CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order by Speaker Domke at 5:02 PM in the Sky Room of the Holmes Student Center.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Speaker Domke asks Senator Turner McDonald 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 and C from new business into old business. Seconded.
   i. Agenda approved

SPEAKER REPORT
A. Speaker Domke appreciates everyone who attended the rally held on October 29th.
B. Speaker Domke requests everyone to sign the online petition for continuation of the MAP Grant Funding.
C. Speaker Domke informs about the “Customer Service Workshop” for students and requests everyone to attend these workshops.
D.
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EXECUTIVE REPORTS
A. Reginald Bates – Vice President of SA is recognized.
B. Reginald Bates informs about the series of student transition exercises being taken place at Neptune Complex and informs about various events where he represented the SA.
C. Reginald Bates informs about the strategic ways being taken to promote smoke free campus.
D. Reginald Bates informs about the shooting threat to the African-American community which later on was found out that the threat was made in North Carolina.
E. Reginald Bates notifies that he has given temporary recognition to one organization.
F. Reginald Bates informs that he had meeting with Deputy-Speaker Kreml to have Leadership conference for students to make them understand and improve their leadership skills.
G. Senator Williams: How is the social media project that presents how cigarette butts need to be disposed efficiently going on?
H. Reginald Bates: We are currently drafting fliers for that campaign and once that is done, we will be ready to launch that campaign.
I. Senator Brandner: Can we get an update on the referred student organization constitution updates?
J. Reginald Bates: There was a miscommunication as representative from those student organizations did not know that they had to come to my office so that the mistakes in their constitutions could be rectified. Therefore, I had to personally reach out to them make rectifications to their constitutions.

K. Senator Brandner: I have reviewed the checklist that provides the information on how the organizations get temporary constitution. How did these organizations with certain missing segments in their constitutions get approved?

L. Reginald Bates: That could have happened if the constitution they submitted to the senate might be different from what we had received via HuskieLink. Therefore, from now on we are going to review the physically sent constitutions with the constitution uploaded on HuskieLink so that they can be verified to be the same.

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CABINET REPORTS

A. Timi Adeboje- Director of Academic Affairs is recognized.

B. Timi Adeboje informs about extending the period for students to physically add and drop classes without having to get permission from faculty how he has to present his research to “Admission Policy and Academic Standards Committee” on May 11 for approval.

C. Timi Adeboje informs that the repeat policy for the university will be changed. From now on, if the student has repeated the course, then the highest grade he/she has received will be taken and not the most recent one.

D. Timi Adeboje informs that he had a meeting with Chief Diversity Officer on diversity changes being taken on campus.

E. Tim Adeboje announces that there is a position open in “Undergraduate Coordinating Committee” which needs to be filled by a representative from SA. Their last meeting for this semester will be on Nov 9 from 1pm to 3pm and there will be three meetings during next semester. If anyone is interested, they are encouraged to contact me.

F. Deputy-Speaker Kreml: There was a recent article on Northern Star referring to the big writing intensive course that is going to be added to Undergraduate Curriculum. Do you have any idea about it?

G. Timi Adeboje: The committees I serve on believe that many students who graduate from NIU do not possess enough writing capability and hence they are looking to have courses that satisfy writing component.

H. Marvin Harris- Director of Organizational Development is recognized.

I. Marvin Harris informs about the initiative taken to create a committee that increases interaction with senators and work with them to organize a major event on campus. All senators are encouraged to participate in the committee and assist them in organizing events.

J. Marvin Harris informs that he has been reaching out to the student organizations to know how they are functioning and if they have any major problems that need to be solved.

K. Marvin Harris informs about the Networking Session where presidents from different organizations interact with each other and exchange their ideas. Marvin Harris is planning to have a Networking Session during the month of February.

L. Marvin Harris informs that he has been trying to encourage different student organizations to participate more in It’s On Us campaign.

M. Deputy-Speaker Kreml: Could you please inform us on where the checklist that gives the instructions on how the student organizations are being given temporary recognition, has been uploaded in the SA website?

