

Minutes of the
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

March 31, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

1. This meeting was called to order by Speaker Douglass at TIME in the HSC (Holmes Student Center) Sky Room.
2. **Voting Members Present:** O'Brien, Gibbons, English, Colvin, Ashton, Woodward, Allen, Olson, Perez-Hernandez, Kolawole, Althoff, Musgraves, Corpuz, Douglass, Babcock, Ramos, Rogers
3. **Voting members Absent:** Hensley, Jovanovich, Martin
4. **Voting members Excused:**
5. 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

VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

1. Quorum is met.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. There are none.

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. There is none.
6. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote.

7. The motion is passed, and the minutes are approved. 2:07pm

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 add items A-B to new business.
7. So moved.
8. Seconded.
9. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote.
10. Vote passes business is added.
11. Speaker Douglass requests a motion to move new business A-B to old business B-C.
12. So moved.
13. Seconded.
14. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.
15. There is none.
16. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote.
17. Vote passes business is moved.
18. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote to approve the agenda.
19. The motion is passed, and the agenda are approved. 2:08pm

SPEAKER REPORT

1. Speaker Douglass states
 - a. Looking for volunteers for the student grievance panel for next year. Please let me know if you are interested.

SPECIAL REPORT

1. There are none

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT

A. Deputy Speaker's Report

1. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.
2. Deputy Speaker Allen States
 - a. I am glad not to be doing the job of two people.
 - b. Worked hard to make things run smoothly.
 - c. Please reach out to me or Sladjana before you reach out to administrators.
 - d. Rainbow Rave later tonight if you want to get service hours you can.

B. Historian's Report

1. Historian Babcock is recognized.
2. Historian Babcock states
 - a. Please send me your transition materials please send them to me. Shout out to Chairperson Hensley.
 - b. A lot of my work this week has been with BOE [Board of Elections]
3. Speaker Douglass states
 - a. Chairperson Hensley How long did it take you to write your transition materials.
4. Chairperson Hensley is recognized.
5. Chairperson Hensley states
 - a. Not long five minutes maybe
6. Speaker Douglass states
 - a. It is so easy; it is one document. Please do that so we can make sure SGA can function next year.

C. Clerk's Report

1. Clerk English is recognized.
2. Clerk English states
 - a. Thank you, Chairperson Ramos, for catching my mistakes on the minutes they have been updated accordingly.
 - b. Thank you, Chairperson Ashton, for sending me your report last week.
 - c. Don't forget the last meeting is five weeks away so if you have legislation you would like considered make sure it's on the agenda before then.

COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Chairperson of Board of Elections' report

1. Chairperson of Board of Elections Olson is recognized.
2. Chairperson Olson states
 - a. I want to Congratulate all the candidates that won on their elections.
 - b. Thank you BOE [Board of Elections] for your work.
 - c. Special election due to the fact that not enough senators were elected to meet quorum.
3. Clerk English is recognized.
4. Clerk English states
 - a. How many people voted in this election?
5. Chairperson Olson is recognized.
6. Chairperson Olson states
 - a. I do not have this number Ethan does but I would guess around 900.

B. Chairperson of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion's report

1. Chairperson of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Rogers is recognized.
2. Chairperson Rogers states
 - a. Met on Friday
 - b. Rainbow Rave tonight

C. Chairperson of Environmental Affairs' report

1. Vice Chairperson of Environmental Affairs Allen is recognized.
2. Deputy Speaker Allen
 - a. All planning is done for Earth week which is next month.
 - b. Earth week events can give service hours for members of organizations service hours.
 - c. Advertising will be going around, and free hats will be given out.

