

Minutes of the  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE  
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

March 3rd, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

1. This meeting was called to order by Speaker Douglass at 2:05pm in the HSC (Holmes Student Center) Sky Room.
2. 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
3. **Voting Members Present:** O'Brien, Gibbons, Hensley, Colvin, Ashton, Woodward, Allen, Olson, Perez-Hernandez, Kolawole, Althoff, Musgraves, Martin, Corpuz, Douglass, Babcock, Ramos, Rogers
4. **Voting members Absent:** Jovanovich
5. **Voting members Excused:** English

**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.

### **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 part B-D to new 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 added.
13. Speaker Douglass requests a motion to move agenda items A-C to old business.
14. So moved.
15. Seconded.
16. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.
17. There is none.
18. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote.
19. Vote passes business is moved.
20. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote to approve the agenda.
21. The motion is passed, and the agenda are approved.

### **SPEAKER REPORT**

1. Speaker Douglass states
  - a. We are not meeting for the next two Fridays. Next meeting is the 24<sup>th</sup> of March.
  - b. That will be during the election cycle so please be there.

### **SPECIAL REPORT**

1. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau is recognized.

2. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau states

- a. We wanted to see questions.
- b. We wanted to give you an update.
- c. We are here to foster collaboration.

3. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion  
Dr. Edgehill-Walden is recognized.

4. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion  
Dr. Edgehill-Walden states

- a. I want to talk about the offices that report to me.
- b. I am over the division of academic diversity this includes our Center for Undocumented Student Support, the Center for Black Studies, the Asian American Resource Center, the Latino Resource Center, the Gender, and Sexuality Resource Center,
- c. My offices also help lead the various trainings available on campus such as CODE.
- d. I report to the president and the vice president.

5. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau is recognized.

6. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau states

- a. Impact report
- b. Another impact report will be shared in March.
- c. I am here so that we can work in collaboration.

7. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.

8. Chairperson Rogers asks.

- a. Pleasure to meet you.
- b. How SGA and administration can do better to make all students feel welcomed and seen.
- c. I have had to call security and think they do good.
- d. Black organizations have experienced some over policing.

- e. I would like to know what I could do whether that be working with you or something else to help mitigate that?

9. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Dr. Edgehill-Walden is recognized.

10. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Dr. Edgehill-Walden responds.

- a. I came to NIU in 2015 and I have also worked at other campuses.
- b. I do not know a campus that does not have some conflict between university police and students of color, Black student in particular.
- c. I think that is indicative of what has happened historically and what is happening nationally.
- d. Campus police and students has been one of my highest priorities and we have tried various ways and open communication between those students and campus police.
- e. My office does provide training for police and organizations and have actually had some of our campus police become facilitators.
- f. The current police chief is very student friendly and wants better.
- g. We are working towards better future between campus police and student organizations.
- h. Trainings have had cosponsored events that focus on community policing unit and knowing your rights.
- i. We think these things will help.
- j. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau can talk more about over policing as that is something we have both working towards.

11. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau is recognized.

12. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau states

- a. Safety has to be on the continuum different identities might feel as though they experience different levels of policing with Black communities feeling as though there is too much police but LGBT communities feeling as though there is not

enough. We do not want to look at a specific number but the whole context surrounding an event.

- b. When I got here, I looked at policy and ways to provide late night alternative programming for students.
  - c. I do not have total control over everything, but I can control the student center.
  - d. I have been in talked with the police and they have told me that they use a safety matrix based on the number of people at an event, where and when it is to determine how many, and what type of officers are needed.
  - e. I want police interacting with students in positive ways not having police were taking tickets standing at the door like a bouncer as that is how it makes it feel over policed.
  - f. One way to counteract that is to bringing outside security teams similar to concerts.
  - g. In HSC have separate security having not too many PD but enough for safety
  - h. We have had good success by having debriefs after events which has helped us have a better idea of how to incorporate security.
13. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.
14. Chairperson Rogers asks.
- a. How do we as an organization help with making sure everyone is safe but also able to have fun?
15. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Dr. Edgehill-Walden is recognized.
16. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Dr. Edgehill-Walden responds.
- a. That is a good question.
  - b. Off of what the vice president said we have had good conversations with the president on late night events.
  - c. I want to also say late night events on campus are often here because students of color do not have houses off campus.

