CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Speaker Domke at 6:03 PM in the Sky Room of the Holmes Student Center. Speaker Domke asks Clerk Burke to conduct a roll call of the Senators.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Speaker Domke asks Senator Vasquez to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Speaker Domke motioned to approve 10/5/14 meetings minutes. Seconded

i. Minutes Approved

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. Speaker Domke motioned to move item A to between E and F.

i. Agenda approved

SPEAKER REPORT

A. Speaker Domke thanks Ben for clerking tonight.
B. Unfortunate huskie loss over the weekend. The record of 29 games will hopefully stand for all time.
C. Speaker Domke mentions an email will be sent out about test for committee chairs. It will be available in both SA offices. It is not open book and any senator can take it for senator of the year points.
D. Make up retreat is this Tuesday at 6:30 pm in CLB 180. Full senate by the end of the meeting! All at larges and anyone who missed the first retreat is expected to make it to the makeup.
E. Clerk position is open and the deadline is Wednesday. Senators are eligible but would have to resign. Possible extension for lack of candidates

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. None

EXECUTIVE REPORTS
Raquel Chavez is recognized. Organized along with Director Ziga a forum for organization presidents and advisors. Heard how they can collaborate with each other and with the SA. Going to send out a feedback survey so that they can get an idea of how it went. Want to have more, definitely twice a year, maybe more. Attended a conference to explore how student governments around the state can collaborate. Our student government has a great relationship with our university administration and this should be maintained. Trying to get all state universities on the same page. Frascello and Chavez are working on the It’s On Us campaign. Has held several meetings in regard to advancing the cause of sexual assault prevention on campus. Need to take a stand as a student body to ensure that sexual assault does not happen. Organization expo is not happening this semester, thinks its redundant. Going to move it to Spring, sometime in the first couple weeks.

### CABINET REPORTS

**A.** None

### OLD BUSINESS

**A.** None

### NEW BUSINESS

**A.** Motion to hear SAR46010. Seconded  
B. Motion passes
D. Motion to vote. Seconded
E. Motion passes
F. Motion to hear SAR46011. Second
G. Motion passes
H. Mellas offers thanks. Third year law student here at NIU. GA at SILD, works with greek life. Experience with previous boards and working at student conduct. Wants to continue working at NIU, the SA and the judicial branch as a whole.
I. Motion to vote. Second
J. Motions passes
K. Motion to hear SAR46012. Second
L. Motion passes
M. Roberson wants to conduct chairmen’s meetings, and hold monthly meetings with chairmen. Pols major, German minor, part of Student conduct board, University council, and senate last year. Several outside commitments. Wants to work to update disability resource center. Goiing to inform students about new smoking rules. Make university resources more available. Going to make this work through Disability resource center. Going to talk to directors, clerk, and other people about making it happen.
N. Senator Sheikhali: What updates for Disability resource center
O. Roberson: Resource center direct fundraising to increase donations.
P. Motion to vote. Second
Q. Motion approved.
R. Motion to hear SAB46006. Second
S. No attendance.
T. Motion to postpone until next meeting. Second
U. Motion passes.
V. Motion to hear SAB46007. Second
W. Speaker Domke: Simply a name change from Late Night Ride to Huskie Safe Line
X. Motion to vote. Second
Y. Motion approved
Z. Motion to hear SAR46007. Second
AA. Coronado: has several obligations. Served on senate last year on R&P. Sat in with some orgs to help them comply with SA rules. Working for Bill Foster internship campaign, to promote activism. Honors student on campus. Going to work for Chris Constantino law firm. Wants to promote unity among organizations and all university entities. Promote philanthropy among senate members. Wants to work to meet the mantra. Hardworking, always busy. Around and able to be contacted.
BB. Senator Brimeyer: Will you have both internships?
CC. Coronado: No, first ends at elections. Wants to be a voice for commuter/non-trad students.
DD. Senator Gorsuch: Why were you not in elections?
EE. Coronado: Unable to obtain a packet in a timely fashion despite meeting attendance.
FF. Discussion:
GG. Senator Sheikhal: Not getting the packet is an issue.
HH. Speaker Domke: Ran out of packets at meeting
II. Senator Vazquez: confirms statement.
JJ. Motion to vote. Second
KK. Motion passes. Senator Coronado sworn in.
LL. Motion to hear SAR46013. Second
MM. Labiola: Business admin major. Plainfiled, IL. Participated in many school orgs. Student council, leadership Corps, NHS. President of Spanish NHS. Trying to make a difference by joining senate. Wants to join to utilize the many different programs offered by senate.
NN. Senator Clayton-Taylor: How did you hear about senate?
OO. Labiola: networking.
PP. Senator Leigh: how much do you plan to be involved?
QQ. Labiola: wants to be very involved, using SA as a stepping stone.
RR. Senator Sto. Domingo: What did you do in your orgs to make an impact? And here at Northern?
SS. Labiola: Chair of leadership Corps. Spearheaded freshman orientation for high school. Wants to do committee work for the university.
TT. Senator Phillips: Any particular issue you care about?
UU. Labiola: Wants to clarify bus routes. Wants to clean up campus.
VV. Motion to vote. Second
WW. Motion approved. 22 yay, 5 nay. Senator Labiola sworn in.
XX. Motion to hear SAR46014. Second
YY. Motion passes.
ZZ. Summers was a senator last year. Got involved with senate because of networking. Open to new opportunities. Business Admin. “Flirting” with three minors. Experience: Directr
of community service last year. Served on board of elections. Goal of 3,000 votes. 2,700 record, second highest turnout since 1991. Won senator of the year last year. Goals: Want to create student org development ad-hoc committee. Wants to increase involvement and diversity. Want to host a 300+ presidential dinner and open forum. Wants to network with orgs to show them what SA can do. Presidents viewed as best way to communicate. Wants to make hosting this a requirement. Wants to host a cultural student organization expo. Wants to build further collaboration. Use student orgs to increase retention. Marrufo and Ziga will be point people for his goals.

