

Minutes of the
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

January, 27, 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. **Voting Members Present:** O'Brien, Gibbons, English, Colvin, Ashton, Woodward,
Allen, Olson, Perez-Hernandez, Kolawole, Martin, Althoff, Musgraves, Corpuz,
Babcock, Ramos, Rosales
3. **Voting members Absent:** Hensley, Hernandez, Jovanovich, Rogers

VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

1. Quorum is met.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. There is 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 move agenda item A from new business to old business.
7. So moved.
8. Seconded.
9. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.
10. Speaker Douglass asked to add Treasurer Morgan's executive report to the agenda.
11. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote.
12. Vote passes business is moved.
13. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote to approve the agenda.
14. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote.
15. The motion is passed, and the minutes are approved.

SPEAKER REPORT

1. Speaker Douglass states
 - a. I have been planning a conference trip for SGA leadership to the ASA conference.
 - b. This is a collection of student governments across the nation.

c. February 10th is conference date which conflict with meeting so the senate meeting will be cancelled on February 10th.

d. Chairpeople make sure members are going to meetings.

SPECIAL REPORT

1. There are none.

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT

A. Historian's Report

1. Historian Babcock is recognized is recognized.

2. Historian Babcock states

a. Assisted with planning for conference.

b. Missed Courtney Gallaher.

c. EA event is April 21st

d. I did get gist of meeting form Courtney Gallagher as she sent me an email.

COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Chairperson of Campus Life and Greek Affairs' report

1. Chairperson of Campus Life and Greek Affairs Ashton is recognized.

2. Chairperson Ashton states

a. Making plans

b. Trying to make FSL values which is good since additional money.

c. Still need to figure out dates.

B. Chairperson of Environmental Affairs' report

1. Vice-Chairperson of Environmental Affairs Allen is recognized.

2. Clerk Allen states

- a. There was an issue with teams but moving forward with EA events.
- b. Do not have any meeting schedules due to technical difficulties.
- c. Still plans to work with Courtney Gallaher

C. Chairperson of Public Affairs' report

- 1. Chairperson of Public Affairs Ramos is recognized.
- 2. Chairperson Ramos states
 - a. Working on DEI
 - b. Flyer to reflect the election.
- 3. Senator Martin is Recognized.
- 4. Senator Martin asks.
 - a. The recording could not pick up the sound at this time

D. Chairperson of Board of Elections' report

- 1. Chairperson of Board of Elections Olson is recognized.
- 2. Chairperson Olson states
 - a. Meeting time is set for Saturday 1/28/2023 at 10am

EXECUTIVE REPORT

A. Treasurer's report

- 1. Treasurer Morgan is recognized.
- 2. Treasurer Morgan states
 - a. Looked over expenses during break mostly supplemental.
 - b. In total spent about \$30K

- c. Broke down funding asked and awarded.
 - d. Will email senate the funding spreadsheet.
 - e. Still have a lot of funds to go through especially if we want to get it again the semester.
 - f. Chairperson Ashton was good at email responses.
 - g. Please send Treasurer Morgan ideas of how to spend money since if we don't spend money, we don't get money next year
- 3. Historian Babcock is Recognized
- 4. Historian Babcock asks.
 - a. The recording could not pick up the sound at this time
- 5. Treasurer Morgan is Recognized
- 6. Treasurer Morgan responded.
 - a. Of course, so actually you could e-mail or just submit an expenditure request.
 - b. I can also help with that if you reach out to me
- 7. Senator Martin is Recognized.
- 8. Senator Martin asks
 - a. I want to know what the different colors mean [on your excel sheet]
- 9. Treasurer Morgan is Recognized.
- 10. Treasurer Morgan responded.
 - a. So green meant that they were funded fully their whole request was funded.
 - b. Yellow means they were partially funded. This could be for a couple of reasons
 - c. The red is anything that's denied

11. Treasurer Morgan states that
 - a. \$12,000 has already been approved.
 - b. Have had \$70,000 requested
 - c. Sports clubs should be getting more money from athletics.
12. Speaker Douglas asks for more questions.
13. There are none.

OLD BUISNESS

A. SR54023

1. Speaker Douglass calls for a motion to discuss agenda item A, A resolution to confirm the Election Commissioner
2. So moved.
3. Seconded.
4. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse is recognized.
5. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse states
 - a. This position is not as much work as Deputy speaker.
 - b. Wants to fix bylaws to be updated.
 - c. Wants election commissioner to not have random final says.
 - d. Looking forward to working with Commission
6. Historian Babcock is Recognized
7. Historian Babcock asks.
 - a. Previous year Deputy Speaker Burg binder had a binder.
8. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse is Recognized
9. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse responds.

- a. Yes, wants to make binder.
- b. Want to make election reach more students.

