Minutes of the

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE

OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

October 14, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

1. This meeting was called to order by Speaker Douglass at 2:05 in the HSC (Holmes Student Center) Heritage Room.
2. **Voting Members Present:** O’Brien, Gibbons, Hensley, Colvin, Ashton, DeMeuse, Allen, Olson, Perez-Hernandez, Kolawole, Innis, Althoff, Musgraves, Babcock, Ramos, Rogers, Rosales
3. **Voting members Absent:** English, Woodward, Javonovich, Myhre

**VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

1. Quorum is met.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Speaker Douglass states that Treasurer Morgan will be speaking in the public comments as they have the LSAT to take during the time allotted for Executive reports.
2. Treasurer Morgan is recognized and talks about their duties as treasurer and speaks about the limitations of the budgets as student orgs have a max limit of $1000 due to the huge upswing of organizations applying for funding and that a decrease in enrollment has limited the budget.

**APROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. This is being delayed.

**APROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Speaker Douglass moves to 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 calls for a vote.
7. The motion is passed, and the minutes are approved.

**SPEAKER REPORT**

1. Speaker Douglass asks people to complete their OHMA Training, attend their required two committees’ meetings, and a quick how to on filling out absence request forms when Senators have missed SGA and committee meetings.
2. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse has a point of information that it is two business days post the missed meeting when one must fill out the form, so weekends don’t cunt.
3. Speaker Douglass makes a point of order that there will be no other drinks then water and no food.
4. Speaker Douglass finishes that at the 28th meeting there will be a costume contest with prize included.
5. Speaker Douglass asks if there are any questions.
6. There are none.

**SPECIAL REPORT**

1. There is none.

**OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT**

1. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse states there is a senate leadership Quiz for all the chairs it’s like Maximum 45 minutes and asks them all to check their email and schedule that.
2. Peaker Douglass opens the floor for questions. There are none.
3. Historian Babcock is recognized and talks about their meeting with the NIU Foundation CEO Catherine shares and details the information they received.
4. Speaker Douglass has a follow up question to associate tis with what they just heard from Treasurer Morgan and is curious if they could share budget with student orgs.
5. Speaker Douglass opens the floor for questions.
6. Speaker Douglass asks if Historian Babcock would like to organize the digital files of the Senate.
7. Historian Babcock responds with a tentative yes.
8. Clerk Allen reports that they attended that meeting with the NIU Foundation as a Clerk and if anyone has any important meeting, they need notes taken for they could attend those meeting to fill that role so Senators can focus on asking the important questions.

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Chairperson Ashton is recognized to speak and the CLGA Committee is making plans for Halloween.
2. Chairperson Hensley is recognized and states that OO Committee is putting forward 4 clubs today and 1 in the future.
3. Chairperson Ramos states that the PA Committee is looking to do some tabling,
4. Clerk Allen is recognized to speak on DEI Committee and that the first meeting will be occurring soon on Monday from 2:15pm to 3:15pm and with any questions people should asks Historian Babcock or Senator Rogers.
5. Clerk/Vice Chair Allen is recognized to speak on Environmental Affairs that they have a lot of cans from the tailgate and have not yet brought the cans to the recycling plant. Also, EA will be meeting at the next tailgate on Nov. 2nd at 5 pm. Anyone interested should contact members of EA.

**EXECUTIVE REPORT**

1. Student Trustee Moore is not in attendance.
2. Vice President Kaitlin is reporting an increase of 10 organizations to huskie hub that were put towards Organization Oversight, and they are waiting on 9 to update their constitution and they have attended a bunch of meetings on their orgs and are also working on differentiating Director Blalock on their position to give them the ability to grant temporary recognition then to give it over to Chairperson Hensley getting them into huskie hub to give them the space and time to do more. They have some resolution updates they are introducing to the group.
3. Speaker Douglass asks if there are any questions.
4. There are none.
5. Chief of Staff(CoS) Corey Batz is recognized to talk about their position they are still working on payroll and asks for any adjustments that employed members of SGA have they are also helping to interview members for the position of the directors and helping directors create concrete goals and helping them to introduce themselves to the next CoS that will come in, in December. They are also creating a word document to help someone enter the position following them. They have also met with Deputy Speaker Ethan DeMeuse, and they need to get more directors to complete the quiz.
6. Speaker Douglass asks if there are any questions.
7. DS DeMeuse is recognized and asks if CoS Batz has any idea for who would be their replacement.
8. CoS Batz answers that they are planning to select that individual closer to the day they will be leaving.
9. Historian Babcock is recognized and states that they are impressed that CoS Batz is preparing ahead of time for that individual by preparing those transition materials.
10. President Raiff Majeed is recognized and states that there have been a few updates and that they are trying to fill in the positions and that they need more people for that position and are waiting to see how that goes. As far as funding goes, they state that they have seen that as a problem and had conversations with Leaderships and that they have put on a 3-year committee to advise the presidents and that they and treasurer Morgan and speaker Douglass will be serving on the fee financing group. That this is a slow process is something they must recognize and that they will keep working. They went to a BSU town hall that took place that was about 2 hours long that they heard a wide range of issues that need to be fixed and fixed soon and that they learned a lot from it that they are developing a list of all issues that are being faced by student issues right now. That those will be specific to student government.
11. Historian Babcock asks for some of the issues that they had reported.
12. President Raiff Majeed responds in a dedicated list of 4 issues they heard.
13. Historian Babcock asks for the list from the BSU for DEI committee once it has been completed.
14. President Majeed state that they will first request if that would be appropriate.

