Minutes of the

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE

OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

September 23, 2022

**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, Hensley, Kolawole, Colvin, DeMeuse, Olson, Javonovich, Innis, Althoff, Musgraves, Rogers, Ramos.
3. **Voting members Absent:**  English, Woodward, Ashton, Myrhe, Babcock, Rosales

**VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

1. Quorum is met.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Speaker Douglass recognized Past Senator and Chairperson Sadia.
2. Sadia speaks about their information based on working at the Huskie Support Center specifically in the supplementary learning as well as the writing center. They notify the Senate where each of these services is available as well as the website where this info can be found on the NIU website. They also hand out sheets with this information to be handed out by the senate to their constituency.

**APROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Speaker Douglass moves to approve April 24ths minutes.
2. So moved.
3. Seconded.
4. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.
5. Speakers Douglass recognizes Speaker Javonovich who confirms his trust of the minute’s writer.
6. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote.
7. The motion carries
8. Speaker Douglass moves to approve the September 9th minutes.
9. So moved.
10. Seconded.
11. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.
12. There is none.
13. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote.
14. The motion is passed, and the minutes are approved.

**APROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Speaker Douglass requests a motion to hear the agenda.
2. So moved.
3. Seconded.
4. Speaker Douglass makes a motion to move new business to old business.
5. So moved
6. Seconded
7. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.
8. There is none.
9. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote.
10. The motion carries.
11. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate on the passing of the Agenda.
12. There is none.
13. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote.
14. The agenda is confirmed.

**SPEAKER REPORT**

1. Speaker Douglass reports that there have still not been many assignments to university committees. This is since scheduling has been difficult. That said he asks that senators consistently look at their emails. Secondly, he brings two specific orgs to discussion. The first is the student conduct board which he explains helps people. The second committee is the Dekalb transportation committee that interacts with the city of Dekalb to change and assist in making sure the schools’ interests are represented.
2. Speaker Douglass also introduces the interest in the homecoming team. He represents the 4 options to show them by a raise of hands.
3. Senator Obrien indicates that he is interest in being involved in the Trike races.
4. Senator Rogers and Clerk Allen represent that they are interested in window decorating and trivia.
5. No one is interested in the “yell like hell” event.
6. Speaker Douglass shares that he will be moving towards getting those teams made and participating.
7. Speaker Douglass also shares that there will be a monkey pox clinic for men who are sexually active with men.
8. Speaker Douglass indicates that he will be present at faculty senate and that 4 individuals will be giving presentations on the new Student Code of conduct and Campus safety and that he will be able to ask questions on those presentations.
9. Finishing this presentation, speaker Douglass makes a point of order that people ask if they can ask two-part questions as well as speak into the mic.

**SPECIAL REPORT**

1. Speaker Douglass recognizes Brandon Lagena to present but first plays a video.
2. Brandon Lagana in the video shares that the navigate student app is now available to help with scheduling and meeting with their advisors. As well this will help students see a list of to-dos which can help with time sensitive events that students must complete as well as adding their own. Groups will now allow students to create contactable lists for study groups. There is much more but this info is all available online.
3. Brandon Lagana also explains the real uses to this app that it will limit the absolute number of emails students are receiving. It works parallel to my NIU and uses the data from my NIU to work. My NIU is more transactional whereas this gives people more cross student and faculty communications. In October it will be launching a planner to help students schedule and put courses on a Wishlist. This as well would have best fit scheduling where students can put times when they cannot go to class as they are otherwise busy that doesn’t stop people from scheduling a class but does notify them that they are busy at that time. Registration through that same schedule will be occurring in November.
4. Speaker Douglass asks if there are any questions.
5. Chairperson Javonovich is recognized for a question and states his interest in using the platform.
6. There are no further questions.
7. Speaker Douglass asks members of the Senate to open their phones and download the app and tells senators to inform their constituency and NIU friends.

**OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REPORT**

1. Deputy Speaker DeMeuse is recognized and states his thanks for people coming to their one on ones.
2. Clerk Allen is recognized and indicates that the polos people have found on in their chairs are for them and that Senators with size or fit issues please request new shirts. They also talk about their interest to get more people involved in the homecoming team

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Chairperson Hensley is recognized and states the OO has 9 student organizations coming up for recognition.
2. Senator Obrien is recognized and talks about CLGA committee stating that the meeting was cancelled.
3. Chairperson Jovanovich is recognized and indicates that there is nothing new to report.
4. Chairperson Ramos is recognized and indicates that there is nothing new to report.

**EXECUTIVE REPORT**

1. There are none

**CABINET REPORT**

1. Director Becker is recognized to speak and talks about their efforts to get food to tailgate to sober individuals so they can enter the game. This would all be about introductions if new stuff to increase attendance. Making things more fun they are as well they are adding turf to the baseball field. Meeting with orgs to get them at the games.
2. Speaker Douglass asks if there are any questions.
3. Chairperson Javonovich is recognized and asks what food they are getting for the games.
4. Director Becker answers that although they have none this is a work in progress.

