CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order by Speaker Domke at 6:10 PM in the Sky Room of the Holmes Student Center. Speaker Domke asks Clerk Jamal Pasha Mohammed to conduct a roll call of the Senators. All members were present except; Senator Leigh, Senator Lentz, Senator Hampton, Senator Mitchell, Senator Williams, Senator Cappi and Senator Chan.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Speaker Domke asks Senator Agro to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
a. Speaker Domke motioned to approve 02/15/15 meetings minutes. Seconded
   i. Minutes Approved

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A. Speaker Domke motioned to move items A, B, D and E from new business into old business. Seconded.
   i. Agenda approved

SPEAKER REPORT
A. Speaker Domke requests all the senators to be on time and also assures that from then on, everything in the meeting would be set up on time so that the meeting starts on time.
B. Speaker Domke notifies that this week, recruiting fliers will be printed and distributed in various buildings on campus to encourage students to join student government. All senators will be awarded senator points if they distribute fliers and encourage students to join the senate.
C. Speaker Domke informs that the student association will conduct online elections soon. Discussions are still going on and nothing to concrete on how they will be conducted.
D. Speaker Domke notifies that a free flowing discussion between the senators will be held on 02/25/2015, CLB Room No. 100 where they could give their opinions or complaints on various things going on in the SA and how they can be improved.
E. Speaker Domke informs that Senate Bowling night will be held this week on 02/23/2015 at 7pm in Huskies Den. All the senators as well as the committee members are encouraged to participate in the event.

**GUEST SPEAKER REPORT**

A. Representative from National Association of Black Journalist is recognized.

B. NABJ has been a student chapter at NIU since 2007. We are open to all the students who want to participate in live broadcast like television, podcast with radio, sport journalism and also writing.

C. We have just been funded by SA to get a camera and we got it last week. We are in the process of getting back NABJ's own student run TV show that used to be broadcasted once in channel A of NIU’s cable.

D. We want to not only include content relating to students in our department but also want to include content that would be beneficial to the community.

E. There also exist a National chapter of NABJ that consist of 4000+ media professionals and students. As a national member of NABJ, you could attend National Convention which goes on for 3 days where you will get a chance to meet professionals from different streams. At the end of this convention, you will have an internship/job fair where you could market yourself and achieve a job suitable to your career.

F. One of the main goals of NABJ this year is to get student’s opinion and inconvenience regarding on various topics ranging from late night jobs to bus routing, etc.

G. All the students who are Journalism Major, Communications major or have any sort of transferrable skills are encouraged to join NABJ.

H. Senator White: Have you ever thought of using NIU radio station?

I. No, not yet but we are thinking of making use of it in near future. I have been contact with producer of W.N.I.J. which is NIU’s radio station to find out if there are any internship opportunities from past one week. Hopefully, we are looking forward to work together with W.N.I.J.

J. Senator White: Do you have monthly or semi-monthly newsletter?

K. We have our own websites www.niu2u.org where students have the opportunity to post their blogs.

L. Senator Grace: You could interact with past members who have graduated from NIU to get more knowledge on the experiences they had and that could surely help the present students.

M. Yes, I have already discussed with lots of students who have graduated from NIU and are working in good positions around the world which has helped me in advising the current members of N.A.B.J. to obtain successful future.
EXECUTIVE REPORTS

A. Husam Salem- Treasurer of SA is recognized.
B. I have been working with the finance committee looking at all the budget presentations and making sure that all the student organizations have showed up and they are getting everything they need to organize their events.
C. Senator Coronado: How often does Finance committee meet?
D. Each sub-committee meets once a week.
E. Paul Julion- Student Trustee is recognized.
F. I have committee meeting on next Thursday and everyone interested are welcomed to attend the meeting in Altgeld 335 from 9:00am to 1:00pm.
G. Board Meeting will be held on March 12th. We have found Chief Finance Officer and Vice President of Administration who will be starting on March 1st after they are recognized by the Board of Trustees.
H. Two ad-hoc committees that the board of trustees has been focusing on met last week on governance. We are still in process going through constitution and bylaws and updating them as they have not been updated since 1996.
I. Ad-hoc committee on enrollment have hired consulting firm that is an expert in enrollment. They will be assisting us till June to increase the enrollment rate.
J. Speaker Domke: What progress has taken place on search for Chief Diversity Officer?
K. The task force that was to choose the Chief Diversity officer wrapped up on January and by next week, they most probably will be finalizing the selection of Chief Diversity Officer. We are also working on hiring a Senior Human Resource Director.
L. Senator White: What interactions have taken place with the architects on the renovation of HSC and Neptune Hall Buildings?
M. We have approved the funds to go to the architectural funds; they have gathered student information and their opinions on the renovation of the above buildings.

