Senate Minutes
Student Government Association
Northeastern University
{12/5/2016}

I. Roll Call(19:05)

Present: 66
Absent: 10
Quorum: was met

II. Call to Order(19:13)

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

I. Chair Address(19:15)
   a. Executive Vice President – Suchira Sharma
      i. Updates:
         1. Last Week:
            a. Organized legislation - SS-FA-16-102 (Husky to Husky) is now on the website!
            b. Worked with Director Beja on the Holiday Party
            c. Had last round of PM meetings for the semester
            d. Celebrated President Horen’s birthday!
         2. The Week Ahead:
            a. Holiday Party on Wednesday
            b. Submitting SAS Proposal - down to two topics:
               i. Campus Spaces
               ii. Campus Centers
            c. Sending out feedback forms for Project Management and Senate - help me be a better EVP!

 II. Executive Addresses(19:16)
   a. President – Elliot Horen
   b. Comptroller – Draken DuBose (not present)
      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 a workshop or email me!
   c. Vice President for Academic Affairs – Zachary Waggoner
      i. Updates:
         1. If you’re available for TRACE on reading day - come talk to me!
         2. I’m meeting with GEO on Friday so if you have any feedback for them - please come talk to me!
   d. Vice President for Student Affairs – Alex Bender
      i. Updates:
         1. “Husky to Husky” – Mental Health Peer Education Program
            a. Training on Thursday went well
            b. Over 20 people have applied
         2. Community engagement
            a. Starting an asset mapping project
         3. Club Sports Advisory Board
            a. Contacting Club Sports “executives”
         4. Community Arts Day
            a. Continuing collaboration with other clubs
   e. Vice President for Student Involvement – Nick Haberli
i. **Updates:**
   1. Working with new student organizations to arrange their constitution structure.
   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. Attended the last Sustainability Committee of the semester
      2. Met with Maureen of Dining and Senator **Grondin** to discuss next steps for the Trayless Dining
      3. Met with Adam from Curry Student Center to discuss design and location for the Little Free Library
      4. Met with a student at large to talk wind energy on campus!!!!!
         a. It won't be a breeze, but it'll be fun!
      5. Rescheduled a UHCS meeting with the working group and Dr. Klein

g. **Chief of Staff – Becca Raffo**
   i. **Updates:**
      1. Respond to the google form by December 16th to let me know that you are staying on the roster for the Spring. Anyone who doesn't respond will be assumed to be leaving Senate!
      2. February 8th New Senator Deadline changed to February 6th
      3. 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. We are happy to welcome Senator **Morris** and Senator **Nitschke** to the Social Media team
      2. Come to the holiday party this Wednesday in McLeod Suites at 7:30 PM! Thank you to Director of Senator Engagement **Beja** for putting this together

e. **Director of Information Management Joshua Driesman**
   i. **Updates:**
      1. Make sure to fill out the budget priorities survey, and make sure to tell everyone to do so as well

III. **Special Addresses (19:20)**

   a. **Parliamentarian – Alex Carlin yields**

   b. **Elections Committee Chair – Samuel Gugliemotto and Steph Beja**
      i. **Updates:**
         1. Elections committee is finished for this semester
         2. Next semester we’ll be hitting the ground running in preparation for elections so if you want to get involved with the planning come join us
         3. Enjoy your winter break!

c. **Director of Engagement Steph Beja**
      i. **Updates:**
         1. SGA Holiday party this Wednesday! Be there and, as **VP Bender** would say, it’s going to be poppin’, and I hope to see you all there.

d. **Director of Outreach Nathan Hostert**
      i. **Updates:**
         1. I’m currently working on reaching out to different clubs and organizations that aren’t currently represented in senate
         2. Starting on January 9th, our first meeting, we’ll be launching a new outreach initiative, in which we will hopefully have individual senators reaching out to specific groups on campus and being a communication between SGA and clubs and organizations that don’t have an official senator
            a. I’ll be presenting this on January 9th, but in the meantime, if you have any interest in this, feel free to reach out and give me a heads up
2. If you want any of the data from the monthly initiative surveys we’ve run, please let me know
   a. I’ll be working on sanitizing that data over the break and getting it out to senate, as well as sharing the reports I’ve made for the various vice presidents with senate, so that you can use that data on your own advocacy

