I. Roll Call

Present: 36
Abscnt: 18
Excused: 18
Quorum: was met.

II. Call to Order

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

III. Guest Speaker

Philly Mantella, Senior Vice President of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs, CEO of Northeastern University Global Network

- Thanked students for working with University to shape priorities through Student Affairs.
- Discussed her role as the CEO of the Northeastern University Global Network.
  - Began when Northeastern started to look at other regions of the country to develop corporate relationships and further career planning for students.
  - Talked about Northeastern’s 3 graduate campuses in Charlotte, Seattle, and Silicon Valley/San Jose.
  - Highlighted that the campuses support the region in graduate professional education and particularly the working professionals who wants to continue their education part time.
  - The new graduate campuses help the University to develop new corporate relationships, research partners, and co-op partners in that region for undergraduate students.
  - Talked about the newest campus, the “learning hub” at Silicon Valley, which has 15,000-20,000 sq. ft of space with classrooms and collaborative space in the center of corporate Silicon Valley.
  - She is starting to look at global cities for partnerships and to provide anchors for Northeastern students in that region to connect with the University’s resources, alumni, etc.
- Talked about new plans for campus.
  - Northeastern and the City of Boston are co-developing Carter Field, which will be operational all 12 months of the year with a bubble and will help with scheduling for club sports and intramurals.
  - Northeastern Crossing opened today in the Peet’s Coffee space in International Village, and it will be a vibrant center where the community will be invited onto Northeastern’s campus. The center will also provide numerous opportunities for community service for students.
The University hopes to open a Veterans Center this year in the University-owned space above Panera on Huntington Avenue.

Thrive, a student-run financial literacy program, is now open in the Curry Student Center and provides help to students from basic financial planning to how to start and manage investments.

Questions for Guest Speaker

- Senator Marwash asked whether the Silicon Valley learning hub will have support for students to find housing in the area.
  - Sr. VP Mantella responded that it absolutely will. The University is further along in developing housing assistance programs in Charlotte and Seattle, but they are working on San Jose. The satellite campuses serve as support for students in the region from finding housing to connecting with alumni and local staff.

- Senator Hamp asked for the new global hubs whether the University will be looking primarily at places where they already have a presence, such as from NUin, or new places.
  - Sr. VP Mantella responded the University is doing both and is looking at places where they have a considerable presence such as London and Singapore and places where they don’t, which are largely non-English speaking locations.

- Elections Chair Harrigian asked what Sr. VP Mantella’s biggest challenge is for the coming year and how SGA can help.
  - Sr. VP Mantella responded that her biggest challenge is running a business and finding motivated people to work long hours and mentioned she is always looking for undergraduates to work in ventures, experiential learning, etc. She said SGA can best help her by gauging student interest so the University isn’t opening centers that aren’t useful to undergraduates.

- Senator Bison asked what the purpose is of the expansion and if it was to generate revenue.
  - Sr. VP Mantella responded the purpose is not primarily to generate revenue because the easiest way to do that would be to expand undergraduate education. Instead, it’s important for the University to understand where the market is going and expand its footholds, especially with the number of jobs that require a Master’s degree. She said the expansion will strengthen the institution by becoming a global and local brand. The campuses will generate enough revenue to be self-supporting and benefit the University as a whole.

- Senator Williams asked to what degree the University’s three programmatic pillars, health, security and sustainability, guide the expansion of the new hubs.
  - Sr. VP Mantella responded the University uses the pillars as a factor when looking at hubs and mentioned examples at their current campuses in Charlotte and Seattle.

IV. Executive Addresses

The Senate moved into Executive Addresses.
Executive Vice President, Morgan Helfman

- Approved minutes from September 21st.
- Welcomed new Senators.
- Announced upcoming meeting locations at the Crossing, City Hall, and the State House.
- Speaking on behalf of Chief of Staff Sharma, reminded Senate of next weekend’s retreat.
- Announced nominations for Vice Chair will be next week.