CABINET REPORTS

A. Jevonte Marshall- Director of Information Technology is recognized.
B. We had a problem few months back where all the student organization’s information got accidentally removed from the new website. Prior to the new website, this information was stored in server “sa.niu.edu”. When this information was being updated into new website niu.edu/sa, it was accidentally again updated into sa.niu.edu. DoIT deleted the whole information in the old website thinking there was required information in that website. All the information of each student organization has to be updated manually one by one which is a very tedious and strenuous work and it will take some time to be completed.
C. We are promoting Huskielink among student organization so that this process of updating information by office managers can be replaced by the student organization updating their own information.
D. I am involved in C.F.A.C. They have been working on acceptable policy for NIU and editing it. Acceptable policy for NIU basically says what you can and can’t do on NIU’s network. We are taking reference from different universities who have successfully implemented this acceptable policy.

E. Senator Kincaid: Have you tried to interact with Foundation of Individual Rights and Education since they were the one who had problems with Acceptable Use Policy before updating it?

F. C.F.A.C. have done a lot of benchmarking with people on campus who have more experience with this policy who can help us in creating better draft.

G. Senator Clayton-Taylor: Could you give a detail explanation on Huskielink?

H. Huskielink is just like Facebook but for student organizations at NIU where they can update information, share images, promote events, etc. All student organizations have to be registered in Huskielink by March 20th or they will be temporarily suspended.

I. Senator Diala: Is there a way for Huskielink can be used by future students to find out what kinds of organizations are available?

J. Currently, we are focusing on getting all the student organizations get logged into Huskielink. Once, they sign up, Huskielink is going to be promoted in much bigger way.

K. Peter Kim - Director of Cultural Affairs is recognized

L. I have been trying to establish connections around the campus. I have been working on two major things. Firstly, it is on the conference that is going to be held March 25th from 8:00am to 4:30pm. A lot of great personalities are going to attend the event, so all the senators and members of student association are encouraged to attend the event.

M. Director of the conference has been interacting with Joe Frascello to approve SA funding for the event.

N. I had couple of meetings with Director of PLUS program. I felt was necessary for me to learn about it as it is going to affect a lot of future students of NIU. All the members of SA are encouraged to know more about the PLUS program from its website.

O. James Forman – Director of Advertising is recognized.

P. In this year, we have generated 42761$ in revenue which includes 30801$ in revenue from Bus Ads and 3960$ in revenue from t-shirt advertising. We have ordered 2000 t-shirts which contain 12 advertiser’s names printed at the back.

Q. We have kept 500 t-shirts aside to distribute them during Basketball games, SA sponsored events, etc. and the rest 1500 t-shirts will be distributed to the small student organizations who can buy it and print their logos in the front for the total cost of 3$ for each t-shirt.

R. Senator Agro: On what parameters, do you consider a student organization as small?

S. It depends on the number of members which can be ranging from 3 to 70. We are not going to distribute it to larger student groups.

T. Senator Diala: Can we customize the t-shirts apart from just printing our logo?

U. No, I don’t think we can change color of t-shirts, as the t-shirts ordered are grey but you can customize t-shirts through printing logos, text on front side of the t-shirt.
A. Speaker Domke: Rules and Procedure meeting happened just before the senate meeting and we had discussion on Election planning. We are looking into potentially changing districts as few districts contain places that do not exist anymore. We are also looking forward to online voting and Senator White is going to prepare a potential legislation in case there are any changes to be made to the elections. Senator White has been appointed by Joe Frascello as Election Commissioner for Spring-2015 Elections.

B. Senator Lezon: We researched into lowering age for entry into bars and stared having discussion to Greek Leaders on this matter. We have also discussed on increasing entertainment on campus.

C. Senator Summers: We are looking into different ways to recruit students for diversity week and also thinking about contacting EPL for volunteer support for the Diversity Week. We also discussed about getting senators for ally training as it will help them in diversifying themselves. We also are into Shadow Leadership program which involves taking a president from one organization to shadow the other organization to know how it works. It will also help in achieving collaboration and involvement among different groups.

