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 Diala to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Speaker Domke motioned to approve 9/28/14 meetings minutes. Seconded
   i. Minutes Approved

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. Speaker Domke motioned to move item A, B, C, D, F, and G from new business into old business.
   i. Agenda approved

SPEAKER REPORT

A. Speaker Domke mentions the creation of the committees and tells committees to start to set up meeting times.
B. Speaker Domke was at a retreat last Friday and learned about the triangle offense scheme created by President Baker. The triangle offense connects three key aspects of the university to career success.
C. Speaker Domke has a sheet that he will pass around to sign up for one of the university committees. These committees are very important to the success of the university.
D. This week is homecoming and Speaker Domke invites all senators to attend the various events this week. He also reminds senators that they are Senators outside meetings as well and to act accordingly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. None

EXECUTIVE REPORTS
A. Husam Salem is recognized.
   a. Held a mandatory budget workshop which went very well. All organizations that need funding now have the required papers to do so. All organization proposals will be due October 13th.

CABINET REPORTS

A. James Forman is recognized.
   a. Forman is the Director of Advertising. They have generated quite a bit of money from bus advertising. The SA bus advertising for homecoming is on route 2R. He invites senators to email him about bus ad ideas. 20,000 copies of campus special were handed out this semester and another 20,000 next semester. The senate election advertising is in the paper as well as the ice bucket challenge.
   b. Senator Roberson: How much is a bus ad?
      i. Email Forman and he will get back.
   c. Senator Leigh: Will you need volunteers for the tents?
      i. Yes most likely
   d. Speaker Domke will forward that question to him.

B. Lindy Luchowski: Director of Greek Affairs is recognized
   i. Greek calendar is out and sent to all Greek Presidents. First all executive retreat was this past weekend. Lots of great ideas were presented in this. They are working with Be The Match to get together a 5K run. Greek photo registration drive was last Wednesday. Bylaws to have a Greek judicial board is another project she is working on. This is an opportunity to have the Greeks accountable during certain processes. Her main focus is on Greek week in March.
   b. Senator Williams: Is the Greek calendar finalized?
      i. Yes and it was sent to all Greek Presidents.

C. Alex Martin is recognized.
   a. Director of Academic Affairs: Put on the PLUS task force project. This has been a huge project. The three models they projected were put into one. He thanks senate for approving the resolution. The next step is to get faculty and staff on board with this new PLUS project. The vote was postponed. All of last week they held open forums to give everyone an opportunity to voice their opinions. Tomorrow is the last forum. Martin has also been working with other colleges to find out what their weakness is and to improve the overall student experience. He has also been working on college advertising. He also invites senators to join the university committees which is lacking in student involvement. They are looking for students. He has also been working with Dr. Greg Long on the Grievance Policy. He is collaborating with him to get the word out about this new policy to students in an easy to understand format. Only other school that has it is Southern Illinois University.
   b. Senator Kincaid: Which committee would be most relevant in military and rules and procedure?
There is a list on niu.edu that has the list of all of the committees. He invites senator Kincaid to email him at amartin15@niu.edu

**OLD BUSINESS**

A. Motion to here SAB46004 - A Bill to Recognize eSports Club  
B. Seconded  
   a. Started eSports Club last year in October. The last eSports winner was $100,000 and the gaming viewing is increasing exponentially. There are 87 members in the club. There are viewing parties that they will hold and he plans on holding a decathlon to see who is the best overall gamer.  
   b. Senator Jusino: Do the gaming tournaments cost to enter? Are there entrance fees?  
      i. Both are free. There is an optional entrance fee  
   c. Senator Gorsuch: Are you a member of Sports Club council?  
      i. Hasn’t heard of it  
   d. Sports Club council is a governing council of all sports clubs.  
   e. If he could get more information he might be a member.  
C. Discussion:  
   a. Senator Brimeyer: This is a growing sport area and asks to approve this club.  
D. Motion to vote SAB46004  
E. Motion passes  