D. Chairperson of Public Affairs' report

1. Chairperson of Public Affairs Ramos is recognized.
2. Chairperson Ramos states
 - a. PA had smarter than senator good turnout.
 - b. Care packages after meeting

E. Chairperson of Campus Life and Greek Affairs' report

1. There are none.

F. Chairperson of organizational Oversight's report

1. There are none.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

A. President's report

1. There are none.

B. Vice-President's report

1. There are none.

C. Treasurer's report

1. There are none.

D. Deputy Treasurer's report

1. There are none.

E. Chief of Staff's report

1. There are none.

CABINET REPORT

A. Director of Diversity, Equity and, Inclusion

1. There are none.

B. Director of Organizational Development

1. There are none.

C. Director of Athletics

1. There are none.

D. Director of Student Life

1. There are none.

E. Director of Public Affairs

1. There are none.

F. Director of Academic Affairs

1. There are none.

G. Director of Community Engagement and Environmental Affairs

1. There are none.

OLD BUISNESS

A. SR54034

1. Speaker Douglass calls for a motion to discuss agenda item A. A resolution to confirm a Supreme Court justice.
2. So moved.
3. Seconded.
4. Tyler Murray is recognized and invited to the stand.
5. Tyler Murray states,
 - a. “Good afternoon members of the senate, my name is Tyler Murray. I am a sophomore student here at NIU, I am pre-law majoring in Communications, and I am a non-traditional student. I transferred here last fall from Monroe Community College in Rochester, New York and have had my fair share of adversities trying to become acclimated to my new life away from everything that I am familiar with. Although it has been tough, I have utilized every opportunity to get involved on this campus, last semester, I wrote for the Northern Star as a sports reporter covering the football team as well as writing a few other short stories and articles. I am also the Public Relations Executive for the lacrosse team, this means I am in charge of planning outreach events as well as running all social media platforms and recruiting new guys to our club. I am also currently going through the process of joining NIU’s prestigious Mock Trial Team. I learned about the Student Government Association during my time at the Northern Star, I spent time researching the different roles and positions knowing I would like to get involved with this Association as well. When I learned about the Supreme Court, I knew that this is what I wanted to do. I am incredibly interested in a career in law after my time here at NIU. I believe that I am the best candidate for this position because of my impartiality as well as my strong belief that every single person deserves the right to a fair trial, I will let the facts of a case make my judgements and will never allow outside factors to guide me in being unjust in a ruling. I would like to join the Supreme Court of the NIU Student Government Association in order to get involved even further here on campus. I would not only like to, but have to do everything in my power to constantly improve DeKalb and

NIU and leave it in a better way than I found it, not all of us have a home to go back to, not all of us can drive 30 minutes and sleep in their own bed, away from whatever negativity may be going on. Some of us are 'stuck,' but we are only stuck if we allow ourselves to be, we are only stuck if we do not continue to make this world our own, and I plan to do just that through the Student Government Association and the Supreme Court.

b.

c. Thank you.”

6. Historian Babcock is recognized.

7. Historian Babcock states

a. Thank you for coming! Other than lacrosse are you involved anywhere else besides the Northern Star

8. Tyler Murray is recognized.

9. Tyler Murray states

a. I am trying to get back into the Northern Star I had to leave due to financial hardships but that is worked out now, so I am hoping to get back to that and I am waiting on my response from the Mock trial, but I plan to join that soon.

10. Historian Babcock is recognized.

11. Historian Babcock states

a. So you have no other involvement.

12. Tyler Murray is recognized.

13. Tyler Murray states

a. I am also involved in the Greek community as well.

14. Historian Babcock is recognized.

15. Historian Babcock states

a. Okay cool, what organization would that be?

16. Tyler Murray is recognized.

17. Tyler Murray states

a. Sigma Nu

18. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.

19. Deputy Speaker Allen states

- a. Are you aware the members of the Northern Star cannot be members of student government in any way?
20. Tyler Murray is recognized.
21. Tyler Murray states
 - a. I was not aware of that, but if that is an issue, I would rather be in the Student Government Association than in the Northern Star.
22. Senator Perez-Hernandez is recognized.
23. Senator Perez-Hernandez states
 - a. I just wanted to ask how many credit hours are you taking? In this semester as well as. How does your schedule look for the rest of the semester? And for upcoming semesters as well.
24. Tyler Murray is recognized.
25. Tyler Murray states
 - a. Currently I am enrolled in five classes. A couple of them are online eight-week courses. So the time management of those is a little bit easier. Each of my classes is three credit hours which is 15 credit hours in total.
 - b. Time management is very important to me, so I always make sure that I have the time to and the ability to. Two important things such as getting my homework done, responsibilities. So yeah.
26. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.
27. Deputy Speaker Allen states
 - a. The Supreme Court does not meet very often to make changes to campus. How do you feel you would, in serving in that role, make changes that you talked about in your speech?
28. Tyler Murray is recognized.
29. Tyler Murray states
 - a. Just doing everything I can in the time that we do meet. I understand that. During my meeting with President. Majid. And chief of Staff Innis, they had to explain that. There is not very much meetings in that role. So I just want to do as much as I can in the short time that I will have. So that I can make those changes.

