I. Roll Call(19:05)

Present: 52
Absent: 17
Quorum: was met

II. Call to Order(19:10)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

I. Chair Address(19:10)
   a. Executive Vice President – Suchira Sharma
      i. Updates:
         1. Official senator deadline is October 17th.

II. Executive Addresses(19:12)
   a. President – Elliot Horen
      i. Updates:
         1. The stack of voter registrations is growing; over 500 new students registered to vote for this November.
         2. Hosting a Vice Presidential debate watch party sponsored by The New York Times, in the indoor quad of The Curry Student Center on October 4th, at 9 pm.
         3. West Wing night on Centennial Common, on October 5th.
         4. Working on the preliminary part of the Student Leadership Access Awards.
   b. Comptroller – Draken Dubose
      i. Updates:
         1. Will be doing interviews for the Finance board during the next two weeks.
   c. Vice President for Academic Affairs – Zachary Waggoner
      i. Updates:
         1. Going to be meeting with the Registrar’s office soon, so come talk to me if you have any concerns with them.
         2. Please submit your applications for the Director role in Student Government by October 5th, at midnight.
         3. Discussing what you would like to see in a new dean of library this week.
   d. Vice President for Student Affairs – Alex Bender
      i. Updates:
         1. We started working on projects in committee– primarily, Community Arts Day and Club Sports Advisory Board.
         2. Committee is usually on Tuesdays, at 6:30 pm, except for on October 4th, when there will be no committee.
   e. Vice President for Student Involvement – Nick Haberli
      i. Updates:
         1. SIB is now meeting regularly on Tuesdays at 6 pm.
         2. We’re still looking for a couple more senator applications.
   f. Vice President for Student Services – Paulina Ruiz
      i. Updates:
         1. We’ve scheduled a formal meeting with Deputy Chief Galindo and Chief of Police Davis from NUPD about safety advisory board.
   g. Chief of Staff – Becca Raffo
      i. Updates:
         1. Senator deadline extended to October 17th.
         2. STEP will be beginning on October 17th, and is mandatory for only senators to attend.
h. Executive Director of Communications – Akiera Gilbert
   i. Updates:
      1. We will be having a press conference on October 5th with Executive VP Sharma and President Horen about SGA, after which we will be having committee.
      2. Looking for volunteers for Husky Takeover who are available on Fridays from 9 am to 3 pm.
         We also have rain dates scheduled on Friday October 28th and 29th.

III. Special Addresses (19:17)
   a. Parliamentarian – Alex Carlin
   b. Elections Committee Chair – Samuel Gugliemotto and Steph Beja
      i. Updates:
         1. Still going over the directions manual and brainstorming ideas for a new elections theme this week.

IV. Question Time (14:18)
V. New Business (19:18)
   a. Member of the Month
      i. VP Waggoner: These members of the month sit on two different committees of student government. In one of them, the Academic Affairs committee, they’ve done a lot of work dealing with the research that undergraduates do at Northeastern, as well as with the outreach that Academic Affairs has been trying to start to do.
      ii. EDOC Gilbert: Both these members undertook a lot of work this summer. In case not all of you know, cabinet term starts in July, and I was abroad all throughout July and August, so these two undertook a lot working with EVP Sharma, and helping me out in that regard. Only one of them is here today, but we’d like to present Senator Colin Walter and Delegate Vivian Wilt with the award of Member(s) of the Month!