**OLD BUISNESS**

1. Speaker Douglass requests a motion to hear SR54014: A resolution to confirm director appointments
2. So moved
3. Seconded
4. Candidate Anthony Jones is recognized to speak on their work in public affairs working at their parent’s graphic design shop. Working on campus in BSU and their frat as their graphic designer. Working on their understanding of social media to boost their mom’s business, and now to engage students across campus. Knowing that involvement on social media is the way to continue the works across campus.
5. DS DeMeuse is recognized and asks for the candidate’s schedule
6. Candidate Jones states that they are free afternoons.
7. DS DeMeuse asks what their favorite graphic design they have worked on is.
8. Candidate Jones states that it was a handbill and flier for an event of one of their orgs.
9. Clerk Allen asks what kind of events the candidate has participated in unrelated to their org.
10. Candidate Jones responds that on campus they went to Apollo and did all the marketing for it. They are very active across the university.
11. Chairperson Javonovich is recognized and asks what marketing for orgs entails.
12. Candidate Jones responds that they make sure things are timely, handbills are passed out, and fliers are put up. They are more interested in changing the socials to a business profile and using it for targeted marketing.
13. There are no further questions.
14. Speaker Douglass calls for a motion to enter a closed session.
15. No motion is entered.
16. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.
17. Chairperson Javonovich is recognized and states he will be voting for Candidate Jones.
18. Senator Olson Javonovich is recognized and agrees.
19. DS DeMeuse calls to question.
20. So moved.
21. Seconded
22. There is no further discussion or debate
23. The motion passes
24. Speaker Douglass calls for a vote and sets up the voting software which unfortunately delays the vote. The vote starts.
25. The vote passes and Candidate Jones is appointed to the position of Director of Public Affairs.
26. Speaker Douglass asks for a motion to hear SR54015: A resolution to confirm a Senator.
27. Candidate Edwin Perez-Hernandez is a senior with the college of visual preforming arts with an emphasis of photography and understands the rigorous academics that art students must do. They understand hard work from countless nights working on projects. They take pictures for clubs and orgs and work alongside them to make sure they are on time and of high quality. They have a busy time working and participating in their studies.
28. Speaker Douglass asks if there are any questions.
29. Chairperson Javonovich is recognized to ask multiple questions and asks,
    * 1. If the candidate is bilingual?
      2. What type of camera the candidate uses?
      3. What committees the candidate is interested in?
      4. What Job hours the candidate holds?
30. Candidate Perez-Hernandez responds in order; yes, they are bilingual, they use a high-quality camera, they already meet with the dean to assist in the assignment of grants, and they work an internship at Ellwood Manor House with set hours of 10 hours a week that they changed from Friday to Monday.
31. Senator Kolawole asks if the candidate can take pictures of the members for our page.
32. The candidate responds in the affirmative.
33. Historian Babcock asks what the candidate’s relationship is with the dean.
34. Candidate Perez-Hernandez respond that they meet regularly and are professionally close.
35. Speaker Douglass asks is there are more questions.
36. There are none.
37. Senator Kolawole calls to question.
38. So moved.
39. Seconded.
40. Speaker Douglass moves to an immediate vote. The system does not work properly and must be rebooted.
41. The vote passes and candidate Perez-Hernandez is elected to the position of Senator for Visual Arts and Performance and is sworn in.
42. Speaker Douglass calls for a motion to hear SB54008: A bill to amend the Bylaws to clarify the Director appointment timeline.
43. So moved
44. Seconded
45. Speaker Douglass explains that this bill is used to clarify the specific dates wherein a Director appointment can be confirmed as this information directly goes against another portion of the Bylaws and is similar to a bill we voted on last week.
46. Speaker Douglass asks if there is any discussion or debate.
47. Senator Kolawole is recognized and asks for further explanations.
48. Speaker Douglass explains that
49. Senator O’Brien calls to question
50. So moved
51. Seconded
52. Speaker Douglass moves to an immediate vote.
53. The vote passes and this bill passes.
54. SR54016: A resolution to amend the Constitution to expedite the process for student organizations can be confirmed.
55. Speaker Douglass explains that this would only allow for the temporary confirmation of organizations when the Senate is not in session by the president.
56. Clerk Allen is recognized to speak on behalf of Senator English and asks whether this would only apply over summer.
57. Speaker Douglass confirms that this would also applies to the six weeks in Winter as well as the summer.
58. Historian Babcock is recognized and asks what is different about this situation with or without the committee.
59. Speaker Douglass states that the president can complete this work more easily as they are not in classes and not passing legislation in the senate. This would only grant temporary recognition as well.
60. Historian Babcock follows if this would grant temporary recognition and they would still have to present in front of the OO committee and Senate during the academic schoolyear to get full recognition.
61. Speaker Douglass states that this is correct and that the difference would be in what meeting they get approved, the first or the fifth.
62. Senator Kolawole is recognized and asks if there is an issue as if the senate denies them this will cause a problem.
63. Speaker Douglass states that, that would be the same situation as currently occurs between OO and the Senate.
64. Senator O’Brien asks if there are different abilities between temporary or full recognition.
65. Speaker Douglass responds that they cannot get funding as a temporary Org.
66. Chairperson Javonovich is recognized and agrees with Speaker Douglass statement.
67. Senator Kolawole is recognized asks if they still must do the whole application.
68. Speaker Douglass says yes.
69. As there is no more discussion or debate this will be tabled to next week.

**NEW BUISNESS**

1. There is none.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. Historian Babcock is recognized and states that the situation in Iran and explains what is going on with women and primarily students being targeted for protesting a loss of their rights and experiencing imprisonment, torture, and in many cases death. It is important that we speak on this as students from home and abroad are experiencing loss and fear for their families.
2. Speaker Douglass expounds on this to say that they are also possibly going to lose internet so now more then ever its important to add visibility to this issue.
3. Chairperson Javonovich is recognized and continues that sentiment by agreeing.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Clerk Allen makes a comment on the polos.
2. Clerk Allen talks about the event this Saturday for Anime Club and funding CBS and AARC they will be showing Akira and the Girl who traveled through time staring at 5:30pm and the second film at 8pm at the Egyptian Theater.
3. Senator Musgraves informs the Senate that Aspiring Women in   
   Health is looking to fill seats on their board and information on that will be released next week.

**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 3:23pm.

**CLOSING ATTENDANCE**

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

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY**

Clerk Allen on September 30th, 2022