Senate Minutes  
Student Government Association  
Northeastern University  
9/24/12

Present: 35  
Absent: 6  
Excused: 0  
Quorum: was met.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Motion to get rid of guest speaker from 9/17 minutes by VP Daly  
Second by Senator Shaw  
*Motion passed with no objections.*  
No other corrections.  
*Minutes will be approved upon correction.*

Executive Vice President, Nick Naraghi:
- Welcomed all the new senators on behalf of the E-board.
  - He chairs the meeting.
  - 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.
- The guest speaker is Ashley Caron, the Community Ambassador from Off Campus Student Services.

President, Pete Petrin:
- Thanked Ashley Caron for her presentation.
- The ADHOC committee will start meeting 9/25.
  - Want senators to join the conversation to how we as an association can better engage our constituents long term.
  - The budget review ADHOC committee will meet at 8pm in SGA conference room.
  - The Senator Representation ADHOC committee will meet at 5:30pm.  
    - Those can count as your senator office hour requirement.
- Thanks to everyone who attended the master plan meeting after senate last week  
  - It wasn’t what we expected; we thought it was going to be a presentation.
  - Instead it ended up turning into a great conversation about what we think are the aspects of our campus that help build a better community.
- Last Thursday he attended the community task force meeting  
  - Currently we are getting a lot of pressure from the community to incorporate a lot of housing into the next master plan to try to keep students out of the off campus communities.
- We received confirmation this week that Mayor Menino will be coming to speak to Senate in mid-November as a guest speaker.  
  - More details to come later.
- Wants to thank Senator Amanda McAllister again for being Senator of the summer.

Comptroller, Maya Quijada:
- Workshop went really well last week  
  - We have one scheduled on 9/26 at 7pm in Chambers and 10/4 at 6:30pm in Frost Lounge.

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Kristina Lopez:
• Last week AVP Dolan and I met with the Director of Co-op Information Services to discuss Myneu Cool.
  o Discussed the direction of the program, where it’s going etc.
  o If you have any questions regarding coop let her know.
  o We are going to talk about it in committee on Wednesday.
• Final Conflict forms are due this Thursday.
  o If you have 2 finals at the same time or 3 finals on the same day, fill out the form to get that changed.
• If you want to sit on TRACE or College Expectations please stick around for a few minutes after Senate gets out in order figuring out a finalized time for that.
• Committee is on Wednesday at 6pm in 435 CSC.

Vice President for Student Affairs, Nicole Daly:
• President Petrin is working on an initiative called NU votes.
  o There is a T-shirt designed by EVP Naraghi
• Those of you who aren’t registered to vote in Massachusetts in Boston should register to vote.
  o We have voter registration forms in the SGA office.
  o As a citizen of this city you have the right to vote and our senators have to listen to our voice.
    ▪ A lot of students aren’t registered; let’s get the student voice heard.
• Huge thanks to VP MacCormack and President Petrin for coming with me to the Taste of Off Campus.
  o It was a great event last Saturday where we got to interact with constituents and inform them about the services the SGA offers to off campus students
• Committee will meet today after Senate.

Vice President for Student Involvement, Kate Chandley:
• The student leadership day registration is open on OrgSync
  o It has almost been fully planned and is looking great.
• This week SIB approved a name change and also approved the creation of the writing club
• Just started getting some tentatively recognized groups
• Getting started on monthly workshops

Vice President for Student Services, Terry MacCormack:
• We are starting a new project that people are just getting into
  o There will be more information to come in the following week.
• Final walk throughs are being done by information services in the library and Curry to assess the situation in the building as they begin to install swipe card printing in both.
• Kigo Kitchen now advertises that it is not peanut free.
• Signs have been put in the dining halls informing who the manager on duty is.
  o Allows students to identify who the manager right away is if a problem comes up.
• The smoking policy form has been moved up
  o Will happen this Thursday at 7pm in 305 Shillman.
• This week in committee we will be talking about how NUPD and SGA can work together to ensure public safety on campus
  o Tuesday at 6pm in 433 CSC

Chief of Staff, Noah Carville:
• Been working with Senate to get people acquainted.
• New Senator Workshop went really well.
• Have another workshop next Monday 6pm same place.
• The October Retreat for new Senators is coming up
  o October 5th-7th.
  o Talk to him to sign up.
• E-board set the definition of office hours this week.
  o It’s complicated, will be detailed in an e-mail.
• If you need a placard grab it at the end of Senate.

Executive Director of Communications, Caitlin Rogers:
• First out event on Thursday doing a collaboration event with “If I Were President”
  o Chalkboard on library quad
• Informed by President Pete Petrin the City Committee will be there with voter registration
  o Invite everyone to stop by on October 1 to volunteer
• September newsletter will go out by the end of the week
• Thanked Senator Amanda McAllister for her hard work in the summer

The Senate moved into Special Addresses.

Parliamentarian, Olivia D’ Angelo:
• Will be meeting with VP Chandley and VP Quijada over the next few weeks to talk about the
  appeals process.

