I. Roll Call (19:04)

Present: 66
Absent: 15
Quorum: was met

II. Call to Order (19:13)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm

I. Chair Address (19:13)
   a. Executive Vice President – Suchira Sharma
      i. Updates:
         1. Last Week:
            a. Appointed Advocacy Coordinator, Senator Chelsea Canedy (representing SAID)
            b. Finalized, and submitted the Student Advocacy Summit proposal to Marina -- Thank you so much for all your help with this, Senators!
            c. Continued to finalize speakers for the rest of the year
            d. Moved monthly reporting structure to Quarterly
            e. Booked SGA Holiday Party: Wednesday December 7th (last day of classes) at 7pm
         2. The Week Ahead:
            a. Publishing monthly reports
            b. Appointing Directors of:
               i. Senator Engagement
               ii. SGA Ambassadors Program
               iii. Outreach Administration
            c. Follow up on Student Advocacy Summit

II. Executive Addresses (19:15)
   a. President – Elliot Horen
      i. Updates:
         1. Last week:
            a. Shared feedback at Honors Town Hall
            b. Organized the flying of the rainbow flag and wrote statement with LGBTQ Center
            c. Met with students about a variety of concerns
            d. Getting closer to new sexual violence disciplinary policy
         2. The Week Ahead:
            a. Organizing Election Night Watch Party
            b. Meetings with admin
            c. Working on getting NYTimes access
   b. Comptroller – Draken DuBose
      i. Updates:
         1. Continuing automation process for spending reports, will make whole budgeting process significantly more efficient.
         2. Working with board to start up projects since it's now pretty much full
         3. Heard that senators want to learn more about the FB process -- come to my STEP presentation, a workshop, or email me!
      ii. Comptroller DuBose yields the floor to Senator Sweeney
         1. Senator Sweeney: Come and talk to me if you have questions or input, because I would definitely like input form you guys – Civil Engineering minor, a Math plus one
program, a Dramatic Literature minor, an English or any English-combined major. Secondly, I’d like to know how many of us are for versus against increasing interdisciplinary learning, as I will bring this feedback back to the board.

2. Nearly all senators vote for

3. Senator Sweeney: Okay, awesome! That will definitely make a big difference.

c. Vice President for Academic Affairs – Zachary Waggoner
   i. Updates:
      1. I’ve been meeting with my directors and different students throughout the past couple of weeks, I’m meeting with the registrar and provost’s office in two weeks.

d. Vice President for Student Affairs – Alex Bender
   i. Updates:
      1. "Husky to Husky" - Mental Health Peer Education Program:
         a. Hoping to be fully operational next semester
      2. Homecoming!
         a. November 6-12
         b. Look to Facebook events!!
         c. Need volunteers
      3. Community Advisory Board
         a. Continuing collaboration with community members
      4. Club Sports Advisory Board
         a. Collaboration with Club Sports executives
         b. Hoping to be fully operational next semester

e. Vice President for Student Involvement – Nick Haberli
   i. Updates:
      1. Working with new student organizations to arrange their constitution structure.
         a. Recognized two new organizations in the past week.
      2. Working on implementing new changes to Board governing documents.
      3. Meeting with administrators to discuss changes to the recognition process.

f. Vice President for Student Services – Paulina Ruiz
   i. Updates:
      1. Met with a representative from HEAT to discuss their goals for the semester
      2. The Little Free Library in Marino will be moved to the lobby next week to increase accessibility
      3. Invited a few cultural groups to the next FAB
      4. Have a meeting scheduled with Financial Services to discuss tuition and parking fees

g. Chief of Staff – Becca Raffo
   i. Updates:
      1. STEP in MANDATORY for new senators! You must be there or it will count as half an absence
      2. Organizing Cultural Competency Training Senate for 11/21 (contact me if you are interested in helping plan this)
      3. Remember to RSVP to our Senate at the State House on November 14th
      4. If you are not getting our emails or have an issue with the roster, let me know!

h. Executive Director of Communications – Akiera Gilbert
   i. Updates:
      1. SLAA is opening today! Please see Collin Walter for more details as to how to promote to your constituency.

III. Special Addresses (19:23)
   a. Parliamentarian – Alex Carlin
   b. Elections Committee Chair – Samuel Gugliemotto and Steph Beja
      i. Updates:
1. Finished reviewing the DEMI Special shout out to Elections Committee and President Horen
2. Beginning to practice the DEM presentation
3. Planning Kickoff Event the Week! Event planners welcome!

