

**Student Government Association Senate**

**Northern Illinois University**

**2:00 p.m. – Friday, 28 April 2023**

**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 24 hours before the next Senate meeting.***

**I. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement, and Roll Call**

**Voting Members Present:** O'Brien, Gibbons, Hensley, English, Colvin, Ashton, Woodward, Allen, Olson, Perez-Hernandez, Kolawole, Jovanovich, Althoff, Musgraves, Martin, Corpuz, Babcock, Rogers

**Voting members Absent:** Douglass, Ramos

**Voting members Excused:**

**II. Verification of Quorum**

Quorum was met.

**III. Public Comments**

There are none.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes are approved.

**V. Approval of Agenda**

Agenda is approved.

**VI. Speaker's Report**

Acting Speaker Allen gives a report.

**VII. Special Report**

**Treasurer Morgan** talks about the preliminary budget plans.

**VIII. Office of the Speaker Report(s)**

**Clerk English** gives an update of Faculty Senate.

**Historian Babcock** gives an update in transition materials.

**IX. Committee Report(s)**

Organization Oversight **Chairperson Hensley** updates on the student organizations that came to the committee meeting.

Board of Elections **Chairperson Olson** gives a reminder about the inauguration.

**X. Executive Branch Report(s)**

There are none.

**XI. Cabinet Report(s)**

There are none.

**XII. Old Business**

- a. SR54045: A resolution to grant official recognition to student organizations.*

A motion is made to remove Divine Soul Riders, which passes and so Divine Soul Riders are removed from the legislation.

The resolution passes with 17 votes for 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

- b. SR54046: A resolution to establish a student-led task force on campus safety at Northern Illinois University.*

A motion is made to change, enact to recommend, which passes.

A motion is made to specify who would be on the task force, it doesn't pass.

A motion is made to reword it to state "a resolution to restore a student presence in the current task force on campus safety." This passes and language changes accordingly.

The resolution passes with 9 votes for 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

- c. SR54047: A resolution to revitalize Senate Parking Committee.*

The resolution passes with 13 votes for 1 opposed and 0 abstaining.

- d. SR54048: A resolution to install speed bumps across North Lincoln Drive, North Stevenson Drive, Grant Drive, and Gilbert Way.*

A motion is made to change speed bumps to speed tables, this is then amended to say traffic calming devices, this motion passes and language changes accordingly.

The resolution passes with 13 votes for 1 opposed and 0 abstaining.

- e. SR54049: A resolution to support the addition of organizing a meeting with representatives from as many of the underrepresented student groups on campus as possible to the roles and duties of the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion within the SGA.*

Resolution is tabled until next senate meeting so **Chairperson Ramos** will be there to answer questions about it.

- f. SR54050: A resolution to support the changes of a row of parking spaces in the DuSable parking lot on campus from blue to yellow permits.*

The resolution passes with 12 votes for 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

- g. SB54038: A bill to update the Bylaws to better reflect our present-day Senate.*

A motion is made to kill the legislation, it passes as the preposed changes have already been made

- h. SR54051: A resolution to support the addition of battery and electronic recycling dividers to campus.*

The resolution passes with 15 votes for 2 opposed and 0 abstaining.

- i. SR54052: A resolution that expresses the 54<sup>th</sup> senate's support of future collaborations between the NIUPD and the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center on an informational program that focuses on the safety options and resources available to students that belong to the LGBTQ+ community.*

The resolution passes with 13 votes for 2 opposed and 1 abstaining.

- j. SB54039: A bill to update the responsibilities of the Clerk and Chairpersons and change how the Senate posts its minutes.*

A motion is made to have a ten-minute recess this fails to pass

The bill passes with 16 votes for 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

**A motion is made to have a ten-minute recess it passes and starts at 3:40pm**

**At 3:50pm the attendance is as follows**

**Voting Members Present:** O'Brien, Gibbons, Hensley, English, Colvin, Ashton, Woodward, Allen, Olson, Perez-Hernandez, Kolawole, Jovanovich, Althoff, Martin, Corpuz, Douglass, Babcock, Rogers

**Voting members Absent:** Musgraves, Ramos

**Voting members Excused:**

- k. *SR54053: A Resolution to support more staffing for Northern Illinois University Student Government Association accountancy department in the Holmes Student Center.*

The resolution passes with 9 votes for 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

- l. *SB54040: A bill to update the finance committee's policy for financing student organization to better serve the student body.*

A motion is made to change should to shall, this passes and language changes.

A motion is made to change the wording such that it said towards instead of to, this passes and language changes.

A motion is made to change Huskie Hub to NIU's student organization platform, this passes and language changes.

A motion is made to change the specific social media handle to what SGA's current social media accounts handle is, this passes and language changes.

A motion is made to strike item 13, this passes and language is struck.

The bill passes with 10 votes for 1 opposed and 0 abstaining.

- m. *SR54054: A resolution to confirm members of the 55<sup>th</sup> Session Cabinet.*

A motion is made to split the vote, this passes and vote is split.

**James Innis is appointed as Director of Organizational Development** with 9 votes for 1 opposed and 1 abstaining.

**Vincent Becker is appointed as Director of Athletics** with 10 votes for 4 opposed and 2 abstaining.

- n. *SR54055: A resolution to endorse the recent policy review and increase in stipend rate for graduate assistants at NIU.*

The resolution passes with 15 votes for 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

- o. *SR54056: A resolution to raise awareness for the need of better accessibility.*

The resolution passes with 15 votes for 1 opposed and 0 abstaining.

- p. *SB54042: A bill to make the Corrective Action levels fall in line with legal expectations.*

The resolution passes with 12 votes for 2 opposed and 1 abstaining.

- q. *SR54058: A resolution to vote for candidates for the 2023 Senate Speaker Election.*

A motion to remove **Senator Musgraves** and **Sergeant at Arms Corpus** as they have both abdicated their candidacy for Speaker is made and passes.

**Chairperson Hensley** is elected Speaker of the 55<sup>th</sup> Senate session with a vote count of 11 in favor of **Chairperson Hensley** and 6 in favor of **Acting Speaker Allen**

XIII. New business

a. SR54057: A resolution to fix the way SGA amends their constitution.

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**Voting Members Absent:** Musgraves, Ramos

**Voting members Excused:**

**Candidate Members Present:**

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.