- Minutes of the

STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
02 November 2014

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Speaker Domke at 6:32 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 Sheriff, Senator Birt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Speaker Domke motioned to approve 10/26/14 meetings minutes. Seconded
   i. Minutes Approved

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

SPEAKER REPORT

A. Speaker Domke informs that he will receive the photos in cd which he will later on distribute accordingly.
B. Speaker Domke welcomes the guest speaker, Northern Illinois Police Department Chief Phillips.
C. Chief Phillips introduces himself and gives a gist on his experience.
D. Chief Phillips informs about the Clery crimes and the Hate crimes that the university have to report to the community.
E. They also have to report on Liquor Law Violations, Blood Violations, Illegal Weapons Violation and Violence against women.
F. The students can either report a crime in the Police Department or the CSA throughout the campus.
G. Cleary Act is more about collection of statistics than enforcing or solving a crime.
H. Chief Phillips gives information about anonymous and confidential reports.
I. They provide timely warnings depending on the crimes happening in the university.
J. If there is an ongoing imminent threat in the university, the students will receive emergency alert through various ways and will also provide instructions on what to be done.
K. We have six new police vehicles coming in. We are collaborating with other police agencies to enhance safety around the campus.
L. Redesigned and redeployed the Huskie safe line. We have improved the social web policies.
M. We have certified 10 new RAD instructors which is a defense class for ladies.
N. ALICE is an act that teaches students how to take care of themselves and what has to be done during an ongoing threat.
O. Senator Lesyk: How were the events with first and second years of the university?
P. Chief Phillips: It was good, where I made myself available to the students and clarify their doubts.
Q. Senator Norman: Could we get details on RAD program?
R. Chief Phillips: You could go to the website and get more information on it.
S. Senator Diala: Could you explain more on the Huskie Student Patrol System?
T. Chief Phillips: I want expand the job duties of the Huskie Patrol Students. They could have 4 hour shifts; they are provided with police-radio and provide foot-escorts.
U. Senator White: If there is any policy available for recourse which can protect a person against getting reported.
V. Chief Phillips: If a person is underage and is intoxicated, first priority is to take the student safely to their home.
W. Senator Jusino: Emergency Assistance callboxes are answered by dispatcher in the NIU department. If a student calls from off-campus. Would it come under DeKalb jurisdiction?
X. Chief Phillips: We do co-policing where we also do patrolling in the off-campus area. If the crime happens in the off-campus area, DeKalb police department is the primary investigating agency. But, we do not have call-boxes in the off-campus area, but we are trying to improve them and have call-boxes even in the off-campus area.
Y. Senator Coronado: What do you think about having body-cameras on police officers?
Z. Chief Phillips: I have already ordered them. We have to first write policy on using them.
AA. Senator Norman: The students who sit along with security in the residence halls, whom do they work for?
BB. Chief Phillips: Sometimes, Huskie Student patrol is positioned there since a large number of students come in and there, extra employees would be needed for id check.
CC. Senator Kreml: How many of your officers are Medical Emergency trained?
DD. Chief Phillips: Every officer is trained as EMTs and every shift has at least two paramedics.

**EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

A. President Joe Frascello is recognized.
B. NIU is dealing with problems regarding student enrollment and retention.
C. Strong student organizations with many active events are attracted to current and perspective students, but our student organizations do not conduct many events. Most of the money allocated to the event is spent on food rather than on getting a Guest Speaker. We are going to take more strict actions on it and make sure most of the meetings are happened in the student center.
D. We have done executive allocations to 13 SA recognized groups.
E. Supreme Court has been filled.
F. Tomorrow will be the first round table meeting that includes student leaders from different student organizations, faculty from different departments, representatives from residence and everyone who have stake within community in terms of violence against women and sexual assault.

G. In the White House, during the National Campus Leadership Conference, we were asked to hold "It's On Us" Campaign where we will conduct events from Nov. 17 to Nov. 21. A meeting will be held tomorrow at Neptune Central in the North-East South-East Building at 5:00 pm to discuss about what to be done on that week.

H. According to the Bylaws, the President and Chief-of-Staff are to review the director’s performance after their 10 weeks in. If anyone wants to have a look at the review, they are available Chief of staff’s desk.

I. I would appreciate if the senators would participate and get involved in the events conducted by the student association.

J. Speaker Domke: Senator of the year points will be given if any senator attends the round table meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Senator Coronado is recognized.

B. There is a discussion going on whether or not to approve or oppose the merging of the Non-Traditional services with the veterans services.

C. We also had discussion on how more students can gain access to services from student organizations.

D. The main points of contention were that the place of university thrill one class that has been drawn up with the help of university services. We will be drafting a report on the placement of laboratory or scientific method classes to present to the senate.