D. Senator Warsi: Public Affairs met up before the senate meeting and we finished the design for the crew necks we will be giving out. We are still working on the prices but the design has been approved. I will be sending all the senators an e-mail on the senator t-shirts which the senators will be able to buy individually. All senators are requested to mail me your t-shirt sizes and crew neck sizes. All the senators are encouraged to join the NIU senators page on Facebook where the design for t-shirt will be updated. We have been working with the diversity week on designing fliers that will be handing out for the upcoming diversity week.

E. Senator Kincaid: We had a student veteran taking his life this week, so I will be writing a resolution to support a Counseling position in the Military student services.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Motion to pull from the table SAB46026- A Bill to amend the Bylaws- SA Historian. Seconded.
B. Motion is pulled from the table.
C. Motion to suspend indefinitely SAB46026- A Bill to amend the Bylaws- SA Historian.
D. Motion passes.
E. Motion to hear SAB46024- A Bill to approve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. (L.E.E.D.). Seconded.
F. L.E.E.D. is affiliated with U.S Green Builders Council. We have two major goals. Firstly, to prepare for the Green Associate Certification exam through L.E.E.D. Secondly, to increase networking opportunities with local Green Building companies. We hold 4 meetings a months, one for executive board, one is for guest speaker to go give a seminar and thus increasing the networking opportunity, and the rest two for studying for certification exam.
G. Motion to vote SAB46024- A Bill to approve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.
H. Motion passes.
I. Motion to hear SAR46051- A Resolution to advise the university on technological issues.

J. Speaker Domke presents the results of the survey taken on the printing quota issue, what the NIU students think about it and what are their opinions on whether the printing quota should exist or not.

K. Senator Grace: Almost all the students at NIU admitted that the printing quota should exist. A lot of students feel 7$ is not sufficient and there should also be increase in the printing quota. We should act quickly so that a confirm decision can be taken before the new students arrive at NIU.

L. Senator Kreml: My personal view is that 7$ is not sufficient for students as my quota finishes in starting 4 weeks itself. Therefore, we should do our best to accommodate what the students require in the campus.

M. Speaker Domke: I will be meeting Brett Coryell and discuss on what steps have to be taken to urge the university where to put their funds and in my opinion and also according to the survey should be kept for printing.

N. Senator Summers: We have to remind ourselves that if we increase the printing quota, it might result in increase in tuition fee or funds may be taken from somewhere else. So, in the end, students might get affected financially through this decision.

O. Senator Kreml: Presently, if you don’t use the printing quota, you will lose it. So, we can also consider a roll-over of the printing quota to next semester which can double every year if you don’t use it until you graduate.

P. Senator Kincaid: We can also consider opt in or opt out of the printing quota.

Q. Senator Diala: I have interacted with Computer Science students who have given their opinion that why the athletic fee can’t be used for their printing quota as they do not use recreation center as much as the other department students do.

R. Speaker Domke: I have invited Alan Phillips, the new Chief Financial officer to the senate meeting and once he arrives, we can discuss with him all our opinions.

S. Speaker Kreml: We should also include in the amendment of the resolution, the option of “opt in or opt out” from the printing quota option.

T. Speaker Domke: That may result in weakening the resolution if we give different options. This resolution is only to specify whether the printing quota should exist or not, we can then later on make look into different resolution once we know what this resolution has achieved.

U. Motion to amend SAR46051- A Resolution to advise the university on technological issues to read in the Therefore as “Therefore, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate advise the university, especially CIO Brett Coryell that the students of Northern Illinois University would like to have printing quotas provided by the university and also see an increase from its current amount at 7$.

V. Motion passes.

W. Senator Kincaid: University is in favor to switch into digital format and remove printing. Is it possible to express that the SA wants the administration to encourage faculty and staff to have their assignments submitted online rather than on paper. If, the faculty would like to have their assignments printed, then it would become impossible for university to move from printing to a digital school.
X. Senator Summers: Main obstacle is Faculty Sovereignty which is a Law that does not permit the university governing teachers on how they teach. That is the right of a teacher and cannot be ignored.

Y. Motion to vote SAR46051- A Resolution to advise the university on technological issues.

Z. Motion passes.

AA. Motion to hear SAR46052- A Resolution to appoint Jake Swick Senator at Large. Seconded.

BB. I am Community Leadership and Civic Engagement with minor in Spanish. I am interested in Student Government, because I want to be the voice of the students in this diverse campus. I am interested in joining CL&GA or Rules & Procedure Committee

CC. Senator Clayton-Taylor: As you have specified that you want to be the voice of students in this diverse campus, what part of the diversity you feel you fill into?