30. Clerk English is recognized.

31. Clerk English states

- a. What is one example of something you would do in your time?

32. Tyler Murray is recognized.

33. Tyler Murray states

- a. I would definitely like to ensure that the constitutionality organization in every decision organizations are making are constitutionally according to what we stand for and stuff like that and ensuring that everyone is abiding by the Student Government Association Constitution.

34. Tyler Murray steps down

35. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.

36. Historian Babcock is recognized.

37. Historian Babcock states

- a. Genuinely, this candidate does seem like a good fit for the Supreme Court. However, I am very concerned that if this candidate. Does get appointed to this position? That would make three out of four members of the Supreme Court of the same organization. This is nothing against that specific organization. I have nothing against any organization, but I would like to bring that to a point because that is concerning.

38. Senator Althoff is recognized.

39. Senator Althoff states

- a. There is only two, so he would be the second one from that organization.

40. Historian Babcock is recognized.

41. Historian Babcock states

- a. That is still a majority, so it is still concerning.

42. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.

43. Deputy Speaker Allen states

- a. I honestly like a lot of the points that this candidate was making. I think that they would serve better in a different role in student government. I think the Supreme Court is a good Place for people who know what changes they want to make. But a lot of what the candidate talked about was changes we make on

our level, and those things are things that the Supreme Court would never see these issues.

44. Clerk English is recognized.

45. Clerk English states

- a. To that point, one of their stated plans was ensuring constitutionality of organizations. That is what OO [Organizational Oversight Committee] does. So if that is something that they are interested in, I would suggest being a senator, and joining OO [Organizational Oversight Committee], because that is what OO [Organizational Oversight Committee] does. And those issues only reach the Supreme Court when there's drastic issue, not all the time. I like the ideas you are bringing, but I do not know if the Supreme Court is the best place for you to make those changes.

46. Senator O'Brien is recognized.

47. Senator O'Brien states

- a. I hear what you are saying.
- b. To his point, he is interested in law, he is going for free law, so that is why he is going for this position. So that is just something to consider.

48. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.

49. Deputy Speaker Allen states

- a. I am also prelaw I feel like this serves as a better resume builder. Being involved in student government is great if you are worried about slowing his development in prelaw or his stunting his ability to grow in that direction. I think being one year in that organization and then moving on to make those changes might be a better fit. But also, I am not saying that this candidate will come back, obviously. That is up to him.

50. Chairperson Ramos is recognized.

51. Chairperson Ramos states

- a. I agree the candidate might be better suited to start elsewhere in SGA, maybe senate How's the weather focused on making pain and the Supreme Court would not let them do that.

- b. Another concern involvement as it was omitted and needed multiple questions to reveal it. That is a little iffy to me and I would have preferred it to have it be included, so it was not kind of. A bit of a concern to me.

52. Senator O'Brien is recognized.

53. Senator O'Brien states

- a. I understand that concern it was dragged out to your point.
- b. He did state he would be unbiased.

54. Historian Babcock is recognized.

55. Historian Babcock states

- a. I do think he would be unbiased.
- b. It is more a function of the Supreme Court if there are a majority of Members on the Supreme Court of the same organization. What if an organization came up to the Supreme Court or a similar organization came up to the Supreme Court? What would happen then?
- c. To Chairperson Ramos's point he was not upfront about his involvement

56. Chairperson Ramos is recognized.

57. Chairperson Ramos states

- a. If member of organization come up to supreme court would members have to excuse themselves or are they still expected to function in that capacity

58. Speaker Douglass states

- a. I would have to check the Supreme Court Code of Procedure, but to be honest that document is a bit of a skeleton and except for that change that I made earlier this session, there is not a whole bunch on it.

59. Chairperson Olson is recognized.

60. Chairperson Olson states

- a. How many Supreme Court justices are there? Currently.

