

Minutes of the  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE  
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

February 17, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

1. This meeting was called to order by Speaker Douglass at 2:07pm in the HSC (Holmes Student Center) Capital Room.
2. **Voting Members Present:** Gibbons, English, Colvin, Woodward, Allen, Olson, Perez-Hernandez, Jovanovich, Althoff, Musgraves, Martin, Corpuz, Douglass, Babcock, Rogers
3. **Voting members Absent:** Hensley, Ashton, Kolawole, Ramos, Rosales
4. **Voting members Excused:** O'Brien

**VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

1. Quorum is met.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Speaker Douglass asks India Richardson to the stand.
2. Student Richardson states
  - a. Hello, I am India active student in black student union and others.
  - b. I have seen firsthand a lot of problems they face
  - c. Heavy police presence at events black orgs have had.
  - d. Hard to have fun or feel like we belong.
  - e. A solution could be to have more event staff instead of police.
3. Speaker Douglass asks Quade Evans to the stand.
4. Student Evans states
  - a. As an African BMI A P Si
  - b. Suspicious lack of engagement and funding from NIU admin
  - c. [NIU] do[es] provide support for minority students.
  - d. Gap between what [the minority students] expect and what they are getting.
  - e. Students feel more could be done.
  - f. Need to evaluate how funding affects what students can do.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Speaker Douglass moves to approve last week's minutes.
2. So, moved.
3. Seconded.

4. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.
6. Deputy Speaker Allen states
  - a. I just wanted to make a change in old business B.45.f
  - b. It should say "I see a need for concrete work to be done."
7. Motion to make that change.
8. Second
9. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.
10. There was no debate.
11. Passes
12. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote to approve the minutes.
13. The motion is passed, and the minutes are approved. 2:14pm

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Speaker Douglass moves to approve the agenda.
2. So, moved.
3. Seconded.
4. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. There is none.
6. Speaker Douglass requests a motion to move new business to old business.
7. So, moved.
8. Seconded.
9. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.
10. There is none.
11. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote.
12. Vote passes business is moved.
13. Speaker Douglass requests a motion to add Diversity, Equity and, Inclusion Newman, Community Engagement and Environmental Affairs Crawford, Director of Student Life Heavens director reports to the agenda.
14. So, moved.
15. Seconded.
16. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.
17. Speaker Douglass states
  - a. These were technically late but accepted.
18. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote.
19. Vote passes reports are added.
20. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote to approve the agenda.
21. The motion is passed, and the agenda are approved. 2:15pm

### **SPEAKER REPORT**

1. Speaker Douglass states
  - a. Apologies on the confusion on the location this was one of the TBD sessions there are notes posted .
  - b. If you were a member of public and are interested in a senate position this year, please check in with me after.
  - c. If you want to run for senate you must go to a candidate meeting. Meeting times and locations are posted on social media if any questions please reach out to board of elections.
  - d. What is your top financial priority as I will be meeting with CFO about student concerns?

## **SPECIAL REPORT**

1. There is none.

## **OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT**

### **A. Deputy Speaker's Report**

1. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.
2. Deputy Speaker Allen States
  - a. Leadership conference
  - b. 1 on 1s will be in person.
  - c. Green means good yellow means maybe, red means probably no.
  - d. Please respond to emails so far
  - e. O'Brien, Gibbons, Hensley, Colvin, Ashton, Woodward, Allen, Olson, Perez-Hernandez, Kolawole, Jovanovich, Althoff, Musgraves, Martin, Corpuz, Ramos, Rosales, Rogers have not yet
  - f. Worked with student populous and worked with law and grad school

### **B. Historian's Report**

1. Historian Babcock is recognized.
2. Historian Babcock states
  - a. All leadership has received an email regarding transition materials due April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - b. Also, please even if you aren't leadership, it is still helpful to have transition materials.
  - c. If you need help filling out transition materials, please reach out to me. Sent out a copy of a document to all leadership for those to fill out.
  - d. Leadership conference was good I learned a lot. Lots of good points and met with other schools.