- d. Since we do not have a late-night place for everyone it is focused on those that do not have off campus houses which are often students of color

17. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau is recognized.

18. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau states

- a. This is an equity issue.
- b. This is not only based off a thing of color but also safety.
- c. We need to have a context of the times.
- d. There are times that more security is needed.
- e. Can they request present in a different way?
- f. Are you proving feedback?
- g. Safety issue vs PD issue
- h. Are you willing to sit on taskforces?
- i. One thing you can do is look at how you are funding.

19. Senator Martin is recognized.

20. Senator Martin asks.

- a. What is the ratio of students to officers?

21. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau is recognized.

22. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau asks.

- a. Are you talking about events?

23. Senator Martin is recognized.

24. Senator Martin clarifies.

- a. Yes
- b. What is that ratio so that we can explain it to students.

25. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau is recognized.

26. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau responds.

- a. Senator Martin anytime there is an event there is always a safety matrix around number of people and the amount of police.

- b. What I am trying to say is that you or these student organizations do not need police to be bouncers
  - c. There should also be a way to ask for an increase in police when it is felt to be needed.
  - d. Whether that is from outside agency more staff new staff training
27. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Dr. Edgehill-Walden is recognized.
28. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Dr. Edgehill-Walden states
- a. When I got here that was not happening
  - b. Student orgs are meeting with planning prior to the event.
  - c. When you see PD outside you question some of that
  - d. When I went to the events early in the year, I had questions such as why the police were stationed outside of the women's restroom.
  - e. I think its placement and we are continually asking questions.
29. Historian Babcock is recognized.
30. Historian Babcock asks.
- a. Who are staffing these events?
31. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau is recognized.
32. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau responds.
- a. It is a team of the organization hosting the event. It will be HSC staff it will be police.
  - b. They will do a run through where the leaders of the org meet with various people and are walked through location.
33. Historian Babcock is recognized.
34. Historian Babcock asks.
- a. Policy changes are not often well communicated.
  - b. Are there any plans to improve communication?

35. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau is recognized.

36. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau responds.

- a. Communication is always evolving.
- b. We need to rely on students who share their feedback.
- c. If you SGA have any questions, please reach out to me there was a petition which I would have been happy to comment on
- d. We have reports from our leadership teams that come to us that we want to share similar to this today.

37. Historian Babcock is recognized.

38. Historian Babcock asks.

- a. You are always welcome to talks.
- b. How often do pamphlets go out?

39. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau is recognized.

40. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau responds.

- a. We have them go out in August and September as well as one for October and November but not one for December nor January as not much happens then. There is also one for February March as well as one for people in May.

41. Historian Babcock is recognized.

42. Historian Babcock asks.

- a. Would that be posted somewhere?

43. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Dr. Edgehill-Walden is recognized.

44. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Dr. Edgehill-Walden responds.

- a. We are working a lot with students and the administration in creating programming and training.
- b. Conference in the fall, black Wall Street in September also a transatlantic slave experience where students will be going to Barbados, to Ghana to South Carolina

to learn about the transatlantic slave trade. We have students going to California to learn about internment camps.

- c. There are opportunities to share information throughout the year.

45. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.

46. Chairperson Rogers states

- a. As far as meeting times
- b. I would love to know office hours.

47. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Dr. Edgehill-Walden is recognized.

48. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Dr. Edgehill-Walden responds.

- a. You can email me, and we can set a time.

49. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau is recognized.

50. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau states

- a. If you want coffee, lunch, dinner, I have done that before. However you want to meet is up to you.
- b. If there is a place that you need us to show up to something, please reach out to us.
- c. We want to be intentional of where we are.

51. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Dr. Edgehill-Walden is recognized.

52. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Dr. Edgehill-Walden states

- a. We have also invited the director of Diversity Equity and inclusion to our events so they can hear first what we are doing and the things that are happening.
- b. I am always open to go to events.

53. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.

54. Chairperson Rogers states

- a. I will send you an email later.
  - b. I would love for you to come to our panel this Thursday.
55. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion  
Dr. Edgehill-Walden is recognized.
56. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion  
Dr. Edgehill-Walden states
- a. I did not know about that.
57. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.
58. Chairperson Rogers states
- a. I would love for you to be there and so you could talk about Diversity, Equity,  
and Inclusion.
  - b. The panel will be on Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 – 7pm
  - c. Please ask us questions
59. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau is recognized.
60. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau states
- a. Calendars fill up quickly.
  - b. We are finishing a search for DEI director.
  - c. We want to work with not against
  - d. How do we help support things at the periphery
61. Historian Babcock is recognized.
62. Historian Babcock states
- a. Recently we passed legislation requiring senators to complete a piece of  
legislation as part of their duties.
  - b. So senators, if you have something in mind this would be a great time to ask  
questions about that legislation.
63. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion  
Dr. Edgehill-Walden is recognized.

64. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Dr. Edgehill-Walden states

- a. I always tell students to use their voice, but you have to do research. Sometimes we will be asked questions on things that have already been done.
- b. One thing we did over covid years is that the president made a dashboard for DEI events [<https://www.niu.edu/diversity-inclusion/index.shtml>]
- c. Look at what has been done and what can be done.

65. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.

66. Chairperson Rogers states

- a. Thank you for mention lack of security for LGBTQ.
- b. I am working on legislation on police and gender and sexuality resource center.
- c. From my trans and nonbinary friends I know that there are times where they do not feel safe or included and that this has caused some to drop out
- d. How do we better that relationship?

67. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau is recognized.

68. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau states

- a. I believe that leadership begins with intentionality.
- b. This work is not about cancel culture the ship in leadership means working with not against
- c. I can tell you want to help. What I would say is that you are probably right I went to queer prom and did not see security.
- d. It probably did not rise to a need according to the matrix.
- e. You have to talk about context, place, and people.
- f. For your legislation you might possibly want to create a way to request x amount of security due to a given reason

69. Senator Martin is recognized.

70. Senator Martin states.

- a. For the policing of events if it is a number of people how come some events are at places with same numbers
- b. There should be someone there all of the time.

71. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau is recognized.

72. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau responds.

- a. I am not disagreeing with you I agree with the need of police.
- b. I will tell you that I cannot answer why.
- c. Context matters there needs to be an option to request for more security.

73. Senator Martin is recognized.

74. Senator Martin states.

- a. We have forms for everything else.

75. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Dr. Edgehill-Walden is recognized.

76. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Dr. Edgehill-Walden states

- a. We need to have an honest conversation with organizations and police.
- b. When I first got here it was this org has an event so police need to be there, and this other org has an event so no police does not need to be there. That is wrong.
- c. Should be able to ask of police.
- d. We should be able to say we do not think police are needed and be able to say that. Black graduation it was parents and children. If it is not at regular graduation, then we do not need it.

77. Senator Musgraves is recognized.

78. Senator Musgraves states

- a. I agree with what you are saying.
- b. MSU was unfortunate.
- c. Ratio should have officers per people.
- d. I think it is more not understanding what officers should do.

- e. Within the request there should be something about the area should be able to request more officers maybe not decrease officers so that we can maintain safety

79. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.

80. Deputy Speaker Allen states

- a. [the microphone was cutting out, so this part was not able to be captured]

81. Sergeant at Arms Corpuz is recognized.

82. Sergeant at Arms Corpuz asks.

- a. What was the main population to determine how many police are needed?

83. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau is recognized.

84. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau responds.

- a. I do not know.
- b. You should ask the chief of police.
- c. Have you met the chief?

85. Sergeant at Arms Corpuz is recognized.

86. Sergeant at Arms Corpuz responds.

- a. Not this year

87. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Dr. Edgehill-Walden is recognized.

88. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Dr. Edgehill-Walden states

- a. I think there should be a student wide orientation event planning.
- b. It sounds like the students that are planning the events get the information but the students attending do not necessarily understand.

89. Senator Musgraves is recognized.

90. Senator Musgraves states

- a. I was going to suggest this possibly SGA hosting something about police in events.

- b. Listening to you guys have changes my perspective.
91. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.
92. Deputy Speaker Allen states
- a. [the microphone was cutting out, so this part was not able to be captured]
  - b. Okay so that was I said Chairperson Rogers is writing a piece of legislation to make a panel occur between students and security staff that has been communicated to them.
  - c. Security guards
  - d. A lot of it is just letting students know about events.
93. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau is recognized.
94. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau states
- a. If there are things we can do to help with legislation
95. Chairperson Jovanovich is recognized.
96. Chairperson Jovanovich states
- a. I appreciate the over abundance of caution.
  - b. I think education is important.
  - c. Feeling uncomfortable is unfortunate but safety is important.
97. Historian Babcock is recognized.
98. Historian Babcock states
- a. At the state of the union address the President talked about Amazon and Meta coming to NIU. I am concerned as they have a proven track record of negative work environments.
99. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Dr. Edgehill-Walden is recognized.
100. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Dr. Edgehill-Walden states
- a. Those things are important to [Dr. Freeman]
  - b. I think if she did not see the benefits, she would not have invited them.

- c. I have seen a lot of corporations to DeKalb, and it has been a breath of fresh air.
- d. The economic development is beneficial to the city.

101. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.

102. Chairperson Rogers states

- a. I think having an event that details how to run event and things that help communicate things.

103. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau is recognized.

104. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau states

- a. I have a speech thing at 3 that I have to go to

105. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Dr. Edgehill-Walden is recognized.

106. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Dr. Edgehill-Walden states

- a. Everything I said is true. I wanted to restate that even though I will not be here next year.
- b. I am going back to my alameda, but my team is still behind these ideas.
- c. Everything I said still needs to happen. I want to be able to call back and find out that these changes have happened.

107. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau is recognized.

108. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau asks.

- a. Where is Watson?

109. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.

110. Chairperson Rogers responds.

- a. [Gives directions Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Reneau in how to get to Watson]

111. Historian Babcock is recognized.

112. Historian Babcock asks.

- a. Please tag election promotional materials on social media
113. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Dr. Edgehill-Walden is recognized.
114. Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Dr. Edgehill-Walden states
- a. Good to see you all have a good spring break.
115. Motion to take a 5-minute recess.
116. So moved.
117. Second
118. This passed.
119. **Voting Members Present:** O'Brien, Gibbons, Hensley, Colvin, Ashton, Woodward, Allen, Olson, Perez-Hernandez, Kolawole, Jovanovich, Althoff, Musgraves, Martin, Corpuz, Douglass, Babcock, Ramos, Rogers
120. **Voting members Absent:**
121. **Voting members Excused:** English

## **OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT**

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

- 1. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.
- 2. Deputy Speaker Allen States
  - a. Thank you for one on ones. If you still have not gone to one please check your emails.
  - b. If you need help with any part of the legislation process, please let me or Speaker Douglass know, and we will try to help.
  - c. If you need me to hit someone up for you, please let me know.

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

- 1. Historian Babcock is recognized.
- 2. Historian Babcock states
  - a. This week lots of Board of Elections
  - b. Funding added for library art.

- c. Since I have finished going through physical documents, if you are curious about if something similar has been done, please reach out to me and I will check.

### C. Clerk's Report

1. Speaker Douglass reads Clerk English's report,
  - a. "Sorry I am not here in person today I have covid and am therefore isolating.
  - b. Because of that I would like to ask you all to please make an effort to speak clearly and audibly into the mics. Those of you who were here last week thank you for doing a good job at that.
  - c. Even though I am not in person my goal is still to send out the minutes at midnight on Wednesday at the latest.
  - d. If you aren't able to make it to senate meetings for whatever reason please fill out the senator absence request form also if you know you won't be able to show up to a senate meeting but you have comments on a part of the agenda please feel free to send me an email and I will read what you put for comment
  - e. Also if you have prepared speaking points chair people especially can you please send them to me so that I can put exactly what you planned to say in the minutes.
  - f. All of the passed bills have now been signed and stamped by me, Speaker Douglass and President Majeed meaning they are now in full effect or will be as described in the bills themselves."

