Minutes of the
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
09 November 2014

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order by Speaker Domke at 6:01 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 Gorsuch, Senator Sheikhali and Senator Coronado.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
a. Speaker Domke motioned to approve 11/02/14 meetings minutes. Seconded
   i. Minutes Approved

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

SPEAKER REPORT
A. Speaker Domke informs that the Niu basketball team had won against Roosevelt and applauds their effort.
B. Speaker Domke informs that the round table discussion for “It’s on Us” Campaign was held on Monday night and the events will be held from Nov 15th to Nov 22nd.
C. Speaker Domke announces that there will be a decrease in the tuition fees from next year.
D. Speaker Domke would like to start Senator one-on-ones where he wishes to interact with senators and Senator of the year Points will be given for it.
E. Speaker Domke notifies that Rockford Icehog game for the senators will be played on either 21st or 22nd of November.
F. Speaker Domke briefs about issues regarding Blackboard and confirms that the ITS will extend the quota given to the senate to upload the content.
G. Speaker Domke notifies that next week there will be Constitutional Amendment on Graduate Student GPA.
H. Speaker Domke instructs everyone to review their Financial Policy and Bylaws as the First Supplemental Funding request of this semester will be held next week.

I. Speaker Domke reminds that the Veteran’s day will be held on this Tuesday to honor the veterans near the flag post.

J. Speaker Domke requests to fill up given form by describing themselves as the Senate Website is going to be redesigned where each district will have their own webpage having information about senators which can be reviewed by the constituents.

K. Speaker Domke notifies that the Deputy Speaker of the senate Sharonda Roberson will be resigning from the senate and also informs that the new Deputy Speaker will be appointed next week.

L. Speaker Domke welcomes Guest Speaker Sean Frazier- Director of Athletics to the stage.

M. Sean Frazier briefs about how the preparation for the Tuesday Football match is going on and reminds everyone that the match will be on national television and thus, requests all the students to come to the match and support their home team.

N. Sean Frazier notifies that a lot of marketing strategies are being placed to promote Basketball matches and many decisions are being taken regarding transportation to make it easier for supporters to attend the matches.

O. Senator Summers: Could you brief me on the price tag on Athletics Master Plan?

P. Sean Frazier: The total plan is 138 million dollars for all our facilities. We need to have information and diagnose the issue before taking decision on next project. We are doing the projects using private money given by the donators.

Q. Speaker Domke welcomes Guest Speaker Mark Montgomery- Head Coach of Basketball Team to the stage.

R. Mark Montgomery informs that the Basketball matches are run across two semesters and next matches will be held on Nov 8th, Nov. 15 and Nov. 16th. Therefore, e requests all the students to attend the matches and support their team.

S. Senator Koss: Have you considered making use of Huskie Pupline to transport students to the game?

T. Sean Frazier: Yes, we have considered it, but prior to that, we have to operationalize the lines.

U. Speaker Domke: Are we doing anything to get students attend the away games.

V. Mark Montgomery: Not many students have approached us to attend the away games but if they are interested, we will make sure they will get tickets for the match.

W. Speaker Domke: Could you brief on the recruitment strategy for the basketball team?

X. Mark Montgomery: We are mainly looking across Midwest to recruit the best players.

Y. Senator Clayton Taylor: Do you accept walk-ons to be recruited into the basketball team?

Z. Mark Montgomery: We look into all requirements to be eligible to be recruited into the team, and we tell them right away whether they are recruited or not.

AA. Speaker Domke welcomes Guest Speaker Brett Correall- Chief Information Officer to the stage.

BB. Brett Correall requests the senate to give their opinion on student printing quota.

CC. The centralized printing started two years back where every student was given a quota of 21$ to print their materials. There, was a decision taken where the quota is reduced by 7$ per semester every year. Therefore, this year according to the agreement it has to be free for students.
DD. Brett Correall reminds that university has to pay for the papers, ink, machines required for printing which means funds has to be brought from other sources to pay for the printing costs.

EE. It may come from students who are going to print directly or from student fee or from the funds allocated to other sources like Computer Labs.

FF. Senator Leigh: Would it possible, if students who do not print opt out of having these privileges and save their money?

GG. Brett Correall: We are given the funds that are exactly being used for printing and hence, if some get privileges and some don’t will not take the problem away.

