CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Speaker Domke at 5:05 PM in the Sky Room of the Holmes Student Center.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Speaker Domke asks Senator Clayton-Taylor to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Speaker Domke motioned to approve previous meeting’s minutes. Seconded
   i. Minutes Approved

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

SPEAKER REPORT

A. Speaker Domke reminds everyone to submit their absentee forms if they are going to be absent for any of the senate meetings.
B. Speaker Domke requests all senators to inform him in advance if any of them feel that they are no longer interested in being a senator.
C. Speaker Domke notifies that the University Council committee placements are open and if any of the senators are interested in being a University Council committee member, they are requested to meet speaker Domke or President Lupstein.
D. Speaker Domke is trying to have Police Chief Phillips as guest speaker next week.
E. Speaker Domke notifies about the training for Compliance Checks and also informed that if any of the senators would like to be a part of that team, they could contact him for more information.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

A. Nathan Lupstein—President of SA is recognized.
B. Nathan Lupstein explains about the It’s on Us Campaign and how this campaign is being strengthened around the campus.
C. Nathan Lupstein informs that the university does not have a Chief Officer of Sustainability and SA is looking into having a new position for it.
D. Nathan Lupstein notifies about the vacancies that are present in University Council Committees for the senators and if any of the senators are interested, they are encouraged to contact him.
E. Nathan Lupstein informs that they are working with President Baker to improve Campus Safety.
F. Nathan Lupstein informs that they are currently helping Campus Activities Board in their advertisements for “Homecoming” event.
G. Senator Clayton-Taylor: In regards to Campus Safety, were there any decisions taken on late night rides?  
H. Nathan Lupstein: We are looking into the issue of deciding between Huskie Safeline and Late Night Rides as there are positive and negative points for both. Therefore, we will see what the student input is before taking a final decision.  
I. Senator Singh: Is the Huskie Safeline available to all the students of NIU?  
J. Nathan Lupstein: It is available to all the students of NIU and you need to have NIU card to use this service.

### CABINET REPORTS

A. Jevonte Marshall- Director of Information Technology is recognized.  
B. Jevonte Marshall has been working on manual updates on SA website.  
C. Jevonte Marshall is looking into updates of NIU SA and SILD webpages.  
D. Jevonte Marshall informs that the Computing Facilities Activity Committee has been working on the issue of A.U.P.  
E. Jevonte Marshall has been working with Microsoft representatives to create an event on campus to promote their products.  
F. Jevonte Marshall’s goals are to increase student representation in different departments around campus and increase responsibilities for this position.  
G. Senator Kreml: Does it take a lot of time to update all the directors’ reports as some of the reports have not been updated since early September  
H. Jevonte Marshall: It all depends on the server speed.  
I. Alyssa Dunbar–Director of Advertising is recognized.  
J. Alyssa Dunbar has been working on T-shirt program and we decided to postpone it to Spring semester as lot of other programs are encouraging the businesses to advertise themselves through them in this semester.  
K. Alyssa Dunbar informs that they are looking into revamp the It’s On Us campaign to make sure that it remains active around the campus.  
L. Alyssa Dunbar has also been working on SA commercial to promote SA and its diversity.  
M. Alyssa Dunbar has been working on Bus Advertisements.  
N. Alyssa Dunbar encourages all senators to participate in rally on 29th October and also promote the event among their constituents.  
O. Senator Lugo: Will you be advertising about the rally on campus  
P. Alyssa Dunbar: We are going to interact with the sponsors of this rally and decide on how they would like it to be advertised.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. None.

### OLD BUSINESS

A. Motion to hear SAR47002- A Resolution to approve of the Senate Operating Manual.  
B. Seconded.  
C. Senator Brandner: I would like to make an official motion to replace the word “resolves” with “enacted” in the resolution  
D. Motion passes.  
E. Motion to vote SAR47002- A Resolution to approve of the Senate Operating Manual.  
F. Motion passes.
G. Motion to hear SAR47003- A Resolution to urge the Government of the State of Illinois to end the budget impasse while holding the line on the higher education budget from FY15 and to be sure to completely fund the MAP Grant Program.

H. Seconded.

I. Speaker Domke gives a brief description about the bill.

J. Senator Kreml and Senator Brandner encourage all the other senators to vote for the bill.

K. Motion to vote SAR47003- A Resolution to urge the Government of the State of Illinois to end the budget impasse while holding the line on the higher education budget from FY15 and to be sure to completely fund the MAP Grant Program.

L. Motion passes.

M. Motion to hear SAR47004- A resolution to confirm Senator Robert Kreml to Deputy Speaker

N. Seconded.

O. Robert Kreml gives a brief description about himself and provides reasons on why he is apt for the position of Deputy Speaker.

P. Motion to vote SAR47004- A resolution to confirm Senator Robert Kreml to Deputy Speaker

Q. Motion passes.

R. Motion to hear SAR47005- A resolution to appoint Jaclyn Keith Director of Greek Affairs.

S. Seconded.

T. Jaclyn Keith gives a brief description about her and gives reasons on why she should be appointed as Director of Greek Affairs.

U. Senator Vanover: What aspects do you think you have acquired since last semester?

V. Jaclyn Keith: I believe people always fail some or the other time in life but to become successful I believe you need to accept your failure, try to rectify the mistakes and try again.

W. Senator Arnold: What is the first thing you would like to do if selected as Director of Greek Affairs?

X. Jaclyn Keith: I would like students get involved in Safe Passage and It’s on US Campaign.

Y. Discussions on the candidate.

Z. Senator Vanover, Senator Brandner and Deputy-Speaker Kreml encourage all other senators to vote for her.

AA. Motion to vote SAR47005- A resolution to appoint Jaclyn Keith Director of Greek Affairs.

