

Minutes of the  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE  
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
11, 11, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

1. This meeting was called to order by Speaker Douglass at 2:05 in the HSC (Holmes Student Center) room 305.
2. **Voting Members Present:** Gibbons, Hensley, Colvin, Ashton, DeMeuse, Allen, Olson, Perez-Hernandez, Myhre, Babcock, Jovanovich, Musgraves, Ramos, Rosales, Rogers
3. **Voting members Absent:** Woodward, O'Brien, English, Kolawole

**VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

1. Quorum is met.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. There is none.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Speaker Douglass moves to approve the two weeks priors minutes.
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 is passed and the minutes are approved.

**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 change the numbering of the legislation in the agenda.
7. So moved.
8. Seconded.
7. Speaker Douglass requests a motion to move new business to old business.
8. So moved.
9. Seconded.
10. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.
11. There is none
11. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote.
12. Vote passes business is moved.
13. Senator Rosales is recognized/
14. Senator Rosales makes a motion to change the location on the agenda to be room 305 in the HSC instead of the library.
15. Seconded
16. The vote passes.

13. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote to approve the agenda.
14. The motion is passed and the minutes are approved.

### **SPEAKER REPORT**

1. Speaker Douglass would like to report that although missing the last meeting and being out sick for a week he is endeavoring to catch up on missed work.

### **SPECIAL REPORT**

1. There is none.

### **OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT**

1. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse is recognized.
2. DS DeMeuse talks about his work in restructuring the bylaws.
3. Historian Babcock is recognized.
4. Historian Babcock talks about their work in organizing the online records that they received in previous weeks from Speaker Douglass and that they were successful in clarifying those documents for future historians.
5. Clerk Allen is recognized.
6. Clerk Allen talks about their work in rewriting the minutes as they have had computer failures as well as what they have been doing together with Historian Babcock.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Chairperson Ashton is recognized on behalf of CLGA.
2. Chairperson Ashton talks about the work they have completed post the holiday season and what their goals are for the second half of the semester.
3. Vice Chairperson Allen is recognized on behalf of EA.
4. VCP Allen reports that they have completed a lot of work alongside Courtney Gallaher and are planning their lagoon restoration project.
5. Chairperson Ramos is recognized on behalf of PA.
6. Chairperson Ramos states that they are working on tabling and events to get SGAs name out into the student body.
7. Chairperson Rogers is recognized on behalf of DEI.
8. Chairperson Rogers talks about the fact that DEI members have reached out to all of the resource centers and are looking into ways to support them.
9. Chairperson Hensley is recognized on behalf of OO.
10. Chairperson Hensley states that OO is making moves to communicate with all of the current organizations and still confirming more organizations alongside Vice President Lee.

### **EXECUTIVE REPORT**

1. President Majeed begins by stating his efforts to get more funding for SGA and meeting with the advisory group and giving requests towards review from the board of approval. They met with the EE committee and requested more fees to be allocated to the student government to fund organizations. This looks like two months of conversations with members of the board of trustees to not the impact of the role and what the SGA can provide to the student body. President Majeed presented in front of the board of trustees which lasted around 35 minutes and was the first time this had been done by a member of the SGA in some years. There is also a lower share of student fees that SGA has seen despite not overseeing the bus line. They consider this a huge win and a big step in the right direction.

2. President Majeed then makes a report on Director Heavens work to put the One card into huskies apple wallet. As wells as adding QR codes to the student center to ask students what kind of advocation they need from the SGA. President Majeed believes this data will really help us to collect data that will positively change the SGA.
3. President Majeed will be meeting with the Dean of Libraries Dean Barnhardt to make the library open for 24 hours only on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. This gives recognition to the students who do their assignments overnight or do classes later in the evening or early in the morning. President Majeed and Corey Batz will also be meeting with all the new directors to see how effective they've been at achieving their goals.
4. Speaker Douglass asks if they are any questions.
5. Historian Babcock is recodnized
6. Historian Babcock states that they approve of the initiatives and upon reviewing previous historians work is interested in speaking with President Majeed about some of the initiatives he is planning.
7. Speaker Douglass asks if there are any further questions.
8. There are no further questions.
9. Vice President Kaylin Lee is recognized.
10. VP Lee states that in total there has been 117 organizations contacted of 220 and some have already responded as well there are 34 organizations on route to be confirmed first by organization oversight then by the senate. They are now doing there the annual renewal update.
11. Treasurer Morgan is recognized.
12. Point of order from DS DeMeuse requesting if Treasurer Morgan is in the agenda.
13. Speaker Douglass states that she is not and requests a motion to add Treasurer Morgan to the Agenda.
14. So moved.
15. Seconded.
16. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote.
17. Vote passes Treasurer Morgan is added to the agenda.
18. Treasurer Morgan begins by stating she has been working alongside members of senate as well as the board of trustees to create funding options for organizations this specifically stems from funding that has been found and is usable to the Student Government Association amounting to over \$200,000.
19. Senator English is recognized for multiple questions.
20. Senator English asks why we were unaware that funding was accessible.
21. Treasurer Morgan responds that due to a change in policy that we were not aware of allowing us to access previous years funding we now are able to use it.
22. Senator English rebuts with a further questions on what that means.
23. Treasurer Morgan states that in the coming weeks that amount will be put in a budget that will be decided on by Senate.
24. Speaker Douglass asks if there are further questions.
25. There are none.
26. Chief of Staff Batz is recognized.
27. CoS Batz talks about their business over the last couple of weeks. They have been preparing their transitional materials so the next person with the job can follow easy

