Minutes of the

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE

OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

October 21st, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

1. This meeting was called to order by Speaker Douglass at 2:11pm in the HSC (Illinois) Sky Room.
2. **Voting Members Present:** O’Brien, Gibbons, Hensley, Colvin, Ashton, Woodward, DeMeuse, Allen, Olson, Perez-Hernandez, Kolawole, Jovanovich, Innis, Althoff, Musgraves, Myhre, Babcock, Ramos, Rosales, Rogers
3. **Voting members Absent:** English, Woodward, Myhre

**VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

1. Quorum is met.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. There are none.

**APROVAL 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.

**APROVAL 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. Historian Babcock is recognized.
6. Historian Babcock asks if the names of the organizations we will be approving are noted somewhere of Chairperson Hensley.
7. Chairperson gives immediate response that they are.
8. Speaker Douglass states that that will be added when we arrive at that agenda item.
9. Speaker Douglass requests a motion to move new business to old business.
10. So moved.
11. Seconded.
12. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.
13. There is none
14. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote.
15. Vote passes business is moved.
16. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote to approve the agenda.
17. The motion is passed, and the agenda is approved.

**SPEAKER REPORT**

1. Speaker Douglass talks about how he was speaking to President Freemen’s administrative assistant about how they and a team of 8 people went through and reviewed the hiring process by hand processing all the applications. They are working with a team to fix any of the issues with payroll.
2. Speaker Douglass has a reminder that we will be doing our costume contest next week and that culture is not a costume.
3. He continues to state that the CDC is recommending that people receive a covid booster, a flu shot, and that the monkey pox clinic went well and will resume on a later date.
4. Following he states that the
5. Speaker Douglass then outlines a basketball event that is occurring in the week and recommends that SGA people come because it is being funded by SGA.
6. Lastly, he states that Sladjana Grbic is the person filling in for Meg and they will be introducing themselves immediately following the speakers report.

**SPECIAL REPORT**

1. Sladjana Grbic is recognized to speak.
2. Sladjana Grbic talks about their excitement to be at NIU and recognition about how eventful it has been. They open their office door to all members of the SGA for questions and commitments in planning events around campus. Lastly, they state they are excited to form community and spirit.
3. Speaker Douglass opens the floor for questions.
4. There are none,
5. Speaker Javonovich rally’s Sladjana in excitement and thanks them for their work in their new position.

**OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT**

1. There are none.

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Chairperson Ashton is recognized.
2. Chairperson Ashton states her excitement for their Halloween events.
3. Speaker Douglass asks if there are any questions.
4. There are none.
5. Chairperson Javonovich is recognized.
6. Chairperson Jovanovich talks about Environmental affairs plans to pick up around the fountain.
7. Speaker Douglass asks if there are questions.
8. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse asks if he could receive an email outlining the event to be sent out to others.
9. Chairperson Jovanovich responds in the affirmative.
10. Chairperson Rogers is recognized.
11. Chairperson Rogers talks about DEI’s queer outreach projects and work to connect to black students.
12. Speaker Douglass asks if there are any questions.
13. Speaker Douglass states that the current director for the center for black studies is stepping down and to contact him for more info.
14. Chairperson Hensley is recognized.
15. Chairperson Hensley talks about what Organizations Oversight has been up to specifically that they approved one org with a fix to their constitution.
16. Speaker Douglass requests questions.
17. There are none.
18. Chairperson Ramos is recognized.
19. Chairperson Ramos talks about Public Affairs preparations for the upcoming elections and their interest in tabling.
20. Speaker Douglass requests questions.
21. There are none.