61. Speaker Douglass states

- a. We have three of them, one graduated. And then we recently reappointed one.

62. Chairperson Olson is recognized.

63. Chairperson Olson states

- a. And a full board would be five, correct?

64. Speaker Douglass states

- a. Yes, three is quorum, so they can function, they can meet, but five would be the full board.

65. Chairperson Olson is recognized.

66. Chairperson Olson states

- a. Personally, I think it is better to have more people on the Supreme Court when cases come up. I think it is better to have more than less. I do not know when the last time was when someone ran for Supreme Court Justice, but that is just my opinion.

67. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.

68. Deputy Speaker Allen states

- a. Honestly disagree with that opinion. I feel that we need to be more selective in our Supreme Court appointments. As we made one out of sheer necessity so that we could have a Supreme Court before the elections. As they currently make quorum, we do not need to rush into finding more Supreme Court justices.
- b. I know there is the risk of someone leaving or someone graduating from the Supreme Court, but I do not think that is something we need to worry about because we did not have a Supreme Court for many years.
- c. Hi, honestly think that a bit of experience in the legislative branch might be good for this Specific candidate, just on a lot of what they said. And the opinions of everyone else.
- d. We do have the chance to be a lot more Opinionated here and selective in our approach to whether or not to confirm the candidate to the Supreme Court.

69. Chairperson Ramos is recognized.

70. Chairperson Ramos states

- a. I was going to say exactly that. I think we can be selective, and I do think we should be selective, especially because this position that they take with them into the future, the entire college experience.
- b. So when we put somebody in this position, we need to be sure. And we need to be selective.

71. Senator Musgraves is recognized.

72. Senator Musgraves states

- a. I agree this is not a position we should jump into with any candidate that is presented at the Senate. Oh, he was giving his speech and really did not hear his goals that he had for the Supreme Court position. Besides the constitutionality of organizations.
- b. And that that is not really a goal for the Supreme Court. And he did not really mention that until one of us asked. So he was kind of holding that out as well.
- c. So kind of iffy about this candidate. And I do not really see what we are rushing for, for the Supreme Court. He does have many other good abilities just not for Supreme Court.

73. Senator O'Brien is recognized.

74. Senator O'Brien states

- a. Do we know the current standing of the current supreme justices on whether or not they are graduating this year or not?

75. Speaker Douglass states

- a. I do not know. Actually, that is a good question. We could reach out to Chief Justice Travis to find out.
- b. Also, Clerk English is checking the code of procedures to see what is in there.

76. Senator O'Brien is recognized.

77. Senator O'Brien states

- a. Off of what Senator Musgraves and others have said is that he's a young sophomore who have goals of making a change. But Purpose of the Supreme Court is to uphold the Constitution, so it is kind of hard to have goals that is not the sole purpose of constitutionality. With that being the sole goal of the Supreme Court justices.

78. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.

79. Deputy Speaker Allen states

- a. That is why I am so hesitant, because he spoke to a lot of the change, he wants to make the university, especially about students who do not have a place to go back to. He had a lot of very specific goals and details for himself set to

accomplish, and a Supreme Court position is not the best place to. Work towards these goals.

- b. The Senate and Supreme Court justices are not supposed to interact specifically, so we do not become friends and cannot influence one another.

80. Chairperson Ramos is recognized.

81. Chairperson Ramos states

- a. That is also why I am concerned because he had a lot of goals of how to change campus and as you said, the Supreme Court Justice is to uphold current rules. So I want to make sure that he is able to achieve what he wants.

82. Historian Babcock is recognized.

83. Historian Babcock states

- a. This candidate would not have the opportunity to join this session, we do have the next session and I am sure the members of this session would help them into a senate position.

84. Clerk English is recognized.

85. Clerk English states

- a. A5. S3.B “No member of the court system who is personally involved in a particular case shall sit in judgement on that case. The quorum for the Court shall be the Chief Justice and two (2) Associate Justices.”
- b. What that would mean for this case is that if that organization went to the supreme court, they would not be able to meet quorum.

86. Historian Babcock is recognized.

87. Historian Babcock states

- a. That point proves Chairperson Ramos’s point that we need to be more selective and adding another person from the same organization does not help.