AAA. Senator Coronado: What org will you tackle through ad-hoc committee?

BBB. Summers: Ad-hoc will be task force. Can’t do it alone. Student orgs need to be monitored in their expansion and development.

CCC. Senator Coronado: Would regular members be able to attend presidents events?

DDD. Summers: Yes. Presidents would be encouraged especially. Wants to make it a requirement.

EEE. Discussion:

FFF. Senator Coronado: Commends Summers for his ideas, especially about president’s event access.

GGG. Senator Koss: Urges for Summers’ approval.

HHH. Senator Phillips: Only two senators have won as a freshman. Other one is speaker Domke. In good company.

III. Motion to vote. Second

JJJ. Motion approved. Senator Summers sworn in.

KKK. Motion to hear SAR46015. Second

LLL. Dominick Scaduto: Freshman Business admin major. Wants to be involved. Excited for the opportunity to express opinions and thoughts. Part of university honors program, wants to join committee. Also takes issue with mass transit system. Wants to encourage freshman involvement. Very excited for opportunity.

MMM. Senator Koss: any specific ideas for mass transit?

NNN. D Scaduto: Try to get it down pat at the beginning of the year.

OOO. Roberson: Part of any other orgs?

PPP. D Scaduto: no.

QQQ. White: What high school groups were you in?

RRR. D Scaduto: Just sports. Wants to branch out.

SSS. Agro: Any specific ideas about getting freshmen involved?

TTT. D Scaduto: Doesn’t think there is enough of a push. Wants to create that push.

UUU. Senator Clayton-Taylor: Why have freshmen get involved so quickly?

VVV. D Scaduto: Understands there’s some settling in, but thinks they should get going.

WWW. Senator Coronado: Are you planning on joining any orgs?

XXX. D Scaduto: Yes

YYY. Senator White: If not mass transit, what other committee?

ZZZ. D Scaduto: University Honors.

AAAAA. Senator White: Senate committee?

BBBBB. D Scaduto: Thought that was an SA committee.

CCCCC. SpeakerDomke: Explains committees.

DDDDD. D Scaduto: Campus Life, wants to help freshmen adjust.

