Quorum: was met

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

The minutes were passed without objection.

Executive Vice President Nick Naraghi:
- Mid-year reports will be given tonight

President Pete Petrin:
- Yield

Comptroller, Maya Quijada:
- Yield

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Kristina Lopez:
- Yield

Vice President for Student Affairs, Nicole Daly:
- Yield

Vice President for Student Involvement, Kate Chandley:
- Yield

Vice President for Student Services, Terry MacCormack:
- Yield

Chief of Staff, Noah Carville:
- Yield

Executive Director of Communications, Caitlin Rogers:
- Yield

The Senate moved into Special Addresses.

Parliamentarian, Olivia D’Angelo; Address delivered by Julia Patten
- The OAB is currently looking for more justices, including someone with Senate experience.

Elections Chair, Julia Patten:
- The elections committee is looking for new members. The board is different in the Spring, since it focuses more on event planning, the elections process, and grievances. It should be fun, and if you are interested in elections promotions, contact myself or EDOC Rogers

The Senate moves into Question Time.
The Senate moves into Unfinished Business.
- Mid-year Reports from the Cabinet
  - Executive Director of Communications, Caitlin Rogers
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- Goals for the semester included increasing outreach events, especially during welcome week and orientation, “If I were President” events, Red and Black day, NUideahs promotion, and a welcome video for N.U.in students.

- Projects in progress include “Husky Happenings” on WRBB, monthly newsletters and outreach events, and promotion via social media and other promotional materials.

- Future projects for the spring will include passing of the gavel, recruitment for the semester, and elections promotions.

- Our followers on Twitter and Facebook have both increased over the past two years

  o Chief of Staff, Noah Carville
  - Completed projects last semester include fall recruitment, the holiday dinner, the new Senator Training and Education program, the Senator retreat and the new excusal request system.

  - Some projects in progress include further development of the Senator Training and Education program, the last full body senate minutes, the further evolution of weekly updates, and other administrative duties.

  - New projects for the semester will include closing out this year’s budget and preparing the budget for the next fiscal year, constituent emails from their Senators, and integrating the absence request with OrgSync.

  - Future membership goals include recruitment for this semester and doing check-ins after one month as a Senator.

  o Vice President for Student Services, Terry MacCormack
  - Many projects were completed last semester, including Curry Student Center renovations, a subsidy for internet and cable in leased properties, Hertz on Demand on campus, the bike repair stand, which was the first funded project by the REIB, printing expansion, a bike registry on campus, and the expansion of gender neutral housing.

  - Other projects in progress include meal plan marketing to freshmen, a public safety survey, improvements to the mobile app, guest sign-in changes for residence halls, the new smoking policy revisions, RecycleMania, One Card initiatives, and getting class schedules on Google calendar.

  - Some future projects for the semester include expansion of recycling on campus, Husky card vendor expansion, expanded vegetarian and kosher options on the dining halls, better resources for the farmers’ market, integrating Dropbox instead of myfiles into myNEU, fundraising for the REF, meal swipe expansions, and student input to the YMCA/GranMarc project.

  o Vice President for Student Involvement, Kate Chandley
  - Student involvement day went well this year, and 240 Curry space was allocated and maintenance was completed over the past semester. The constitution template was also revised, and we approved the Student Organization and Revision manual.

  - Projects in progress include the new Student Organization Leadership Councils, Presidents’ meetings, other assessments of 240, and check-ins with new organizations.

  - Approved organizations this semester include Pre-Physician Assistant Society, Writing Club, NU Slackliners, NU Speech and Hearing Club, Business Advisory Club, and NU Starts.

  - Projects for this semester include the roll-out of leadership councils and remodeling of 240 Curry Student Center.

  o Vice President for Academic Affairs, Kristina Lopez
Some successful projects over last semester include things with TRACE such as the intercollege competition, TRACE night, and improving the University total.

Other projects completed over the last semester included town halls for the College of Science, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, and the D’Amore McKim College of Business, a finals study location guide, and the first successful implementation of course waiting lists.

This semester we’ll review the last class registration process, as well as MyNEU Cool and Academic Integrity policy review.

Other projects for the semester will include a review of TRACE, town halls for the other colleges, library and technology improvements, and a new list for college expectations.

Comptroller, Maya Quijada

This semester we approved a new SAF manual and held some revised treasurer workshops. We institutionalized the publication process as well.

We are currently working on creating online spending reports and step by step guide to request from the SAF.

This year the Finance Board has funded 143 event requests, 11 publications, 6 equipment requests, 7 conference requests, and 1 club fee for 87 organizations.

We’ll be starting to look at annual budgets, a council workshop structure, and reworking the request process, to include an equipment waiver and other things to make requests easier for students.

