Present: 29  
Absent: 8  
Excused: 1  
Quorum: was met.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Executive Vice President, Nick Naraghi:
- Welcomed first timers.
  - If they need to ask a question, it is done by point of information. If VP Naraghi calls point of information, you can be recognized to ask a question.
  - It allows you to figure out anything that is going on while the Senate is in session.
- If you are involved in a student group or know anybody in one that doesn’t have representation here, please tell them to have a Senator.
- Been working on Club Cards to hand out at different SGA events etc.
- The guest speaker is from the office of international study abroad programs Christian Shannon.

Office of International Study Programs Ambassador, Christian Shannon:
- Here to talk about studying abroad with Northeastern and the different programs we have.
- Happy to see a bunch of freshman getting involved.
- Introduced himself
  - 5th year international business major.
  - Has done 3 dialogues – China, Costa Rica and South Africa.
  - Did a semester abroad in Hong Kong and an international co-op in Singapore.
- The study advisors know it all, ask questions if interested.
- Office has walk in hours on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1-4pm.
  - If you want to make a personal appointment, they can Tuesday-Thursday.
  - For students on coop they have late hours from on Wednesdays will 7pm.
- Everybody is very specialized in the office to a specific place.
- You can earn Northeastern credit abroad.
- Federal financial aid can apply to studying abroad.
- There are some restrictions. Ex. Business majors can only take 1 class that satisfies their concentration.
- It’s great for personal growth and looks fantastic on a resume.
- You'll make lifelong friends.
- The start and end dates may be a little different than Northeastern, as not all countries follow America’s standard. Ex. Australia starts in February and ends in late May.
- As long as you have 32 Credits at Northeastern, you are eligible to go abroad.
- You’d go abroad with a faculty member from Northeastern.
- Internships are also available. They are somewhat like Co-ops, but you can also earn credit.
- There are some amazing schools out there for specific majors.
- Neu.edu/studyabroad is a great website for doing a lot of research.
- You can only apply to one program at a time.
  - Unless there is conflict. Ex. People who applied to Egypt were allowed to apply to two last year.
- Must have a valid passport that doesn’t expire within 6 months of completing the program.
- A few programs require visas.
• Please tell you parents before you do all this.
• Important deadlines
  o Looking to go abroad in spring – October 1st, 2012. It’s a pretty hard deadline.
  o Dialogues and summer program dates will be released mid-October and will roughly be due
    mid-November.
  o People are considered on a first applied first served basis. So, if a program doesn’t fill in
    immediately sometimes you can get lucky and get in a little late.
• Study Abroad Track event is Wednesday the 19th at 11am in the indoor Curry quad.
  o Great way to informally talk and learn about different programs.
• Almost 150 programs in about 80 countries.
• A bunch of schools will be visiting
  o Information on dates is on website.

VP Daly asked, “What do you think is the most important thing to think about as we are considering
studying abroad in terms of balancing being settled in Boston with leadership commitments and going
abroad?”
  o Ambassador Shannon replied, “By being a “Student Leader” I like to say Student comes
    before leader. So I personally think you should focus more on being a student and fulfilling
    your academic desires over your leadership ones. Obviously leadership is important, but at
    the same time I think my study abroad experience is the most important. Don’t let being a
    leader limit you.”
• Comptroller Quijada asked,” What options are there for co-op students to find out about study
  abroad since most things are during the day?”
  o Ambassador Shannon replied, “As I mentioned earlier the office has late walk in hours on
    Wednesdays and they are also really good with Skype. So if you’d like to set up a Skype or
    phone appointment that’d work as well. I set up my plans to go to South Africa with them
    while I was in Singapore. They are really open to try to accommodate you as best they can.”
• Senator Yao asked, “Which place was your favorite?”
  o Ambassador Shannon replied, “I want to say Cape Town due to the program that I was on.
    It was a great program and a beautiful country. We did a lot of non-profit innovation work
    for them. Hong Kong was my favorite for the fun and city life. I got to make a lot of friends
    from all over in Hong Kong.”