DD. I have been part of Campus Activities Board and Pre Law Honors program, so I would like to represent them in the senate.

EE. Senator Kreml: What other areas of concern you have around campus that you would like to work on if you are elected in the senate?

FF. I am aware of the General Education Reform so I am interested to work on that and give student’s opinions to the designers of this policy.

GG. Senator Lagioia: Do you hold any leadership position in the organizations you have been part of?

HH. Yes, I was appointed as Educational Leadership Coordinator in CAB.

II. Senator Clayton-Clayton: If you were not elected in the senate, what other strategies would you make to get involved and work with SA?

JJ. If I was not selected, I would look into joining the committee that works towards general reform.

KK. Motion to vote SAR46052- A Resolution to appoint Jake Swick Senator at Large.

LL. Motion passes.

MM. Motion to hear SAB46027- A Bill to approve Young Americans for Liberty. Seconded.

NN. We are an organization that believes in values of liberty, we offer everyone to become member Young Americans for Liberty. All the IS president have to pay dues to the National Chapter to keep our student chapter. Nobody else has to pay dues and it’s optional only if they want to attend conferences, seminars, etc.

OO. Senator White: Do you wish to receive funds from the SA?

PP. Speaker Domke: If it is political activist group, you will not be able receive funding from SA.

QQ. We just wish to get recognized by the SA.

RR. Senator Summers: When is your next meeting?

SS. Our first official meeting is going to be held this Tuesday at 6:00pm in College Grind just to get an idea on how many people want to join our student group.

TT. Senator Williams: What sort of advertisement have you used to expand your organization?

UU. We have been doing tabling, distributing pocket constitution which contains the whole USA constitution and also distributing fliers and pamphlets which was given by National Chapter to recruit students.

VV. Motion to hear SAB46027- A Bill to approve Young Americans for Liberty

WW. Motion passes.

XX. Motion to hear SAB46028- A Bill to approve Classroom Connections. Seconded.
YY. It is going to be new education club on NIU campus and the three pillar words are Connections, Readiness and Action.

ZZ. Connection means connecting to students from different majors. Readiness’ means providing Education Majors with skills and the trades they need and make them expert in their fields and Action is to organize events in schools to help and benefit the community. We are trying to develop strong relationships between students and faculty and help them become more successful in their careers. By guiding and helping them through the education classes.

AAA. Motion to vote SAB46028- A Bill to approve Classroom Connections.

BBB. Motion passes.

CCC. Motion to hear SAB46029- A Bill to amend the Bylaws- SA Historian. Seconded.

DDD. Senator Phillips makes a few amendments on the Bill and then gives a brief on its contents.

EEE. Senator Gorsuch: Have you interacted with founders Memorial Library as well as the other entities that you have specified in the bill.

FFF. Yes, I have interacted with them but I cannot say anything specific yet, but as a History major, I know specifically what to look for and what will be useful to create this archive.

GGG. Senator Diala: Would it be possible to digitize the archive on Blackboard so that future students can have a look on it if they want to?

HHH. Senator Phillips: Yes, I have included that point in the bill.

III. Speaker Domke: Blackboard has very limited space, so it will not be possible to upload the full archive to Blackboard.

JJJ. Senator Phillips: SA Historian will be responsible to maintain soft copy as well as hard copy of the archive.

KKK. Senator Gorsuch: According to point 5 in the Bill, it will not be possible for SA Historian will not be to able record all Student campaign materials during senate and executive elections as he may not be present during the next elections.

LLL. Senator Phillips: If the future SA Historian is currently involved in the senate, then it would be much easier for him to archive the required materials.

MMM. Senator Gorsuch: Who dou feel, it is important to archive the campaign materials?

NNN. Historians study all these materials, the turnout of students for elections and how were the students involved, issues going on around the campus during those times, etc.

OOO. Senator Kincaid: I feel the Bill is excessively focused on being responsible for the sustainability of the student association. The problem that we have with that aspect is that he will holding people accountable, having better documentation, etc. It does not look like it is a SA Historian position as historian preserves the history, the events and the culture of the organization and not the business aspects of the organization. Considering that the person who is motivated to be appointed to this position, I feel there is a conflict of interest and I make a motion to refer the bill to Rules and Procedures Committee.

PPP. Speaker Domke: Is there a discussion or debate on that motion?