### **C. Clerk's Report**

1. Clerk English is recognized.
2. Clerk English States

- a. Thank you all for speaking into the mic last meeting it made my job much easier if you could continue to do that it would greatly help me do my job.
3. Senator Martin is recognized.
4. Senator Martin asks.
  - a. Could you please repeat that?
5. Clerk English is recognized.
6. Clerk English responds.
  - a. Thank you all for speaking into the mic last meeting it made my job much easier if you could continue to do that it would greatly help me do my job.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

- A. Chairperson of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion's report
  1. Chairperson of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Rogers is recognized.
  2. Chairperson Rogers states
    - a. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee met on Monday putting final touches on the various events we are having
    - b. Panel March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the regency room
    - c. Collab with Public Affairs we invite all senators to attend please watch you emails.
    - d. All is going well.
- B. Chairperson of organizational Oversight's report
  1. Vice-Chairperson of Organizational Oversight English is recognized.
  2. Clerk English states
    - a. One org last week
    - b. four orgs this week
    - c. Next week no orgs
- C. Chairperson of Environmental Affairs' report
  1. Vice-Chairperson of Environmental Affairs Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.
  2. Deputy Speaker Allen states
    - a. Moving forward with native plants while working with Courtney Gallaher
    - b. JOV wants focus on student work.
    - c. Garden benches and edible plants if you want more info, please reach out to Deputy Speaker Allen
    - d. Courtney wants to work with indigenous communities.
    - e. Good meetings with Courtney Gallaher good meeting
- D. Chairperson of Campus Life and Greek Affairs' report
  1. Speaker Douglass reports
    - a. There was none from Campus Life and Greek Affairs

## **EXECUTIVE REPORT**

- A. President's report
  - 1. There was none.
- B. Vice-President's report
  - 1. There was none.
- C. Treasurer's report
  - 1. There was none.
- D. Deputy Treasurer's report
  - 1. There was none.
- E. Chief of Staff's report
  - 1. Chief of Staff Innis is recognized.
  - 2. Chief of Staff Innis states
    - a. It's been a busy month.
    - b. Last month working on getting integrated into this new role.
    - c. Completed 1 on 1 with nearly all directors worked on goal setting and ensuring they are clocking hours.
    - d. Got Academic affairs Director Kenny Smith now and Community Engagement Director Paris Crawford now clocking hours
    - e. Smith set up study tables.
    - f. Heaven set up student opinion survey.
    - g. Asks year in school and general involvement surveys as well as expected graduation year.
    - h. Conducted interviews for candidates for governmental affairs reviews.
    - i. Will find a suitable director of Greek affairs soon
    - j. Need new public affairs directors.
    - k. I am starting my transition materials
      - 1. ASGA conference was amazing.
    - m. We are not perfect we can always improve
    - n. We are by far a successful org we have a lot of power
  - 3. Senator Kolawole is recognized.
  - 4. Senator Kolawole asks.
    - a. Thanks
    - b. Public affairs abdicated what is the reason why.
  - 5. Chief of Staff Innis is recognized.
  - 6. Chief of Staff Innis responds.
    - a. Personal reasons
    - b. Could not do the role stepped away so that one who could, would.

## **CABINET REPORT**

- A. Director of Athletics
  - 1. Director of Athletics Becker is recognized.

2. Director of Athletics Becker states
  - a. Went to an athletic board meeting February 8<sup>th</sup> last Wednesday.
  - b. New volleyball coach is really nice really passionate wants to get more involved with students.
  - c. I have helped with marketing with women's basketball black history month and breast cancer awareness.
  - d. More student services.
  - e. NIL Name Image and Likeness helping students get their likeness out there.
  - f. Working to get athletics connected with Career services.
  - g. Working on new title IX system it is pretty big doing a bunch of surveys.
  - h. With retention being down athletics bottom line is severely affected
  - i. \$2 million in debt lot of student fee goes to that.
  - j. We need to figure what we want to do about that.
  - k. Student appreciation night looks good.
  - l. Beat the #1 MAC team.
3. Senator Martin is recognized.
4. Senator Martin asks.
  - a. Idea to better the title IX thing who do I talk to
5. Director of Athletics Becker is recognized.
6. Director of Athletics Becker responds.
  - a. We have a title IX officer I can get you the details.
  - b. I have an external affair maybe I can tap you in on that.
7. Historian Babcock is recognized.
8. Historian Babcock asks.
  - a. Any specific topics?
9. Director of Athletics Becker is recognized.
10. Director of Athletics Becker responds.
  - a. No just in general
  - b. Since NCAA is always changing
  - c. Working to get a new system.
11. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.
12. Deputy Speaker Allen asks.
  - a. What the volleyball coaches name
13. Director of Athletics Becker is recognized.
14. Director of Athletics Becker responds.
  - a. I can't remember but I can send it to
  - b. She came from university of Chicago.
15. Senator Musgraves is recognized.
16. Senator Musgraves asks.
  - a. Did you say \$2 million in debt?