IV. Question Time (19:23)
   a. VP Bender: Do we know how many people have filled out the budget priorities survey so far?
      i. President Horen: Roughly 1,500.
   b. Executive VP Sharma: How long is the survey open until?
      i. President Horen: It’s open until the end of December.
   c. Senator Sneyers: Are you going to send out another email reminding students to fill out the survey?
      i. President Horen: Yes. Look for that in the December monthly email from SGA. One passive-aggressive way to get your friends to take it is to just forward that email to them.

V. New Business (19:24)
   a. Member of the Month
      November
      i. Executive VP Sharma: Comptroller DuBose wanted to be here to present this award to our November honoree; however, he had another engagement and could not make it to senate tonight. He wanted to thank this member for all their hard work through the semester on the finance board, being a senator, and also taking on a lot of ownership and leadership over on spending reports and delegation of tasks that Comptroller DuBose felt very comfortable leaving in their capable hands.
      ii. Executive VP Sharma yields the floor to VP Bender
         1. VP Bender: This member has shown a lot of activity as well on my committee’s board, student affairs. They are incredibly willing to volunteer their time to help out with SGA initiative as well as any project that student affairs have been doing, they’ve given great feedback and taken a lot of initiative on their own, even becoming a project lead for our club sports advisory board project. So Senator Baek, you are the member of the month for November.
   b. SR-FA-16-103 Debate and Vote
      i. Executive VP Sharma: This is the first piece of legislation that we presented last senate. I’ve gotten a lot of questions about the other two pieces of legislation that were presented, so I’d just like to address that now: the other two pieces of legislation were resolutions of governance, which require a full-body meeting to have a debate and a vote, and since this meeting was not designated as a full-body meeting three weeks prior, we will not be debating a voting on those; however, they are still on the floor, and will debated and voted on during the next full-body meeting.
      ii. Senator Driesman motions for a ten minute moderated caucus with one minute speaking time
         1. EDOC Gilbert motions for a two minute unmoderated caucus
            a. Motion passes
         2. Senator Snares seconds
         3. Senator Morris motions for an eight minute moderated caucus with one minute speaking time
            a. Senator Dunne seconds
            b. Motion withdrawn
         4. Motion passes
         5. VP Ruiz: I just wanted to reiterate something important to senate. So there’s a conversation happening right now, in which administrators and a very select few groups of students are discussing the new recycling contract that is set to expire in the spring, so I as well as other students who have expressed interest in being a part
of this conversation have been excluded, and so I think that passing this legislation, particularly the piece about maintaining a multi-stream system is really important and a really concrete way to ensure that student voices are actually heard in this conversation. Like I said there’s potential for moving into a single-stream system at this school, which would incredibly detrimental to the quality of the recycling that we give out and so I think that this legislation is really important.

6. **Senator Driesman:** So I think this is a great piece of legislation in general. The one thing I would add (and I have an amendment pre-written up for this), just to ease people’s transition from plastic bags, I’ve noticed that around campus, the number of places that offer reusable bags is fairly limited, so I just offered an amendment that I’ll make a motion to move to the floor just asking to increase the number of locations for students that offer reusable shopping bags.

iii. **Senator Driesman** motions to extend the moderated caucus to the end of the speaker’s list
   1. **Senator Kadakia** seconds
   2. **Senator Kalantar** motions for a straw-poll vote on the resolution
      a. **Senator Mather** seconds
      b. Motion passes