**CABINET REPORT**

1. Speaker Douglass reads out this report for Director Blalock “For my position, Organizational Development, I have been working very diligently & in detailed coordination with Vice President Lee to make leaps of progress towards helping students launch their organizations. We have very quick turnaround response rates when it comes to viewing an upcoming organization, and then getting them into the hands of the committee that oversees the process of fully approving these organizations. To date, me and Vice President Lee have gone ahead and pushed 11+ organizations up to the committee. Personally, I have done the work to get roughly 30% of those organizations up to the committee without the help of Kaylin. We continually have more and more organizations popping up in our emails & on the workflow through Huskie Hub each day. FUTURE ENDEVOURS- When standing in front of the senate I set myself goals to achieve throughout my term. These goals are something that I am working on in my own down time, and it is taking work. I want to provide a learning experience and information towards all organizations that they haven’t already heard before. The things that I have been really diving into are the following Improved ability and knowledge when it comes to raising money for organizations Learning how to fully identify key members of every organization and helping them get into positions that will not only help them excel, but also help excel the organization. When I have fully developed helpful information in each of these categories, I plan to take this information to the faces of every organization’s leadership. Whether that be through a live presentation, or an emailed presentation for them to continually utilize the information.”
2. Speaker Douglass calls for a motion to hear two director reports.
3. So moved
4. Seconded
5. Director of DEI Olivia Newman speaks about their meetings with people to do introductions including Sandy Lopez to get the Treasurer to speak on how LRC orgs can get funding. As well they met with Sara Gardner of Title IX staff to inform more people about how they can get in touch with her. DoDEI Newman plans on working through those issues with their committee. They also sat in on the BSU meeting and asked to sit in on the meeting to get those responses. As well they had their one on one with CoS Batz.
6. There are no questions.
7. Director of PR Anthony Jones is recognized and states that he has been working on the Instagram for student involvment. They are up 15 followers, and his goal is to double the engagement by posting more to the story on Instagram.
8. There are no questions.

**OLD BUISNESS**

1. Speaker Douglass requests a motion to hear SR54019: A resolution to grant official recognition to student organizations.
2. So moved
3. Seconded
4. Chairperson Hensley is recognized to give a summary
5. Chairperson Hensley makes a motion to change the name of the organization to Embrace Modeling Organizations on the document as that was an error.
6. So Moved
7. Seconded
8. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote.
9. Vote passes the changes are made.
10. DS DeMeuse calls to question.
11. So moved
12. Seconded
13. Speaker Douglass calls to an immediate vote.
14. Speaker Douglass reports that there are technical difficulties
15. Vote passes the organizations are approved.
16. Speaker Douglass calls for a motion to hear SB54012: A bill to change the bylaws to limit the number of times a candidate can apply to Senate outside of the annual election.
17. So moved
18. Seconded
19. Historian Babcock is recognized and explains that this would not limit people from running again but just limit the amount of times within a semester they can stand before the senate given that they will hear why they are not elected during deliberations and may change or repair those reasons.
20. Clerk Allen is recognized and makes these statements on behalf of Senator English -
21. “Senator English wishes to state that they believe that this bill prohibiting someone who has already been denied acceptance into the senate during one session after voting is a good idea as this will prevent that individual from maliciously continuing to apply until the senate relents and elects them.”
22. “Senator English would like to bring up the idea of making a motion to modify the wording to explicitly state that this pertains to the current session the applicant applies to, for example changing the wording to, “The applicant has already been denied by the Senate twice during the current session of the senate” or something along those lines. This will prevent a semi-permanent ban from being created.”
23. “Senator English would also like to add wording similar to that stated above if and only if the above proposed was accepted and approved in some fashion but for Section 5 A 4.” (Statement emailed to Clerk Allen by Senator English)
24. Historian Babcock makes a motion for Senator English’ point to make that motion.
25. So Moved
26. Seconded
27. DS DeMeuse is recognized and makes a point of information about the wording within the statement 23 in separate amendments.
28. Speaker Douglass clarifies this further.
29. DS DeMeuse is recognized and asks if people would prefer not to give them the second chance.
30. Senator Innis states that twice is good as people can make improvements to their qualifications and makes a point of information that within the next year to let them try again.
31. Historian Babcock is recognized and states that in the shoes of someone who is applying that waiting till the next semester would give people the opportunity to improve.
32. With that discussion and debate has ended.
33. Speaker Douglass calls to a vote
34. The Vote passes the bill is ratified.
35. Speaker Douglass asks for a motion to hear SB54001 which was not on the previous Agenda.
36. Speaker Douglass explains that this is to add the supreme court code of procedure to appendix b in the glossary
37. Historian Babcock is recognized and states their interest in making this more accessible to Students,
38. Senator English recognized and asked to see the entire bill on the main screen.
39. Senator Innis is recognized and calls to question.
40. So moved
41. Seconded
42. They Ayes have its Speaker Douglass moves to an immediate vote.
43. The vote passes the language is added to the bylaw’s appendix.

**NEW BUISNESS**

* 1. There is none

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. Historian Babcock is recognized and mentions the Ellwood house Christmas decoration again and seeks to include members of the executive branch of the senate.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Senator English announces stem fest is on Saturday and asks all those who attend to check out the Rovers space where Senator English will be.

**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 at 3:04pm.

**CLOSING ATTENDANCE**

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

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY**

Clerk Allen on October 21, 2022