STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE
of
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
5:00 p.m. - Sunday 06th December 2015
Clara Sperling Skyroom
Holmes Student Center

I. Call to Order and Roll Call
II. Pledge of Allegiance
III. Approval of Minutes
   [Minutes distributed electronically to members]
IV. Approval of Agenda
V. Speaker’s Report
VI. Executive Branch Report(s)
VII. Cabinet Report
VIII. Committee Reports
IX. Old Business
X. New Business
   A. SAB47010- A bill to recognize The R.E.A.L. Women of Northern Illinois University
   B. SAR47023- A resolution to appoint Stewart Nissenbaum Director of Environmental Affairs
   C. SAR47024- A resolution to amend the Senate operations manual on attendance policy.
XI. Public Comments
XII. Announcements
XIII. Adjournment
Minutes of the
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
22 November 2015

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order by Deputy-Speaker Kreml at 5:04 PM in the Sky Room of the Holmes Student Center.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Deputy-Speaker Kreml asks Senator Cappi to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
a. Deputy-Speaker Kreml motioned to approve previous meeting’s minutes. Seconded
   i. Minutes Approved

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A. Deputy-Speaker Kreml motioned to move item V to XII. Seconded.
   i. Agenda approved

SPEAKER REPORT
A. None.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS
A. Rachael Chavez – Student Trustee of SA is recognized.
B. Rachael Chavez appreciates everyone who had helped in making “It’s on Us” campaign successful.
C. Rachael Chavez informs that she has been contacting with student trustees from different campuses to find out what they have been doing in regards to budget cuts by the state government.
D. Rachael Chavez asked the senators’ response in regards to getting John Phillips to the senate meeting to brief us about the university’s finances and what NIU is doing to keep the university open.
E. Marc Calvey- Treasurer of SA is recognized.
F. Marc Calvey informs that they created two new expenditure forms. One expenditure form is more focused on financial aspect like where the student organization has been spent the funds on and the second expenditure form focuses on the event in general. Marc Calvey informs that he has shown those forms to different people from administration side and once he gets the approval and feedback from them, he would be presenting them to the senate.

G. Marc Calvey informs about the allocation for the senate and its sub-committees.

H. Marc Calvey informs about the fee structure which will be discussed by 3 committees and which committees can be attended by the SA representatives.

I. Senator Neely: Why should we fill up the forms to show how the funds allocated by SA have been spent by student organizations?

J. So that we can track whether if the student organization is spending on the events are the same as specified by them during the budgeting process.

K. Senator Clayton-Taylor: Has the SA looked into the matter of giving scholarship to a particular student who is looking for financial assistance?

L. SA Financial Policy is set up in a way to give funds to a whole student organization and not to any particular student.

CABINET REPORTS

A. Greg Lezon- Chief of Staff is recognized.

B. Greg Lezon informs that he has worked with Deputy-Speaker Kreme and uploaded the operating manual on SA website for reference to the policies being used by the SA throughout the year.

C. Greg Lezon provides the summary of evaluation for the executive staff which has been calculated based on their performance in regards to 10 different categories.

D. Greg Lezon informs that he will be having one-one meeting with different directors discussing about their results and finding out their goals for next semester.

E. Rob Jusino- Director of Mass Transit is recognized.

F. Rob Jusino informs about the E.T.A. and that its implementation will start by spring semester.

G. Rob Junison informs about the availability of the Elburn shuttle.

H. Rob Junison informs that the Lucinda extension is now open and that 95% of materials from the Douglas hall were reused. Therefore, the total cost for the project was reduced to 4.5 million dollars.

I. Rob Jusino informs that the name of the bus “Barsema Express” has been changed to “Lucinda Express”. Rob Jusino also informs about the future steps that will be taken by Department of Mass Transit to extend the routes to be covered by the Lucinda Express which will cover areas like “Stevenson Towers” and will most probably be started by next semester.

J. Rob Jusino informs that they have been working on operations for NIU Cares day in spring.

K. Senator Paquin: Do you have information regarding the stops decided for Lucinda Express?
L. The idea behind the Lucinda Express was to bring the students from residence halls to Barsema Hall quickly and we have a few stops in mind like the “Northern View Apartments”, “Convocation Centre”, “Stevenson Towers”, “Recreational Centre”, etc.