88. Chairperson Ramos is recognized.

89. Chairperson Ramos states

- a. We should consider that the supreme court should be representative of the student body and having two on same organization is not representative.

90. Senator O’Brien is recognized.

91. Senator O’Brien states

- a. On Historian Babcock 's point I almost disagree I think that the point that he would have to abstain shows it would be unbiased
- b. How often does that kind of case come up? And even if it does, there are procedures in place to prevent bias?

92. Senator Musgraves is recognized.

93. Senator Musgraves states

- a. Regardless of that having two of the same organization is not representative.
- b. There are five positions for the Supreme Court. We do not know how many more Sig Nu members might apply to be Justices.
- c. Great candidate but having more members of the same organization is iff on my end.

94. Clerk English is recognized.

95. Clerk English states

- a. To your point, Senator O'Brien even if they removed themselves from the vote. The supreme court would not be able to go to a session because they would not meet quorum. So as it stands on top of everything else. It wouldn't work. There would not be a session when there needed to be one.

96. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.

97. Deputy Speaker Allen states

- a. What I was going to say it not against the Greek organization it is that they would not be able to meet

98. Historian Babcock is recognized.

99. Historian Babcock states

- a. Ditto

100. Senator Althoff is recognized.

101. Senator Althoff states

- a. Clerk English If anything did occur to those student organizations, they wouldn't meet quorum anyway, so this doesn't make a difference.
- b. So with a candidate who has a 3.6 GPA [Grade Point Average] he was a substitute teacher he is involved in outside organizations
- c. Should not tell him he should be a senator we do not decide that for him.

- d. Our candidate said they would be unbiased.
102. Clerk English is recognized.
103. Clerk English states
- a. Even if they could not meet now does not mean we should not put into a system where they could not meet in the future. That is my argument against the candidate in this case.
 - b. It should not be. Oh, they cannot meet anyway now. Why should it matter to the future? It should be. They would not be able to meet now. Let us not make it something where they could not meet in the future as well.
104. Senator Martin is recognized.
105. Senator Martin states
- a. I agree with Senator Althoff we cannot have multiple people of same organization it will not affect student body since it would.
106. Senator Perez-Hernandez is recognized.
107. Senator Perez-Hernandez states
- a. Amazing candidate
 - b. If I were a regular student, I would rather the Supreme Court be more inclusive and diversified so that there would not be abstaining from votes.
 - c. I would rather pass more smoothly than not because they cannot vote.
108. Historian Babcock is recognized.
109. Historian Babcock states
- a. This vote is not a formality, this does decide if they are appointed.
 - b. This candidate is really good but does not match what we need.
110. Chairperson Ramos is recognized.
111. Chairperson Ramos states
- a. I was going to say it is our job to ask questions to decide for him.
 - b. It is our job to ask those hypothetical questions.
 - c. Representation in the Supreme Court should be representative and should be considered when appointing.
112. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.
113. Chairperson Rogers states

- a. Great speech it is not going to run its lazy to say it is not going to run so let us just put him up anyway.
114. Chairperson Olson is recognized.
115. Chairperson Olson states
- a. Special election for other positions
 - b. He is a great candidate, but I understand the concerns.
116. Sergeant at Arms Corpuz is recognized.
117. Sergeant at Arms Corpuz states
- a. Point of Order: Please keep side conversation down as we are in a main motion.
118. Kolawole Calls to question.
119. This fails.
120. Clerk English is recognized.
121. Clerk English states
- a. Senator Althoff on your point about them claiming that they will be unbiased, and I believe they will not be concisely biased. However, the reason that those rules are written into the Constitution is because of unconscious bias.
 - b. And this will possibly rear its head because the reason people join organizations are for similar reasons, so they will have similar thought patterns meaning. They might have some unconscious bias and having two people on the sun or hurts the representation of the Supreme Court. To the student body.
 - c. I do not think the candidate would ever intentionally be biased against something because of his. Organization status. However, unconscious bias does exist and does affect people's voting habits.
122. Senator O'Brien is recognized.
123. Senator O'Brien states
- a. This candidate is great.
 - b. You guys are against organization, but he did say he is a nontraditional student.
 - c. Sig Nu brings in lots of people.