IV. Question Time (19:24)
   a. Senator Quinn: Could The Little Free Library be moved to a more central part of campus, such as in Curry or residence halls so as to avoid walking all the way to the Marino Center?
      i. VP Ruiz: Yes. We’re looking to expanding it, but we want to make sure first – because this is under-utilized at its current location – so we want to make sure first that it will be utilized in the lobby, and then expand off of that afterwards. This is something I want students to be very involved in; I want us to build it. If you’re interested, then come talk to me about it afterwards so we can talk about the next steps. We’ve already looks at spaces in Curry it could potentially go.
   b. Senator Sciales: Is The Little Free Library advertised properly? Because I feel like I’ve never heard of it, and didn’t even know it existed. Are there other plans to make it more known?
      i. VP Ruiz: As of right now, I think we’re just focusing on moving it, and then the next step would be advertising and then expanding. This was actually brought to me by a student at large, so I’m still seeing what direction they want me to take this in. If you have any ideas or contributions then definitely come talk to me about it.

V. New Business (19:26)
   a. Rethink SGA Update
      i. Executive VP Sharma yields the floor to Senator Caneedy
         1. Senator Caneedy: The topics that we had in our last committee were focused on reaching out to students and making sure that students know that this is occurring and what we were actually doing and the referendum process. There’s a lot of critiques on the referendum process, and these students actually saw that as a very steady way to see what other students were saying; they saw that as a very powerful advocacy tool, especially along the lines of environmental justice and other different activist causes. The student involvement in the university in allocation decisions. Traditionally, SGA had a very large stake in how the university spends money. We also looked at SGA’s relationship community. Many students actually felt that SGA has an obligation to us as students and to also help the community around us. That’s everyone from local governments, to community members and to other advocacy groups around the city, connecting us all so that people who may not necessarily know what SGA is may still be able to benefit from the university’s SGA.
         2. Executive VP Sharma: I just wanted to let you all know what the next steps look like. This has happened before, and we have a final one coming up, so before that happens we wanted to give you all a presentation on the changes that have to do with our by-laws can take place in our constitutional changes.
         3. Senator Caneedy: It’s also pretty good to know that this is a good opportunity for SGA to learn from students at large about what they see is good for SGA, including making SGA more accessible or open to other students.
            a. EDOC Gilbert: Could you provide all of this information to Chief of Staff Raffo to send to us in the Point of Information afterwards?
            b. Senator Caneedy: Definitely.
   b. Student Leadership Access Awards launch
      i. Executive VP Sharma yields the floor to Director of Outreach Walter, VP Haberli, and President Horen
         1. President Horen: This is our official launch of this award, and we’re excited to share this with everybody tonight. We used to have the “All-Cast I AM A HUSKY” award. The problem with this award is that nearly nobody knew about it, unless you won it. The award had a good idea and intuition behind it – recognizing student leaders
outside of student government – which is part of our role and way we can make a
difference, but the execution wasn’t. So here is what was written in an article that
we posted on our website:
“The Recipient of an “I AM A HUSKY” award will receive further recognition on SGA
social media pages.”
It doesn’t feel like such a great award to me, so we’ve introduced something new
and partnered with the ILS of Alumni Relations to do it. We have the Student
Leadership Access Awards.

2. VP Haberli: just as President Horen said, the old “I AM A HUSKY” award had great
intentions, but we felt it fell short, and this is our way of revamping it. At the
foundation of this award it is student-driven. We are giving out the award to
students who have proven themselves on campus time and time again, whether it’s
through the more traditional means of leadership or something else that’s to be
decided – and that’s what’s so amazing about this award – it’s campus focused.
We’re trying to give this award to people who actively make the campus a better
place. These people often are not rewarded how they should be rewarded, so it’s
about time we gave them some recognition. We felt that this would be a very good
incentive. It’s something that is meaningful. Yes, likes on a social media page are
great sometimes, but so is a check. At its core, this award is about giving students
an honest award for the work that they do – work that sometimes goes
unrecognized. Hopefully that is what this award will accomplish.

3. Senator Walter: So here are the logistics:
   a. You have to fill out an application.
      i. We want to know who you are
      ii. We want to know what you like to be called
         iii. We want to know what year you’re in
      iv. We also want to know what things you do on and off campus
         1. Do you have a job?
         2. Are you making money?
      v. We also want you to answer certain questions about your role as a
         leader on campus:
            1. Share a time when you demonstrated leadership at
               Northeastern.
            2. Provide an exquisite position
            3. What is it about Northeastern that motivates you to be a
               leader?
            4. How does your work make Northeastern a better place?
   b. We want to know those things, and we’ll give you five hundred dollars in a
      check. It goes to six people per semester – six people in the Fall, and six
      people in the Spring. It is chosen by the cabinet with some people from
      Online Relations, who also gave us some of the money. Students who can’t
      receive this award include:
         i. Those on an executive board who make money by doing this
         ii. Those in SGA
         iii. Those who used to be on the cabinet on SGA