   b. October’s Monthly Initiative
      i. VP Bender: The survey for this month correlates with the monthly initiative. Understanding intersectionality falls in the realm of Student Affairs. So what we really wanted to look at for this was whether students feel welcome and accepted on campus. We wanted to target different demographics and different areas that this could take place, such as international students, off-campus students, and students in the residence halls. We looked at classes, coops, resident halls, clubs, etc. We knew this would be a little less quantitative, but it could still shed some light on some very important things for SGA.
      ii. Senator Driesman: So this survey is in the same format as before. It covers basic demographics. As VP Bender said, we tried to talk about several aspects such as whether you feel you participate on a diverse community, whether you feel you are connected to your personal community, and whether you are prepared to participate in a diverse world. We tried to get hard feedback on the various centers on campus – identity-oriented centers – based on whether the participants answers whether they’ve used a center, they’ll be prompted to tell us how they were satisfied with their usage, and why they were dissatisfied should they be. A detailed survey will be opened soon. Please share it with all your constituents.
      iii. EDOC Gilbert: We had an intersectionality event yesterday with a lot of great feedback. One of the most concrete pieces of feedback we got was on LGBTQA resource center and how much that has helped a lot of students, but also in the sense of gender neutral bathrooms on campus. The lack of awareness on where those bathrooms are located. There is currently a visual map telling you where they are on campus, similar to how there is a printer system.
      iv. Executive VP Sharma: This month is all about the two themes, identity and community. We’re very excited to partner with the LGBTQA resource center during their month of OUTober, and help promote some of their events because we passed the pride act last Spring, which allowed SGA to have more of an engaging role with the LGBTQA resource center.
v. Elections Committee Chair Gugliemotto: When will the survey go live?
   1. Executive VP Sharma: Last month was campus resource month, and because
      our first official senate wasn’t until September 12th, we’ll keep it open a little
      longer for probably another week, and then this will go live on October 7th.
   2. EDOC Gilbert: In addition to the LGBTQ center and cultural groups on campus,
      we still want these centers and groups to exist. If you don’t know where tables
      used to be in Curry, there’s now the Center for Intercultural Engagement. It’s
      more so these groups and centers should serve as a catalyst for student
      experience and as an aid, rather than the only place where students may feel
      comfortable on campus and where the entirety of their identity is accepted.
   3. Executive VP Sharma: The center for intercultural engagement is new and was
      actually an initiative that SGA worked on over the summer, so we’re excited to
      highlight that as well.

vi. Senator Tadesse: Can you elaborate on that point?
   1. Executive VP Sharma: Our previous VP of Student Affairs worked with our
      previous President over the summer to ensure that there was a diversity in an
      inclusion subcommittee, which was also chaired by Senator Tadesse. The
      findings of that committee found that students wanted to ensure that there was
      a place on campus where people could go and meet up outside of student
      involvement, and outside of the general Curry Student Center. The office was to
      ensure that there was collaboration among the different centers on campus that
      promote identity and community.

vii. Senator Scialle: Where can you find these surveys?
   1. Executive VP Sharma: They’re all on our social media, website, student body
      emails, and point of information emails that go out.

viii. Senator Kadakia: Have you thought of using Facebook ads and what not during election
      times and such to get more people to learn about them and complete surveys?
   1. Executive VP Sharma: That’s a great suggestion that is definitely going to be
      taken up by our Communications and Events committee that’s in charge of our
      social media.
   2. EDOC Gilbert: We have, actually, considered using Facebook ads, but when you
      run a Facebook page, you can see the number of people the page has reached,
      and we haven’t felt the need to boost the page based on this.
   3. Comptroller Dubose: You can pay for that with the student activity fee.

c. “Speak about it” debrief and discussion
   i. VPHaberli motions to table discussion
      1. VP Bender seconds
   2. VPHaberli: The “Speak about it” crew came to campus about three weeks ago
      to talk about the need for open communication with healthy relationships
      involving consent and such. I motioned to postpone it to another meeting so
      that we have a little more time to put together a discussion that does the
      presentation justice.
   3. Senator Walter: Why is now a not a good time?
      a. VPHaberli: It’s not that now isn’t a good time, but that tabling it will allow
         members of the Executive board more time to put a better presentation
         together.
      b. Executive VP Sharma: I think the intent was to add another facilitator here
         other than just the e-board members. So scheduling-wise, we’re trying to
         work that out.
   4. Motion to table discussion passes
   ii. Senator Tadesse motions to suspend the rules to present a submitted, pending legislation
      1. Senator Tadesse: May I have speaking time to talk about the presentation before
         we vote on the motion?
2. **Parliamentarian Carlin**: That’s actually not in order at this time. You must suspend the rules before the topic can be introduced. You can, however, as chair, give Senator Tadesse the floor – independent of the motion. Senator Tadesse must first rescind his previous motion, though.

