CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order by Speaker Domke at 6:02 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 Bateman, Senator Lesyk, Senator Lezon and Senator Coronado.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Speaker Domke motioned to approve 11/16/14 meetings minutes. Seconded
   i. Minutes Approved

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

SPEAKER REPORT

A. Speaker Domke reminds everyone that there will not be any senate meeting next week. The last senate meeting of this year will be held on Dec 7th and later on there will be a Holiday Party for which invitation cards are presented on the table.
B. Speaker Domke appreciates Senator Norman for conducting successful “The Collaboration Fall Clean-Up.
C. Speaker Domke requests the senators to submit their community service forms to Senator Norman as soon as possible.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

A. Paul Julion - Student Trustee is recognized.
B. The Finance facility and operation committee has approved the recommendation for the Ball game participation fee. The Financial year 2016 tuition fee, room and board recommendation and also a new facility for the campus- Distribution in Tennis System have also been voted upon.
C. The Academic Affairs and Student Affairs personal committee approved the request to change the doctoral program from EDD to PhD for Counsellor Education.

D. There is going to be a new Doctoral program for Nursing practicing and it will be called DNP.

E. There were two ad-hoc committees that were created this year, one for Enrollment and other for Governance. Enrollment ad-hoc committee looks upon different trends and retention efforts that student affairs have done to increase the retention rate. The Governance ad-hoc committee reevaluates the Bylaws that the Board of Trustees has.

F. Bill Nicklas held six positions that have to be now refilled after his retirement by different people. Paul Julion gives a brief on who have filled the different positions.

G. Senator Phillips: Could you please brief me on where the new facility or program for the increase in cellular connection is going to be?

H. Paul Julion: It is going to be near the Human Resources office.

I. Senator Phillips: Could you please elaborate on DNP program?

J. Paul Julion: It is abbreviation for Doctor at Nurse Practitioning. It will be Doctoral program instead of master’s program. It is a different marketing strategy to make students either a lower level nurse practitioner or an expert practitioner.

K. Senator Phillips: When can the university expect reports by the two ad-hoc committees on their findings?

L. Paul Julion: Since the committee members met for the first time this week, the report can only be expected in next semester.

M. Senator Sheriff: What major issues are coming up in the next board meetings?

N. Paul Julion: The biggest issue will be on the tuition fee which will be discussed on in the next meeting and also the academic changes that are going to occur in the university.

O. Senator Sheriff: What committees do you serve inside the university?

P. Paul Julion: I serve in Financial Facility and Operations Committee, the two ad-hoc committees for governance and enrollment. And the Legislation Recess Innovation Committee.

Q. President Joe Frascello along with Chad Harris- Chief of Staff is recognized.

R. President Joe Frascello: Week of actions which was a part of “It’s on Us” campaign which tackled a lot of facets of sexual assaults on campus was successfully organized. We thank everyone who has taken part in these events.

S. Currently we are planning to have separate pledge drives around the campus where there is high student traffic. These drives are to educate students on sexual assaults and how to eradicate them.

T. Unfortunately, Chianthony Lee- Director of Student Life will not be a part of Student Association anymore. We are not going to appoint new director until next semester. We also have an opening for Director of Cultural Affairs because the current director will be graduating this semester.

U. Chad Harris: We are not sure on how the new director has to be appointed. Once we are sure about it, we will announce the procedure and the due dates for application process through press release.

V. The students are not allowed to work in the “Finals Week” so the directors need not come to the office but students can reach them through either phone or email. We will be donating our office time to the disabled students who need places to study during the finals week.
W. Senator Williams: What is the process to remove a director from his position?