EEEEE. Discussion:
Senator Brimeyer: Skeptical of organization link and his goals and plans. Also of knowledge of committees. No vote

Senator White: Concurs with Brimeyer. Wants freshmen to be involved, but we need prudence. Shouldn’t support.

Senator Jusino: Scaduto is a smart kid and should be given a chance.

Senator Phillips: Impression is that he wants to get involved for involvements sake.

Senator Warsi: He’s trying to get involved means something. Could bring good things to senate.

Senator Norman: SA table person at Org fair asked about involvement, not purpose.

Senator Hampton: I didn’t know about SA. He wants to get involved so that SA and NIU can be more involved about freshmen. He’s here and we should vote him in.

Senator Koss: Not very involved in high school. SA is a great starting point.

Senator Roberson: calls question, move the previous question

Motion to vote on previous question. Second

Motion passes

Motion to vote

Motion passes. 16 aye 14 nay. Senator D Scaduto sworn in.

Motion to hear SAR46016

Lesyk: Junior marketing major. On senate last fall, decided to study abroad. Peer mentor for the honors program. Works in FSYE. Helps teach UNIV 101 class. Goal for senate is to promote university vision of stuff. Approves of triangle offense system. Wants to help FY students “buy into” this idea.

Senator Summers: How was the Netherlands?

Lesyk: Everyone should study abroad.

Senator Jusino: What stopped you from running in the elections?

Lesyk: Didn’t initially think about being senator. Heard about freshmen issues and got motivated to rejoin.

Motion to vote. Second
Motion passes. Senator Lesyk sworn in.

K. Motion to hear SAR46017. Second

B Scaduto: Junior marketing major. Minor in biology and sales certificate. Member of the honors program. Member of CSAB. Phi Sigma Kappa. Director of Football for Red Riot. 4th district senator last year. CL&GA committee. Board of elections both past elections. Increase retention on campus. Problem that we face every year. Something has to be done. Member of fraternity. Fraternities play a major role in retention. Retention rates are higher than the standard population. Greek Unity is an issue.

Senator Jusino: How are you going to increase retention specifically?

B Scaduto: Make them aware of Greek organizations. Increasing awareness of university happenings.

Senator Coronado: How would you address retention of commuters and non-trads?

B Scaduto: Make it easier to become active. Needs more knowledge.

Senator Lesyk: What is your favorite thing on weekends?

B Scaduto: Fraternity keeps me here. Diversity on campus.

Senator Phillips: What is your perspective on GE reform? Diversity required?

B Scaduto: Not necessarily a problem.

Senator Roberson: Have you attended resource centers?

B Scaduto: No.

Senator Wahlstrom: What committee?

B Scaduto: CL&GA.

Senator Leigh: Any leadership background?

B Scaduto: Director of football for red riot. Recruitment chair for fraternity.

Senator White: Fraternities tend to be homogenous, how are you addressing it?

B Scaduto: Disputes point. They are diverse, but improvements can be made.

Discussion:
Senator Roberson: Enough Phi Sigs on senate. Need to increase diversity on senate.

Senator Clayton-Taylor: Need to increase diversity by having non-honors students.

Senator Hampton: Honors is something we all should strive for.

Senator Brimeyer: Not all students have a 3.2 and need to be representative.

Senator Coronado: Scaduto is a valuable candidate, Has a passion for CL&GA. Should be allowed to be a senator.

Senator Norman: Passion in fraternity does not mean only passion. Took himself out to be on board. Gave up his chance to run so that he could serve.

Motion to vote. Second

Motion passes. 18 aye, 14 nay. Senator B Scaduto sworn in.

Motion to hear SAR46018. Second

Robert Kreml: Offers thanks. Third year student here. Minor in mathematical sciences. Member of student conduct board. URAP student. Senate holds responsibility and wants to be involved. Wanted to be a senator earlier, but wanted to focus on grades and other involvement. Secretary of hall council. Honors CA in new hall. Interaction with a lot of students on any given day. Chaired recognition committee for hall council. Many programs first year = success. Used to be new hall tour coordinated. Involved with students who are potential students. Really great access to other students. Areas to address: Enrollment and retention. Wants to create that home away from home. Wants to promote organizations and make sure that they know what’s going on. Involvement leads to involvement. Connections between students and other organizations and students. Opinions need to be heard and addressed. Hopes that he has qualifications. Really passionate for what he does, and wants to bring that passion here.