HH. Senator Phillips: If the printed quota seizes to exist, where will the funds come from?

II. Brett Correall: You can load money into one card, and use it for printing.

JJ. Senator Birt: Where does the money which was not used for printing go?

KK. Brett Correall: We are currently underfunding the computer labs, and thus, these funds will go to modernization of computer labs.

LL. Senator Clayton-Taylor: After the seizure of printing quota, will the colleges remove the free printing as well?

MM. Brett Correall: Every college has to decide for itself. Printing is expensive, and there would be 80% reduction if the students start paying for it, therefore to reduce the costs, costs may remove free printing.

NN. Senator Diala: Since, modernization of computer labs would not require constant cash flow, if the printing quota is cut for two years, could we bring back the quota after all the labs have been modernized?

OO. Any one time projects has recurring costs after every few years, hence the money has to always be kept aside every year to be used later on modernizing or renovating the project.

PP. Senator Koss: A solution I have is we could have extra money included as Huskie Bucks depending on how much the students require.

QQ. Brett Correall: It is equivalent to add money into one card for printing purpose.

RR. Senator Norman: Couldn’t we just decrease the cost of printing?

SS. Brett Correall: We under collected last year by about 80000$. We cannot lower the cost for students until we lower the cost incurred. We could reduce it by making more students use the anywhere printers.

TT. Speaker asks senators on who would we interested in a new ad hoc committee what would look into the printing issue, research on it and get feedback from students.

**EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

A. No Report

**CABINET REPORTS**

A. Alex Fitch-Director of Athletics and Recreation is recognized.
B. We have been reviewing the facility fees and how is it being distributed to facilities on campus.
C. This Tuesday’s football game will be nationally televised and requests everyone to attend the game.
D. The red riot will be working with P.R.S.S.A., and be holding a raffle for dance marathon. There will be certain give away like hats, long sleeve t-shirts, etc.
E. There will be senior walk across field at 6:30 pm. So all the seniors should be gathered near the North-East side of the stadium.
F. Cabinet workers will be present in the event to set up the tent and help with raffle.
G. We have our own marketing strategy for the Basketball Season. The first home game will be on against Aurora on Nov. 15th at 3:00 pm.
H. There will be senior walk across field will be held
I. James Forman- Director of Advertising is recognized.
J. Student Association is the new member of DeKalb Chamber of Commerce.
K. We have generated over 31000$ from bus revenues.
L. We are planning new NIU athletics marketing campaign which will be out in the next two weeks.
M. Brad Williams- Director of Mass Transit is recognized.
N. The GPS is being updated where corporation of 4 different departments buses, ITS, Geography department and Student Association have worked together and decided to buy new ETA transit system.
O. ETA is going to work with the university and update the mobile app, where the app will also be showing in how much the bus is going to reach the stop.
P. Senator Lesyk: What are your goals for next semester?
Q. Brad Williams We are going to work on thesis plan for mass transit. My primary goal was to update the GPS and it is close to finish.
R. Clayton-Taylor: Are you going to include Huskie line into the GPS?
S. Brad Williams: Whatever system we choose, NIUPD will always be helping us. The SA will pay for the contract itself as well as maintenance.
T. Senator Roberson: Are we going to take survey on what problems students have regarding the bus?
U. Brad Williams: Yes, we will be doing it in a while.
V. Senator Leigh: Could we make students aware about the Huskie Safeline because not many aware of it.
W. Brad Williams: It is upto the police chief to promote Huskie Safeline. But, our new GPS will have the feature where student can locate the nearest Huskie Safeline.
X. Alex Martin- Director of Academic Affairs is recognized.
Y. The Task force has been pass by faculty senate and also passed by General Education committee and was also brought up on University Council, hence there has been great progress.
Z. There has been a lack of student voice on academic councils and committees and hence, we posted article on Northern Star encouraging students to participate. There has been a great
feedback and students have started coming and they were appointed to different committees.

AA. Attended the Coordinated University Council meeting to discuss the repeat policy at northern where the faculty was made aware of the problems students were having and were ready to work with them to improve he policy.

BB. Senator Roberson: What are the requirements needed for students to be appointed in university committees?

CC. Every committee has selected amount of members. I am not sure but I think Pat Erickson would be more suitable to answer that question.

DD. Senator Sorenson: Which departments have you met regarding educational requirements?