Elections Committee Chair, Julia Patten
• Last weekend 6 people showed up to election committee
• Great to see an interesting election
• We couldn’t get through Section 12 of the manual
• Impressed with the membership so far.
• If anyone has any interest in standing in the election, he/she has to be at the next meeting (Thursday
  7:30pm at 435 Curry)
  o If you don’t come you most likely won’t get voting rights, you have to be at at least 3 out of
    the first 5 meetings.
• If anyone wants to talk to the committee about a specific issue, email Julie so she can set up a
  schedule for this year, and know which meetings will be longer- add open discussions time to those
  meetings
• Everyone who sat on elections committee in the fall enjoys the election in the spring far more.
• Appointed Vice Chair for Elections Committee to Amanda Donati.

The Senate moved into Question Time.
No questions.
The Senate moved into Old Business.

Election of Vice-Chair
• Vice chair Senate helps with time keeping, keeping speakers’ list, need to be able to attend the
  meeting if EVP Naraghi can’t.
Looked through the constitution and discovered that the elections will be through the senate.

- The Vice-Chair doesn’t need any specific requirements; they just should be well versed with senate.

- Have nominations
  - Nomination for Senator **Corrado**
  - Second by VP **Daly**
  - No objections
  - Senator **Corrado** accepted the nomination

  - Nomination for Comptroller **Quijada** by VP **Daly**
  - Second by Senator **Yao**
  - No objections
  - Comptroller **Quijada** declined

  - Nomination for Chief of Staff **Carville** by VP **Daly**
  - Second by Senator **Yao**
  - No objections
  - Chief of Staff **Carville** declined

- Senator **Corrado** should speak for 1 minute, followed by 2 minutes of questions, and debate whether she is a suitable candidate:
  
  - (experience) New assistant VP for student services
  - Chairs the renewable energy initiatives board
  - Been in Senate since September of freshman year
  - Would be happy to do it and is excited for it if accepted
  - Have been in finance board, academic student services, been at every full body meeting

No questions for the nominee

**Points of Debate for Senator Corrado**

- VP **Daly** has full confidence in Senator **Corrado** ability and thinks she would be great working with EVP **Naraghi**.

No other points of debate

Proceed to roll-call vote
Motion from VP **MacCormack** to approve to candidate by unanimous consent.
Second from VP **Lopez**
Nomination passed with no objections and candidate was approved.

The Senate moved into New Business.

- Do we need to nominate a homecoming king and homecoming queen from this association?
  - We need to nominate a homecoming king, queen and mayor of Huntington.
    - Applications are due tonight or tomorrow midday.

Motion to open nominations for homecoming court
Motion from VP **Daly**
Second from Senator Manson

Nomination for EVP Naraghi for homecoming king by VP Daly
Second from Senator Counihan
EVP Naraghi declines

- VP MacCormack notes that we don’t need a second for these nominations.

Nomination for VP MacCormack for homecoming king by Senator Shaw
VP MacCormack declines

Nomination for Senator Shaw by Senator Manson
Senator Shaw declines

EVP Naraghi notes that we don’t need a homecoming king and nobody wants it. So there will be no SGA homecoming king.

Senator Shaw asks what the specific responsibilities of homecoming court are.

EVP Naraghi yields this question to Student-at-Large Caron, who answers:

- There are no guidelines for homecoming king and queen, but it’s recommended that homecoming king and queen are 3rd years or older.
- Homecoming king and queen are the representatives of homecoming week.
  - They would have to appear at a bunch of events during that week.
- You’ll bring in the homecoming spirit.

EVP Naraghi opens nominations for Homecoming queen
Nomination for VP Lopez
VP Lopez Declined

Nomination for Comptroller Quijada
Comptroller Quijada Declined

We don’t need a homecoming queen and nobody wants it. So there will be no SGA homecoming queen.

Open nominations for Mayor of Huntington Ave
Senator Pesaturo nominates Senator Counihan
Senator Counihan accepts

Nomination for VP Daly
VP Daly declines

Senator Counihan declined to speak in front of Senate.

The Senate moved into Open Discussion.
- Chief of Staff Carville corrects that the new senator workshops will be in 305 Shillman next week, not senate chambers.
The agenda will reflect that change in Senate being in 305 Shillman next week.

- Parliamentarian D'Angelo asked how to get involved in elections committee
  - Elections Chair Patten answered with come to the meeting, Thursday 7:30pm at 435 Curry.
- VP MacCormack said that Chief of Staff Carville is doing a great job this semester and should be recognized for that.
- Comptroller Quijada encourages senators to come to the retreat.
  - It’s a lot of fun and you get to go out on the town for free.
  - It’s a great way to get to meet and know peers.
  - Ask any questions
- Senator Pett said if any student groups are participating in homecoming please remind them to fill out the orgsych form by midnight tonight.
- VP Lopez if you want to do trace or college expectations stay after senate for a minute.
- Senator Kisby asked VP Daly what are the rules for out of state residents for registering to vote.
  - VP Daly said he can register with his on campus address.
  - This won’t affect your residency for most things, but if you apply for a job you must list it as a former residence.
- President Petrin says you can only vote in one state. Can’t dual vote.
- Election Chair Patten says to make sure you apply for an absentee ballot if you can’t vote.
- VP Chandley if you’re interested in student involvement board please see her.
- Parliamentarian D’Angelo says there are 2 spots left on operations appeals board.

Adjourned at 7:43pm.

Minutes transcribed and submitted by Craig Johnson and Scarlett Ho.