3. **Senator Tadesse** rescinds the motion.

iii. **Executive VP Sharma** yields the floor to **Senator Tadesse**

1. **Senator Tadesse** yields the floor to **Student at Large Williams**.
   a. **Student at Large Williams**: As some of you may have noticed on campus today, there was an occupation on Centennial Common. This was led by the student in charge of the DivestNU campaign, whom I am a part of. We’ve been raising calls around fossil fuels divestments to bring attention to the decision that was made by the Northeastern administration over the summer, regarding fossil fuel divestment, and they’ve decided against it. This was a decision that was released in the Northeastern press release of consultation of the Student Government of the leaders from the DivestNU campaign. We just thought that it was very necessary in light of the occupation up against it to bring this issue into senate, and to discuss it with the student body, particularly given the fact that senate will not be meeting next Monday.

   b. **Senator Quinn**: Can you speak a little on the legislation that you proposed?
      i. **Senator Tadesse**: If this motion gets passed, then we can do that.

iv. **Senator Tadesse** motions to suspend the rules

1. **Senator Quinn** seconds

2. **President Horen**: Point of parliamentary inquiry: is 35 the number equivalent to two thirds of the number of body with voting rights?
   a. **Executive VP Sharma**: No, it’s two thirds of the present body.
   b. **Senator Tadesse**: Are there that many students with voting rights?
      i. **Parliamentarian Carlin**: Point of clarification: for voting on procedural motions, you are not required to have voting rights.

3. Motion to suspend the rules passes [with 41 in favor]
   a. **Executive VP Sharma** yields the floor to **Senator Tadesse** to present the legislation
      i. **Senator Tadesse** and his sponsors have the floor for fifteen minutes
      ii. **President Horen**: Point of personal privilege: would the sponsors introduce themselves?
         1. **Senator Bouzos**: I represent the Feminist Student Organization.
         2. **Senator Dubey**: I represent the Progressive Student Line.
         3. **Senator Makhijani**: I represent UTSAV.
         4. **Senator Tadesse**: I represent the Northeastern Black Student Association.

4. **Student at Large Williams**: I’m going to do a very brief run-through the legislation, then look at the language we want to examine closely. This is a senate resolution reaffirming the student body’s vote in favor of fossil fuel divestment. The whereas clauses are a brief run-through of the context of climate change, because it does need to be stated that climate change is real. There’s some brief information regarding temperature increases that we’ve seen over the past century and the role greenhouse gases play in the increase of temperatures. There’s some information regarding the internationally agreed upon red limits for temperature warming, the carbon budget we have to stay under, and why the fossil fuel industry itself was the center of the DivestNU campaign’s referendum question, particularly the fact that the company continues to spend 1.8 billion dollars per day on further exploration on carbon
reserves – despite the knowledge that we have five times as many reserves we need to safely burn to avert the carbon budget of two degrees Celsius of change. There’s information regarding the way the campaign has shaken down at Northeastern. Information regarding the student-body vote in the Spring of 2014, the social impact council and its recommendation to divest from fossil fuels, the lack of communication between the Northeastern administration and the DivestNU campaign, which lead to the university surveying students with threat of arrest this past April, for staging the sit in West Village F Tourist Center, in an effort to secure a timeline for engagement of the board. Further information on how the university released the decision in July 2016 in the Newsletter at Northeastern, declining to support divestment from the fossil fuel industry and framing such an approach as being a retreat from global challenges. And a further whereas clause reminding everyone that the lease from Northeastern specific stated that the university does not currently hold direct investments in the fossil fuel industry, which is pertinent for the operative clauses in this resolution.