X. Certain policies and standards have been set when the semester started which have to be met by the employee while they handle their position. If a certain numbers of policies have been breached, then the employee will be removed from the SA.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CABINET REPORTS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>A. Joe Palmer- Director of Public Affairs is recognized.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>B. Basketball Event has been successful with large number of students coming to the games.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C. We are going to start a new promotional campaign in collaboration with the Director of Advertising.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>D. I have been mainly focusing on It's on Us campaign since last week. We have been planning to have travelling Pledge Drive booth around the campus. We also created video ads to promote the campaign.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E. In spring, I would like to overhaul the way the SA communicates publicly. I would be hosting a few public forums to know what causes voter apathy or misunderstanding on what the Student Association does, etc. There will be some changes on how the media is going to be handled in NIU. I would like to change the perception of students about the SA.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F. Senator Agro: Where do you plan to have public forums?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>G. Joe Palmer: Probably, these forums will be conducted throughout the campus. It is still in tentative form and we are still planning on it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>H. Senator Birt: What changes do you want to make in social media?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I. Joe Palmer: I would like to include Instagram into the social media to promote our SA events. Significant changes are going to be made on how NIU and SA handle their media.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>J. Senator Summers: Could you make it clear on how ad campaign is being changed?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>K. Joe Palmer: We are going to have major changes in social media and public forums. We are trying to have weekly report which we can email out to the students. NIU is going to have major in-house changes where new employees are being recruited to increase the standards of operation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>L. Jevonte Marshall- Director of IT is recognized</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>M. I will give you a brief on Acceptable Use Policy (A.U.P.). A.U.P. refers to the policies pertaining to the NIU network, NIU wireless, the internet within dorms, smart classrooms, etc. It specifies on who can use it and how they can use it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>N. The computing facilities activities committee has been working hard revamping the whole thing because NIU is unable to restrict students to access social media network.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>O. Individual District pages are being made for different senators on NIU website. We are going to have a final draft of A.U.P. in the next meeting that is going to be held on Dec 3rd. I want to thank everyone to have patience regarding some of the organizations being down on the NIU website. The organizations were down because they were on different server and since that server has been removed; all the files have to be uploaded on new server which will take time. I will try to complete it by end of this semester</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
P. I am trying to redesign SA website so that it looks different from the NIU website. It mainly involves the background color, the font, etc.

Q. Senator Wahlstrom: In regards to SA website, all the links for the organizations are broken. Do you plan to fix it up?

R. Yes, we are planning to fix it as quickly as possible.

---

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Speaker Domke: We discussed the SWOT analysis of SA senate. Our strength is the passion from the members, we want to take up more responsibility and senators are starting to feel more comfortable in debating a topic. Our weakness is the lack of communication among senators across various communities and it is still not well known by the student body. SA senate have an opportunity to encourage students to voice their opinions, we have an opportunity to band together and get larger projects accomplished and we also have an opportunity to get more student involvement and put awareness through various medium. Our main threat is that there is potential for senators who may represent our campus and organization in a negative way. The other threat is that the students may lose interest or faith in us if they feel we are not delivering what they want.

B. Senator Sheriff: CLGA has tried to advocate for an open space for student organization where they could interact and collaborate for certain events. We are trying to look into alternatives and report on it will be represented to the senate soon which will have what the institution plans to do. We are trying to decrease the age for entry in bars in DeKalb so that students could go and socialize with other students on campus.

C. Senator Phillips: Have you discussed and specific age for entry into the bar or are you just exploring the idea?

D. Senator Sheriff: We are just exploring the idea and presently Senator Lezon will be spearheading the initiative. We have not yet finalized on any specific age.

E. Senator Birt: I have been working with Senator Lezon and we were planning to have the age bar set to 20 so that freshman will not be allowed to enter the bars.

---

**OLD BUSINESS**

A. Motion to hear SAB46018- A Bill to approve NIU Badminton Club.

B. Seconded.

C. When I first attended the rec-fest, I was trying to find Badminton Club so that I could join but unfortunately I could not find any. Recently, when I went to Recreation Center I found few students who were playing Badminton and I joined them. We formed a small group and started playing regularly and many other students started joining us. We requested the heads of Recreation center to have badminton courts and now we successfully have 3 badminton courts in it. My main goal is to bring all the badminton game lovers under one roof. We would like to train
the new students and bring out their skills and try to make them a professional player. We plan to conduct regular competitions to challenge each other and find out who is the best among us.