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### A. Chairperson of Board of Elections' report

1. Chairperson of Board of Elections Olson is recognized.
2. Chairperson Olson states
  - a. Passed around flyers.
  - b. Update on election policy.

- c. Make up meetings.
  - d. Need signature form, backroad check, application needed by midnight tonight.
3. Senator Kolawole is recognized.
4. Senator Kolawole asks.
  - a. I just want to confirm that you can issue them in person.
5. Speaker Douglass states
  - a. Yes, you can.
6. Sergeant at Arms Corpuz is recognized.
7. Sergeant at Arms Corpuz asks.
  - a. What do we do about submitted paper forms?
8. Chairperson Olson is recognized.
9. Chairperson Olson responds.
  - a. Ethan is handling that.
10. Speaker Douglass states
  - a. I was not aware of any physical copies.
  - b. All need to be uploaded to HuskieHub.
  - c. If you need those papers, feel free to reach out to the election commissioner and Historian Babcock
11. Chairperson Ramos is recognized.
12. Chairperson Ramos asks.
  - a. What is my goal?
  - b. I have not received stuff what should I do.
13. Chairperson Olson is recognized.
14. Chairperson Olson responds.
  - a. Overall we would just like you to push out our flyers.
  - b. If you have ideas to promote the election, we would also appreciate that.

15. Speaker Douglass states

- a. Last meeting we designated Senator Kolawole as our PR liaison.
- b. Senator Kolawole can you please send that to Chairperson Ramos

16. Senator Kolawole is recognized.

17. Senator Kolawole responds.

- a. As the election committee we will try to send the conversations we have.

18. Chairperson Ramos is recognized.

19. Chairperson Ramos states

- a. That is what I need, please send me whatever you have.

B. Chairperson of Public Affairs' report

1. Chairperson of Public Affairs Ramos is recognized.

2. Chairperson Ramos states

- a. March 11<sup>th</sup> 10:50am will have different panels of women in the field talking about how they got there.
- b. We are also planning our promotional campaign "are you smarter than a senator on March 30<sup>th</sup>."
- c. Care packages are also being planned for students.

3. Speaker Douglass states

- a. Shout out to Chairperson Ramos for management of Instagram page.

C. Chairperson of Environmental Affairs' report

1. Chairperson of Environmental Affairs Jovanovich is recognized.

2. Chairperson Jovanovich states

- a. Rough draft of Earth week in collaboration with Director Gallaher and other organizations
- b. EA will be holding a col land fill clean up on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm
- c. Rec centers clean up on April 20<sup>th</sup> also from 3-5pm
- d. We will have some executive representation.

D. Chairperson of Campus Life and Greek Affairs' report

1. Chairperson of Campus Life and Greek Affairs Ashton is recognized.
  2. Chairperson Ashton states
    - a. CLGA met yesterday and we discussed a potential fundraising idea. I will let you guys know more details when we figure it all out.
- E. Chairperson of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion's report
1. Chairperson of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Rogers is recognized.
  2. Chairperson Rogers states
    - a. DEI met on Monday this week and we are excited for our panel.
    - b. We are putting on the final touches on the rainbow rave which is currently planned to be on March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8-11pm
- F. Chairperson of organizational Oversight's report
1. Chairperson of organizational Oversight Hensley is recognized.
  2. Chairperson Hensley states
    - a. One new org and one next week and a new org coming the following week.

## **EXECUTIVE REPORT**

- A. President's report
1. There is none.
- B. Vice-President's report
1. There is none.
- C. Treasurer's report
1. There is none.
- D. Deputy Treasurer's report
1. There is none.
- E. Chief of Staff's report
1. There is none.