iv. **Senator Kalantar** motions to close debate and move into voting procedures
   1. **Senator Morley** seconds
   2. **Senator Driesman** motions to amend the resolution on the floor
      a. **VP Ruiz** seconds
      b. Amendment deemed friendly
      c. Amendment adopted
   3. **Senator Kalantar:** point of information: is my motion to debate still on the floor?
      a. **Executive VP Sharma:** It is still on the floor.
   4. **Senator Driesman** motions to call to question by roll call vote
      a. Motion not taken
   5. **Senator Kalantar:** Based on the straw-poll vote, I think we’ve gained a sense in the room that the majority of us are in favor of passing this resolution. I think it’s a great way for us to reaffirm as a senate in support of whatever the school is going to be doing to increase recycling efforts on our campus. We report that that would be a good move for us to move to voting procedures so that we can get this passed and move on to current issues. Thank you.
   6. **Senator Teodorescu:** I can’t really argue with most of that, but I just really wanted to bring up something that I think is a little bit important. Something like this, obviously the budget isn’t within our scope as to what we can do as student government, but this will cost something, so I just think that Northeastern right now has bigger fish to fry than something like this. I think it’s a great effort, but I think that there are other things that we need to look into with more depth, such as improving the academic quality of our school and what we have right now, as oppose to something that sounds great but does cost something, and will require the administration to level this financial by either cutting from one department or having to get more money in general. I think we should consider this before we pass it.

   7. Motion passes
   8. Debate is closed

v. **Senator Morris** motions for placard vote
   1. **Senator Kalantar** seconds
   2. Motion passes
   3. Placard vote:
      a. For: 63
      b. Against: 2
      c. Abstain: 0
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1. **Elections Chair Gugliemotto:** We’re going to present the Direct Elections Manual today. First we’re going to give a little bit of background on it. There’s are the rules and policies that govern the entire elections processes from start to finish. It guides both the Elections Committee, and any slates running for office. The DEM is reviewed and edited each year by the Election Committee; we discuss the policies, propose edits, and internally vote on every single change that we’re presenting here today. These changes have been proposed, reviewed, and approved by the foremost experts of elections in SGA, so we’re happy to present our work to educate senate and are open to any questions, but we recommend you respect the decisions of the committee, because we’ve made the time and effort put into this document.

   a. **Section 1 – Nominations:** We made a few material numbering changes, and we clarified the signatures that all candidates must collect to be nominated may not be collected before forms are officially released, or on forms that are not officially marked. This impacts so that signatures cannot be collected before we deem it acceptable and on forms that aren’t really official.

   b. **VP Ruiz:** Can you do that in more detail with what material changes actually are?

      a. **Elections Chair Gugliemotto:** It does not impact any policy; the numbering was just off and we fixed it.

   2. **Elections Chair Gugliemotto:**

      a. **Section 2 – Emergency Nominations:** So this section obviously relates to a situation where a candidate drops out of the running in various stages of the election’s timeline, which was tricky. After some analysis with President Horen, we decided that the entire section had to go, which sounds like a big deal, but the reason we did this is that we looked at every scenario that could’ve resulted from the policies, and none of them were fair or democratic in any way, so we had to create a draft a new section. So all the old language was deleted. The new policies basically look like this: if a candidate drops before the paying period has begun, then emergency nominations will be accepted. The emergency candidate must, however, complete and submit an attend-to-run form, which includes collecting signatures form 2% of the student body, and then committee will approve that attend-to-run form, just like they would any other candidate. So they follow a really similar process, just like any other candidate would, despite it being an emergency nomination. If a candidate drops after the campaign period begins, then no emergency nominations will be accepted. The remaining candidate on the slate has to decide to continue whether they want to run. If they decide to, they will run alone for the position they initially indicated they were running for, and the drop candidates’ name will be replaced with “Vacant” on the ballot. If the one candidate slate wins, normal succession procedure will ensue. If they decide not to continue running, then the entire slate is dropped off the ballot.

   3. **Eric Keresztes:**

      a. **Section 3:** The next section is just to summarize that he slates cannot enter classrooms or club meetings without permission from the teacher. WE added that committee members may not run for the president or VP in the
election following their time on committee. That’s basically so that they
don’t have an advantage or a significant influence over the DEM in the
semester before they run.