Minutes from 7/10 will be approved once correction is made.

• Senator Pett requests that the name of the minute-taker be noted at the bottom of the document.

The Senate moved into Executive Addresses.

President, Pete Petrin:
• Welcomed first timers and let them know he’s glad they are here.
• Typically when we have a meeting with a guest speaker it’s an administrator to answer questions and
tell us more about the university.
  o This was a special one trying to help you guys learn about our study abroad program that has
    been very popular.
  o Thanked Ambassador Shannon for the great presentation.
• I held a Campus Conference last weekend.
  o Student government was an internal sponsor for it.
  o Thanks to everybody who volunteered.
I hope everybody who was able to attend enjoyed it and found the information useful.
- It was a great opportunity to highlight some work Northeastern’s been doing in the field of global development.
- We also got a chance to recognize some student leaders as well.

- Thanks to members of cabinet and others who were able to attend the around the campus tour last week.
  - Had the chance to tour some of the places on campus that got renovated last summer and answered a bunch of questions as to why the changes were made, what some of the benefits were and things on those lines.
  - If you have any questions feel free to ask any of the members of cabinet that were there for the tour.
- We are having a presentation on the draft of the institutional master plan today at 8pm.
  - It is essentially the outline of how we as a University are going to grow over the next 10 years in terms of the physical space we occupy.
  - Future renovations, future buildings etc.
  - Not required to stay, but those of you who would like to you are more than welcome.
  - They will only speak for an hour despite having a lot to talk about.
  - If you need to leave at 9pm feel free to leave then.

Comptroller, Maya Quijada:
- Welcomed new timers and reintroduced herself.
  - Each student pays a student activity fee and we allocate it.
- This week is our week off but we are having our workshop.
  - Every student group is required to attend one.
  - I’ll be holding them on September 20th, 25th and October 4th.
  - If you’re in a student group make sure you get somebody to attend one.
- If anybody is new and has any questions about finance board please ask me.

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Kristina Lopez:
- Welcomed everybody back.
- The Bouve town hall that is scheduled for tomorrow is cancelled so don’t come.
  - It’s rescheduled for late October.
- There will also be a town hall on Thursday October 4th.
- There will be a College Science Center on October 10th.
- There will be more information about all these dates in the future.
- Affective next week Trace committee and college expectations will start meeting.
  - If you’re interested let her know.
- Anybody that’s interested in joining academics let her know.
  - This year we will be working on a lot of cool new projects.
  - If interested come to her meeting on Wednesday at 6pm in 435 CSC.
- Recently Northeastern has moved up in ranking.
  - We are currently ranked 56, moved up 6 spots from last year.
- The school of business is now the D'Amore-McKim school of business.
- There will be a college meeting ceremony on Friday the 28th.
  - You can go to that, RSVP online.
- Library asked her to be a guest logger for them.
  - If interested in anything about the library let her know.
- If anybody has any comments please feel free to comment.
• Announced that Bridgid Dolan will be the AVP for 2012-2013.

Vice President for Student Affairs, Nicole Daly:
• Welcomed everybody back.
• We are trying to make sure the students that sit in this room represent the undergrad students at Northeastern.
• We want to see and like to see so much involvement from different majors and student groups.
  o Please reach out to your friends and get them involved.
• A lot of the stuff we talk about relates to all students, so to more diverse it is the better.
• Student affairs is the community building committee in SGA.
  o We work with a lot of offices on campus
  o Trying to better connect the people in Boston as well as the students abroad or on coop.
• Student affairs now meets on Mondays after Senate.
• AVP and Director applications are online.
  o If interested they are due this Friday.
  o Have any questions please let her know.
• Huge thank you for the people who worked on the Little Things to Know Guide.
  o Been working on it since last November.
  o Will get posted on the SGA facebook page.