**CABINET REPORTS**

A. Benjamin Donovan- Director of Governmental Affairs.

B. NIU and all state university campuses are going to be 100% smoke free from next year. A committee has been formed to decide on the rules to be made to make the university smoke free and punishments to be given if anyone breaks the law.

C. We are working on application for State of Illinois Enterprise zone which is business development enhancement zone which allows offices certain benefits for business and commercial growth in particular area. Redevelopment of the area clause has been from this enterprise zone since many citizens were not happy with it.

D. There have been continuous flooding near the East Lagoon and appropriate steps have to be taken to reduce it. Any alteration to the lagoon is not recommended since the place is of high value to the residents out there, but if anyone wants to make alterations, they need to have strong arguments to support it.
The city council meeting has approved the installation of street-lights in Greek-Row area for greater safety.

All the students who are eligible for voting are encouraged to go out and vote for their favorite candidate.

Senator Coronado: Are the students allowed to attend the NGO’s meeting?

Benjamin Donovan: They are open to the public, but I am not allowed to speak on behalf of them. The meeting’s main goal is to increase the coordination of the non-profit organizations.

Joe Palmer- Director of Public Affairs is recognized.

We started first Advertising campaign via “Facebook Ad Messaging” last week and right now we have nearly 200 likes on our page which means we are averaging 22 a day. Therefore it is very effective and cheap.

Director Fitch and I started a project named #NIUBelieve.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Motion to suspend SAR46026- A Resolution to Appoint Mark Lacsam Senator At Large indefinitely.
B. Seconded
C. Motion to suspend SAB46009- A bill to approve NIU Mahjong Club to the next meeting.
D. Seconded.
E. Motion to hear SAB46010- A bill to approve Better Together @NIU.
F. Better Together @NIU works to promote Inference Corporation on campus through service dialogue and reflection. Inference Corporation can be defined as a group of different religious and non-religious beliefs coming together for the common good. This group is all inclusive and welcomes all students from different religious or non-religious backgrounds. The main goal of this organization to create a university where religious and non-religious beliefs are represented and there is a general understanding of every religion in our campus. Short term goal is to promote interference events where members and participants can voice their values, beliefs and engage cross line religious differences and act together to make better world.
G. Motion to vote SAB46010- A bill to approve Better Together @NIU.
H. Motion passes.
I. Motion to hear SAB46011- A bill to approve Alpha Chi Sigma.
J. Alpha Chi Sigma is a national Academic and Professional organization cum Fraternity. Their main objective is to strive for the advancement of chemistry both as a science and as a profession and also to aid every honorable means to attain their ambitions as chemists throughout their lives.
K. Senator Agro: Do you have any dues?
L. Yes, every organization requires set amount of dues upon initiation.
M. Motion to vote SAB46011- A bill to approve Alpha Chi Sigma.
N. Motion passes.
O. Motion to hear SAB46012- A bill to amend laws in accordance with viewpoint.
P. Speaker Domke: The bill requires all SA officials involved in the Senate’s vacancy approval process to make all decisions in a viewpoint-neutral fashion. Under the change, all candidates should be judged on their merit and character and not on the views of organizations they are affiliated with.

Q. Motion to VOTE SAB46012- A bill to amend laws in accordance with viewpoint.

R. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS
A. A Resolution to Appoint Joseph Gehant Senator at Large.
B. Read.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
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ANNOUNCEMENTS
ADJOURNMENT
A. Senator Warsi: The college-parents group will be conducting their 14th Annual Christmas Flash holiday event for kids. It involves sponsoring and getting gifts for those kids who do not have families.
B. Senator Coronado: All the members of University Service Committee to the general area for their meeting
C. Senator Clayton-Taylor: Black Student Union will be organizing a variety of shows on this Thursday and cost of one ticket is 2$.
D. Senator Lesyk: The combination of common reading experience many beliefs of one community presentation will be held on October 27, 2014, 6:30 pm at Sandburg Auditorium, HSC.
E. Senator Summers: I have decided to switch my adhoc community goals from student for development adhoc community to diversity adhoc community.
F. Senator Hampton: Survivor finds freedom program is postponed to the impact week which is held from Nov 17th to Nov 22th.
G. Senator Norman: We would be collaborating with Omega-delta fraternity and conduct food and non-perishable drive from next week till end of November. I request all senators to participate and get one non-perishable or can goods.
H. Senator Norman: On Nov 22nd 11:00 am, we are going to do essay hosted community service initiative where we will be cleaning the Greek row, area around the academic buildings and area around the dorms.
I. Senator Koss: Mass Transit meeting will be held on Tuesday from 8:00 am to 9:00 am
J. Speaker Domke: The senators who have not attended the retreat are requested to meet me after the meeting.
EXECUTIVE ALLOCATION INFORMATION