17. Director of Athletics Becker is recognized.
18. Director of Athletics Becker responds.
  - a. Yes surprising.
  - b. Athletics get a large percentage of student fees.
  - c. Due to low retention, they are getting less money.
  - d. Covid had a lot of cuts.
19. Clerk English is recognized.
20. Clerk English asks.
  - a. You said during covid there was a lot of cuts, cut mean more, right?
21. Director of Athletics Becker is recognized.
22. Director of Athletics Becker responds.
  - a. My understanding funding wasn't there from state + less student fee money since not on campus.
  - b. Athletics is a decent program so they are hemorrhaging money
23. Historian Babcock is recognized.
24. Historian Babcock asks.
  - a. Can you email me the funding stuff?
  - b. Do you know the cuts that have been made?
  - c. See jet.
25. Director of Athletics Becker is recognized.
26. Director of Athletics Becker responds.
  - a. It's a very surprising that they are in debt.
  - b. I can look into what they are doing towards that and get you that information
  - c. Athletics does a lot of specialty things.
27. Senator Martin is recognized.
28. Senator Martin asks.
  - a. Since athletic is in debt have the tried to restructure funding
29. Director of Athletics Becker is recognized.
30. Director of Athletics Becker responds.
  - a. They are coming up from debt.
  - b. They are trying to go for a new stream of revenue.
  - c. I see your concern.
31. Senator Martin is recognized.
32. Senator Martin asks.
  - a. Is it more now?
33. Director of Athletics Becker is recognized.
34. Director of Athletics Becker responds.
  - a. During covid went into the red
  - b. Less students going to the games plus students are free.

- c. Now revenue is less but they are pushing to outside of student s to get more revenue.
- 35. Senator Musgraves is recognized.
- 36. Senator Musgraves asks.
  - a. Will they be upping cost of game admission and tuition?
- 37. Director of Athletics Becker is recognized.
- 38. Director of Athletics Becker responds.
  - a. Tuition can't change by athletics themselves.
  - b. Athletics might be able to change fee.
  - c. Students get in for free.
- 39. Senator Musgraves is recognized.
- 40. Senator Musgraves asks.
  - a. Are students getting paid?
- 41. Director of Athletics Becker is recognized.
- 42. Director of Athletics Becker responds.
  - a. NIL is a new thing that's happened recently.
  - b. Students want to get paid for their name and likeness.
  - c. California was first to pass the law.
  - d. An example is the Lombardi sandwich at Fatty's.
  - e. I don't know how much that is costing NIU.
- 43. Senator Martin is recognized.
- 44. Senator Martin asks.
  - a. If athletes are getting paid why aren't athletics getting paid
- 45. Director of Athletics Becker is recognized.
- 46. Director of Athletics Becker responds.
  - a. Legally can't take that money away from athletes/students.
- 47. Speaker Dallas comments
  - a. [Vbecker1@mail.niu.edu](mailto:Vbecker1@mail.niu.edu) please email for more questions.
  - b. Or let Speaker Douglass know.
  - c. Remember next week meeting CFO for financial concerns.