Vice President for Student Involvement, Kate Chandley:
• Excited to say my AVP is Cassie McCarthy.
• Registration for student leadership day is now open on the student involvement board.
  o October 14th
  o It’s a conference style workshop to learn effective ways of running their organization.
  o Been trying to promote it as much as possible.
• Introduced herself and position
  o She does everything related with student organizations except money.
  o Works directly with tentative organizations to help them out and provide resources.
• Our guest speaker is our Athletic Director Peter Roby
• 240 Space transition is underway and on the right track
• If you want to be on the Student Involvement board we have openings
  o Meet at 6:30pm on Thursdays in 435 CSC.

Vice President for Student Services, Terry MacCormack:
• Introduced himself and his role.
  o We do a lot of small things around campus, housing, dining, information services etc.
• We meet on Tuesdays at 6pm in 433 CSC.
• Working on changing the smoking policy.
  o If interest there will be a forum this Thursday in 305 Shillman at 7pm.
  o If interest show up.
  o If you want to work on it, talk to him.
• We are currently working on reverse vending machine.
  o You put bottles back in and get a coupon for recycling.
• Working on getting more Gluten free advertising in Curry.
• Appointed Mary Corrado as AVP this year.
  o She will also share the renewable energy initiatives board.
Chief of Staff, Noah Carville:
- Introduced himself and his role.
  - Deals with the budget, administrative items and membership.
- Dealing with a lot of new member outreach and it’s great to see everybody from the SGA Info Sessions here.
- New senator workshops start a week from today at 6pm in this room, 333 Curry.
  - Right before senate and is a great opportunity to get involved and meet people.
- The new Senator retreat will be October 5th to the 7th.
  - Sign up starts next week.
  - 30 spots available.
- If you don’t have a placard or aren’t on the active roster shoot him and email or talk to him after senate.
- Appointed Craig Johnson and Scarlett Ho as office assistants

Executive Director of Communications, Caitlin Rogers:
- Introduced herself and her role.
  - Works with all things social media, promotions, PR, a lot of brainstorming and creative stuff.
  - Meet at 7pm on Wednesdays.
- Been working with VP Lopez on promotions for library renovations and town hall.
- Had a meeting about Red and Black day
  - It’s an outreach event for the fall.
- President Petrin put her in contact with WRBB radio to collaborate with SGA and have a segment.

The Senate moved into Special Addresses.

Parliamentarian Olivia D'Angelo was not present to give her address.

Elections Committee Chair, Julia Patten:
- Only had a few people show up to the committee, but got a lot done.
  - At 7:30 on Thursdays in 435 CSC.
- The committee is going to edit the manual in the fall.
  - It’s a lot of fun, brainstorming and a lot of debate.
- In the spring we hold the elections
  - Event planning and hearings.
- If you’re interested in elections at all she highly recommends coming to the next meeting.
  - It’s an important meeting and will help a lot in getting voting rights.
- My vice chair applications are open till Friday on orgsynch.

The Senate moved into Question Time.
- Chief of Staff Carville asked, “VP Lopez, do you have times for the meetings you mentioned?”
  - VP Lopez responded,” Not yet, but I’ll let you know when I do.”
- VP Daly asked, “VP MacCormack, where are the reverse vending machines located?”
  - VP MacCormack responded, “In the Marino center by the front wall.”

The Senate moved into New Business.
VP MacCormack to present the Renewable Energy Fee Manual
  • While he pulls up presentation Senate went into a brief recess.
    • Renewable Energy Fund manual
      o Established at Northeastern in 2008
      o There is also a student donation fee that you can donate to
      o In 2010 it was established how to allocate the funds for renewable energy around campus
      o SGA created a renewable initiative board
    • We made some edits to make it run as smoothly as possible.
    • Mary who will be chairing the board this year will be going through some of the changes we have made to the renewable energy fund manual.
    • This is just a presentation, we aren’t actually voting on the fund manual. This is on the internal manual that REIB keeps on its funding philosophy and how it allocates money to different projects.
    • What we will be voting on after that is the renewable energy initiative board manual
      o That outlines more membership and things relating to the actual existence of the board.

