes workflow of the Senate or wider Student Government Association fails to follow procedures or chain of command, or any other action unbecoming of an SGA officer; any member of the Senate including Office of the Speaker may petition the Rules & Procedure Committee to review the case.
 2. The Rules & Procedure shall determine course of action up to and including removal. If the person objects to the neutrality of the Rules & Procedure the Speaker shall act on behalf of the committee.
 3. If the Senator continues the behavior or has at least one more complaint filed, the Rules & Procedure Committee shall write and present a resolution to remove the Senator and afford the complaints to be read first followed by an optional defense of the Senator lasting no more than (5) minutes before discussion or debate. The Senator must abstain from the vote removing them.
 4. If the resolution passes the Senator cannot appeal.
 5. All other provisions mentioned in the SGA Bylaws related to offense and removal for Senators, such as attendance, are not subservient and take precedence over this section except for clauses pertaining to eligibility of reappointment or elections.

6. The Speaker can remove chairpersons from their positions due to work ethics, or other actions, but not as a Senator.
 7. If after a conversation between the Office of the Speaker and a Chairperson not performing their duties or otherwise continues then the Office of the Speaker may bypass the Rules & Procedures and move to a resolution to remove the Senator.
 - i. This does not apply to OMA violations as it is covered elsewhere in the SGA Bylaws
 - ii. This provision does not apply if the Chairperson is the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Treasurer or other paid leadership position acting as Chairperson, approved by the Senate or as directed by the SGA Bylaws.
 8. In cases when Senators fail to complete OMA, the Speaker may dismiss the Senator in writing without any need for legislation. Senators cannot appeal.
 9. If the Speaker removes a Senator due to egregious actions or other conduct and behavior, they can appeal to the SGA Supreme Court for possible reinstatement if they accept the case. They shall only be able to be able to join for the following session.
- B. If a Senator is removed from the Senate for any reason other than resignation, military service, or medical emergency, the Senator shall not be eligible to apply for or be appointed to the Senate again in the current session. The removed Senator shall not be eligible to apply or be appointed to the Senate, or any branch of SGA, for future sessions unless the removed Senator files an appeal with the Supreme Court to gain the ability to run in the next session. The appeal cannot reinstate the removed Senator for the current session and must strictly be for the ability to be appointed in the next session. No person who has been removed from office in the Student Government Association by the Senate under the Constitution shall be eligible to apply or be appointed to the Senate.
1. If a person is subject to any of above processes or under review by the Speaker or Rules & Procedure Committee for violations and resigns before judgement is made, either can block their eligibility to return to the session or future sessions, elected or appointed to the Senate or any branch of SGA. Only the SGA Supreme Court can take on an appeal by the person to reinstate eligibility for future sessions only.
- C. If a Senator is removed from Senate by legislation, the Senator must vacate their seat immediately and their vote will not be counted for future vote counts from that point in the meeting. The total number of Senators will decrease accordingly and the amount for quorum will be adjusted to reflect the new amount of Senators that are currently seated.
1. If the Senator's removal causes a loss of quorum, the Senate meeting shall be ended due to lack of quorum and any legislation that occurs after the Senator's removal will be sent to Old Business in the following Senate meeting.

This legislation is to take immediate effect

New Business

Agenda Item: F

Author: Speaker Gonzalez

Sponsor: Speaker Gonzalez

First Reading

Friday March 6th, 2026

ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 57033

Fifty–Seventh Session

Summary: A resolution to cancel April 10th, SGA Senate Meeting

Legislation:

WHEREAS, the Speaker Gonzalez will be forced to depart the State of Illinois for the week of April 10th; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of the Speaker, the person next to the Senate Order of Succession will take charge of presiding over the Senate meeting; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Gonzalez currently has overlapping service on the Senate Order of Succession after the resignation of Deputy Speaker Guerrero at the end of the fall semester for the 56th Session and some SGA Committees need for Speaker Gonzalez to step in to oversee as chairperson by consent, or otherwise, of the committee; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Gonzalez is open to helping prepare the next person that pertains too on the Senate Order of Succession to understand how to run the April 10th meeting to not impede the workflow of the SGA Senate; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Gonzalez is a person who likes to prepare for the future and wants to ensure that the Student Government Association can continue its operations without interruption nor truly wishes to exercise his ability per the SGA Constitution to automatically cancel the meeting; and

WHEREAS, this resolution allows the meeting to be cancelled as a preventive measure but remains available to still be held; and

WHEREAS, the Senate shall decide all meeting dates, times, and locations or regular meetings; and

WHEREAS, with the introduction of this resolution and subsequent adoption of this resolution, it fulfils cancellation requirements as dictated in the Illinois Open Meetings Act (OMA),

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate resolve the Senate will cancel the Friday April 10th, 2025, meeting and reconvene on Friday January 23rd, 2026, as approved in SR57017; and

BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the April 10th meeting will remain on the list of approved Senate meeting times until the person next in the Senate Order of Succession accepts to run the meeting; and

BE FURTHER RESOLVED, if the person accepts, Speaker Gonzalez will train them to run the April 10th meeting; and

BE FURTHER RESOLVED, if the person declines to run the SGA Senate meeting for April 10th, then the meeting will be cancelled and pulled from the official Senate meeting list; and

BE FINALLY RESOLVED, announcement for final determination for the April 10th meeting, based on the person next in the Senate Order of Succession decision, will be given on March 25th, 2026 in accordance with OMA procedures for announcing cancelations, when approved by the body, which is a period of ten (10) days prior to the meeting which this date exceeds by one (1) additional day.

This legislation is ordered to take immediate effect

New Business

Agenda Item: G

Author: Speaker Gonzalez

Sponsor: Speaker Gonzalez

First Reading

Friday March 6th, 2026

ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION 57034

Fifty–Seventh Session

Summary: A resolution to confirm the Speaker of the Senate for the 58th Session

Legislation:

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association Constitution states, “The Speaker shall be chosen by the Senate and serve a one-year term of office”; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Gonzalez’s one year term of office is set to expire on May 5th; and

WHEREAS, the Senate must elect a Speaker, and only those properly nominated may run in the Speaker Elections; and

WHEREAS, the candidate who receives a majority vote shall be elected as Speaker,

THEREFORE, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate resolve that

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Has received the majority of votes to be elected as Speaker of the Senate for the 58th Session.

This legislation is ordered to take immediate effect