#### B. Director of Academic Affairs

- 1. Speaker Douglass reads a report from Director of Academic Affairs Smith
  - a. "Hello Members of Senate,
  - b. For the past couple of weeks, I have been working towards the goals that I have outlined as a part of my new position as Director of Academic Affairs. One being to increase the number of classes tutoring services is offered for. This is a major issue for the students at Northern Illinois University that needs to be addressed immediately. Many students at NIU have addressed their concern with how the university does not offer an adequate amount of tutoring for upperclassmen and foreign languages. I have reached out to the Huskie



Academic Support Center and scheduled a meeting with the department to discuss what courses are available and how we can increase the number of courses available for tutoring the week of February 20th. I understand that in order to accomplish this, I would need to demonstrate why there is a need for more courses to be added since the university is funded with taxpayers dollars. During this time I have also scheduled study tables for students to attend with SGA. The dates are as follows :

- c. February 16th 5:30pm-7:30pm(Confirmed and approved with Huskiehub)
- d. March 9th 5:30pm-7:30pm (Pending approval)
- e. March 30th 5:30pm-7:30pm (Pending approval)
- f. April 13th 5:30pm-7:30pm (Pending approval )
- g. April 27th 5:30pm-7:30pm (Pending approval)
- h. This will be a time for students to focus on getting their homework done while getting to know members of the Student Government Association. In the next few weeks, I will continue to work with the Huskie Academic Support System in supporting the students of Northern Illinois University to succeed in every way possible.
- i. Thank you,
- j. Director Smith”

C. Director of Diversity, Equity and, Inclusion

- 1. Clerk English is recognized.
- 2. Clerk English reads a report from Director of Diversity, Equity and, Inclusion Newman

- a. “Good afternoon, Senators,
- b. I have been in discussions in relation to this petition that has been in the works for the last couple of months. This week, I had a very productive meeting with Dr. Vernese Edghill-Walden and her ADEI team. We discussed many issues including this particular petition. I believe students should always use their voice and share their opinions about things that are meaningful to them. I agree with and share many of the sentiments expressed in this piece. However, I certainly believe that there are more productive measures that can take place in order to achieve our desired outcomes. I do understand why it was elected to move forward with this petition to address these issues. While I do believe the university has done sincere work to address many issues, it would be in the best interest of all parties to do a more sufficient job in communicating the measures that are being taken with the student body more effectively. I also think the university should address students' issues in a timelier manner. That being said, it would be incredibly impactful to engage in productive dialogue with the university leadership about many of the issues presented in the petition, so that we can work together to get the change that we want. Beyond

the petition , these last few weeks I have been working very closely with CAB on celebrating culture night which will take place on April 6th . I have also been working closely with Title IX so that we can make the student body more aware of what Title IX is and how they can use that resource . We plan on getting posters approved to put around the university to start with.

- c. Best ,
- d. Director Newman”

D. Director of Student Life

1. Speaker Douglass reads a report from Director of Student Life Heavens
  - a. “Over the past few weeks, I have been posting the SOS (student opinion survey) flyer around campus and using the information from them to cultivate a program to increase student engagement on campus.
  - b. Also, I am still working a getting a meeting with the new CFO of NIU in regard to getting the NIU Onecards accessible to all mobile wallets. Still working with one card office on the information I need to present everything correctly to the new CFO George Middlemost.”

E. Director of Community Engagement and Environmental Affairs

1. Speaker Douglass reads a report from Director of community Engagement and Environmental Affairs Crawford
  - a. “To the members of Senate,
  - b. As it being my second week of observing many organizations on campus, I have seen many opportunities for collaboration. February 6th through the 10th was NIU Pink’s week of events, and February 13th through 17th was Black Student Union’s week of events. During office hours, I have started creating my goals for the semester, and have also started researching women’s organizations for a possible event for Student Government Association. I would like to discuss this event in the near future when the structure of such event is organized and ready for approval from the senate. March is Women’s History Month. And although we are already having a Women’s Month Brunch, I would like to present the idea of a “Women’s Image Awards”, celebrating the accomplishments of women’s organizations and as individuals.”

F. Director of Public Affairs

1. There was none.

**OLD BUISNESS**

A. SP54001

1. Speaker Douglass calls for a motion to discuss agenda item A. A petition to NIU administration for improvement of diversity, equity, and inclusion on campus
2. So, moved.