The operative clauses here are that the senate reaffirms the undergraduate student body’s vote in favor of fossil fuel divestment. Then it calls upon the university to, in keeping with its commitment to leadership and sustainability, to entertain divestment from the fossil fuel industry, and, more specifically, that the senate calls upon Northeastern University to take the following actions, in regard to the general pool:

a. To institute more direct investments in the fossil fuel industry. What this would basically entail in practice is enshrining what we are currently at, and not holding investments in the fossil fuel industry. Currently, that’s less because the university has a standard against holding fossil fuel equity, and because we’re not large enough to be engaging directly to natural gas pipeline production.

b. To direct external fund managers to pursue options for divesting the university’s comingle funds. So, to avoid indirect investments and to share these findings with the Northeastern community, so that we all may judge the feasibility of pursuing divestment from the fossil fuel industry.

c. To provide the university’s community with a more specific understanding of the plank of the July 2016 decision, regarding the directing of 25 million dollars into investments with the focus on sustainability, clean energy, renewables, green building, and sustainable water agriculture. Unfortunately, student leaders from both the DivestNU campaign and Student Government Association do not have an understanding of how that process is supposed to play out, and what we can expect from the university, and how we can track the progress that the university is making in fulfilling these investments that were pledged. So this clause essentially calls for more information than the given press release.

5. **Senator Tadesse**: Freshmen may have not been here when the student body vote in support of this measure occurred. We have listened to the student body, and we are affirming what they said, and are standing by them.

6. Questions:

a. **VP Waggoner**: Please highlight the numerical results of divestment referenda that was passed previously, along with any similarities in language that was pulled from the referenda that was passed versus what is being presented.

b. **Student at Large Williams**: 3625 student participated in the referenda that we’re currently presenting, making it the first time in a long time that the undergraduate direct elections were validated due to sufficient student
participation. I would like to remind people who weren’t here when this occurred that this happened during a single candidate election, where the only choice on the ballot was the fossil fuel divestment question. The vote total ended up being 75% in favor of the DivestNU campaign. The remaining 25% of students were split between a smaller sliver of no votes, and a slightly larger sliver of abstentions. As far as language, the language here is similar to the referendum. Some of the language in the introductory clauses regarding the science of climate change regarding greenhouse-gas emissions and carbon budgets may be similar. Actually, I don’t think the carbon budget information was in the original referendum, but there was similar language regarding the amount of temperature increase that we have witnessed over the past century.

c. **Parliamentarian Carlin:** Point of order: as senators, you will be directing your questions to the chair, the chair will then phrase the question to the speakers, as the speakers then have the right to accept or deny any question.

d. **Senator Hostert:** If we’re currently not investing in these companies, why is it necessary for us to pass this resolution?

i. **Student at Large Williams:** The university invests through indirect investments that are made through the investment of money into our comingle funds. So basically, the university takes 700 million dollars’ worth of its endowment bedded actively invested into portfolios, and it puts it through products provided by our external fund managers. In the process, that money goes to various different sectors of the economy, and we are indirectly exposed to the fossil fuel industry. The university’s endowment has about a 9% broad exposure to the energy industry. As far as how much that is directly invested into fossil fuel mergers, such as the top 200 companies identified by the global divestment movement, for most American universities, it’s about 3%. So that’s the sort of range, which gives you the estimation of about 20 to 60 million dollars of university money being invested in the fossil fuel industry. So I should clarify that that money is still invested there. The decision that the university made over the summer was basically to say “these kinds of investments are complicated. Let’s talk about that.” As far as direct investments are concerned, most universities don’t hold direct investments in fossil fuel companies – or at least, most small universities don’t. Northeastern is becoming a large university, though, as the Empower campaign is aggressively pushing university advancement. I’ve personally seen the endowment grow from about 560 million dollars to pushing 800 million dollars, with an active roe of 1.25 billion dollars. As the university grows the size of its endowment, it’s going to seek to emulate the investment strategies of institutions. If you look at schools like MIT or Harvard, for instance, they do actively invest directly into fossil fuel projects that they expect a return on an investment from. So if the university is doing its job right, it’s not going to be investing in coal terminals and high carbon intensive projects. We don’t expect to actually be able to return all of that; however, it is very possible that the university could choose to invest in select oil pipeline products, or natural gas projects. The point of instituting a direct moratorium on direct investments is to enshrine – sorry, let me back up a little bit: a lot of times when we talk about divestment, the biggest refrain
that’s put forward by administrators is that there would be transaction costs associated with living out of our social values and our investment practices. Now, there’s a discussion we had about how to divest indirect investments and whether it would be a costly process; however, we know that we have a situation here at Northeastern where we do not actively invest directly in the fossil fuel industry. So, there’s nothing monetarily keeping us from instituting those ethical standards that our student body has called for. What the senate would be doing to reaffirm the student body’s vote on divestment here is calling upon the university to take simple, direct action to live out those values.