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Motion to here SAB45005  
B. Seconded  
   a. Zeta Sigma Chi purposes is to unite all women to join sisterhood to combine cultures. They plan on having a Freedom Festival to educate others on various cultures. They also plan to hold an event to look at sex discrimination in the workplace.  
   b. Senator Lezon: How many active members do you have?  
      i. 7  
   c. Senator Brimeyer: Have you talked to the director of Cultural Affairs?  
      i. No.  
   d. Senator Brimeyer invites her to talk to him for more resource.  
C. Move to vote SAB46005  
D. Motion passes.  
E. Motion to here SAR46004  
F. Seconded  
G. Speaker Domke posted on Blackboard all committee assignments. There is one Committee that is TBA, University Services.  
   a. Senator Leigh: How are committee chairs chosen?  
      i. They are picked through interviews with Speaker Domke. He sent an email to everyone notifying them of interviews.  
H. Motion to vote SAR46004  
I. Motion passes.
J. Motion to here SAR46005- A Resolution to Approve Greg Lezon Sergeant at Arms.
   a. Greg Lezon: Greg wants to take more of a leadership role in Senate. He has served other leadership roles such as the philanthropy chair of campus security.

K. Motion to vote SAR46005
L. Motion passes

M. Motion to here SAR46006- A Resolution to Appoint Kayla Sorenson Legislative Director.
   a. Business major minoring in political science. She has interned for various Illinois political members and communicated with various people in politics. Any bills in Springfield was relayed back to her office so she has a good understanding of these.

N. Motion to vote SAR46006
O. Motion passes

P. Motion to here SAR46008- A Resolution to appoint Brandon Phillips Senator at Large.
Q. Seconded
   a. Brandon Phillips: History major with political science minor. Has previously served two semesters on Senate. He has authored two pieces of legislation that has been approved by SA. His goals this semester is mostly involved in the NIU PLUS project and to get the faculty and staff on board with it. He wants the Student Association to be the advocate of the general education changes. He wants to increase internships among students. He recently interned with an Illinois Congressman. There are a couple of changes he wants to make with the PLUS system such as the language of the minor to be tweaked a bit. This is a major talk among faculty with this. The other is the 0 credit hour class of senior leadership and experience. This has also gotten a lot of attention as well.
   b. Senator White: Could you expand on the implementation of the PLUS project?
      i. Phillips has forged relationships with faculty and staff to get them on board with the project.
   c. Senator Brimeyer: Could you elaborate why you didn’t run for primary elections?
      i. He thought other commitments would take up more of his time.

R. Senator Sheriff: Thinks Phillips is a great candidate for SA.
S. Motion to vote SAR46008
T. Motion passes

U. Swearing in of Senator Phillips.
V. Motion to hear SAR46009
   a. Bateman held various leadership positions in high school. He wants to get involved as a freshman, wants to make a difference and to have a voice. He also wants to give freshman a voice in Student Association.
   b. Senator Roberson: Do you have any plans or committees you want to get involved in?
      i. More say in mass transit committee
   c. Senator Burnside: Why did you not run in original Senate Elections?
      i. Didn’t know with certainty whether his schedule would allow for a position in Senate.

W. Discussion:
X. Senator Sheriff: Believes the candidate has heart and would be a good candidate.
Y. Senator Phillips: Agrees with senator Sheriff
Z. Motion to vote SAR46009
AA. Motion passes
BB. Swearing in of Senator Bateman.
CC. Motion to hear SAR46007
DD. Seconded
EE. Libardo Coronado had a family emergency he couldn’t attend the meeting tonight.
FF. SAR46007 marked as read

PUBLIC COMMENTS
A. Patrick Birk highlights homecoming events. It’s a great time to meet fellow Huskies and to cast your vote for homecoming court.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
A. Speaker Domke: Mentions the resignation of Clerk Burke. Would like a new Clerk selected by October 15th.
B. Senator Jusino: Phi Sigma Kappa will be holding Blood Drive this Friday.
C. Senator Hampton: Is the Clerk position paid?
   a. Speaker Domke: Yes minimum wage

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY

Ryan Burke, Clerk of the Senate 10/9/2014