M. Senator Martin: How are you going to test the ETA application?

N. We are planning to do the tests during the winter break.

O. Senator Norman: Is it going to be a regular bus or pup bus?

P. Lucinda Express is going to be a regular bus. Pup buses are being used by different departments for their respective events.

Q. Senator Singh: Is there any change to extend the route of Lucinda Express to include areas like Spiros and West Ridge so that management students can reach Barsema Hall easily?

R. Rob Jusino: The students have to use the 5 and 3 bus route to reach Barsema Hall as the garden road is not suitable to be used as bus route.

S. Michael Agro- Director of Athletics and Recreational Center is recognized.

T. Michael Agro informs that all the sports clubs and teams have given budget presentation to sports council.

U. Michael Agro informs that they have looked into getting new locks for recreational center depending on the feedbacks given by the students.

V. Michael Agro informs that there will be a tailgate on Tuesday in NIU Football arena by SA and everyone is encouraged to attend the event.

W. Senator Phillips: How are the students going to vote in regards to the two locking system in recreational center?

X. The locks that the recreational center currently has are electrical and we are going to choose one in between the two mechanical locks depending on the feedback from the students. We are going to have two different locks displayed in the recreational center and ask the students to use them and vote on the best lock.

Y. Senator McKay: Do you have any other plans to encourage students to attend winter sports like wrestling, gymnastics, etc.?

Z. I am working with Red Riot to promote athletics among NIU students during spring semester.

AA. Senator Neely: Have you ever thought to recruit good players from Rockford area into our team?

BB. I haven’t looked into it yet but thank you for your suggestion; I will look into the matter.

CC. Senator Norman: Have you looked into getting help from senators to promote games around NIU campus?

DD. I have discussed with Speaker Domke in regards to the help needed for tailgate event being held on Tuesday. It would be great if the senators could help me in it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. None.
OLD BUSINESS
A. Motion to hear SAR47022- A Resolution to support writing infused courses & proposed transcript documentation for co-curricular engaged learning activities
B. Seconded.
C. Deputy-Speaker Kreml gives a brief description about the bill.
D. Motion to vote SAR47022- A Resolution to support writing infused courses & proposed transcript documentation for co-curricular engaged learning activities
E. Motion passes.
F. Motion to reconsider SAB47008- A bill to approve supplemental funding- Black Student Union.
G. Seconded.
H. Representative from Black Student Union gives a brief description about the supplemental funding and the changes made in it since last presented in the senate meeting.
I. Senator Clayton-Taylor: How will you be picking the 20 students that will be going to the conference?
J. I will be picking firstly among my executive board and then I will be picking students from different committees who served the Black Student Union. Lastly, if still not filled then I will be selecting students who are interested in attending the conference.
K. Deputy-Speaker Kreml: Motion to amend the bill to change the location to “University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign” and change the date to December 5th, 2015.
L. Motion to vote SAB47008- A bill to approve supplemental funding- Black Student Union.
M. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS
A. None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
A. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
A. Senator Norman appreciates everyone who contributed in Hygiene Packages event.
B. Senator Brandner : I would like to make a motion to reflect the closing attendance roll call in the opening attendance as many senators were not able to come on time to the senate meeting due to bad weather.
C. Seconded.
D. Motion passes.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY
New Business
Agenda Item: A

First Reading
December 06th, 2015
Author: Speaker Domke
Sponsor:

ENROLLED SENATE BILL 47010
Forty-Seventh Session

Summary: A bill to recognize The R.E.A.L. Women.

Legislation:

WHEREAS, The Vice-President of the Student Association has granted The R.E.A.L. Women temporary recognition

WHEREAS; the senate has the responsibility of approving student groups for complete recognition

THEREFORE; the student of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact that the Student Association grants permanent recognition to The R.E.A.L. Women.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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Enclosure: Temporary Recognition Form & Organization’s Constitution
TEMPORARY RECOGNITION

I hereby grant temporary recognition to:

REAL Women

and request that they be placed on the upcoming agenda of the Student Association Senate.

Attached is:

☑ Organization’s Constitution and/or Bylaws

Organization Contact Information:

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Advisor
Name Regina Cuzy
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Under the guidance of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Student Association, this student organization of Northern Illinois University shall have all privileges granted until

February 28th, 2016 or until they have been granted full recognition by the Student Association Senate.