e. Senator **Sweeney**: What would be the alternative to Northeastern investing in these funds that include fossil fuel companies? It’s my understanding that most funds involve many sectors of the economy, including energy and fossil fuels.

i. **Student at Large Williams**: The student body has already expressed its sentiment on whether we should be divesting for the fossil fuel industry; therefore, I want to direct questions toward this resolution, rather than debating the merits of fossil fuel divestments itself. The role of the senate here is to represent the will of the student body, which has already been expressed on this issue. As for you question, as the ESG movement for environmental social governance considerations and investment have grown, mainstream financial service providers have been quipped to provide those products. In fact, the fossil fuel divestment movement, particularly at the institutional level amongst academic colleges, has actually spurred a growth in products portfolios that aren’t exposed to the fossil fuel industry, which includes very mainstream financial service providers such as BlackRock®, for instance, which now provide fossil-free portfolios. As far as whether we could expect those portfolios to perform as well as what we’re doing now, there have been some studies that have been done that show that you can maintain a similar, if not slightly better, rate of return on investment without the fossil fuel industry.

7. **VP Waggoner**: Would the chair please ask the parliamentarian to explain what the procedures would be for considering legislation, as well as what exactly senators will be voting on.

a. **Executive VP Sharma**: Yes. I will be more than happy to ask the Parliamentarian this.