D. Senator Diala: How many members do you currently have?
E. We currently have around 25 students.
F. Senator Partington: Are you providing any badminton racquets?
G. No, presently everyone has to get their own racquets but in the future we would like to provide to the new members.
H. Senator Farinango: Are you planning to receive SA funding in the future?
I. Yes, we are planning to have SA funding in future.
J. Senator Williams: In what ways are you advertising this club?
K. We have not started yet, but after getting recognized, we were planning to have competitions where students could participate.
L. Senator Clayton-Taylor: Can all the genders become a part of the club?
M. Yes everyone who wants to play badminton is allowed to join the group.
N. Senator Lagioia: Did you have any experience playing Badminton?
O. Yes I have played Badminton before and I was runner-up in recently conducted competition in NIU.
P. Senator Kreml: Since NIU currently does not have a Badminton Club, then it would create interest among students at NIU, they have my vote.
Q. Motion to vote SAB46018- A Bill to approve NIU Badminton Club.
R. Motion passes.
S. Motion to hear SAB46019- A bill to amend the Bylaws-Finance Policy, Expenditure Form
T. Seconded.
U. In absence of Husam Salem- Treasurer, I will speak on his behalf. I would like to discuss on some changes in Finance Section of the Bylaws. A lot of organizations will come in just before the fiscal year which is June 30th and they will submit forms couple of days before that. The Niu Accounting takes two weeks to process that through. If the organizations submit so late, the money that would be coming from expenditure will be not in current fiscal year. That would create couple of problems. First, it places stress on the Accountant because she will try them to get approved as early as possible. Second is that if the student organization submits the form late, it would go to next fiscal year’s budget and if they are not approved they would not receive it for whatever reason they had requested for. Therefore, we have proposed that the form has to be submitted by second Friday of June which will give the accounting section two weeks’ time to finish the process and we don’t need to worry about rushing the process.
V. Motion to vote SAB46019- A bill to amend the Bylaws-Finance Policy, Expenditure Form.
W. Motion passes.
X. Motion to hear SAB46020- A bill to amend the Bylaws- Finance Policy, Campus Transportation Fund
Y. It is a motion to have a change in finance policy. It is basically removing the section On-campus Transportation Fund. That fund was defunded years ago but it has been sitting on it the Bylaws and is no longer existent.
Z. Senator Kreml: I would like to have a clarification on whether there is presently any funding on the transportation fund.

AA. There is zero dollars on that budget and just needs to be removed from the Bylaws.

BB. Motion to vote SAB46020- A bill to amend the Bylaws- Finance Policy, Campus Transportation Fund

CC. Motion passes.

DD. Motion to hear SAR46036- A resolution to Appoint Scott Chan Senator-at-Large.

EE. I am senior at NIU with Rehab Services as my major. I would like to be the voice of the students at NIU with disabilities. I have passion to help people in whatever way I can and that is the main reason I have chosen Rehab Services as my Major. I am member of a fraternity and also mentor for PMP program. My main goal is to improve student safety in campus and also increase the enrollment in our campus. I want to be a part of senate because I want to help students of NIU.

FF. Senator Williams: What organizations are you part of?

GG. I am part of a fraternity and mentor for PMP program. I was part of group of students and faculty who devised an online course that could teach people about disabilities and various terminologies regarding it.

HH. Senator Kincaid: You have written in your application that you would like to improve the communication between students and the university. How do you plan to do it?

II. Whenever I wanted to voice my concerns or my opinions, I did not know where I should go and whom should I meet. I would like to make SA more well-known among students and encourage them to come to us if they need any help.

JJ. Senator Kincaid: Are there any buildings in the University that you know of which are not complied with ADAAG guidelines and how what actions do do you want to take to fix that?

KK. Most buildings are accessible but the ramps and elevators are very inconvenient and also there are few bathrooms in the campus which are not easily accessible and I would like to make them more easily accessible for students with disabilities.

LL. Senator Williams: What is your position in the organizations you have worked in?

MM. I was a mentor in PMP program and I am running for a member of education in my fraternity.

NN. Senator Harris: What community do you want to be part of if you become a senator?

OO. I would like to be a part of any community I am assigned to because my main goal is to make student’s life easier in whichever way I can.

PP. Senator Wahlstrom: How will you accomplish your goal of increasing student safety and enrollment?

QQ. I would like to increase the police patrols around the campus. In regarding to increase in enrollment, I would like to advertise about NIU throughout the country.

RR. Senator Norman: Do you know buses are convenient to students with disabilities?

SS. I think few students have difficulties with the buses that are presently being used especially with the late night rides since only one bus is available that is comfortable to students at that time.

TT. Discussions on Scott Chan

UU. Senator Clayton-Taylor: I think we should vote for him because he could make us aware of the difficulties that the students with disabilities are facing in the campus and how to better them.
VV. Senator White, Senator Kincaid, Senator Hampton, Senator Sheriff agree with Senator Clayton-Taylor feels that the candidate is knowledgeable and should be included into the senate.