**EXECUTIVE REPORT**

1. There is none.

**CABINET REPORT**

1. There is none.

**OLD BUISNESS**

1. Speaker Douglass requests a motion to hear SB54018: A bill to grant official recognition to student organizations.
2. So Moved
3. Seconded
4. Chairperson Hensley is recognized.
5. Chairperson Hensley makes a motion to add “student academy of audiology” into the language of the bill.
6. Seconded.
7. The motion passes.
8. Chairperson Hensley then describes that the group has a good constitution and fulfills all the requirements of an org as well as having their vice president attend the OO meeting.
9. Speaker Douglass asks if there are questions.
10. Historian Babcock is recognized.
11. Historian Babcock asks if they were good for communication or had any issues.
12. Chairperson Hensley Responds that they were good at communicating.
13. Speaker Douglass asks if anyone would like to see their constitution
14. Historian Babcock is recognized.
15. Historian Babcock responds that they would like to see their constitution
16. Speaker Douglass asks if there are any further questions.
17. While Speaker Douglass is trying to pull up the constitution Senator Jovanovich is recognized and states that he doesn’t want to see the constitution and points to Senator Kolawole.
18. Senator Kolawole is then recognized.
19. Senator Kolawole calls to question.
20. So moved
21. Seconded
22. Speaker Douglass moves for an immediate vote.
23. The vote passes the organization is legitimized.
24. Speaker Douglass asks for a motion to hear SB54019: A bill to amend the Bylaws to implement a procedure for when a Senator switches their major
25. So moved
26. Seconded
27. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse is recognized.
28. DS DeMeuse is recognized to explain the bill
29. DS DeMeuse states that this just entails that when senators switch their majors, they are then given an available seat or a seat is created for them in the at large position.
30. DS DeMeuse makes a motion to change the language in the bill to a lot five business days for the senator to inform the legislative body of the change and they must provide a letter from their new academic college.
31. So moved
32. Seconded
33. Senator Kolawole is recognized
34. Senator Kolawole asks why five days.
35. DS DeMeuse is recognized
36. DS DeMeuse states that it is a weeks’ worth of days.
37. Senator Kolawole is recognized
38. Senator Kolawole asks if that’s enough.
39. DS DeMeuse responds that it should be enough and gives a sense of urgency.
40. Clerk Allen is recognized on behalf of Senator English
41. Clerk Allen adds that senator English’s statements align with this motion.
42. Vote passes motion carries.
43. Historian Babcock is recognized
44. Historian Babcock states that they believe the underserved student constituency should be ahead of the at large seat in the language.
45. DS DeMeuse is recognized
46. DS DeMeuse makes a motion to change the order of the but then rescinds that motion only to reinstate the motion.
47. Speaker Douglass reads out the language changes on DS DeMeuse’ behalf.
48. So moved
49. Seconded
50. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.
51. Senator Rosales is recognized
52. Senator Rosales makes a statement that he will not make a motion though he does worry that the senate loses members without the addition of this bill.
53. Speaker Douglass responds that in the past members have left the senate.
54. DS DeMeuse is recognized
55. DS DeMeuse states that he could not find a loophole that would cause this to inflate the senate.
56. Clerk Allen is recognized to speak on behalf of Senator English.
57. Clerk Allen states on behalf of Senator English that if two people switch their majors on the senate to the opposite senators major then would they just be put into that seat?
58. DS DeMeuse makes a sound in the affirmative.
59. Historian Babcock is recognized
60. Historian Babcock also states that if later this were to occur then would the at-large seat be dissolved in favor of putting the senator into their new constituency?
61. DS DeMeuse is recognized
62. DS DeMeuse makes a motion to add that into the wording of the bill.
63. Speaker Douglass reads out the wording change he made on behalf of DS DeMeuse. “If the final step in this procedure the temporary at large seat would be dissolved, and they would swap to that seat”
64. So moved
65. Seconded
66. DS DeMeuse is recognized
67. DS DeMeuse says that “the senate be decreased by one person” should be added to amend that language.
68. Historian Babcock is recognized
69. Historian Babcock requests that the language be added asap as a friendly amendment.
70. DS DeMeuse accepts the friendly amendment.
71. Speaker Douglas reads it out again with the amendments.
72. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any more discussion or debate
73. There is none
74. Speaker Douglass moves to a vote to pass bill.
75. The vote passes the bill is ratified.

**NEW BUISNESS**

1. There is none

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. Senator Peres-Hernandez is recognized
2. Senator Perez-Hernandez states that the school of art and design has recently had some security issues and people’s projects were destroyed and there has been a movement to add card swipes to get into the building.
3. DS DeMeuse is recognized.
4. DS DeMeuse states that the fact that all three elevators are not working highlights accessibility issues on campus.
5. Historian Babcock is recognized.
6. Historian Babcock states that they also saw those issues if there was a medical issue and anyone with an issue would be stuck in their hotel room.
7. They add that the 12 of November at noon will be when SGA decorates the Ellwood house.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Clerk Allen is recognized
2. Clerk Allen states the Mental Health coalition will be having a monitored study event on the 25th that will be happening in the Heritage room in the HSC and there will be prizes.
3. Senator Perez-Hernandez
4. Senator Perez-Hernandez says that tomorrow will be an eventful day with TUGS and the Fargo Halloween party tomorrow at the Fargo venue. The art students are displaying their art, show up and have fun.
5. Speaker Douglass announces huskie madness that will be free to NIU student s that there will be performances by a bunch of people he is ill be an even for basketball fun
6. Senator O’Brien is recognized.
7. Senator O’Brien responds that this event uses SGA funding that President Majeed set it up.

**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 adjourn at 2:54pm.

**CLOSING ATTENDANCE**

1. **Voting Members Present:** O’Brien, Gibbons, Hensley, Colvin, Ashton, Woodward, DeMeuse, Allen, Olson, Perez-Hernandez, Kolawole, Jovanovich, Innis, Althoff, Musgraves, Myhre, Babcock, Ramos, Rosales, Rogers
2. **Voting Members Absent:**English, Woodward, Myhre
3. **Candidate Members Present:** N/A

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY**

Clerk Allen on October 24, 2022