8. **Executive VP Sharma**: **Parliamentarian Carlin**

9. **Executive VP Sharma** yields the floor to **Parliamentarian Carlin**

a. **Parliamentarian Carlin**: The best way to interpret legislation is the senate speaking on behalf of the student body, just as **Student at Large Williams** said, expressing our will as student government in representing the students. So we are communicating directly to the administration. If we pass or fail this, that’s how this should be interpreted. So first off, there are clearly two defined sections in legislation. You have these beautiful whereas clauses, and the operative clauses. The whereas clauses should be interpreted as the spirit of the body of the legislation, but it carries no weight in it of itself; it is a non-binding way of expressing why this resolution is being brought to the floor. In this particular case, it is to show the importance of acting on climate change. This is the purpose of these whereas clauses, but it doesn’t necessarily direct any action. The
operative clauses, on the other hand, are the substantive part of the resolution. These, specifically, are binding, are the Northeastern community through SGA expressing its will, and are the actionable items.
b. **VP Waggoner:** If this weren’t a timely manner, in which way would this legislation have come to the floor?
   i. **Parliamentarian Carlin:** Normally, the legislation would be submitted to the e-board before-hand, it would be put on the agenda, it would be presented in New Business, and then it would be voted on a week later. In this particular instance, we had a suspension of the rules, which entails we took our by-law’s and put it on a shelf and ignore it for a certain amount of time. So because of this, this was allowed to come to the floor and be debated and voted on all today, and comprehensively. This can only happen for certain resolutions. For example, you cannot suspend the rules to make changes to our governing charter because that would require a full body senate, which has its own special proceedings.
   ii. **Senator Tadesse:** You have really read the entire thing, haven’t you?
      1. **Parliamentarian Carlin:** Yes, yes I did.
   iii. **President Horen:** How do we vote?
      1. **Parliamentarian Carlin:** Our default is a roll-call vote, which, for a resolution, entails going one by one through each senator and having them express their will towards the resolution. An alternative is by-acclamation or by-voice, which means our chair will check to see if anyone in the room has any objections whatsoever three times, and it passes if there are none. To actually get to that point, however, we need to close on the motion to enter voting procedures. Before that there’s debate, and other motions and amendments can be made.
   iv. **President Horen:** Would the Parliamentarian please further explain the placard vote?
      1. **Parliamentarian Carlin:** The placard vote that was written into our standard procedures is strictly for procedural motions only. For a vote that results in binding legislation, there needs to be a voting trail. So in the interest of transparency and accountability, we use roll-call. This isn’t the case when you have a placard vote – there is not recording of each individual senator’s vote. So that motion in this case would be inappropriate; however, for amendments, when we’re considering this bill, it’s totally viable to do a placard vote to save time. It’s only in the final passage that that would not be ideal.
   v. **Senator Dunne:** Can we vote by secret ballot as well?
      1. **Parliamentarian Carlin:** No. Secret ballot is in our constitution and by-laws for elections. The reason for that is transparency. It would be more appropriate in smaller committees, and not deliberate public bodies. That would be called an executive session, which would keep the votes secret; however, moving into an executive session is out of the senate’s power, as we’re supposed to be the voice of the students and have constituents that need to hold us accountable.
vi. Senator Walter: Would it be out of order to discuss the merits of divesting in addition to upholding the student body’s voice, or are both acceptable?
   1. Parliamentarian Carling: Yes, but with reservations. Debate is what the senate makes of it. There’s no limits on exactly what can be discussed, except for in the terms that the motions are made. So specifically, if there’s a motion for a moderated caucus that’s very tailored to only discuss the will of the students and reference this resolution, it would not necessarily be relevant to the debate to talk about the actual merits of divestment; however, in a wider debate or a motion that isn’t strictly limiting, there’s no way to put limits on what a senator says in general debate.

10. VP Waggoner motions to enter an unmoderated caucus for five minutes
   a. Seconded by Senator Tadesse
   b. Motion to enter a five minute unmoderated caucus passes

11. EDOC Gilbert motions to enter a ten minute moderated caucus with a one minute speaking time
   a. Seconded by Senator Morris
   b. Motions to enter a ten minute moderated caucus with a one minute speaking time passes
   c. EDOC Gilbert will be speaking last
   d. EDOC Gilbert: Will someone be appointed in place of Chief of Staff Raffo, who has left?
   e. Executive VP Sharma calls on Parliamentarian Carlin to be the vice chair for the time being that Chief of Staff Raffo is gone
   f. Parliamentarian Carlin: Point of order: no one who has spoken for the legislation is allowed to speak again until all others wishing to speak have been recognized.
   g. Senator Driesman: Point of parliamentary inquiry: do we default to the speaker’s list?
      i. Parliamentarian Carlin: Normally, when limited to main motion, we would default to a speaker’s list, but we didn’t actually limit, so moving directly into a debate like this is perfectly fine.
   h. Senator Sweeney: I think it’s a good idea to get rid of the fossil fuel investment, but I think that we can take a more practical approach at it. It every university chose to stop investing in fossil fuels, I still don’t think we’d be making much of a difference, because other investors would snap up those remaining stocks, and we’d be losing diversification. A better way to go would be to amend it for a moratorium on the direct investment. But we have to keep in mind that the indirect investment does not pertain as well to the goals. The important part would be publicity at Northeastern putting a moratorium on direct investment in the fossil fuel industry; however, decreasing or limiting their investments in the indirect fossil fuels would really make much of an impact.
   i. Senator Hamp: Despite anyone’s personal thoughts on the divestment or climate change, as the authors of the legislation point out, the senate is the voice of the student body, and the student body has voiced their opinion that Northeastern should divest from the fossil fuel industry both directly and indirectly. Even though this was a few years ago and perhaps, the opinion of the student body has changed, I do not think that’s the case, even given the referendum we had last year on plastic bags shows that the
university student body seems to be very environmentally minded, and would most likely support a renewal of this promise.

j. Senator Tadesse: I would just like to restate that we are not the ones deciding on the practicality of the content of this legislation, but, rather, we are listening to the people we represent, and we want to make sure that their voices are heard and we as a student government are affirming what it is that they are saying.

k. EDOC Gilbert: To echo what previous senators and students at large have said, we already know what this is meant to do. Keeping in mind for this legislation, as well as future ones, we are not representing our personal interests, but rather that of your constituents. So I highly recommend that every senator, when voting on what the student body’s voice was in 2014, to look at name of the organization that you represent and acknowledge that you are voting out of the organization’s interest.