efforts and is looking to put forward several candidates but President Majeed will be pushing forward the individual. They talk about the issues with the HR department and that there is only one person hired to take care of student employment which is very stressful job and that there are several problems surrounding that employment and goes to show that further there is only the possibility of waiting and watching and that they and Sladjana Grbic are working to expedite this process in other realms.

28. Historian Babcock is recognized for multiple questions.

29. Historian Babcock asks where they are looking for a candidate.

30. COS Batz responds that they are looking at a few candidates.

31. Historian Babcock follows by asking if COS Batz will be staying on for questions.

32. COS Batz responds that they will be.

33. Historian Babcock finishes by asking what COS Batz goals are for the next COS.

34. COS Batz responds that they would like someone who is interested in putting in the same work and completing their goals for the position.

35. Speaker Douglass asks if there are further questions.

36. There are no further questions.

## **CABINET REPORT**

1. DS DeMeuse makes a motion to add director Jones to the Agenda

2. Seconded

3. Director Jones is recognized

4. Director Jones is making a content calendar for posts throughout the semester and redoing banners and fliers with the marketing and communications committee and finalizing those efforts.

5. Speaker Douglass states that he will be sending Director Jones some images to post on the Instagram specifically about the Senate.

6. Historian Babcock is recognized

7. Historian Babcock asks if there is any information on if Senate will be getting the NIU SGA Instagram back.

8. Director Jones responds that there are efforts being made to make that happen.

9. DS DeMeuse is recognized.

10. DS DeMeuse asks if there was an NIU SGA Instagram is Director Jones would be interested in running it as a part of his duties.

11. Director Jones responds in the positive.

12. Speaker Douglass reads out a written report from Director Newman ""

13. Speaker Douglass reads out a written report on behalf of Director Blailock ""

## **OLD BUISNESS**

1. Speaker Douglass requests a motion A. SR54021: A resolution to confirm a Senator.

2. So moved

3. Seconded

4. Candidate for Senator Paris Martin is recognized.

5. Candidate Martin states that they are interested in advocating for all students on campus specifically as a student with ADHD who has experience the hardships of housing issues to do with uncaring CA's who have not taken students needs into consideration when completing their duties as well as problems within housing to

deal with elevators that don't work and unsafe living conditions. They would like to work on making the university a better place for all students.

6. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.

7. Chairperson Rogers compliments the candidates presentation then asks what committees the candidate would be interested in.

8. Candidate Martin responds that they are not certain but are willing to complete the work.

9. Historian Babcock is recognized,

10. Historian Babcock asks how heavy the candidates class load is.

11. The candidate responds that as a Freshman they have a low class load as their parents assisted them in selecting a courseload that would make sense with their schedule.

12. Senator Rosales is recognized.

13. Senator Rosales asks what interests the candidate has in the SGA.

14. Candidate Martin responds that they are most interested in making changes in housing.

15. Clerk Allen is recognized.

16. Clerk Allen asks where the candidate is currently housed.

17. Candidate Martin responds that they live in Stevenson.

18. Senator Innis is recognized.

19. Senator Innis asks what the goals of the candidate are when it comes to changing the policy around CAs.

20. Candidate Martin responds they would most want to see CA's respond in a way that aligns with their job.

21. Chairperson Javonovich is recognized.

22. Chairperson Javonovich asks a clarifying question [Audio is not loud enough at this point]

23. Candidate Martin responds that they would like to see maintenance of all the buildings on campus to be handled better.

24. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.

25. Chairperson Rogers asks how the Candidates feels about being in the DEI committee.

26. Candidate Martin responds in the affirmative.

27. Speaker Douglass asks if there are any further questions.

28. There are no further questions.

29. Speaker Douglass opens the floor for discussion.

30. Historian Babcock is recognized.

31. Historian Babcock states that they are in full support of the candidate.

32. Chairperson Rogers is recognized

33. Chairperson Rogers also states they are excited to work alongside Candidate Martin and states that they will be voting in the affirmative.

