

Minutes of the  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE  
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
November 04, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

1. This meeting was called to order by Deputy Speaker DeMeuse at TIME in the HSC (Holmes Student Center) Sky Room.
2. **Voting Members Present:** O'Brien, Gibbons, Hensley, Colvin, Ashton, Woodward, DeMeuse, Allen, Olson, Perez, Hernandez, Kolawole, Myhre, Babcock, Ramos, Rosales, Rogers
3. **Voting members Absent:** English, Jovanovich, Musgraves, Rogers

**VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

1. Quorum is met.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. There are none.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse moves to approve last week's minutes.
2. So moved.
3. Seconded.
4. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. There is none.
6. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse calls for a vote.
7. The motion is passed, and the minutes are approved.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse moves to approve the agenda.
2. So moved.
3. Seconded.
4. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. There is none.
6. DS DeMeuse requests a motion to add items to the agenda.
7. So moved
8. Seconded
9. DS DeMeuse asks if there is any discussion or debate.
10. There is none.
11. DS DeMeuse calls for a vote.
12. Vote passes.
6. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse requests a motion to move new business to old business.
7. So moved.
8. Seconded.
9. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse asks if there is any discussion or debate.
13. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse calls for a vote to approve the agenda.
14. The motion is passed and the Agenda is approved.

**SPEAKER REPORT**

1. The Speaker is not present due to illness.

## **SPECIAL REPORT**

1. None.

## **OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT**

1. Historian Babcock is recognized.
2. Historian Babcock talks about their work in organizing legislation and putting out repairs to the bylaws.
3. Clerk Allen is recognized.
4. Clerk Allen requests that everyone make sure that they are formally recognized, talking into the microphone, and not talking outside of the scope of the meeting.
5. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse talks about his work in one on ones and organizing the bylaws to make sure there is less repetition and checking that everything is getting done when it is supposed to.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Historian Babcock is recognized to speak for DEI
2. Historian Babcock speaks about the consolidation of initiatives and putting together a way to pay for initiatives.
3. Clerk Allen is recognized to speak for EA
4. Clerk Allen states that EA was not able to meet with Courtney Gallaher and were not able to meet due to people being sick.
5. Chairperson Ramos is recognized for PA.
6. Chairperson Ramos talks about their tabling in order to tell people to get out the vote.

## **EXECUTIVE REPORT**

1. There are none

## **CABINET REPORT**

1. There are none

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. DS DeMeuse requests a motion to hear A. SB54020: A bill to grant official recognition to student organizations
2. So moved
3. Seconded
1. Chairperson Hensley is recognized to talk about this bill.
2. Chairperson Hensley states that this is about a Christian fraternity that aiming for formal recognition.
3. DS DeMeuse asks if there are any questions.
4. Historian Babcock is recognized
5. Historian Babcock asks if they had to make any changes to their documents after meeting with OO.
6. Chairperson Hensley is recognized.
7. Chairperson Hensley responds that it is not.
8. DS DeMeuse asks if there is any further discussion or debate.
9. There is no further discussion or debate.
10. DS DeMeuse calls for a vote.
11. The vote passes the bill is passed.

12. DS DeMeuse requests a motion to hear SR54021: A resolution to formally support continuation of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).
13. So moved.
14. Seconded
12. Clerk Allen is recognized.
13. Clerk Allen talk about the fact that this bill is to show support by the NIU SGA to the continuance of ICWA as it prevents the further genocide of indigenous people at the hands of the US government.
14. DS DeMeuse asks if there are any discussion or debate.
15. Chairperson Hensley is recognized,
16. Chairperson Hensley asks if there is a precedent for this.
17. Clerk Allen responds in the affirmative citing the 200 years of Native Sovereignty established in treaty by the US government.
18. Senator Kolawole is recognized.
19. Senator Kolawole asks what this bill does.
20. Historian Babcock responds that indigenous students on campus require our support and by passing this we acknowledge the damage of genocide and speak against its continuance.
21. Clerk Allen is recognized.
22. Clerk Allen also states that this decision has been upheld for many years.
23. DS DeMeuse requests a motion to hear Agenda item C: a resolution to fully support the addition of added security to the Jack Arends.
24. So moved
25. Seconded.
26. Senator Perez Hernandez is recognized to talk about this resolution.
27. Senator Perez Hernandez states that damages occurred to the art building at the hands of non-art students, and they are going to put in new security measures. There is currently very little security and more will be added.
28. Historian Babcock is recognized.
29. Historian Babcock states their support of this resolution.
30. There is no further discussion or debate.
31. Vote passes the resolution is approved.
13. DS DeMeuse requests a motion to hear the resolution to reprimand members of the executive branch.
14. So, moved
15. Seconded
16. Historian Babcock is recognized,
17. Historian Babcock states that in their role of checking the work done by Executive branch members they found that many members did not complete their roles of filling out staff reports.
18. Senator Colvin is recognized.
19. Senator Colvin asks when it was written up.
20. Historian Babcock responds that it was written before it was emailed.
21. Senator Kolawole is recognized.
22. Senator Kolawole asks what it does.
23. DS DeMeuse responds that it's a formal heads-up.

24. [This following portion of the minutes is recalled from memory and may not be fully accurate]
25. Senator Obrien is recognized.
26. Senator Obrien questions Historian Babcock why certain members are absent from the list.
27. Historian Babcock responds that they are willing to accept a friendly amendment.
28. [Recording comes back]
29. Senator O'Brien makes a motion to add Director of Athletics Becker is added
30. Seconded
31. DS DeMeuse calls for a vote,
32. Vote passes Director Becker is added.
33. [Recording cuts out again]
34. DS DeMeuse calls for a vote.
35. Vote passes
36. That ends old business.

#### **NEW BUISNESS**

1. There is none

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. There are none.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

1. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
2. So moved.
3. Seconded.
4. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. There is none.
6. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse calls for a vote.
7. The motion passes and the meeting adjourns at 3:20.

#### **CLOSING ATTENDANCE**

1. **Voting Members Present:** O'Brien, Gibbons, Hensley, Colvin, Ashton, Woodward, DeMeuse, Allen, Olson, Perez, Hernandez, Kolawole, Myhre, Babcock, Ramos, Rogers
2. **Voting Members Absent:** English, Jovanovich, Musgraves, Rogers, Rosales,
3. **Candidate Members Present:** Paris M Martin

#### **MINUTES SUBMITTED BY**

Clerk Allen on 12, 2, 2022