Vice President for Student Affairs, Nicole Daly

Overall goals for the year were to strengthen the Northeastern community, further the role of the VPSA and broaden the network of SGA with diverse offices and organizations.

Other projects in progress include I AM Northeastern, the interfaith council, and the pride monument.

Some achievements for the semester include establishing NU Starts as their own organization, finishing the little things to know guide, a welcome to campus video for N.U.in students, red and black day, and the Landlord/Realtor survey.

Some future projects for the semester include retreats like EMPOWER and Interfaith, Carnevale, and work to help develop the Living Learning Communities.

Executive Vice President, Nick Naraghi

Projects completed over the semester include the SGA website with Wordpress and Joomla, Outreach events at Orientation, Homecoming and Night at the Curry Student Center, and SGA Alumni letters.

Some additional projects being worked on include the new project tracker with Base Camp and Google docs, getting Guest Speakers for this spring including Alicia LaPolla, the Budget priorities survey presentation with President Petrin, and looking through the SGA archives. We are also hoping to have social media integration with the website.

Future projects for the semester will include better document organization, giving Senators tools to improve outreach to constituents, and some transition planning for the next executive board.

President, Pete Petrin

The executive board and Senate have gotten a large number of projects completed over the semester.

I attended a variety of events around Orientation to welcome new students, and worked with NUVotes2012 to get over 100 students registered to vote.
- We created an Ad-Hoc committee for the Budget review, and worked on a venue organization and contract work to streamline contracts.
- Current in progress projects include the Budget priorities survey, student priorities for the Board of Trustees, the Master Plan development, and reassess how the Senate represents the student body.
- Looking ahead I’ll be working on the roll-out of budget priorities, and reaching out to individual students at the University, and gaining support for Association initiatives.

The Senate moves into New Business.
The Senate moves into Open Discussion

- Senator Corrado stated that bike repair stand would have an article out soon. The RecyleMania t-shirts are now here, and I need help to carry them to the student center. The REIB will also be looking to revise the manual soon, which is up on the website. Anyone interested to talk to RA’s about RecyleMania should talk to me after the meeting.
- Elections Chair Patten mentioned that the 2013 schedule was down, so it was hard to see your schedule today or where your classes would be. You couldn’t access what other classes were available at the University.
  - VP Lopez said that she would follow up on that with an email.
- VP Daly asked if there were going to be club cards distributed for the budget priorities survey.
  - EVP Naraghi responded that the cards wouldn’t arrive in time for the original release of the survey, so they weren’t ordered.
  - President Petrin mentioned that the individualized email to all students was a better way to gain participation, but by doing that, there isn’t a way to do a generic advertisement since everyone gets a personalized link.
- Student at Large Loyola stated that even though the printer station expansion is great, there still isn’t options for printing on the West side of campus. He mentioned that both of his classes are in Ryder and Behrakis and that it is inconvenient to walk to the opposite side of campus. He asked if printers could be placed in the first floor of Behrakis.
  - VP MacCormack answered that expansion is a work in progress, and that West campus and residential areas are a large focus for the next expansion.
  - President Petrin added that printing services is the third highest priority currently in the budget priorities survey, and Ryder Hall and west village are the highest recommended buildings.
- Senator Tyler mentioned some of the numbers for the website. Since December, the website has had 2,312 views. A lot of the links are from google, facebook, and twitter.
- Chief of Staff Carville stated that he needs a few work-studies for the office, and to send people with work-study to him. He also stated that all new Senators should come to talk to him at the end of the meeting.
- Senator Corrado pointed out that the clock is broken to VP MacCormack.
- Comptroller Quijada said that she also needs a work-study. She also asked for anyone who is good with excel to see her and help with a quick fix.
- Elections Chair Patten mentioned that if anyone is interested in working with elections promotions only, they should reach out to her or EDOC Rogers. She also mentioned that anyone interested in helping with a campaign should be advised not to sit on Elections committee or elections promotion.
- VP MacCormack said that Level Up is now at the West End, Popeye’s, UBurger, and Rebeccas and people should utilize it. The food truck also updated their menu, and will promote it over the week.
• EVP Naraghi said that the cabinet will meet this week to determine the Full Body schedule for the semester, but there will be a Full Body Senate on January 28th.

• Senator Young asked if dining dollars could be used with level up.
  - VP MacCormack answered no.

• Senator Donati mentioned that the College of Social Sciences and Humanities meeting will be this Friday, and to see her with question.

• Senator Nagy mentioned that she never got an email from housing notifying her of a new roommate, and asked VP MacCormack if those emails could go out.

Without objection, the Chair closes the meeting at 8:04pm.
Respectfully submitted to the Senate by Ashley Caron