CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Speaker Domke at 5:04 PM in the Sky Room of the Holmes Student Center.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Speaker Domke asks Deputy-Speaker Kreml 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, F, G and H 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 and also requests all senators to look into the agenda and minutes before every meeting.
B. Speaker Domke informs that a green action committee meeting was taken place with Brett Coryell, students and faculty members to discuss on decreasing the usage of paper products on campus.
C. Speaker Domke reminds the senators about the rally on October 29th in regards to ‘MAP Grant Fund’ cut and requests them to promote it among their constituents.
D. Speaker Domke invites Police Chief Tom Phillips as guest speaker to the dais.

GUEST SPEAKER REPORT

A. Police Chief Tom Phillips briefs about the incident regarding the recent bomb threat on campus and the actions taken to prevent it.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

A. Rachael Chavez—Student Trustee of SA is recognized.
B. Rachael Chavez informs about the efforts being taken to increase the recruitment of students.

CABINET REPORTS

A. Kiran Gill-Director of Governmental Affairs is recognized.
B. Kiran Gill’s main goal is to revamp the voter registration drives on campus.
C. Kiran Gill informs about the rally on 29th October and requests everyone to attend it.
D. Senator Brandner: Is there any effort being taken to educate students on how to get involved in state primary elections?
Yes, we are working with representatives of an organization called “Campus Compact” which provides non-biased help tools to educate students regarding the primary state elections.

Miki Grace – Director of Student Life is recognized.

Miki Grace informs about the collaboration of black student union, African Student Association, Latino student Association on October 1st to promote SA among the other student organizations.

Miki Grace notifies about her meeting with Police Chief Tom Phillips on October 8th to discuss on ways to increase the relationship between NIU students and NIU Police Department.

Miki Grace informs about the event on October 14th called “NIU Police Department Satisfaction Survey”.

Miki Grace informs about the “Activity Awareness” program to increase the awareness of different activities happening on campus among students.

Miki Grace informs about the homecoming meeting for students that will be starting on Monday and all students are encouraged to attend those meetings.

Miki Grace informs about all the events that are going to happen on campus.

Miki Grace encourages all senators to attend the Residence Hall Council meetings.

Miki Grace is working on task of updating Huskielink page every week.

Senator Singh: I believe the updates regarding the cancellation of events are not posted on Huskielink. Therefore my suggestion is that these cancellations get notified on Huskielink as soon as possible.

Miki Grace: Yes, I will definitely take that suggestion into consideration.

Sergio Gutierrez – Director of Cultural Affairs is recognized.

Sergio Gutierrez gives a brief description about various events that occurred recently on campus and also appreciates everyone who participated in Latino Heritage Month events.

Sergio Gutierrez informs that he is part of “Committee for Black History Month” that happens every February and theme for this year would be “New Age of Resistance”.

Sergio Gutierrez requests everyone to participate in surveys whose links are available on “niu.edu/sa/surveys” website to know the opinions of students regarding various subjects.

Sergio Gutierrez informs about the “Ask me About” campaign where students can learn about different cultures and their heritage.

Sergio Gutierrez informs about the documentary video based on stereotypes for minorities in NIU that he would be making around December.

Committee Reports

A. None.

Old Business

A. Motion to hear SAR47009- A resolution to thank the various members of the law enforcement and NIU community that assisted during the October 8th NIU bomb threat.

B. Seconded.

C. Senator Brandner gives a brief description about the resolution.

D. Motion to vote SAR47009- A resolution to thank the various members of the law enforcement and NIU community that assisted during the October 8th NIU bomb threat.

E. Motion passes.

F. Motion to hear SAR47010- A resolution to appoint senators to their respective committees.

G. Seconded.

H. Speaker Domke gives a brief description about the resolution.

I. Motion to vote SAR47010- A resolution to appoint senators to their respective committees.

J. Motion passes.

K. Motion to hear SAR47011- A resolution to appoint the Senate’s Sergeant at Arms.
L. Seconded.
M. Senator Brandner gives a brief description about him and provides reasons on why he is apt for the position of Sergeant at Arms.
N. Motion to vote SAR47011- A resolution to appoint the Senate’s Sergeant at Arms.
O. Motion passes.
P. Motion to hear SAR47012- A resolution to appoint the Senate’s Legislative Director.
Q. Seconded.
R. Senator Vanover gives a brief description about her and provides reasons on why she is apt for the position of Senate’s Legislative Director.
S. Senate Phillips: What is your plan to get funding for students from state if the MAP Grant Funding is removed?
T. Bethany Vanover: My first plan will be to interact with concerned authorities to get the required funding for students.
U. Deputy-Speaker Kreml: Did you have any previous experiences in writing legislations?
V. Bethany Vanover: Yes, in the previous senate session, I had written a few legislations and also helped the other senators in rectifying the mistakes in current legislations.
W. Motion to vote SAR47012- A resolution to appoint the Senate’s Legislative Director.
X. Motion passes.
Y. Motion to hear SAR47013- A resolution to appoint the Senate’s Historian.
Z. Seconded.
AA. Senator Phillips gives a brief description about him and provides reasons on why he is apt for the position of Senate’s Historian.
BB. Motion to vote SAR47013- A resolution to appoint the Senate’s Historian.
CC. Motion passes.
DD. Motion to postpone SAR47014- A resolution to appoint the Senate’s Community Service Coordinator. Seconded.
EE. Motion passes.
FF. Motion to hear SAB47002- A Bill to create a new, and much needed, cabinet position within the Executive Branch of the Student Association.
GG. Seconded.
HH. President Lupstein gives a brief description about the bill.
II. Senator Neely: I have heard that although we have recycle bins on campus, the stuff in those bins do not get recycled and are just thrown along with other garbage. I feel you should look into it and make sure it doesn’t happen in future.
JJ. President Lupstein: Yes, 4th point on this bill states that “Oversee all recycling campaigns on campus, including assisting with department and organization initiatives” which directly refers to your suggestion.
KK. Senator Gorsuch: If we assume that this bill is passed, when are you planning to appoint a candidate for this position?
LL. President Lupstein: We are planning to appoint candidate for this position in this semester itself.
MM. Motion to vote SAB47002- A Bill to create a new, and much needed, cabinet position within the Executive Branch of the Student Association.
NN. Motion passes. 29-aye 1-nay
OO. Motion to hear SAR47015- A resolution to appoint Senator(s) at Large
PP. Logyn Hoxworth gives a brief description about him and gives reasons on why he should be appointed as Senator at Large.
QQ. Deputy-Speaker Kreml: How good are your time management skills?
RR. Logyn Hoxworth: I have taken only 12 credit hours and hence I will be able to give as much time to my position as it needs?
SS. Senator Robinson: How do you plan to increase student involvement?
TT. Logyn Hoxworth: I would like to interact with the more experienced senators to learn on different ways to increase student involvement.
UU. Maximilian Ehret gives a brief description about him and gives reasons on why he should be appointed as Senator at Large.