- d. Basically if he were not in that organization that would be wrong.
124. Chairperson Ramos is recognized.
125. Chairperson Ramos states
- a. Nontraditional student concerns me that he has not been on campus long enough to know issues affecting students.
 - b. Not saying he could not do the job but there might be better candidates.
126. Senator Martin is recognized.
127. Senator Martin states
- a. Senator O'Brien we are not saying specific organization it is the two of the same organization.
 - b. The Supreme Court should represent the student body.
 - c. We could leave it open for people in other organizations.
128. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.
129. Deputy Speaker Allen states
- a. How many have the Supreme Court met?
130. Speaker Douglass states
- a. Probably less than 5 times
131. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.
132. Deputy Speaker Allen states
- a. I want to restate it is not the organization.
 - b. I am factoring in the fact that they are nontraditional.
 - c. They lacked information about not being in northern star vs justice its ok not to know but they should know what positions prevent them from doing.
 - d. If they want to make the changes, they said Supreme Court in not the place to do that.
133. Senator Althoff is recognized.
134. Senator Althoff states
- a. Chairperson Ramos did you say that is a nontraditional student so that it would be difficult to speak on student body.
135. Chairperson Ramos is recognized.
136. Chairperson Ramos states

- a. No his lack of experience means he has not had a contact making it hard to advocate for the student body.
137. Senator Althoff is recognized.
138. Senator Althoff states
- a. This is a reason for justice since he just has to follow the constitution not communicate with students.
139. Historian Babcock is recognized.
140. Historian Babcock states
- a. Following what Senator Althoff said we brought up a freshman, so it is not ability.
 - b. I am a nontraditional student. I joined Senate second semester.
 - c. If he wants to get involved, he can.
 - d. Call to question
141. This pass
142. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote.
143. Senator Althoff is recognized.
144. Senator Althoff states
- a. If Senator Martin missed speech, do they have to abstain?
145. Speaker Douglass states
- a. They do not have to, but they should take that into consideration.
146. Chairperson Jovanovich is recognized.
147. Chairperson Jovanovich states
- a. I missed speech so I abstained.
148. Kolawole is recognized.
149. Kolawole states
- a. There was a time where we did not approve of a senator. I missed his speech, so I had to abstain. I just wanted to make sure whether or not that applied.
150. Speaker Douglass states
- a. No but Senator Martin should take into consideration if they feel they missed. Too much information. They should take that into consideration. They should take that into consideration.

151. Senator Martin is recognized.
152. Senator Martin states
 - a. For one, I already voted. And for two they send you everything can listen and read the room, and you can find out what is going on, as well as you can read their faces and you can read what is going on. From that you can logic it out so. Plus I already voted.
153. Speaker Douglass states
 - a. Missing three
 - b. Missing one

This passes with 9 yays // 7 nays // 2 abstains 2:58pm

B. SB54030

1. Speaker Douglass calls for a motion to discuss agenda item B. A bill to change the timeline for a special election to occur.
2. So moved.
3. Seconded.
4. Historian Babcock is recognized.
5. Historian Babcock states,
 - a. This piece of legislation changes the timeline of a special election. The timeline of a special election is ridiculously short, and this week has already been tiring enough. This bill will give us more time to figure out what we are doing and to give candidates a little more time to run.
 - b. This is for the benefit of the BOE [Board of Elections] and candidates.
6. Sergeant at Arms Corpuz is recognized.
7. Sergeant at Arms Corpuz states
 - a. I see it is listed on the third Wednesday of April. Does that mean that the election will be at one fixed point in time?
8. Speaker Douglass states
 - a. Current is bound by days of the month the last Tuesday and Wednesday of March so it will be bound by month not date. I guess it would be a fixed date.
9. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.