10. Senator Martin is Recognized

11. Senator Martin asks.

- a. How are we making that binder?

12. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse is Recognized

13. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse responds.

- a. Up to senators// questions poised to candidates for them to put into the binder.
- b. Will send out question to prospective senators.
- c. then publish it.

14. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse, Steps down

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

16. There is none.

17. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote. 12//0//0

B. SR54024

- 1. Speaker Douglass calls for a motion to discuss agenda item B, A resolution to confirm the Deputy Speaker of the Senate
- 2. So moved.
- 3. Seconded.
- 4. Speaker Douglass asks clerk Allen to the stand.
- 5. Clerk Allen states
 - a. You all know me for my position as clerk
 - b. Wants to get us all to get to know each other better.

c. Proof of events

6. Speaker Douglass asks if there are any questions.
7. There are none.
8. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.
9. Historian Babcock states

a. They have confidence in clerk Allen.

10. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote. 13//2//1

C. SR54025

1. Speaker Douglass calls for a motion to discuss agenda item C, A resolution to confirm the Clerk of the Senate.
2. So moved.
3. Seconded.
4. Speaker Douglass asks Senator English to the stand.
5. Senator English states
 - a. Hello, I know last semester I wasn't here a lot due to class that has been resolved so I will be here for all but one Senate meeting. I'll be able to actually fulfill my duty. I've worked with previous clerk Allen now that the in regard to submitting reports for missing meetings
 - b. I have discussed with deputy speaker Allen what goes on behind the scenes so that I can be prepared to take over.
 - c. This meeting I have done a practice of the minutes for this meeting.
 - d. I have talked with Speaker Douglass, historian Babcock, and Deputy Speaker Allen, and they have confidence in my abilities and so do I

- e. I think I would make a good choice for clerk of the senate.
- 6. Speaker Douglass asks if there are any questions.
- 7. Senator Martin is Recognized
- 8. Senator Martin asks.
 - a. What was your position before
- 9. Senator English is Recognized
- 10. Senator English Responds.
 - a. My position before this was just Senator, specifically for the College of
Engineering and Engineering Technologies
- 11. Senator Martin is Recognized
- 12. Senator Martin asks.
 - a. OK, So what made you want to go from going from senator to clerk?
- 13. Senator English is Recognized
- 14. Senator English Responds.
 - a. This semester I'm actually able to do more in the Senate. So that's made me
want to make up for that especially since last semester I was not able to do as
much.
 - b. And I knew clerk was opening up so I reached out to them and asked if they
thought I would be a good fit for this and they said yes
- 15. Senator Kolawole is Recognized
- 16. Senator Kolawole asks.
 - a. Besides your interest in clerk what writing abilities do you have that would
make you a good fit for clerk?

17. Senator English is Recognized

18. Senator English Responds.

- a. I am involved in many different clubs to do that I need to be organized to do that and to make sure what was said was followed through.
- b. This make me gain an understanding of how to listen for what's being said and then being able to quickly and accurately write that down.
- c. I've also had practice with some of these past meetings going through those transcripts, going through the meetings, making sure they are what I remember them to be and making suggestions to clerk Allen.

19. Senator Kolawole is Recognized

20. Senator Kolawole asks.

- a. In this position what do you think you could improve?

21. Senator English is Recognized

22. Senator English Responds.

- a. One of the things I will try to do better is the timeliness of the minutes, due to a variety of reasons they were sometimes not published super consistently.
- b. My goal will be to have the minute out to the senate the Friday after the meeting.

23. Speaker Douglass asks

- a. How familiar would you say you are with the bylaws?

24. Senator English is Recognized

25. Senator English Responds.

- a. this winter break, I spent a lot of time going over it. In doing so I came across a bunch of small changes that I would like to make including the bill late today.

26. Senator Kolawole is Recognized

27. Senator Kolawole asks.

- a. You keep on saying something you could have done more. Why didn't you do more?

28. Senator English is Recognized

29. Senator English Responds.

- a. Last semester I was in the senior design class which was 1-4pm which meant I was not able to make most meetings
- b. I applied to be a senator under the assumption that the meetings would be on Sunday which I would have been able to make.
- c. This semester that is not the case

30. Senator Kolawole is Recognized

31. Senator Kolawole asks.

- a. You keep on saying something you could have done more. Why didn't you do more?

32. Senator English is Recognized

33. Senator English Responds.

- a. The reason I'm saying I could do more for SGA is because I already did a bunch for my constituents from forming a committee to help deal with CEET student complaints.

- b. I have also worked with individuals to point them to the resources they need.
- c. That is why I am saying I can do more for senate because I already do a lot for
CEET

34. Senator O'Brien is Recognized

35. Senator O'Brien asks.

- a. what is your like typing ability? do you know your words per minute?