QQQ. Senator White: I understand the conflict of interest but I believe the bill is so broad and convincing because it makes up for the lack of current documentation that we have.
Senator Summers: This was originally my bill but I needed outside help from someone who has had experience with historian documentation. That is the reason I had to request Senator Phillips to help me with this bill as it was not my area of expertise. Yes, it is not designed for any particular person but if Senator Phillips is capable for that position then he should be appointed. I feel this bill should not be postponed as the elections are coming near and we need Historian to document everything.

Senator Kincaid: Chief of Staff would be able to provide better input as to the responsibilities of a new position.

Motion to vote on moving SAB46029- A Bill to amend the Bylaws- SA Historian to Rules and Procedure Committee.

Motion does not pass. 14-aye 16-nay.

Senator Kreml: Have you interacted with Executive Branch as some of those points coincide with their work.

Senator Phillips: I have not yet interacted with them but and all the things I specified in ‘point 4’ in the bills, I just meant just to include them in the archive.

Senator Gorsuch: I do believe that all of these are necessary things in the student association but I do not believe a specific position should be created to do each of these tasks.

Senator Koss: I believe it is really big job for one person to do and as it will take a lot of time, I feel it should be placed as an Executive position as it is a paid job and will have a lot of time to do so.

Senator Grace: I think it is a really good idea to keep documents of what we are doing for others to see as well as for our own reference. I feel we should pass this bill.

Senator Kreml: I like the intent behind the bill but my major concern is that it overlaps with too many positions in the SA. Like point 4 overlaps with position of Student Trustee and point 7 overlaps with the work of Senate Clerk. I feel it should exist but the expectations and responsibilities of this position should be looked at before it becomes part of our SA.

Senator White: I think there is need to archive the history of SA and I feel we should have a person who keeps track of the History and also constantly archives the happenings in the SA.

Senator Summers: The idea of this position is to collaborate with different directors and archive this information in the founder’s library. Regarding the workload, I feel with these responsibilities, the position can be carried year after year and can be constantly developed.

Senator Kincaid: Is there any possibility to create a ad-hoc committee instead of a single person to handle these responsibilities?

Yes, it is possible but we have to create different bill for that.

Senator Kreml: Our legislation is archived on website and can be looked into old legislations on our SA website.

Speaker Domke: All the legislations are archived in the Senate office. I like the idea of SA Historian but I don’t feel its implementation in the bill is correct. (Gives examples on how the points are getting overlapped with already assigned jobs to the employees of SA). I think creating a big position for this is not necessary and other ways can be found to handle it.
HHHH. Senator Coronado: It is not your priority to archive this information whereas it will be priority of the SA Historian to archive this information. So, I feel this position to be official in the SA.

IIII. Motion to vote on postponing SAB46029- A Bill to amend the Bylaws- SA Historian to the next meeting.

JJJJ. Motion does not pass. 13-aye 16-nay 1-abstention.

KKKK. Motion to stop discussion and debate on postponing SAB46029- A Bill to amend the Bylaws- SA Historian to the next meeting.

LLLL. Motion passes. 27-aye 3nay.

MMMM. Motion passes.

NNNN. Motion to vote on postponing SAB46029- A Bill to amend the Bylaws- SA Historian to the next meeting.

OOOO. Motion passes. 18-aye 12-nay.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Motion to read SAR46051- A Resolution to advise the university on technological issues.
B. Speaker Domke reads the SAR46051 Resolution.
C. Motion SAR46051- A Resolution to advise the university on technological issues is marked read.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Junon Sutton: Graduate Assistants of Ombudsperson office would like to attend more Student Association meeting to receive information as well as to give information about our services and what we do. Next week, we would like to give 10-15 minute presentation on what we do in the office of Ombudsperson so that this information could be given to your respective constituents which can help them if required.

B. Kelly Bradley: Submit your application for Kevin D. Knight Leadership Award is on 02/13/2015 by 4:00pm on Huskielink. You need to have all of the materials including your Letter of Recommendation while filling up the application. David White is the new intern at Student Leadership and Student organization services and if you have any queries you can contact me or David White.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

A. Senator White: Group Stand is host an event on 02/19/2015 from 6pm to 8:30pm in Sky Room.
B. Senator Grace: Black Students Union will be hosting Annual Freshmen B.S.U. Pageant on 02/21/2015 in Duke Ellington Ballroom at 7:30pm. It is a free event and everyone is invited to attend the event.
C. Senator Pastrana: NIU Cares Day is coming up and we will need ten volunteers for that.
D. Senator Koss: Smoke Free Task Force will be hosting an open event to get student’s thoughts on draft of smoke free policy on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
MINUTES SUBMITTED BY

Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate 02/18/2015

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