5. **Co-Chair Beja:**
   a. Section 4 – Candidate’s Briefing: So we removed the lower limit of when the
candidate’s briefing can occur. The reason for this is so that we can have it
after the full-body senate where nominations take place, and it just makes
the election’s timeline a lot easier. Then we changed the word “advised” to
“instruct”, because it’s more active.
   b. Section 5 – Election Time Table: The commencement of the campaign
period in now determined at the committee’s discretion. This again makes
the election’s time table a lot easier and a lot more flexible, especially when
trying to plan around spring break. Secondly, the length of the voting
period if now determined by the committee. It has to be at least five days,
but no more than seven, which again contributes to election’s time table
flexibility

6. **VP Waggoner:** Does the campaign period have a minimum length?
   a. **Co-Chair Beja:** No.
   b. **Elections Chair Gugliemotto:** The campaign period, which includes the
voting period as it stands now, shall be no longer than three weeks and no
less than two weeks. In previous years, the campaign period started
immediately after the candidate’s briefing, which, again like she said, this
just makes it more flexible. It gives the candidates a little bit more time to
internalize the policies that are presented at the campaign’s briefing and
make sure that they’re running a clean, fair campaign, and makes it more
flexible.

7. Jamie **Nemzer:**
   a. Section 6 – Campaign Finance: We clarify the spending over the prescribed
amount of 1,000 dollars allocated to each slate, which may result in a
grievance and sanctions, and the exceeding amount will not be reimbursed.
This is to ensure an equal financial plan for all slates. We added that under
circumstances are slates to request additional SAF grant funds for election
or campaigning purposes. We added that the 1,000 dollars allocated to
slates will be indexed to inflation. This is to ensure that slates from year to
year have the same access to resources. To clarify that sponsorships
beyond the sum provided by SGA are strictly prohibited, and that slates
should pay prices that align with publicly advertised retail prices. These
measures are again intended to make certain that all slates are on an equal
playing field, and that no slate has an advantage thanks to additional
financial resources. The last two points declare that the cumulative
summary report is now due at midnight on each Sunday during the
campaign period, rather than Monday at noon, as it has been in the past.
The final report is now due at midnight on the day following the close of the
elections.

8. **Senator Kadakia:** Going through this last year, do you guys want a hard copy of that
form, even considering its due date?
   a. **Elections Chair Gugliemotto:** Just because it’s due at midnight as your
professors probably say, you don’t need to turn it in at midnight. So if we
decide to do hard copies, you don’t need to turn it in right then. We could
do a digital turn it, or you could turn it in physically.

9. Eric **Keresztes:**
a. Section 7: In this next section, we calcify that the slate must get permission to enter a classroom or club meeting in advance of the meeting or class. This was just to avoid disruption of those classes or meetings.

10. Senator Hamp:
   a. Section 8 – Elections Giveaways and Promotions: We clarified that the committee giveaways have to be given out on a random basis in accordance with the SAF policies. It still allows the campaigns to give out their own giveaways, which was unclear in the previous iteration of the DEM. The personal information forms are now due at midnight following nominations, saying before midnight makes more sense than noon. We added that the slates can be added to require their personal information forms when they turn them in. Previously, it would’ve been the responsibility of the committee to do that, but now if they want their personal information to be published, they have to do that themselves. We also edited the requirement for a town hall or debate. We now say that the committee has to hold some sort of function that gives information on the slates and candidates. It can be in the form of a debate between slates or referenda sponsors, it could be a town hall, but it gives the committee more leeway in form of a venue they choose. It requires that whatever this function is decided by the committee, it has to be announced at the candidate’s briefing, and the last thing is that slates now have to report on the dormant-storming to the committee within 24 hours of it happening with a straw edit to make sure that during dorm-storming there’s not any intimidation or any such unfair behavior.

11. Victoria Mier:
   a. Section 9 – Voting Procedure: Here we clarify that in the event that the Elections Committee decided to extend the voting period. The reason we would do that would be to respect the student body and get a greater representation form them.
   b. Section 10 – Elections Results: Here there was a point that was previously in the grievance section that said that we would not announce the results of the elections if there was an outstanding meritorious grievance against this slate that better fit into Section 10 with Elections Results, so we moved it there.
   c. Section 11 - Grievances: We removed this from the Grievances Section and put it in the Elections Results, and also in this section there was a spelling correction we made.