President, Eric Tyler

- Tabled at Taste of Off Campus with EVP Helfman.
- Participated in Athletics focus group with EVP Helfman and VP Rafey about game attendance and is looking for anyone interested in working with athletics.
- Reached out to interested people for Ad-hoc Committee but still looking for a few student at large members.
- Announced there will be a presentation next week on advocacy hour requirements and asked anyone with suggestions to reach out.

Comptroller, Nicole Thomas

- As of 9am this morning, the finance webinar went live and it’s on Blackboard now. It will serve as an alternative to the workshop SGA holds every semester.
- Still have a few seats left for Senators on the Finance Board.

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Zach Waggoner

- Announced he will meet with the registrar’s office tomorrow and asked anyone with issues to let him know.
- In committee will be talking about planning the LSAT prep seminar, grad school prep, and the Registrar’s office.

Vice President for Student Affairs, Rebecca Abraham

- EVP Helfman spoke on her behalf and said she will not be having committee tomorrow, but interested members can email her.

Vice President for Student Involvement, Selmon Rafey

- Yields

Vice President for Student Services Anahis Kechejian

- Food advisory board is Wednesday at 7am in the IV dining hall, let her know tonight if you would like to attend or have any food/dining related issues.
- She will be meeting on Thursday about the smoke free policy with the students who presented last week.
- In committee, they will be working on several issues including improving the Red Eye Library Shuttle, expanding mental health services offered by UHCS, offering off-campus students public safety alerts in light of the recent shootings, improving laundry services, and
residence hall swipe access for anyone with an NUID to access amenities or use common spaces with friends.

Chief of Staff, Suchira Sharma
- EVP Helfman spoke on her behalf and announced that STEP begins next week at 6pm in the Senate Chambers.
- Everyone attending the retreat should have gotten an email, but let Chief of Staff Sharma know if you didn’t.

Executive Director of Communications, Mackenzie Heiser
- Clarified committee meetings will be in 311 Ell Hall from now on.
- Announced she is taking suggestions for themes for Campus Invasion and would like as many as possible.
- Looking for anyone with web-design skills or anyone interested in communications to join committee.

V. Special Addresses

Parliamentarian, Cameron Eide
- Yields

Elections Committee Chair, Keith Harrigian
- Held committee last week and started working on the Direct Elections Manual.
- Committee meets on Thursday at 6.

VI. Question Time

The Senate moved into Question Time.

VII. New Business

The Senate moved into New Business.

VIII. Open Discussion

President Tyler is looking for interested students to fill the position of Director of the SGA Ambassador Program and mentions the application will be on OrgSync.

Vice President Rafey will be having a meeting with students who applied to SIB through OrgSync this week and reminds students they can still apply.

Senator Barrett asked whether SGA is planning another hockey outing for this year and asks EVP Helfman to elaborate on Vice Chair duties.
EVP Helfman said SGA could put together another hockey outing but also encourages anyone from SGA to attend the Women’s Empowerment hockey game this semester. She also said the duties of the Vice Chair will be to assist in preparing for Senate, taking roll call, writing a Speaker’s List and assisting with voting. Candidates for Vice Chair should also have a basic knowledge of Robert’s Rules.

Senator Agyrare asked how much of the information during Senate he can relay to his constituents.

EVP Helfman responded that he can relay all information because this is a public meeting, and all of the minutes will also be posted to SGA’s website.

Senator Falkovich asked about whether we fix the sprinklers on campus, particularly those around Centennial Common, which are very active and spray significant areas of pavement. Comptroller Thomas agreed with Senator Falkovich’s comments, and VP Kechejian will look into the issue.

EDOC Heiser reminds everyone that she will be tabling tomorrow for the I AM A HUSKY Award with free Coffeemate and is looking for volunteers to help out.

Senator Williams announced HEAT is working on its “Do It In The Dark” initiative, which will feature programming on sustainability and safe sex. The initiative also includes an energy saving competition between freshman residence halls, with the winner being awarded a prize for the hall that can reduce their energy usage the most. He will send information to EVP Helfman to send to Senate.

IX. Adjournment

Senate adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted to the Senate by Meghan Murdock