12. Senator Driesman motion to call the question of a roll-call vote

   a. VP Haberli seconds

   b. Roll-call voting:

      i. Individual votes:

         1. Senator Barrett votes for
         2. Senator Bartow votes for
         3. Senator Driesman abstains
         4. Comptroller Dubose votes for
         5. Senator Dunne abstains
         6. EDOC Gilbert votes for
         7. Senator Goyal votes against
         8. Senator Groundin votes for
         9. Election Chair Gugliemotto votes for
        10. Senator Hamp votes for
        11. Senator Hlaing votes for
        12. Senator Makhijani votes for
        13. Senator Paglione abstains
        14. Senator Raithatha abstains
        15. Senator Sweeny votes against with rights
        16. Senator Tadesse votes for
        17. Senator Uitz abstains
        18. Senator Walter abstains
        19. Senator Wood abstains
        20. VPR Ruiz votes for
        21. VP Haberli votes for
        22. VP Waggoner votes for
        23. VP Bender votes for

   ii. Executive VP Sharma yields the floor to Senator Sweeney for thirty seconds

      1. Senator Sweeney: I’d like to make three brief points:

         a. I think it would be better to add a clause, calling for the investment in sustainable energy funds, because those funds do exist.
         b. Remove the clause regarding indirect investment
         c. And thirdly, I’d like to ask my fellow senators to keep in mind that market funds simply trade on stock prices and do not add capital to the pockets of those companies. So, the only impact Northeastern could have is decreasing the demand for stock by one.
iii. Results:
   1. Yea: 14
   2. Nay: 2
   3. Pass: 0
   4. Abstain: 8

iv. Senate resolution RG-FA-16-101 passes

VI. Open Discussion(20:33)
   a. Executive VP Sharma yields the floor to Student at Large Williams
      i. Student at Large Williams: I just want to say thank you to everyone – not just to those who voted for the resolution, but also to those who stuck around long enough to read and debate it.
   b. Parliamentarian Carlin: Quick note: Senator Sweeney's example of a No with rights was a perfect text-book example of one, and it should be modeled after, should any of you wish to vote one.
   c. Senator Driesman: Just a reminder: the survey for last month’s monthly initiative is still going to be open for a little longer, because the semester did not start at the beginning of last month. If you have not yet, please send it to your friends and or constituents.
   d. Senator Tadesse: Lasso is having a big event, and tickets are on my.neu.edu.
   e. VP Bender: Come to the retreat!
   f. Senator Jones: We have an open mic/karaoke event posted in the OUTober events by the LGBTQ center.
   g. Senator Grondin: Since the Chief of Staff has left, and she asked for our documents by the end of senate, should we send them to her?
   h. Executive VP Sharma: Yes.
      i. Executive VP Sharma: House-keeping points:
         i. No senate next week because of Columbus Day
         ii. The senate deadline for application is before the following senate, at 6 pm, on October 17th. Chief of Staff Raffo will be starting the mandatory senator education and training program, which is mandatory to attend if you’re a first-time senator.
         iii. My senator engagement position is still open.
         iv. The reason we did not have our usual open discussion break-down was because I want to be respectful of your time.
         v. This legislation will be signed by President Horen and I, and then will be sent to Administration. This an important piece of legislation. Thank you all for your time, and for taking this as seriously as it needed to be taken. Enjoy the week off from Senate, and see you all on the 17th!

VII. Adjourment(20:37)

Adjourned at 8:37 pm