N. Marvin Harris: I have sent it to Jevonte Marshall to upload them last week. I will ask him whether he has uploaded it or not and make sure that it is uploaded as soon as possible

O. Speaker Domke reads the Cabinet Report sent to him by Alyssa Dunbar- Director of Advertising.
OLD BUSINESS

A. Motion to hear SAR47017-A resolution to support the best costume at the November 1st meeting.
   B. Seconded.
   C. Senator Lagioia nominates Senator Richier
   D. Senator Richier accepts nomination
   E. Deputy-Speaker Kreml nominates Senator Dominguez
   F. Senator Dominguez accepts nomination.
   G. Senator Reese nominates Senator Vazquez.
   H. Senator Vazquez accepts nomination
   I. Senator Birt nominates Senator Phillips.
   J. Senator Phillips accepts nomination.
   K. Senator Clayton-Taylor nominates Senator Neely and Senator Ehret
   L. Senator Neely and Senator Ehret accept nomination.
   M. Senator Forte nominates Senator Reese.
   N. Senator Reese accepts nomination.
   O. Senator Cappi nominates Senator McKay
   P. Senator McKay accepts nomination.
   Q. Senator Phillips nominates Senator Gorsuch
   R. Senator Gorsuch accepts nomination.
   S. Senator Sto. Domingo nominates Senator Wang.
   T. Senator Wang accepts nomination.
   U. Senator Richier nominates Senator Warsi
   V. Senator Warsi accepts nomination.
   W. Senator Wang nominates Deputy-Speaker Kreml.
   X. Deputy-Speaker Kreml accepts nomination.
   Y. Senator Brandner nominates Speaker Domke.
   Z. Speaker Domke accepts nomination.

AA. Top three senators were chosen from the above nominees for electronic voting. The top three were: Corey Richier, Vazquez, Aaron and Rebecca Dominguez.

BB. Senator Vazquez wins the best costume at the November 1st meeting.

CC. Motion to hear SAR47018- A resolution to thank Rally Participants.

DD. Senator Brander gives a brief description about the bill.

EE. Motion to vote SAR47018- A resolution to thank Rally Participants.

FF. Motion passes.

GG. Motion to hear SAB47005- A bill to recognize Northern Illinois University Game Design Club.

HH. Seconded.

II. Representatives of Northern Illinois University Game Design Club give a brief description about their club.

JJ. Senator Birt: Do you teach your members about game designing?

KK. Yes, we are planning to teach them on how to design the games

LL. Senator Clayton-Taylor: How are you planning to sponsor your organization and are you planning to become a SA funded organization?

MM. Most of our softwares are available free of cost on internet and therefore we are not planning to charge anything from our members. Yes, that will be our long term goal to become SA funded organization to host higher quality gaming events and obtaining pro-version of various free softwares.

NN. Senator Neely: Would you be interested in making game that would have NIU as a backdrop setting where the gamers can have 3-D view of campus?
OO. Yes, that is a very interested suggestion and we will try to make such a game in near future.

PP. Senator Lagioia: How are you planning recruit members for your club?

QQ. We have a Facebook page which has 70 members and around 15 students attend our meetings. We are advertising an event that we are going to host in November through postures and that is how we are planning to promote our organization.

RR. Deputy-Speaker Kreml: In regards to the “Amendment” section of your constitution, how are you planning to amend that constitution?

SS. Our constitution is very generic as we have very little knowledge about the process of developing the constitution.

TT. Senator Singh: Are you planning to design games only for the computer or are you going to design even for mobile phones?

UU. We are involved in designing any type of games.

VV. Senator Paquin: What platforms are you planning to use for electronic gaming?

WW. We are currently focusing on computer games as that is easiest to develop a game on.

XX. Senator Brandner: What happens if a member wants to change how the organization works but no one from the Executive Board wants to change it?

YY. We are expecting to have unanimous vote from Executive members to make changes to the organization. If one of the Executive member disagrees with the amendment, they can wither change it or make a new amendment.

ZZ. Discussion on Northern Illinois University Game Design Club.

AAA. Deputy-Speaker: I would like to make an official motion to move this bill to Rules and Procedures Committee so that they can make the amendments. Once it is passed by the Rules and Procedures Committee, it will be given consensus vote for the General Body.

BBB. Motion to vote on passing SAB47005- A bill to recognize Northern Illinois University Game Design Club to Rules and Procedure Committee.

CCC. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Kelli Bradley encourages all senators to attend the Leadership conference for all undergraduate NIU students on Nov 14 from 12:45 to 4:30pm in Barsema Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Senator McKay: On November 4th, there is going to be an art show to honor the student who passed away in September at Stevenson Smart classroom.

B. Senator Singh: On November 7th, OMIS Advisory Board is conducting “Meet the Faculty” event at 3:30 pm at Barsema Hall atrium.

C. Senator Wang: On November 2nd, Honors Student Association will be conducting a “Can Food Drive” event at 7pm in CLB 110 and everyone is encouraged to attend the event.

D. Speaker Domke: Email me regarding the questions that you believe are frequently asked to Senator at larges and student organization so that we can include those questions in their applications.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY

Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate 11/03/2015

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