Senator Hampton: Committees you want to join?

Kreml: R&P. Has experience with constitution and bylaws. RHA general assembly.

Senator Phillips: Expansive background, what are common complaints and issues? How to fix?

Kreml: Biggest issue is the size of campus. People don’t know about organizations or any reasons to be connected with the university.

Senator Coronado: Do you know what University Council?

Discussion:

Senator Brimeyer: Retention is ongoing, he has my vote.

Motion to vote. Second

Motion passes. Senator Kreml is sworn in.

M. Motion to hear SAR46019. Second

Mikey Pastrana: Senior journalism major. Minor in CLCE. Wanted to apologize for being late to the meeting. Coordinated 60 volunteers at marathon today. Part of APO. Part of CLSESA. Accompanied by Evans Scholars. Part of APO for many semesters, and served on board and other positions. Offers diverse positions. Grew up in California, lived in Texas, and then moved to Illinois. CL&GA.Rushing Delta Upsilon. Works in the 180 office and knows about what’s happening over in Exec.

Senator Kincaid: What are your goals?

Pastrana: CL&GA. Wants to encourage collaboration. Chaired tailgating for APO. DU and AEPi collaborated.

Senator Coronado: Would you be willing to help Director Palmer with media issues?

Pastrana: More leaning toward public sector, but willing to help.

Senator White: Extrapolate on executive board positions and experience?

Pastrana: Social networking big. Helps streamline outreach resources.

Discussion:

Senator Agro: Pastrana seems like he doesn’t exactly know what he wants to have done.

Senator Roberson: Didn’t seem too prepared.

Senator Hampton: Pastrana has been up since 3 am. Thinks this is the explanation.

Senator Lesyk: Nerve-racking to speak in front of everyone. Mikey is a great, creative guy. Mikey is there half the week to see what students want from the Exec.

Senator White: Mikey is a great, approachable person.

Senator Coronado: Is there a stipulation against working front desk and being senator?

Speaker Domke: No, it has been investigated.
Senator Sheikhalie: Mikey is a hard worker and willing to step up.

Senator Hampton: Is outside information usable?

Speaker Domke: It is acceptable.

Senator Brimeyer: Mikey would be a great addition. Very personable.

Motion to vote. Second

Motion passes. Senator Pastrana is sworn in.

Motion to hear SAR46020. Second

Birt: 1st year political science major. Grew up in Chicago. Played baseball, softball and golf. Captain of both balls. Letterman club for varsity athletics. Participated in community service and fundraisers. Evans Scholar: strong work ethic, great character, and great leadership qualities. Senate will benefit him personally. Wants to make a difference so that he can leave knowing he had an impact. Wants to involve the freshman especially because they need a voice.

Sto. Domingo: Anything specific that you want to do for SA?

Birt: Campus should be treated like our home. Wants people to be informed more about rules, procedures and upcoming events.

Coronado: Willing to attend university councils to see what’s going on?

Birt: Yes.

Gorsuch: Which senate committee?

Birt: CL&GA. Pretty dirty around there. R&P for personal enrichment about NIU.

Motion to vote. Second

Motion passes, 25 aye 10 nay. Senator Birt sworn in.

Miki Grace: BSU will have open house on diversity at Center for Black studies Tuesday night 5:30-7

Domke: Stop by office if you want to take test. Robeson should hold meetings with chairs. Applauds thorough questions of senators. Going to do well, early for a full senate. Newly elected senators should come to make up retreat. Pins to new senators.

Coronado: How long is retreat?
Domke: 2 hours, will work to schedule.

Coronado: Faculty senate is on the 29\textsuperscript{th}, everyone should attend! University Council is on the 5\textsuperscript{th} of November!

Warsi: Can PA wait after the meeting? Thanks.

Hampton: Congrats to everyone. Founding member of united by diversity. Upcoming program about sexual assault: Survivors find freedom.

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Ryan Burke, Clerk of the Senate 10/6/2014

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