34. Senator Perez-Hernandez is recognized,

35. Senator Perez-Hernandez also states they are in support of the candidate because as the senate has talked about a lot of their goals for the year housing has been a focus.

36. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any further discussion or debate.

37. There is no further discussion or debate
38. Speaker Douglass calls to a vote.
39. The other voting style is not working so a google form is sent out via email for voting.
40. The vote passes the candidate is confirmed as Senator Martin. Senator Martin is then sworn in and receives their pin and nametag as well as is seated next to other members of the university at large community.
41. Speaker Douglass requests a motion to hear B. SB54020: A bill to dissolve University Services Oversight and transfer its responsibilities to Campus Life and Greek Affairs
42. So moved
43. Seconded
44. DS DeMeuse is recognized
45. DS DeMeuse explains what this bill will take the remainder of what used to be the duties of USO and put it under CLGA as their duties are similar and DEI has already taken most of the other duties of USO.
46. Speaker Douglass opens discussion and debate.
47. Chairperson Ashton is recognized.
48. Chairperson Ashton makes a motion to remove any university services that have their own committee attached.
49. Historian Babcock is recognized.
50. Historian Babcock responds with friendly amendment.
51. Chairperson Ashton is recognized.
52. Chairperson Ashton accepts the amendment.
53. DS DeMeuse is recognized.
54. DS DeMeuse clarifies the striking of certain services.
55. Senator English asks why parking services was removed.
56. DS DeMeuse clarifies that there is a university parking committee.
57. Senator Althoff is recognized.
58. Senator Althoff states that this motion makes sense as
59. Speaker Douglass asks if there is further discussion or debate.
60. There is none.
61. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote.
62. Motion passes those things are added.
63. Historian Babcock is recognized.
64. Historian Babcock states that they believe this is overall a good idea as CLGA requires more activities to complete after Greek season is done.
65. Senator Althoff is recognized.
66. Senator Althoff asks if as USO dissolved where the members of USO will go.
67. Historian Babcock is recognized.
68. Historian Babcock questions that they will likely be moved to other committees.
69. DS DeMeuse responds that if their schedule does not go with CLGA they can join other committees,
70. Senator Althoff is recognized.
71. Senator Althoff states that the only worry he has is for what committee former members of USO will be in despite it not having formal meetings or a chairperson.

72. Speaker Douglass asks if there is further discussion or debate.
73. There is no further discussion or debate
74. Speaker Douglass calls to a vote
75. There is a moment before voting can occur where everyone drops their remote.
76. The vote passes the bill is confirmed.
77. Speaker Douglass calls for a motion SB54021: A bill to update the bylaws to reflect that the SGA has moved away from Huskielink and now uses Huskie Hub as their organization management software.
78. So moved
79. Seconded
80. Senator English is called to explain and states that he is interested in changing the language within the bylaws needs to be updated as it still says huskielink not huskiehub which we now use.
81. DS DeMeuse calls to question.
82. Seconded.
83. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote.
84. The vote is successful and the bill passes
85. Speaker Douglass calls for a motions to hear SB54022: A bill to require the Organizational Oversight Committee to help with the Annual Renewal Process
86. So moved.
87. Seconded
88. Senator English explains this bill to assist with the continuation of student organizations.
89. Senator English makes a motion to add to the end of it “as stated in the student organization handbook.”
90. Seconded
91. Chairperson Hensley is recognized.
92. Chairperson Hensley asks if this is necessary as it this would be contained within the organization handbook.
93. Senator English responds that this would be necessary as it assists in clarifying where it is found.
94. DS DeMeuse is recognized.
95. DS DeMeuse states that it isn’t necessary as this type of language can already be found elsewhere in the bylaws.
96. Historian Babcock is recognized.
97. Historian Babcock agrees with DS DeMeuse
98. Senator English rescinds his previous motion.
99. Speaker DeMeuse calls to question.
100. Seconded.
101. Speaker Douglass calls for an immediate vote.
102. Vote passes, the bill is approved.
103. This is the end of old business.

## **NEW BUISNESS**

1. There is none.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. Historian Babcock
2. Senator Musgraves

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. DS DeMeuse is recognized
2. Senator Perez Hernandez
3. Historian Babcock
4. Clerk Allen
5. Chairperson Rogers
6. Speaker Douglass
7. Historian Babcock
8. Senator Rosales

### **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 4:10pm.

### **CLOSING ATTENDANCE**

3. **Voting Members Present:** Gibbons, Hensley, Colvin, Ashton, DeMeuse, Allen, Olson, Perez-Hernandez, Myhre, Babcock, Jovanovich, Musgraves, Ramos, Rosales, Rogers

2. **Voting Members Absent:** Woodward, O'Brien, English, Kolawole

3. **Candidate Members Present:** N/A

### **MINUTES SUBMITTED BY**

Clerk Allen on 11,21, 2022