## **CABINET REPORT**

- A. Director of Diversity, Equity and, Inclusion
1. There is none.
- B. Director of Organizational Development
1. There is none.
- C. Director of Athletics

1. There is none.
- D. Director of Student Life
  1. There is none.
- E. Director of Public Affairs
  1. There is none.
- F. Director of Academic Affairs
  1. There is none.
- G. Director of Community Engagement and Environmental Affairs
  1. There is none.

## **OLD BUISNESS**

### **A. SR54032**

1. Speaker Douglass calls for a motion to discuss agenda item A.: A resolution to support a new director of the Disability Resource Center (DRC)
2. So moved.
3. Seconded.
4. Senator Martin is recognized.
5. Senator Martin introduces the bill.
  - a. This resolution is to support the expedient hiring of a director for the DRC.
  - b. This director is to direct and advocate for students with disabilities.
6. Chairperson Jovanovich is recognized.
7. Chairperson Jovanovich asks.
  - a. I fully support.
  - b. I call to question.
  - c. Second
  - d. This pass
8. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote. 3:38pm 15 yays // 0 nays // 0 abstain.
9. This passes

### **B. SR54033**

1. Speaker Douglass calls for a motion to discuss agenda item B. A resolution to confirm a Supreme Court Justice

2. So moved.
3. Seconded.
4. Speaker Douglass introduces the bill.
  - a. President Majeed has suggested Maximilian Jarmula to the supreme court.
  - b. I now welcome Maximilian Jarmula to the front to talk about why they are a good choice.
5. Maximilian Jarmula states
  - a. “Before I even started college I had one goal in mind, making a difference, a positive one that would genuinely affect people. But I thought that it would take years before I could do anything. That I needed a job or even longer until I retired. But as I started college, I realized that I did not have to wait.
  - b. The pandemic caused schools around the nation to suffer. Whether that was the students or funding so before I came to NIU I believed that I would see the same effects here. However during the week of welcome I was shocked to see that our school was flourishing. Supporting its students academically and emotionally. At first, I believe that it may have just been time that allowed NIU to flourish again period however, I did not know that the Student Government Association was the organization that supported the school and its students. That was until the unveiling of Patterson Hall which was a development for the diversity initiative of NIU. This was when I realized that the school and its organization would truly make change happen. When the students made their voices heard they would listen. When the students raised their concerns, change would happen. That is when I realized I wanted to support this organization. And that is through the Supreme Court Justice position.”
6. Historian Babcock is recognized.
7. Historian Babcock asks.
  - a. Do you prefer to go by Max or Maximilian?
8. Maximilian Jarmula responds.

- a. Maximilian
9. Historian Babcock is recognized.
10. Historian Babcock asks.
- a. Have you talked to other justices?
11. Maximilian Jarmula responds.
- a. I have not
12. Historian Babcock is recognized.
13. Historian Babcock asks.
- a. What major are you?
14. Maximilian Jarmula responds.
- a. I am a political science major, but I have an emphasis on public law.
15. Historian Babcock is recognized.
16. Historian Babcock asks.
- a. What does your schedule look like?
17. Maximilian Jarmula responds.
- a. I am currently taking fifteen credit hours.
  - b. As for student organizations I am currently on Mock trial and the law honor society.
18. Senator Martin is recognized.
19. Senator Martin asks.
- a. You speak really well but what got you interested in law?
20. Maximilian Jarmula responds.
- a. I have always been interested in law.
  - b. I can be bipartisan and interested in the bylaws.
21. Senator Kolawole is recognized.
22. Senator Kolawole asks.