12. Elections Chair Gugliemotto:
   a. Section 12 - Appeals: We clarified some wording, but otherwise made not on material changes.
   b. Section 13 – Post Election Report: No changes.
   c. Appendix A: No changes.
   d. Appendix B - Glossary: We added two new definitions (we also fixed the numbering, but that was a material change). In point 10, we expanded the definition of extenuating circumstances to include any other scenario approved by the committee. We didn’t want to limit the scenario that it could excuse someone from the candidate’s briefing to just the few that were listed before. The second definition we added was for dorm-storming, since that was a whole new set of policies that we added to the DEM, we wanted to make sure we defined it correctly, and that definition was: “Entering a Northeastern University residence hall with the intention of speaking with students about drug collection.”

13. Co-Chair Beja:
a. Appendix C: No changes
b. Appendix D: We removed any language referring to inactive roster, because that no longer exists.
c. Appendix E: No changes.
d. Appendix F: No changes.

14. **VP Waggoner:** On your deadlines for midnight, I know that there is ambiguity for what midnight is, how is that specified?
   a. **Elections Chair Gugliemotto:** The intention would be 11:59 pm on Sunday night.

15. **EDOC Gilbert** motions to close debate and move into voting procedures
   a. **Senator Alex** seconds
   b. **Parliamentarian Carlin:** Point of personal privilege: can we see the language?
      i. **Elections Chair Gugliemotto:** Yes. On that note, in previous years, it has been presented just with the edited DEM on the screen like you’re about to see. We thought it might be a little less overwhelming if we just presented the key changes we made to you, instead of presenting a very dense document with a bunch of edits. So as you can see, you go into suggestion mode for a Google™ Doc...
   c. **Senator Morris** motions for five minute unmoderated caucus
      i. **Senator Kenderdine** seconds
      ii. Motion fails
   d. **Parliamentarian Carlin** motions for ten minute moderated caucus with 30 second speaking time
      i. **VP Haberli** seconds
      ii. **Senator Kalantar** motions for a five minute moderated caucus with 30 seconds of speaking time
         1. **Senator Kirunda** seconds
         2. Motion fails
      iii. Motion fails
   e. **Parliamentarian Carlin** motions for three minute moderated caucus with 30 seconds speaking time
      i. Motion fails
   f. **Parliamentarian Carlin** motions to cease the floor
      i. **President Horen:** Point of parliamentarian inquiry: could we get some context on what that means?
         1. **Parliamentarian Carlin:** It would grant me the ability to speak without having another formal motion be voted on the body so that I could say whatever was on my mind
      ii. Motion passes
      iii. **Parliamentarian Carlin:** It is incredibly irresponsible to vote on this document without reviewing the language. There were several new sections added by the authors that have not been discussed, specifically they mentioned a whole section on dorm-storming that regulates the way our electoral officials can speak to people in their dorms. This sounds like something that we should discuss. Similarly, there were many edits, languages reworded. There’s so much we need to talk about this document that governs our elections. The entire legitimacy of this body depends on our elections, so anything that would compromise that needs to be discussed and reviewed. We’re going to have a democratic election where the presidential candidates and the other direct electoral
candidates can outreach to other students. We need to make sure that is facilitated by this document. So if there are claims that would go against this when we actually look at the language, they need to be explored now, because once we pass this, the process is much more difficult. To not have debate is bad. Thank you.

g. **Senator Sneyers:** Could this document be shared with us?
   i. **Executive VP Sharma:** Yes.

h. **Senator Kalantar** motions for five minute QNA with authors
   i. **Senator Tawfik** seconds
   ii. **EDOC Gilbert:** Point of information: what happens if people leave and we don’t have quorum?
      1. **Executive VP Sharma:** We don’t know whether we have quorum until a quorum call.
   iii. **Senator Kadakia:** Point of information: do we have to vote on this today, or could this be sent out and we vote on it in the future?
      1. **Elections Chair Gugliemotto:** Based on the timeline of the election, it would need to be voted on today.

iv. Motion passes

v. **Senator Driesman:** Why wasn’t this document shared with us before senate?
   1. **Elections Chair Gugliemotto:** No reason other than in discussions with President Horen we decided it to be little bit easier in terms of presentation format and readability to present it, but I would agree it was probably not good not to share the actual document in addition to making the presentation.