VV. Deputy-Speaker Kreml: If you are appointed as senator of District 4 and since you live in residence hall; how are you planning to interact with the students living in district 4 and know their requirements?

WW. Maximilian Ehret: I believe I have friends from each and every district; therefore I would be able to interact with friends from the district I am assigned, to better understand my constituents and know their problems.

XX. Glennita Williams gives a brief description about her and gives reasons on why she should be appointed as Senator at Large.

YY. Sean Birt gives a brief description about him and gives reasons on why he should be appointed as Senator at Large.

ZZ. Senator Lagioia: Why did you not run in elections this year?

AAA. Sean Birt: I wanted to figure out my schedule first and therefore I did not run in the elections.

BBB. Senator Arnold: What are your plans on increasing the safety for students on campus?

CCC. Sean Birt: I believe off campus areas lack proper lighting and I believe those are the areas where robberies are taking place. Therefore, increasing the lighting in those areas might help us in reducing the robberies.

DDD. Tristan Martin gives a brief description about him and gives reasons on why he should be appointed as Senator at Large.

EEE. Senator Phillips: What improvements would you like to make on campus?

FFF. Tristan Martin: I would like to get involved with different organizations to help them promote their organizations around campus. I also have economic and management skills that I believe would be very useful to the SA.

GGG. Jessica McKay gives a brief description about her and gives reasons on why she should be appointed as Senator at Large.

HHH. Senator Lagioia: What are your plans to make students stay on campus during holidays?

III. Jessica McKay: I believe surveys being taken to get student feedback to know their views and suggestions and I believe having more fun activities around campus during holidays would encourage students to stay back.

JJJ. Senator Williams: What are your plans on improving the transfer student involvement on campus?

KKK. Jessica McKay: I have already started doing activities that could help increase the transfer student involvement on campus.

LLL. Discussion on Logyn Hoxworth

MMN. Senator Lagioia: I believe he will be a very good senator and we should vote for him.

NNN. Motion to vote Logyn Hoxworth as Senator at Large.

OOO. Motion passes.

PPP. Discussion on Maximilian Ehret.

QQQ. Senator Wang: Since he is from Physics major, I believe by appointing him we could make the senate more diverse and get representations from more departments.

RRR. Motion to vote Maximilian Ehret as Senator at large.

SSS. Motion passes.

TTT. Discussion on Glennita Williams.

UUU. Senator Claytor-Taylor and Senator Turner McDonald encourage all senators to vote for him.

VVV. Motion to vote Glennita Williams as Senator at Large.

WWW. Motion passes.

XXX. Discussion on Sean Birt.

YYY. Deputy-Speaker Kreml has worked with Sean Birt during last senate session and believes that he has the passion to become a good senator.
ZZZ. Motion to vote Sean Birt as Senator at Large

AAAA. Motion passes.

BBBB. Discussion on Tristan Martin.

CCCC. Senator Williams: I believe he was not prepared and could not present himself well.

DDDD. Deputy-Speaker Kreml and Senator Gorsuch believes that he has the passion, ability and could improve his drawbacks by learning from the experienced senators.

EEEE. Motion to vote Tristan Martin as Senator at Large.

FFFF. Motion does not pass. 14-aye 14-nay 2-abstentions.

GGGG. Discussion on Jessica McKay

HHHH. Senator Richier: I believe having a community advisor on senate would be very beneficial and therefore we should vote for him.

IIII. Motion to vote Jessica McKay as Senator at Large.

JJJJ. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

A. None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Annie Ziga gives a brief regarding the event “Human, the movie” and requests everyone to attend the event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Senator Lagioia requests everyone to attend the Internship and Job Fair on October 20th and 21st respectively.

B. Senator Robinson informs about the “Financial Literacy” event organized by “Financial Science” group on campus and anyone interested in volunteering for the event are encouraged to meet him.

C. Senator Hoxworth informs about the “Adopted Child Foundation” project held on Monday and Friday from Noon to 1:00pm at the Atrium.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY

Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate 10/20/2015

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