10. Deputy Speaker Allen states

- a. I trust that this has been taken care of by the BOE [Board of Elections] to review the spill.
- b. Call to Question

11. This Passes

12. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote. 18 yays // 0 nays // 0 abstains 3:03pm

C. SB54031

1. Speaker Douglass calls for a motion to discuss agenda item C. A bill to set the stipend for this year's Board of Elections.
2. So moved.
3. Seconded.
4. Clerk English is recognized.
5. Clerk English states,
 - a. BOE [Board of Elections] was marketed as getting paid. This bill ensures that they actually do. The stipend mount per BOE [Board of Elections] member is \$1500. He was going to get paid at the end of this election, we just to know the amount. We now have an amount and it's 1500 per member.
6. Chairperson Jovanovich is recognized.
7. Chairperson Jovanovich states
 - a. Last year \$500
8. Speaker Douglass states
 - a. \$999.99
9. Senator O'Brien is recognized.
10. Senator O'Brien states
 - a. Do we have any info on the amount of hours they worked like in comparison to stipend amount?
11. Chairperson Olson is recognized.
12. Chairperson Olson states
 - a. I was not keeping track of my hours, but I know we all put in a bunch of work.
13. Speaker Douglass states
 - a. Number of meetings?

14. Chairperson Olson is recognized.
15. Chairperson Olson states
 - a. Had a meeting every week and the total was.
16. Speaker Douglass states
 - a. Yes, we had a meeting every week, plus one every day last week.
17. Chairperson Olson is recognized.
18. Chairperson Olson states
 - a. We had around fifteen (15) meetings, give or take.
19. Senator Martin is recognized.
20. Senator Martin states
 - a. What question was asked.
21. Speaker Douglass states
 - a. The question was how many hours were worked. We do not know how many hours, but we do know we worked fifteen (15) meetings and I would estimate each Member put in 15 hours. Per week.
 - b. Each member put at least 15 I was sick so less from me.
22. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.
23. There is none.
24. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote. 16 yays // 0 nays // 2 abstains 3:06pm
25. Chairperson Jovanovich is recognized.
26. Chairperson Jovanovich states
 - a. If you receive the stipend, do not forget to put it on your taxes.

NEW BUISNESS

- A. There are none.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Senator Perez-Hernandez is recognized.
2. Senator Perez-Hernandez states
 - a. Security has limited access to HSC [Holmes Student Center] is there any work arrounds to make HSC [Holmes Student Center] more accessible.
3. Speaker Douglass states

- a. Please speak more clear
 - b. Throw over to Senator O'Brien
4. Senator O'Brien is recognized.
5. Senator O'Brien states
 - a. That is the NIU PD [Northern Illinois University Police Department] it is not ideal, but we cannot control it.
6. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.
7. Deputy Speaker Allen states
 - a. We do not have the choice. Also we have a large event here in the HSC [Holmes Student Center] which increases security. As far as that goes. Vice President for student affairs Reneau and. Vice President of Diversity Equity and Inclusion. Edgehill-Walden came to a couple of meetings ago to speak on this. I am in conversation with them to make those changes. If you want to be part of that, let me know. Because that is something that is going on in the background.
8. Senator Martin is recognized.
9. Senator Martin states
 - a. For those events are they requiring clear bags after a certain time different alternative not everyone has clear backpacks
10. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.
11. Deputy Speaker Allen states
 - a. That is what I am talking about so you can work with me if you like.
 - b. This building is closing at 4:30pm today and tomorrow.
 - c. Being refused form HSC [Holmes Student Center] kind of sucks
12. Historian Babcock is recognized.
13. Historian Babcock states
 - a. I don't think we are not going to have security in this building.
 - b. Alternative entrance since east entrance is not super used possibly front doors easier for everyone.
14. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.
15. Speaker Douglass states
 - a. If you want to help reach out to Deputy Speaker Allen

16. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.

17. Chairperson Rogers states

- a. What are rules for campaigning for election?

18. Speaker Douglass states

- a. All Flyers need to be approved by Board of Elections. If they are physical posters, they need to be approved by posters at NIU [Northern Illinois University]. Chalking is allowed. We did not have physical polling stations, so where you can campaign is not allowed. What constitutes campaigning is. Asking students to vote is allowed. Asking students to vote for you is not allowed. Forcing students to vote is not allowed. Telling people how to vote. Is allowed. Telling people how to vote for you is not allowed. You are not allowed to tell people to vote during class periods or during work periods or in the library. You are allowed to tell people to vote in the HSC [Holmes Student Center].
- b. Special reason

19. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.

20. Chairperson Rogers states

- a. I am a CA and was informed of people campaigning after quiet hours.
- b. What would the protocol be?