BB. Motion passes.

CC. Motion to hear SAR47006- A resolution to appoint Members to the Supreme Court

DD. Seconded.

EE. Adam Weaver gives a brief description about himself and on why he should be appointed as member of the Supreme Court.

FF. Deputy-Speaker Kreml: What are your goals if elected as Justice of Senate Supreme Court?

GG. Adam Weaver: Firstly, I would like to take find out the current problems by discussing with the present justices and try to find solutions for them.

HH. Deputy-Speaker Kreml: How familiar do you believe you are with the governing documents and court of procedure of the Student Association?

II. Adam Weaver: I have looked into the bylaws and constitution and I am sure I will get more familiar with the laws and procedures after some time.

JJ. Candice Patrick gives a brief description about herself and on why she should be appointed as member of the Supreme Court.

KK. Deputy-Speaker Kreml: How familiar do you believe you are with the governing documents and court of procedure of the Student Association?

LL. Candice Patrick: I am trying to understand them and since I am already a Law student, I don’t think it would take much time to get familiar with them.

MM. Deputy-Speaker Kreml: How comfortable would you be if had to give a verdict which you do not agree with but have to be followed according to the bylaws and constitution?

NN. Candice Patrick: As the Justice of Supreme Court, I believe I do not have the right to allow my own personal opinions to affect my decisions.
OO. Whitney Francisco gives a brief description about herself and on why she should be appointed as member of the Supreme Court.

PP. Deputy-Speaker Kreml: How familiar do you believe you are with the governing documents and court of procedure of the Student Association?

QQ. Whitney Francisco: I am trying to understand them and since I am already a Law student, I don’t think it would take much time to get familiar with them.

RR. Discussion on Adam Weaver

SS. Deputy-Speaker Kreml: I believe he was neither able to grasp what was asked to him or was familiar with the governing documents and court of procedure. I think he should be well versed with all the procedures.

TT. Motion to vote Adam Weaver as member of the Supreme Court.

UU. Motion does not pass. 12-aye 13-nay.

VV. Discussion on Candice Patrick.

WW. Senator Phillips and Deputy-Speaker Kreml believe that she should be appointed as Member of Supreme Court.

XX. Motion to vote Candice Patrick as member of the Supreme Court.

YY. Motion passes. 25-aye 1-abstention.

AAA. Discussion on Whitney Francisco

BBB. Deputy-Speaker Kreml: I believe she is not prepared for the position.

CCC. Motion to vote Whitney Francisco as member of the Supreme Court.

DDD. Motion passes. 16 aye 9 nay 1 abstention.

EEE. Motion to hear SAR47007 - A Resolution to appoint Anthony Baca Deputy Treasurer. Seconded.

FFF. Anthony Baca gives a brief description about himself and on why he should be appointed as Deputy Treasurer.

GGG. Senator Clayton-Taylor: How did you get to know about this position?

HHH. Anthony Baca: I had a meeting with the treasurer during last semester where I got to know that the present Deputy Treasurer wasn’t going to hold the position this semester and I was always eager for this position so I just applied for it.

III. Senator Robinson: How do you plan to support those organizations that certainly contribute to university retention but do not receive the budget they deserve?

JJJ. Anthony Baca: We have already held Budget Workshops for student organizations for them to understand about the budget is distributed among the organizations.

KKK. Motion to vote SAR47007 - A Resolution to appoint Anthony Baca Deputy Treasurer.

LLL. Motion passes. 16-aye 8-nay 2-abstention.

MMM. Motion to hear SAR47008 - A resolution to appoint Senator(s) at Large. Seconded.

NNN. Speaker Domke makes an amendment to remove candidates: Logan Hoxworth, Eric Bell Jr., Khiree Cross, Maximilion Ehret, Glennita Williams from the agenda.

OOO. Motion passes.

PPP. Jeremy Farley gives a brief description about himself and on why he should be appointed as Senator at Large.

QQQ. Senator Warsi: What goals do you have if appointed as Senator at Large?

RRR. Jeremy Farley: My main goal is to improve the promotion of the SA events around the campus.

SSS. Senator Phillips: Which committees are you interested in?

TTT. I would like to be a part of student involvement committee.

UUU. Senator Wang: What motivated you to become a senator?

VVV. Jeremy Farley: I wanted to make a difference on this campus and improve the student involvement.

WWW. Senator Brandner: Do you still attend the Hall Council meetings even after losing your position by one vote?

XXX. Yes, I regularly attend the Hall Council meetings.

YYY. Senator Dominguez: You have written in your application that you would like to address the Dining Hall timings. How do you plan to do it?
I would like to work with housing and dining and put up at least an hour for breakfast in Neptune hall because I think it would be very difficult for students to go all the way to New Hall from Neptune Hall for breakfast on weekends as it is going to be really cold during winter.

Malcolm Neely gives a brief description about himself and on why he should be appointed as Senator at Large.

Deputy Speaker Kreml: Which committee would you like to be a part of?

Malcolm Neely: I would like to be a part of Student Life or Public Affairs.

Senator Wang: How do you plan to increase diversity on campus?

I believe we do not have many diverse events around campus; therefore I plan to have events that are more diverse than present events where students will have opportunity to understand different cultures.

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Discussion on Michael Williams

Deputy-Speaker Kreml: I believe he was very motivated and wanted to get more involved. Therefore, I believe we will benefit from him if he is appointed as Senator at Large.

Motion to vote Michael Williams as Senator at Large

Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

A. None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Kelly Bauer: An event is coming up on October 22nd at 7pm. SA is signed up for that event and we would like senators to come up with creative light displays that could be shown up at the event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. None.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY

Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate 10/14/2015

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