Date

Reginald D. Bates Jr., Vice-President
CONSTITUTION OF

The R.E.A.L. Women of
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Article I. Name

The name of the Organization shall be Respected Educated Ambitious Liberated Women formally known as R.E.A.L. Women.

Article II. Purpose

To help, assist, monitor, mentor, and motivate women of diverse backgrounds. Working together as women, we will provide guidance for one another while creating leaders for our community and university.

Article III. Membership

Membership in this organization shall consist of any student presenting as female of NIU. An enrolled student shall be defined as anyone taking a credit hour course at NIU, without respect to part-time, full-time, undergraduate or graduate status. Members shall complete six to eight Community Service Hours per month, with the exception of August and December. They must also attend three educational events per semester. Lastly, members must attend study tables once a week.

A. Active Member
   • Shall be formally registered with executive board.
   • Shall attend three fourths of all meetings or events per semester.
     • If class or work schedules conflict with meeting or event times member shall notify the president.

B. New Members Requirements
   • Prospective members are encouraged to have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5.
   • Prospective members must have established at least 12 credit hours (no first semester freshmen).
   • Prospective members must complete a membership application.

Article IV. Executive Board/Officers /Faculty Advisor

Section 1: Executive Board

The executive board shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, programmer, and media relations. Order of succession is as followed president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, programmer, and media relations. These positions shall be held for two consecutive academic semesters.

Section 2: Duties of the Executive Board Officers
A. President
- Shall conduct and arrange all formal meetings.
- Shall manage the responsibilities of executive board members.
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- Shall maintain the roster of all members.
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• Shall be in charge of regularly updating our social media pages with our current events.
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Summary: A resolution to appoint Stewart Nissenbaum Director of Environmental Affairs

WHEREAS, The President has appointed Stewart Nissenbaum Director of Environmental Affairs

WHEREAS, “The Student Association Cabinet is created by the President and exists for the purpose of assisting the President of his/her duties and responsibilities”,

WHEREAS, Article 3 Section 4.A of the Student Association Bylaws states that “All Directors shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate”;

WHEREAS, Stewart has been serving as a student representative to the NIU Green Printing Initiative Committee

WHEREAS, “Only the Senate shall have the power to authorize a person to be paid from student fee monies”

Therefore, The Student of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact that Stewart Nissenbaum be confirmed as the Student Association Director of Environmental Affairs under the administration of President Nathan Lupstein

This act is to take effect immediately

*RESUME ATTACHED*
Summary: A resolution to amend the Senate operations manual on attendance policy.

Legislation:

WHEREAS, Logging into blackboard is an important aspect of being a senator as it contains important meeting information.

WHEREAS, It is a duty of a senator to know what will be discussed at the next meeting and prepare questions and formulate opinions on the legislation.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the students of Northern Illinois University represented in the Senate, that article 7 of the Senate operating manual be amended as follows: (amendments in red)

VII

ATTENDANCE

In Accordance with Article IV §3.C of the Student Association Constitution, "all regular and special Senate meetings must be attended by all Senators; missing any regular Senate meeting shall count as an absence. Any Senator having three (3) absences during a single semester or five (5) absences during their one-year term of office from regular Senate meetings or from regular Senate committee meetings will be considered removed from office and shall be so notified." Two roll call votes are taken for attendance purposes during a meeting: one after the call to order and another on the motion to adjourn. One-half absence will be assigned for each roll call missed. Additionally, one-half absence will be assigned for any committee meeting missed. One quarter absence shall be assigned for any senator who fails to log in to the senate blackboard for fifteen days. On the fifteenth day, the absence shall be assigned and the counter shall
be reset to zero and start again. One quarter absence shall be assigned for any senator who fails to look through the agenda for that week’s senate by downloading the file from blackboard. The report of who looked at the agenda and who did not shall be taken at the conclusion of the senate meeting. In the event of an absence, Senators have two (2) business days to fill out a Senator Leave Absence Form to request to have the absence excused, unless extreme circumstances exist. It is up to the Speaker of the Senate’s discretion whether the absence is excused. Should the Senator want, they may appeal the Speaker’s decision by submitting a petition to the Rules and Procedures Committee for the absolution of that absence. The Rules and Procedures Committee has the power to grant or deny the request.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.