21. Speaker Douglass states

- a. Needs to be approved by hall director for campaigning in the residence halls.
- b. Candidates need to be following all state, federal and local laws, so if they were breaking some of those, please provide proof to Chairperson Olson or DEM

22. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.

23. Chairperson Rogers states

- a. It was after quiet hours.

24. Speaker Douglass states

- a. Send to the chairperson or election Commissioner?

25. Historian Babcock is recognized.

26. Historian Babcock states

- a. Chairperson Rogers If you would not mind staying after Senate to discuss that with me and Chairperson Olson, we would love to discuss that further with you.

27. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.

28. Deputy Speaker Allen states

- a. For a Long time in Senate, we have been talking about issues with housing.
- b. Northern Star wrote an article on the issues with housing. So if you are writing legislation on issues and housing, I suggest putting this article in it and putting it in your legislation.

29. Senator O'Brien is recognized.

30. Senator O'Brien states

- a. Honor victims of students of the shooting in Nashville
- b. Three students three faculty members
- c. Whatever your beliefs are on legislation in this country, students, faculty, parents should not have to feel for their lives in school.

31. Senator Martin is recognized.

32. Senator Martin states

- a. Senator O'Brien please repeat the last part of what you said.

33. Senator O'Brien is recognized.

34. Senator O'Brien states

- a. Students Kid faculty parents should not have to fear their lives.

35. Historian Babcock is recognized.

36. Historian Babcock states

- a. Happy trans day of visibility
- b. Semi related to Senator O'Brien a lot of legislation is getting started about the fact that the student was trans even though less than 3% of school shooters are trans.
- c. Please being aware people are using that to spread hate.
- d. Check in with your trans friends.

37. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.

38. Chairperson Rogers states

- a. Thank you for mentioning that.
- b. Banning drag Queens is not what protecting kids is looks like.
- c. It breaks my heart that we are not protecting students in a valid, more concrete way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.
2. Deputy Speaker Allen states
 - a. In light of trans day visibility It's a great day for people to become extremely visible in black light
 - b. Rainbow Rave Is happening tonight and we are aware of weather.
 - c. We will be updating on Instagram.
 - d. Join us to Boogie down.
3. Chairperson Ramos is recognized.
4. Chairperson Ramos states
 - a. Last night Black Male Initiative hosted their met gala Sig NU won best fraternity. We have Members in the Senate who are in Sig Nu, so let us hear it for them. And Kennedy Smith won best president.
5. Senator Musgraves is recognized.
6. Senator Musgraves states
 - a. Congrats to those winners.
 - b. Congrats to Ms. Olivia for winning Miss Initiative
 - c. It was such a good event.
 - d. Tomorrow is the apollo show.
 - e. Glam squad is fund raising at DuSable until 4pm
7. Clerk English is recognized.
8. Clerk English states
 - a. The engineering exhibition is still going on with the weather, though there might not be as many physical objects with the weather. We still have a whole bunch of senior design teams and research groups and engineering organizations that will be presenting. It will be from 6 to 8pm, so it ends right before the rainbow rays, so you can go from one to the other and they will be food, so there you go. It also has a business passport tie in as well as honors connect tie in. So if you need to either of those, it is great event to go to.
9. Senator O'Brien is recognized.
10. Senator O'Brien states

- a. CAB [Campus Activity Board] is having Easter hunt lots of eggs lots filled with small prized but some big ones that is happening Monday.
11. Speaker Douglass states
 - a. What time Do that. Start on Monday.
12. Senator O'Brien is recognized.
13. Senator O'Brien states
 - a. 5pm on Monday Is when it starts and will go till whenever we ran out of. We assume that will be around 6pm.
14. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.
15. Deputy Speaker Allen states
 - a. How are big prizes giving out?
16. Senator O'Brien is recognized.
17. Senator O'Brien states
 - a. Slips of paper It says you want a big prize. Congrats. Go to this room.
18. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.
19. Chairperson Rogers states
 - a. We got a chocolate fountain for Rainbow Rave
20. Chairperson Ramos is recognized.
21. Chairperson Ramos states
 - a. I see all of you leaving. Do not go yet. Do not forget we have care packages to make.

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 adjourned at 3:27pm.

CLOSING ATTENDANCE

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

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY

Clerk English on April 2nd, 2023