36. Senator English is Recognized

37. Senator English Responds.

- a. I do not but technology would help
- b. I have been able to keep up with this meeting so far.
- c. I don't know my words per minute maybe 150-200 if that's crazy high then
probably only 100

38. Senator Musgraves is Recognized

39. Senator Musgraves asks.

- a. How organized would you say you are as far as academic and outside of
school

40. Senator English is Recognized

41. Senator English Responds.

- a. I have a master calendar that I put all of my stuff on so I know exactly when
the class times are so that I know when I am available and so on.

42. Senator Martin is Recognized

43. Senator Martin asks.

- a. What makes you think that you will have more time to do more?

44. Senator English is Recognized

45. Senator English Responds.

- a. This semester I am taking the lowest amount of credit hours I have ever taken which frees up a lot of time to do more such as senate.

46. Senator Kolawole is Recognized

47. Senator Kolawole asks.

- a. Based on your lack of presence last semester how confident can we be on your presence this semester?

48. Senator English is Recognized

49. Senator English Responds.

- a. I will be here for every meeting barring one
- b. And I can tell you right now that that one meeting will be ne of the first meetings in April

50. Senator Kolawole is Recognized

51. Senator Kolawole asks.

- a. We know that you are in a bunch of clubs what if one requires your presence?

52. Senator English is Recognized

53. Senator English Responds.

- a. This is my third highest commitment after school which is fixed and work which is flexible meaning that nothing can conflict with this

54. Historian Babcock is Recognized

55. Historian Babcock asks.

- a. So if you get this position what do you think your office hours will be?

56. Senator English is Recognized

57. Senator English Responds.

- a. Great question, they won't be one ten hour block they will instead be three separate chunks on Monday, Wednesday and, Friday

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

59. Historian Babcock is Recognized

60. Historian Babcock states

- a. Talked with him he worked over break

61. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote. 11//0//1

D. SR54026

1. Speaker Douglass calls for a motion to discuss agenda item D, A resolution to confirm the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate

2. So moved.

3. Seconded.

4. Speaker Douglass asks Historian Babcock to the stand

5. Historian Babcock states

- a. Needs to be filled.
- b. Five nonwater beverages
- c. Elections is needed.

6. Speaker Douglass asks if there are any questions.

7. Senator Martin is Recognized

8. Senator Martin asks.

- a. What does position entail?

9. Historian Babcock is Recognized

10. Historian Babcock responds.

- a. Preserves order.
- b. Knows Roberts Rules of orders has 1.5 years of experience with will also borrow books

11. Senator O'Brien is Recognized

12. Senator O'Brien

- a. Why good time to vacate historian position

13. Historian Babcock is Recognized

14. Historian Babcock responds.

- a. Not leaving just doing both

15. Senator Martin is Recognized

16. Senator Martin asks.

- a. Only our meetings still senator and historian

17. Historian Babcock is Recognized

18. Historian Babcock responds.

- a. Only focus on meetings not additional reports

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

20. Deputy Speaker Allen is Recognized

21. Deputy Speaker Allen states

- a. No one else wants it we should fill this position.

22. Senator O'Brien is Recognized

23. Senator O'Brien

- a. Very qualified and no one else stepped up.
- b. But no double hats

24. Historian Babcock is Recognized

25. Historian Babcock

- a. Spoke with Perez-Hernandez to take the position.
- b. Any wants it can take it.

26. Senator Musgraves is Recognized

27. Senator Musgraves

- a. Its open and its changed but thinks Babcock will be perfect.

28. Speaker Douglass states

- a. They agree.

29. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote. 10//0//2

E. SB54026

1. Speaker Douglass calls for a motion to discuss agenda item E, A bill to close a loophole and clarify the Senate attendance policy
2. So moved.
3. Seconded.
4. Clerk English is recognized.
5. Clerk English Introduces the bill
 - a. in the attendance policy there was wording that was not consistent
 - b. and in the case of quorum not being met Every senator who, whether they were here or not, would get an absence mark towards them, which is not fair

to those who were showing up, even if there wasn't quorum because they were here.

- c. So this is fixing that, and it's also making the rest of the attendance stuff consistent with each other.

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

7. Senator Martin is Recognized

8. Senator Martin asks.

- a. Is the policy currently in existence?

9. Speaker Douglass responds.

- a. It always has.

10. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote. 10//0//0

NEW BUISNESS

- 1. There is none.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- 1. There is none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Historian Babcock is recognized.

2. Historian Babcock states

- a. Please only have water.

- b. Involvement fair went well thanks in part due to Treasurer Morgan, Vice president Lee, Deputy Speaker Allen, and Senator Martin as well as others

3. Senator Rosales is recognized.

4. Senator Rosales states

- a. We now have a Mission III

ADJOURNMENT

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

CLOSING ATTENDANCE

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

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY

Clerk English on February 10, 2023