WW. Motion to vote SAR46036- A resolution to Appoint Scott Chan Senator-at-Large.

XX. Motion passes.

YY. Motion to suspend SAB46021- A Bill to approve Kingsword NIU to the next meeting.

ZZ. Motion passes

AAA. Motion to hear SAR46037-A Resolution to support Interfaith Resource Space.

BBB. Seconded.

CCC. A joint presentation on Interfaith Resource Space was given by Afreen Warsi- Chairman of Public Affairs NIU, Ellie Evans-President of Better together@NIU and Alexander Summers-Chairman of Diversity of ad-hoc committee.

DDD. Senator Diala: You plan to keep the room for Interfaith Resource Space simple but you also plan to go to different religious organization to determine what they would require in the room. Don’t you think these two ideas contradict each other?

EEE. We would only ask about the resources and accommodations they would require in the space and we have followed the guidelines provided in www.ifyc.org website.

FFF. Senator Diala: Do you have any plans to add community service angle to it because you can get city support for it

GGG. We have not thought about it yet but we will look into it.

HHH. Senator Clayton Taylor: I think the Lincoln room would be the most appropriate for the space needed inside the student center because there would be enough room for people to pray and nor interrupt each other.

III. Senator Kincaid: I move that we postpone for vote till the next meeting because I feel there is a need significant amount of discussion before taking any decision on this resolution.

JJJ. Senator Gorsuch: I think that is a good idea because it will give us time to interact with our constituents before taking a decision.

KKK. Senator Kreml: I want to point to the fact that our decision will only be an opinion on whether we support the idea or not. Therefore, my vote is against this motion.

LLL. Senator White and Senator Norman support the views of Senator Kreml.

MMM. Motion to postpone the vote does not pass.

NNN. Senator Kreml: Will you also be accommodating people’s spiritualties in it as well?

OOO. We have been in collaboration with Pageant student Association and we have their full support to have such space because they can have place where they could meditate.

PPP. Senator Norman: How are you going to encourage students to come to this space and collaborate if they already have places around the campus?

QQQ. We will be advertising it and spreading the news through students. We would also talk to people from various religions and invite them to our space so that they could come and promote their religions.

RRR. Senator Koss: Did you receive any feedback about this idea?

SSS. From the research we conducted, we have not received any negative feedback yet but they were suggestions on what to be included inside the room.

TTT. Senator Diala: What are timings you have decided during which this room will be open?
It is still under discussion and can only be decided after a room has been finalized.

Senator Kreml: Motion to amend the resolution as it currently reads Forty Fifth Session to Forty Sixth session.

Motion passes.

Motion to vote SAR46037-A Resolution to support Interfaith Resource Space.

Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Motion to read SAB46017- A Bill to amend the constitution- Grad Student GPA.
B. This motion will be on our agenda for the next week.
C. Senator Kreml: Motion to amend the bill as it currently reads Forty Fifth Session to Forty Sixth session.
D. Motion passes.
E. SAB46017- A Bill to amend the constitution- Grad Student GPA read.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

A. Senator Clayton-Taylor: Dec 1st there will be a Informational for the Pageant. So, if you know any freshmen who wants their voices heard could attend the meeting and scholarship is awarded to the winner.

B. Senator Norman: Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who has participated in the Fall Collaboration Clean-Up. Secondly, I request everyone to submit their community Service forms as soon as possible. Lastly, all the senators who have not community service hours, then they have their opportunity to complete it by Participating in the Can Food Drive because this is the last SA event for this semester.

C. Senator Kreml: I would like everyone to know that my office hours are now updated on the senate office hour’s sheet on blackboard and I am also available through appointment.

D. Senator Hampton: I am on NIU smoke free task force and the ban is coming from July 1st. I am looking for students who are passionate smokers. If you know any smoker who want to be on committee they are invited to come and meet me or you can email me.

E. Speaker Domke: The next Sunday we will not have senate meeting and also chairman meeting. The resolution which we sent forth to Chief Lowery, that decision will be taken tomorrow during the City Council Meeting. So, all the senators are encouraged to come to the meeting and support that legislation.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY

Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate 12/02/2014
EXECUTIVE ALLOCATION INFORMATION