vi. **Senator Morris:** Are the authors aware that we’re not allowed to see the changes to the document; it just looks like the old one because of the fact that we’re read-only so we can’t see any of the changes?
   1. **Elections Chair Gugliemotto:** No. We are now. Thank you.

vii. **Elections Chair Gugliemotto:** If there are spelling mistakes and such, we can change that editorially. I might be wrong, but I think that the main things you would motion to amend would be the impact on the actual policies themselves.

viii. **Senator Ghaw:** Why do you have 1,000 dollars for each slate, and do you think this is an appropriate amount?
   1. **Elections Chair Gugliemotto:** I don’t know the historical context for why it’s been exactly 1,000, and speaking with past slates, we haven’t had any comments on the amount of money, so in general, the Election Chairs and those preceding that have stuck with that number for consistency.

ix. **EDOC Gilbert:** Can you just highlight what that money may go towards?
   1. **Elections Chair Gugliemotto:** The budget code is for advertising, so anything that the SAF would classify as advertising, usually including things like posters, giveaways of water bottles or t-shirts and such.

x. **Senator Ghaw:** Wouldn’t you classify giveaways as a form of bribery?
   1. **Elections Chair Gugliemotto:** So that falls into voter intimidation and voter facilitation. So if someone can talk to a slate and talk about the issues or whatever, the slate cannot, however, tell them to pull out their phone and vote
for them. As the DEM policy stands right now, a giveaway is not considered either voter intimidation not facilitation.

xi. Senator Tawfik: Would it be possible to define dorm-storming in the Appendix?
   1. Elections Chair Gugliemotto: It should already be defined in the glossary.

xii. Parliamentarian Carlin: My question relates to dorm-storming. Firstly, if I live in a dorm, how does this work if I’m running for a slate? And secondly, is this not a little much?
   1. Elections Chair Gugliemotto: The functional purpose it to make sure that we are aware of when slates or campaign workers are going into a residence hall for the dorm-storming purpose, because it’s been done a lot in the past without oversight, and it’s very easy to commit voter intimidation or facilitation in those circumstances, so we wanted to make sure that we have policies reflecting that this is a reality and we have some way to deal with it. For a candidate who lives in a residence hall, it would have to be with an intent of speaking of their candidacy. If a candidate is going in as a resident would, they would not be doing that for the intent, and if that intent changes, then they would have to report it.

   i. President Horen: Point of parliamentary inquiry: would it be possible for the author to yield to myself to provide further context?
      i. Executive VP Sharma: Not at this time, as the Q&A time has elapsed at this point.

   j. Senator Hamp motions to extend question time to the end of the speaker’s list
      i. VP Haberli seconds
      ii. Motion fails

   k. Quinn Motion to cap the speaker’s list at five speakers
      i. Senator Kadakia seconds
      ii. Motion passes
      iii. VP Haberli: What do you have in mind in particular for auditing the dorm-storming process? I know it’s rather vague, so I was curious as to what you have in mind.
         1. Elections Chair Gugliemotto: In general, the plan was after we get a report to send a committee member or ourselves to the dorm and talk to a few people and see whether they spoke with this candidate and how the exchange went and such, just to look at our definition of voter intimidation or facilitation, and make sure that no rules were breached. It is obviously a new rule that was left somewhat vague for that reason.

   iv. Senator Nasrallah: Just to clarify, candidates will not be able to reach out to clubs to ask if they can come speak to them, they have to be invited?
      1. Elections Chair Gugliemotto: No. They have to get permission to speak at a club meeting or class in advanced. We saw that speaking at the end of a meeting or class, it was kind of disruptive.
v. **Senator Quinn:** I was just curious about the language about the campaign period. So said the committee’s discretion why that changed from midnight, why do you think it was in the best interest to change that?
   1. **Senator Beja:** We just thought it would be easier than doing it during the day on a Monday.
   2. **Elections Chair Gugliemotto:** That’s for submitting the personal information report, and that reflects the other reports that we do – to all be due at midnight.