EE. I have met with English Department, Health and Human Science Department.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Senator Sheriff is recognized.

B. Campus Life and Greek Affairs committee is totally focused in getting some networking opportunities for currently involved students and see if they could increase the productivity for this semester.

C. We are looking intro transition materials required by student organization and the committee is looking into how we can improve the structure of organization.

D. We have also started implementing Proactivity chart and encourages senators to have a look at the chart.

E. Senator Warsi is recognized.

F. All senators who wish to buy Senator t-shirts, they cost around 15$ and the cost may reduce if there are more buyers.

G. We along with Joe Palmer have looked into informational campaign and encourages all senators to be involved in commercial.

H. Senator Jusino is recognized.

I. We have been looking into GPS tracker. We had over 900 riders on huskie pups and we are still trying to improve those numbers. Student organizations can rent the huskie pups and advertise on them making them unique.

J. Senator Sorenson is recognized.

K. The Mayor will be coming for senate meeting next week to give on brief on DeKalb and what he has been doing.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A. Motion to suspend SAR46029- A Resolution to Appoint Joseph Gehant Senator At Large indefinitely.

B. Motion passed.

C. Motion to suspend SAB46009- A bill to approve NIU Mahjong Club to the next meeting.
D. Motion passed.
E. Motion to suspend SAR46030- A Resolution to Appoint Michal Tomasiewicz Senator At Large indefinitely.
F. Motion passed.
G. Motion to suspend SAB46013- A Bill to approve Society of Plastic Engineers to the next meeting.
H. Motion passed.
I. Motion to hear SAB46014- A Bill to approve Tumbao.
J. Seconded.
K. Tumbao is Latino dance group dedicated to promote Latino awareness through the art of dance. We have two groups, first group is for students who don’t know how to dance but would like to learn it. Second group is one which consists of professional dancers who mainly concentrate on choreography. Or long term goal is to perform at Salsa Congress and short term goal is to hold a conference where II dance groups around campus are invited and host a workshop.
L. Motion to vote SAB46014- A Bill to approve Tumbao.
M. Motion passed.
N. Motion to hear SAB46015- A Bill to establish ad-hoc committee on Diversity.
O. Speaker Domke: I am creating this committee because it aligns with the university’s stand on diversity. Though, there is lot of diversity in campus but there is no connection between them. This committee helps different groups to connect and understand each other. The university is going to hire chief diversity officer and one of their first task they going to conquer is inter-faith resource center to NIU. Senator Summers will be made the Chairman of the committee.
P. Senator Clayton-Taylor: who will be appointing the members for this committee?
Q. Speaker Domke: It is a voluntary work, where it is not compulsory for senators to attend the ad-hoc committee but our encouraged to attend every meeting because they would be awarded Senator of the year points for it. And, more importantly senators cannot miss their appointed committee to attend this ad-hoc committee meeting.
R. Motion to vote SAB46015- A Bill to establish ad-hoc committee on Diversity.
S. Motion passed.
T. Senator Kincaid: The committee should encourage criticism by students even though it may be offensive and not just celebrate diversity.
U. Senator Summers: The committee’s responsibility is to make students understand each other’s religions, their lifestyle and love each other.
V. Motion to hear SAB46010- A bill to approve Better Together @NIU.

NEW BUSINESS
A. None

PUBLIC COMMENTS
A. Tuition Fee will be decreasing next year for all undergraduate students
B. Movies will be show on student center on Thursdays and Fridays.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A. Senator Kincaid: Veterans Ceremony will be held this Tuesday and senators are encouraged to advertise it using fliers which are present in CLB 190 office.

B. Senator Hampton: We had the first NIU Smoke Free Task Force meeting last Friday. I am in charge getting feedback from students who are passionate smokers.

C. Senator Jusino: NIU Red Riot is looking for new members and students are encouraged to sign up for it.

D. Senator Pastrana: Delta Upsilon philanthropy will be held on Nov 16th 11:00 am- 5:00 pm at 918 Kimberly Drive.

E. Senator Norman: The Collaboration Fall Clean-Up will be held this Nov 22nd at 11am-2pm.

F. Speaker Domke: The chairman’s meeting will be held tomorrow at 4:00 pm instead of 4:30pm.

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY**

Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate 11/11/2014

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