3. Seconded.
4. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. Chairperson Olson is recognized.
6. Chairperson Olson states
  - a. Which orgs did you reach out to?
7. Historian Babcock is recognized.
8. Historian Babcock responds.
  - a. I know one of the main ones was KSI for the rest of them you would have to reach out to Director Newman
  - b. I did attend a townhall meeting.
9. Sergeant at Arms Corpuz is recognized.
10. Sergeant at Arms Corpuz asks. Sargent at Arms
  - a. I want to ask, if we are focusing on diversity equity and inclusion why are we focusing on Black when we have many communities here on campus
11. Historian Babcock is recognized.
12. Historian Babcock responds.
  - a. My goal is to focus on them because they are hit hardest first.
  - b. Does answer that your questions.
13. Sergeant at Arms Corpuz is recognized.
14. Sergeant at Arms Corpuz asks.
  - a. Yes, that does but
  - b. Most of the charges are a lack of diversity.
  - c. We are focusing on black faculty lack of representation but that lack is also presenting Asian communities as well
15. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.
16. Chairperson Rogers states
  - a. Thank you to the public speakers for speaking.
  - b. Yes, there is a lot of lack of diversity.
  - c. This won't just apply to black student body.
  - d. But I agree we also need to increase diversity more broadly.
  - e. This is a stepping stone that will open more avenues of change.
  - f. I agree but fully support this petition.
17. Speaker Douglass states

- a. Information was accurate as of 2019 from the faculty senates social justice committee and in previous minutes.
- b. 17-19% Black/African American 17-19% Hispanic/Latino and just over 50% white
- c. Faculty is sitting at 88% white and 12% people of color.
- d. Specific of black faculty was not found but the point still stands as there is a disparity between student population and faculty population

18. Senator Kolawole is recognized.

19. Senator Kolawole states

- a. It says through working with black student orgs this is not diverse it is to broad
- b. There is a lot being covered.
- c. Is this something we should change?

20. Historian Babcock is recognized.

21. Historian Babcock states

- a. Want to clarify the charge is what we want to say the university is doing or not doing but the section are purely examples of the charge
- b. The charge covers diversity representation as a whole.

22. Senator Perez-Hernandez is recognized.

23. Senator Perez-Hernandez states

- a. Want to echo Senators Sergeant at Arms Corpuz, Chairperson Rogers, Historian Babcock
- b. I am Hispanic there is underrepresentation, but this petition will help all do to a chain reaction to help all other communities.
- c. I give full support of this petition.

24. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.

25. Deputy Speaker Allen states

- a. Second Senator Perez-Hernandez

26. Senator Musgraves is recognized.

27. Senator Musgraves states

- a. I agree there is a lack of diversity.
- b. It's not just of diversity it also lack community support and over policing
- c. Lot of stuff experienced.
- d. Not just more faculty but also support beyond that.
- e. Hopefully will inspire other races for similar petitions.

28. Sergeant at Arms Corpuz is recognized.

29. Sergeant at Arms Corpuz states

- a. There does need to be change.
- b. It's not diversity.
- c. Its black and African communities
- d. If we are doing diversity, why not more.

30. Speaker Douglass

- a. Gave up chair.
  - i. I am speaking as senator of underserved communities and a lifelong student of anthropologies student.
  - ii. Historian Babcock stated.
  - iii. Purpose is not saying NIU is doing nothing we see some of the stuff they are doing.
  - iv. As student leader we get to see the efforts NIU is doing to be inclusive to promote diversity
  - v. That is not the problem we are discussing.
  - vi. The problem is the speed and communications of the changes.
  - vii. Just because there is not marching on the streets don't mean there is not discrimination.
  - viii. This was an institution built on white supremacy.
  - ix. To address Sergeant at Arms Corpuz comments
  - x. I see how focus on one community look non-diverse but

- xi. Institutional racism affects Black communities first we see systemic breakdowns in Black community first.
- xii. We want to target the petition to the group that is getting most targeted right now.
- xiii. If the petition is passed the way it is delivered is very intentional
- xiv. Not exclusionary but uplifting.

b. Takes back the chair.

31. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.

32. Deputy Speaker Allen states

- a. As the smallest community campus, the indigenous community help from the university but it is intentional that we are going with black communities.
- b. Diversity Equity and Inclusion doesn't have to be one group can be everyone
- c. Opens a space.