- a. What is your historical experience with this kind of position?
23. Maximilian Jarmula responds.
- a. Was interested but did not find time and covid.
  - b. I may not have proper qualifications, but I feel I can grow into that person with the help of the other justices.
24. Senator Musgraves is recognized.
25. Senator Musgraves asks.
- a. How can you improve your position?
26. Maximilian Jarmula responds.
- a. That is a tough question.
  - b. I believe that if put into the position it will gain more notoriety.
  - c. I haven't heard anything about supreme court.
  - d. And it is crucial aspect of the SGA.
27. Chairperson Ramos is recognized.
28. Chairperson Ramos asks.
- a. Why not start out as senator
29. Maximilian Jarmula responds.
- a. I understand and agree.
  - b. I believe that the justice position could gain experience for future.
30. Historian Babcock is recognized.
31. Historian Babcock asks.
- a. What did the supreme court do?
32. Maximilian Jarmula responds.
- a. NIU mock trial
  - b. I made an effort to try to add to this organization as many students as possible.
33. Maximilian Jarmula steps down
34. Chairperson Jovanovich is recognized.
35. Chairperson Jovanovich states

- a. This is the first justice that has come up.
- b. He has interest and will be willing to hold onto it.
- c. We do not have the liberty to turn do not.
- d. I think it would be foolish to not appoint.

36. Historian Babcock is recognized.

37. Historian Babcock states

- a. I second Chairperson Jovanovich
- b. Last year it was function.
- c. It is vital for supreme court, especially for the election.
- d. Would having consistent members for 2-3-4 years is beneficial.
- e. This is how we get transition materials.

38. Chairperson Ramos is recognized.

39. Chairperson Ramos states

- a. I disagree but respect that they say why they want to go directly to the supreme court.

40. Senator Martin is recognized.

41. Senator Martin states.

- a. We do need more underclassmen in SGA.
- b. I liked his honesty.

42. Senator Perez-Hernandez is recognized.

43. Senator Perez-Hernandez states

- a. I found it impressive.
- b. He is very articulate.
- c. I am excited to see how that translates.

44. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.

45. Deputy Speaker Allen states

- a. Second Chairperson Jovanovich

b. Sounds like he knows what he is doing.

46. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.

47. Chairperson Rogers states

- a. Second that
- b. He appears passionate about law.
- c. Agree with Chairperson Jovanovich

48. Senator Colvin is recognized.

49. Senator Colvin states

- a. He is outspoken.
- b. Call to question.
- c. This pass.

50. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote. 3:57pm 16 yays // 1 nays // 0 abstain.

#### C. SB54028

1. Speaker Douglass calls for a motion to discuss agenda item C. A bill to allocate \$30,000 from executive funding to supplemental funding.

2. So moved.

3. Seconded.

4. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.

5. Deputy Speaker Allen introduces the bill.

- a. Treasurer Morgan wanted to move funding from executive from executive to supplemental.
- b. The executive helps student orgs more.

6. Chairperson Jovanovich is recognized.

7. Chairperson Jovanovich states

- a. In order to actually spend moneys, we should move it.
- b. It is a no brainer yes.

8. Senator Martin is recognized.

9. Senator Martin states.

- a. I have had orgs tell me that they have found it difficult to get funding.

10. Historian Babcock is recognized.

11. Historian Babcock states

- a. As someone on finance we have been able to give out money to organizations to allow them to function
- b. Huskie Motor Sports was given money that will help them for 10 years.
- c. This improves retention and success rate.
- d. This is cool. That is so sick that we can just give people money.

12. Senator Kolawole is recognized.

13. Senator Kolawole asks.

- a. Where will this money go?

14. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.

15. Deputy Speaker Allen responds.

- a. Most of the supplemental funding goes to orgs through finance.
- b. We will see money to organizations to learning experiences.
- c. Toss over to Historian Babcock.

16. Historian Babcock is recognized.

17. Historian Babcock responds.

- a. We have an excel sheet.
- b. It goes to events travel conferences there are restrictions.
- c. If you have issues, contact Treasurer Morgan or the Deputy Treasurer

18. Senator O'Brien is recognized.

19. Senator O'Brien states

- a. Its better in supplemental
- b. Call to question.
- c. This passes.

20. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote. 4:03pm 18 yays // 0 nays // 0 abstains.