AVP Mary Corrado
  • We had an almost full board last year and we decided the manual had to be edited in order for it to be functional.
  • Things we changed in the Fund Manual
    o It had a bunch of outdated stuff that we made more precise.
    o It was a little more restrictive and more binding on the funds language wise. So we changed it to what it is now to give us a little more leeway.
    o We changed the collection of the funds.
    o Left a lot of the types of things that got funding the same
    o We added the part of the proposal that brings the university towards climate neutrality.
    o Didn’t touch the 4th part.
    o Took out the timeline on vending.
    o Eligibility for funding is the same
    o Added a timeline for responses to funding decisions.
    o Added up a follow up to keep track of early on projects and keep in touch with them.
  • We want to get the project proposals into more of a process this year.

The Senate moved into Question Time.
No questions were asked.

VP MacCormack to present the Renewable Energy Initiative Board Manual
  • We changed the actual structure of membership
    o We edited the representation of SGA senators.
      ▪ Minimum of 1 senator on board, max of 2.
      ▪ Can’t be a senator that already represents some sort of renewable energy group.
        ▪ They already have an opportunity to send members.
    o We wanted to make sure groups didn’t have double representation.
    o We added a student at large student that can sit on the board
      ▪ Feel like their contributions could be very valuable.
  • Added that existing members could be reconsidered by the executive board at the conclusion of their one year term. Once their year term is up they are up for reconsideration.
The Senate moved into Question Time.

- Senator Pett asked, “How does the chair go about determining when an inherent conflict exists for a member?”
  - AVP Corrado responded, “We kept it because a lot of the ideas and communication without that there was coming from within the board so we decided that because anybody can present that if you are on the board you can’t vote.”

VP MacCormack
- There is technically a requirement saying we have to wait a week before we can vote.

VP MacCormack motioned to vote on the Renewable Energy Initiative Board Manual tonight if there are no objections because we really want to get this moving quickly.

EVP Naraghi explained what VP MacCormack wants to do:
- In order to get this approved, we have to wait a week.
- What he wants to do is wave that requirement so they can get to work right away.

VP Lopez seconded.
The motion passed with no objections.

No Objections
Motion Passed
Manual is approved

EVP Naraghi:
- We are going to wait until next week to do the Vice Chair Nominations and Elections
  - It might not actually occur based on a conversation with Professor Herman.
  - We will discuss it during cabinet on Wednesday.

The Senate moved into Question Time.

- VP Daly asked, “If something is on the agenda can we just take it off?”
  - EVP Naraghi says, “Yes I discussed it with our advisor.”

- VP MacCormack asked, “Were you referring to the actual Vice Chair election not being on the agenda or the actual tabling of that agenda item? Do we have to vote on that as a body?”
  - EVP Naraghi said, “Professor Herman brought it to my attention that what was done last year isn’t necessarily what should be done. So, we are going to discuss it as a cabinet to see what we should do.”

The Senate moved into Open Discussion.

- Senator Pett, “I am the co-chair of homecoming this year. It runs October 8-13th. If you’d like to help out the schedule is online. If you’re in student groups the deadlines for participation are Sept 24th.”
- Senator Corrado, “Anybody that’s interesting in applying to my board, there are spots available and the form is on orgsynch.”
- VP Daly, “The SGA retreat is a great opportunity to meet people and is a lot of fun. October 5-6th.”
- Elections Committee Chair Pattern, “Also wants to recommend people to go on the SGA retreat.”
- President Petrin, “He wants to echo what has been said. We were 96 when I joined, we are now 56. We are doing a great job and it is a very exciting time to be a part of SGA. Stick around for the master plan discussion!”
- EVP Naraghi, “The master plan discussion won’t be boring, it will be active. Please stick around.”
- Chief of Staff Carville, “The retreat is out in western Massachusetts at the Beckett Retreat Center. It’s as west as you can go in Massachusetts.”

Without objection, the Chair closed the meeting at 8:00pm.

Minutes typed and submitted by Craig Johnson