4. Senator Quinn: Will these details be sent out in the point of information?
   a. President Horen: Yes.

5. Elections Chair Gugliemotto: Is there a plan to coordinate the announcement or
   recognition of this award with official university offices? I think it would be really
tactful if students heard about this not just from SGA but from the school itself.
   a. President Horen: We want to have it featured by Northeastern, but we also
   want to be explicit about the fact that this is also a student-driven award. I
   saw that there was recently an application for scholarship, and there was a
bunch of Roman numerals and it looked like the illuminati of alumni or something. We want to be very clear that this is not Northeastern University deciding and awarding this, but that this is fellow students – other people that are like us. So although we want it to be promoted, we don’t want to align it specifically with the university board.

6. **President Horen**: We need your help to promote this, too. We can announce this and put it out on social media, but if we are going to have this reach to the people we want it, then we need your help in talking to the leaders you know. A way you can actually win this award is by nominating yourself or someone else. Please help us spread the word about this, because we want to get an applicant pool that looks like Northeastern. Thank you.

7. **EDOC Gilbert**: Going off of that, **Senator Walter** is going around different student groups to promote this award, so if you are interested please come see me after senate. We want to promote this as much as possible, so we will be keeping applications open for longer through the end of the semester.

c. **President Horen**: There was an event on Centennial. That was the joined effort of SGA and Lee of the LGBTQ center. Surprisingly, it was challenging, but it happened, and I think that it’s important. It’s a symbol, but it’s one that matters. So you’ll see a statement from us and the LGBTQ center. I just want to say that that was an important thing that we were able to come together and work with the administration to do.

d. **Executive VP Sharma**: I would also like to highlight **EDOC Gilbert** with the event that she ran earlier during this month.

VI. **Open Discussion (19:40)**

a. **Executive VP Sharma**: We were talking a lot about community engagement on campus and how that overlaps with the idea of intersectionality, community, and identity as a whole.

b. Prompt: What instinctual feelings do you have about Northeastern?

i. Cultural Groups:

1. **Senator Makhijani**: Prepared to tackle workforce; expense of academic experience; classes designed to prepare for co-op rather than learning sometimes; overwhelming.

2. **Senator Tadesse**: “Bougeois-y” and oppressive; people competitive; spend more time off campus than on campus.

ii. CoE:

1. **Senator Powers**: Think of co-ops; don’t just settle on degree but what we are going to use degree for; schools on the rise; school going to be completely different in the future.

2. **Senator Heudebourg**: Sense of pride; make it our own.

3. **Senator Tirhi**: Not much school spirit; not big turnout for how good our hockey team is.

iii. FSL:

1. **Senator Corriveau**: Ambitious, grounded, and well-rounded; immediate perception of Northeastern; people pretty much come here because of co-op.

2. **Senator Sciales**: People you are competing against inspire you to do better rather than hold you back.

3. **Senator Quinn**: Whatever you choose to be, you can be very invested in that; communities that develop within Northeastern; good support network with academic and co-op advising; cooperation when pushing for change.

iv. D’Amore McKim:

1. **Senator Morley**: A lot of association with school has to do with us being in Boston; co-op = prepared and ambitious; wider than any one major; feel safe and heard.

2. **Senator Kadakia**: Small campus in a big city; home feeling.

3. **Senator Teodorescu**: People outside school don’t know much other than coop; show world we are more than just co-op school.
v. CSSH:
   1. Senator Morris: Pride and happiness to be here; safe place to be different; CSSH smaller college and feel like don’t have home base on campus; big city feel and campus feel; can do a whole variety of things.
   2. Senator Ghaw: Done a great job at making everyone feel sense of belonging; took a while to adjust coming from different country; people who go out to find community usually find it, but harder for people who are less sociable.
   3. Senator: Ability to push boundaries and explore.

vi. Bouve:
   1. Senator Barrett: NU has grown so much; NU prepares you; tight knit community within majors.
   2. Senator Ballard: Immense opportunities for Bouve students; a lot of opportunities didn’t even know existed before coming here.

vii. CoS:
   1. Senator Walter: Co-op program; some things that are dislike-able once you get here.

viii. Advocacy Groups:
   1. Senator Jones: Progressive whether or not action being done can be issue; when I applied to NU it wasn’t for co-op but to find family.
   2. Senator Dubey: Feels hard when institutional decisions being made for students to be stakeholders in those situations.
   3. Senator Bouzos: School very supportive of students academically; not transparent about a lot of actions; don’t always address whole issue.
   4. Senator Balcomb: So many opportunities; advocacy issue chance for empowerment and bettering of community.

VII. Adjournment (20:13)

Adjourned at 8:13 pm