21. This passes.

## **NEW BUISNESS**

### **A. SB54029**

1. Speaker Douglass calls for a motion to discuss agenda item D. A bill to update the elections policy in the Student Government Bylaws
2. So moved.
3. Seconded.
4. Speaker Douglass states
  - a. Board of Elections was looked at.
  - b. Restructure of Board of Elections this will not take effect this year will take place next year.
  - c. Chairperson and election commissioner
  - d. It was confusing, we need to make it easy.
  - e. The solution was to restructure the Board of Elections similar to finance committee.
  - f. The rest was grammatical updates.
  - g. And updating the seats
  - h. Kudos to people who actually read it.
5. Chairperson Jovanovich is recognized.
6. Chairperson Jovanovich states
  - a. Speaker Douglass knows what he is doing, and I highly recommend a yes when we do vote.
7. Historian Babcock is recognized.
8. Historian Babcock states
  - a. I wanted to add the vice president was listed a few times we do not understand why.
  - b. We are removing vice president participation.
  - c. We are removing in person polling locations.

- d. Cannot campaign in oasis space on election day.
- 9. Senator Martin is recognized.
- 10. Senator Martin asks.
  - a. How do you vote?
- 11. Speaker Douglass responds.
  - a. The QR code takes you to voting.
- 12. Senator Kolawole is recognized.
- 13. Senator Kolawole states
  - a. Just because Speaker Douglass is the longest standing member does not mean that we should not still look over the bill.
- 14. Speaker Douglass responds.
  - a. I may be longest be still need all eyes on the bill.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- 1. Historian Babcock is recognized.
- 2. Historian Babcock states
  - a. Tennessee bans on trans affronting care.
  - b. This has been shown to increase rates of depression and suicide.
- 3. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.
- 4. Chairperson Rogers states
  - a. Some of these anti-LGBTQ legislation [the microphone was cutting out, so this part was not able to be captured]
- 5. Chairperson Jovanovich is recognized.
- 6. Chairperson Jovanovich states
  - a. Republican are trying to pass bills to allow 14-year-olds to work.
  - b. In this bill they shield companies for negative results
- 7. Senator Martin is recognized.
- 8. Senator Martin states.

- a. [the microphone was cutting out, so this part was not able to be captured]
9. Historian Babcock is recognized.
10. Historian Babcock states
  - a. Mississippi is passing a bill to reconsider how districts are drawn for court borders.
  - b. This affects majority black communities.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Senator O'Brien is recognized.
2. Senator O'Brien states
  - a. CAB is having a night in event tonight from 8-10pm in the HSC.
  - b. CAB is also having a game night next Wednesday from 7-10pm in the HSC.
3. Deputy Speaker Allen is recognized.
4. Deputy Speaker Allen states
  - a. Can you send that to you Speaker Douglass?
  - b. There is still seat open on finance, and we get food so you could get food.
  - c. Service hours
5. Senator Perez-Hernandez is recognized.
6. Senator Perez-Hernandez states
  - a. March 23<sup>rd</sup>, we want to break the record for world's largest paper snowflake which we set last year.
  - b. [the microphone was cutting out, so this part was not able to be captured]
7. Senator Musgraves is recognized.
8. Senator Musgraves states
  - a. Looking forward for more diversity in senate
9. Historian Babcock is recognized.
10. Historian Babcock states

- a. They are also having an unfolding period of time March 14-15<sup>th</sup> you should participate it is really cool.
- b. I got an email from Treasurer Morgan about events we have funded.
- c. We have an anime con here in the HSC and it is free. It will be in the ballroom on April 10<sup>th</sup>; people come from all over.
- d. Huskie gaming is having a smash tournament every Thursday.
- e. Speaker Douglass has the emails if you want.

11. Chairperson Ramos is recognized.

12. Chairperson Ramos states

- a. First, I sent out a survey for PA.
- b. There is a show tonight in the Carl Sandberg auction.

13. Speaker Douglass states

- a. Engineering Exhibition March 31st 6pm-8pm there might be food in the Duke Ellington Ballroom
- b. Please send stuff to me

## **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 4:23pm.

## **CLOSING ATTENDANCE**

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

**4. Candidate Members Present:**

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY**

Clerk English on March 5th, 2023