33. Senator Althoff is recognized.

34. Senator Althoff states

- a. I keep hearing it's a starting place.
- b. This feel aggressive.
- c. Having a petition going right to the office of the president feels very aggressive to me
- d. What have been held with NIU officials in regard to these issues

35. Speaker Douglass is recognized.

- a. Thank you for your concern.
- b. I'd ask you to be mindful of the word aggressive when discussing issues relating to the black community as it is a stereotype that you hear often
- c. We wanted big action for big issues.
- d. We were directed to talk to people last year with the petition.
- e. This would probably culminate in us talking with director Walden.
- f. In terms of what has been done attend all faculty senate meetings

- g. I attend a lot of events and reads most of the messaging, so I see the work that is being done
- h. But most students don't know as they don't go to these faculty meetings.
- i. Part of the reasons we are taking this direct approach is in response to this ask for help.

36. Senator Martin is recognized.

37. Senator Martin states

- a. Everyone is valid.
- b. I can understand where everyone is coming from.
- c. but when you are in school you do go through these things as an African American women.
- d. This is a good starting point.
- e. We have to help those who are being most effected.
- f. When black orgs have event police presence, but white events don't
- g. It's not aggressive it is we see a problem and are trying to fix it

38. Historian Babcock is recognized.

39. Historian Babcock states

- a. Everyone's heard of calling someone out.
- b. We want to call someone in
- c. This petition might appear to be us just yelling at the admin, but it actually is us wanting to work with NIU
- d. We want to work with the administration.
- e. Work can be equal.
- f. Just because admin is in power doesn't mean they can't be talked to

40. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.

41. Chairperson Rogers states

- a. This is just a petition it's not aggressive.
- b. It's very easy to write off as aggressive but it's just a petition that's asking to work with admin but the ball is still in their court

- c. Not out of thin air we had people talk about funding and policing
- d. Queer community is under policed.
- e. This is more about a lack of care.
- f. We have heard black orgs voice their opinions.
- g. This is reasonable.
- h. It's just saying they can you give us leeway to meet with us
- i. Director Newman has met with admin.

42. Chairperson Olson is recognized.

43. Chairperson Olson states

- a. Other than this petition is this the first time we are reaching out.

44. Speaker Douglass is recognized.

- a. No

- b. Like Chairperson Rogers has mentioned there have been events

45. Senator Althoff is recognized.

46. Senator Althoff states

- a. Newman stated that the petition was not the best way to go about it

47. Speaker Douglass

- a. Could be there are other methods that could be better

48. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.

49. Chairperson Rogers states

- a. Students of disabilities still don't know all of the resources that they have access to
- b. There could be better initiative.
- c. A petition is just a petition.
- d. I still want there to be more action.

50. Sergeant at Arms Corpuz is recognized.

51. Sergeant at Arms Corpuz states



- a. Petition is highest form of communication as SGA
- b. What is director Newman pointing to that is higher

52. Speaker Douglass states

- a. My interpretation is that we don't stop with petition

53. Senator Perez-Hernandez is recognized.

54. Senator Perez-Hernandez states

- a. This is just us using our power to get our voices heard.
- b. Just the first step to support one group so we can other groups.

55. Senator Musgraves is recognized.

56. Senator Musgraves states

- a. This petition may seem like a lot.
- b. But we go through soo much.
- c. To have this petition will mean a lot.
- d. We as the black community we have events that support each other we just want support from the university
- e. The NIU sees this but they are not taking the right actions if you want more information about personal anecdote please reach out

57. Senator Musgraves Call to question.

58. This pass

59. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote. 8 yay // 6 nay // 0 abstain 3:28pm

B. SR54029

1. Speaker Douglass calls for a motion to discuss agenda item B. A resolution to grant official recognition to student organizations.
2. So, moved.
3. Seconded.
4. Clerk English is recognized.
5. Clerk English introduces the bill.
  - a. Taiwanese Student Association meets all requirements.
  - b. Taiwanese Student Association purpose is, "To foster and assist students from Taiwan to adjust to the learning environment at NIU and the U.S. society in general. To strengthen the relationship among Taiwanese students and connect with non- Taiwanese students at NIU. To promote Taiwanese culture and

traditions on NIU campus to increase the awareness and recognition of Taiwan to non-Taiwanese students. To serve as a social club with no interest in profit.”

6. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.
7. There is none.
8. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote. 9 yay // 0 nay // 1 abstain 3:31pm

C. SR54030

1. Speaker Douglass calls for a motion to discuss agenda item C. A resolution to enact the reading of a land acknowledgment.
2. So, moved.
3. Seconded.
4. Senator Woodward is recognized.
5. Senator Woodward introduces the bill.
  - a. This is at other official meetings.
6. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.
7. Senator Martin is recognized.
8. Senator Martin asks.
  - a. This is stolen land but does not apply to everyone.
9. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.
10. Deputy Speaker Allen responds.
  - a. This is stolen land.
11. Senator Kolawole is recognized.
12. Senator Kolawole asks.
  - a. What does this do?
13. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.
14. Deputy Speaker Allen responds.
  - a. It tells indigenous students that we know about this.
15. Speaker Douglass states
  - a. It is a reminder to everyone. That this land didn't own by everyone
16. Senator Kolawole is recognized.
17. Senator Kolawole asks.
  - a. Is this everyone saying it?
18. Speaker Douglass responds.
  - a. No
19. Senator Kolawole is recognized.
20. Senator Kolawole asks.
  - a. Why do we have to repeat saying it?
21. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.
22. Deputy Speaker Allen responds.
  - a. Indigenous students are still here.

- b. Stolen is intentional.
  - c. History of genocide, blood quantification, residential school
- 23. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.
- 24. Chairperson Rogers states
  - a. I am full support.
  - b. Indigenous have gone through othering.
  - c. This is a good bill to combat that.
- 25. Clerk English is recognized.
- 26. Clerk English states
  - a. School of theatre does it
  - b. It is quick.
  - c. I am in favor.
- 27. Senator Martin is recognized.
- 28. Senator Martin states.
  - a. I am familiar with history.
  - b. I understand but experiences are ignored.
  - c. But when they speak up, they can't be heard.
- 29. Speaker Douglass states
  - a. Veto outside of bill talk.
  - b. One group is not more important than others.
- 30. Sergeant at Arms Corpuz calls to question.
- 31. Motion to recess
- 32. Passes for 10 min.
- 33. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote. 10 yay // 0 nay // 0 abstain 3:53pm

## **NEW BUISNESS**

1. There is none.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. Deputy Speaker Allen recognized.
2. Deputy Speaker Allen states

- a. Garden beds please reach out to me.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Clerk English is recognized.
2. Clerk English states
  - a. Two announcements
  - b. First makers club Quick build challenge on Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm in the lower level of the library
  - c. Second Engineering Exhibition Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm in the Duke Ellington Ballroom, you don't have to be an engineer to go.
3. Senator Musgraves is recognized.
4. Senator Musgraves states
  - a. Snacks with senators
  - b. Talk to constituents.
  - c. Happy Black history month
5. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.
6. Chairperson Rogers states
  - a. Snacks with SGA
  - b. Opportunity to promote selves to student body, tabling serves
  - c. Snacks with SGA in oasis pit
  - d. Diversity Equity and Inclusion panel event around diversity equity inclusion
7. Sergeant at Arms Corpuz is recognized.
8. Sergeant at Arms Corpuz states
  - a. Please add me to emails

## **ADJOURNMENT**

1. Speaker Douglass calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
2. So, moved.
3. Seconded.
4. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. There is none.
6. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote.
7. The motion passes and the meeting adjourns at 3:58pm.

## **CLOSING ATTENDANCE**

1. **Voting Members Present:** Gibbons, English, Colvin, Woodward, Allen, Olson, Perez-Hernandez, Kolawole, Jovanovich, Althoff, Musgraves, Martin, Corpuz, Douglass, Babcock, Rogers
2. **Voting members Absent:** Hensley, Ashton, Ramos, Rosales
3. **Voting members Excused:** O'Brien

**4. Candidate Members Present:**

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY**

Clerk English on February 17, 2023