

Student Government Association Senate

Northern Illinois University

2:00 p.m. – Friday, 5 May 2023

Holmes Student Center Sky Room

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Members of the public wishing to give public comment, please submit an [Intent to Speak form](#) no later than 11:59 pm, April 27th, 2023.

I. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement, and Roll Call

Voting Members Present: O'Brien, Gibbons, Hensley, English, Colvin, Ashton, Woodward, Allen, Olson,

Perez-Hernandez, Kolawole, Jovanovich, Althoff, Musgraves, Martin, Corpuz, Babcock, Rogers

Voting members Absent: Douglass, Ramos

Voting members Excused:

II. Verification of Quorum

Quorum was met.

III. Public Comments

There are none.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Minutes are approved.

V. Approval of Agenda

A motion is made to add SB54043 to old business, it passes, and legislation is added.

A motion is made to add SB54040 to new business, it passes, and legislation is added.

A motion is made to move new business to old business, it passes, and business is moved.

A motion is made to change the date to the correct date, it passes, and the date is changed.

A motion is made to add **Clerk English's** legislation, it fails to pass.

Agenda is approved.

VI. Speaker's Report

Acting speaker Allen reflects on their time as speaker and plans for next year.

VII. Special Report

There is none.

VIII. Office of the Speaker Report(s)

Historian Babcock reflects on issue of SGA and its age before wishing all of senate good luck.

IX. Committee Report(s)

There are none.

X. Executive Branch Report(s)

There are none.

XI. Cabinet Report(s)

There are none.

XII. Old Business

- a. SB54043: A bill to fix corrective action policy to make it clearer what a senator should do if they notice corrective action needs to be taken.*

The bill passes with 14 votes for 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

- b. SR54059: A resolution to confirm members of the 55th Session Cabinet*

The resolution passes and Director of Academic Affairs Smith is appointed as Chief of Staff by a vote count of 11 for 2 opposed 1 abstention.

- c. SR54060: Approval of 55th Senate Budget allocations.*

A motion is made to hear **Treasurer Morgan** talk on the budget, this passes, and Roberts rules are suspended to allow **Treasurer Morgan** to talk on the proposed budget.

The resolution is passed, and the budget is approved by a vote count of 13 for 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

d. SB54040: A bill to update the finance committee's policy for financing student organization to better serve the student body. (REVOTE)

A motion is made to hear President Majeed talk on the item veto, this passes, and Roberts rules are suspended to allow President Majeed to talk on the item veto.

A motion is made to remove rule thirteen, this passes and rule thirteen is removed.

This vote on overriding the item veto passes and the veto is overridden by a vote count of 13 for 0 opposed 2 abstentions.

e. SR54061: A Resolution to grant official recognition to student organizations.

This resolution passes and both organizations are granted Official recognition by a vote count of 14 for 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

XIII. New Business

There are none.

XIV. Good of the Order

There are none.

XV. Announcements

Acting Speaker Allen points out red dress day a day in remembrance of stolen sisters, indigenous people specifically indigenous women and children and two sisters' people who go missing every year.

Senator Douglas reminds the Senate about the inauguration for SGA happening on Thursday May 11th beginning at 4:00 PM.

Historian Babcock reminds the Senate about lab graduation which is next week sometime either in the GSRC or the alumni center.

Acting Speaker Allen informs the Senate that they are interning for edible campus and if other people are interested to reach out to **Acting Speaker Allen's** e-mail.

Senator Kolawole informs the Senate that they are appreciative of the efforts made by the Senate to include more graduate students and that the Senate as a whole should feel proud on that subject specifically **Senator Douglas** and **Historian Babcock** as they have been massively helpful in connecting with graduate students on campus.

Senator O'Brien reminds the Senate about the CAB carnival which is going on currently in the field next to the rec center from 3:00 to 7:00 PM

XVI. **Adjournment at 2:57pm**

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Voting Members Absent: Jovanovich, Ramos, Rogers

Voting members Excused: English

Candidate Members Present:

Please be advised that public comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per person, and that any one topic may not be discussed for more than 15 minutes.

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.