vi. **Parliamentarian Carlin:** As per our by-laws, the candidates for president – their specifications are already clearly listed. Do you not worry that specifically outlawing those who served in the elections Committee the semester preceding the direct election is unconstitutional?
   1. **Elections Chair Gugliemotto:** I do now, but the intent was to make sure that no slate or candidate would have a truly unfair advantage when going into the elections.

vii. **Senator Driesman:** In the case of candidate dropping, after the campaign hearing had begun, it’s stated that the position would be filled as through the succession role that has outlined our constitution. Just for the information of the entire body, could you go over the succession?
   1. **Executive VP Sharma:** The way succession works is that if something happens to the president, the EVP takes over that role, and then there is a senate election for the role of EVP. If something happens to the EVP, then the vice president for student involvement takes over. The reason for that is the vice president for student involvement has the most knowledge of constitutional proceedings, after which it is all of the VP’s in alphabetical order. If the president is still around and something happens to the EVP, then the chair comes from senate.

i. **Elections Chair Gugliemotto:** I do apologize for all of this; I hear committee issues with this situation. If this is not approved, then we follow the DEM that was approved last year, and the rules will remain the same.

m. **Senator Walter:** Point of parliamentary inquiry: since the amended document wasn’t presented to senate a week prior, won’t this require a rule for us to vote on it today?
   1. **Executive VP Sharma:** No, because given historical precedence, we present and vote on the document the same day. It’s not characterized either resolution of governance, senate resolution, or sense of the senate. It is an internal document that is presented and voted on the same day by historical precedence.

n. **Senator Kadakia** motions for a three minute unmoderated caucus
   1. Motion rescinded
   2. **Senator Kalantar** motions for a five minute unmoderated caucus
      1. **Senator Morley** seconds
      2. Motion fails

o. **Senator Driesman** motions to amend the addition of the definition of “dorm-storming” to the glossary section of the Appendix
   1. Deemed friendly
   2. Amendment adopted

p. **Senator Kalantar** motions for a three minute unmoderated caucus
i. Motion not taken
q. **Parliamentarian Carlin** motions to overrule the chair
   i. Motion fails
r. Motion to close debate and move into voting procedures passes
s. Roll Call Vote:
   i. For: 43
   ii. Against: 0
   iii. Abstain: 0
   iv. Yes with rights: 3
   
1. **Senator Driesman:** I like the document. I don’t think the voting procedure was handled incorrectly and without the professionalism that is expected of senate. I believe that since we weren’t able to read before-hand and limiting everything down to a presentation is patronizing of us, and we should’ve hand the document before-hand. Thank you.
2. **Senator Morris:** I also agree with the document and think that it would’ve been nice to read it before-hand; however, I take issue with sections on dorm-storming, as I believe that as a student living in a dorm, it’s quite hard to define dorm-storming and the difference between being a resident and dorm-storming. I also take issue with setting up barriers for slates to run if they’ve served on the Elections Committee previously, and I think it is unconstitutional.
3. **Senator Snares:** I agree with both of the previous statements. I believe that there wasn’t enough time given to make amendments, given that I know there were a couple senators who had amendments to make.
   
v. No with rights: 0
vi. Approved
d. **SGA SAF Budget FY’19**
   **Presentation and Approval**
   i. **Chief of Staff Raffo** motions to table this presentation to our next meeting given that it’s not necessary to approve it today
   1. **Senator Kadakia** seconds
   2. Motion passes
VI. **Open Discussion (20:50)**
a. **EDOC Gilbert:** While I do think that **Chief of Staff Raffo** did make the right decision, we should not be leaving, just for future reference. The reason I believe **VP Bender** and **President Horen** voted to oppose this was because the budget was very important and we did want to get to it today, and the fact that a lot of people left is very disheartening.
b. **Senator Walter:** Especially in the spring, some of our meetings get really long – they go to midnight, so it’s best to get used to meetings that long.
c. **Parliamentarian Carlin:** I just wanted to inform the body that I did submit a letter of resignation. The executive board does have the decision of whether to accept or not; however, I want that to be known. Thank you.
d. **Executive VP Sharma:** I know how charged the end of the semester is always when our organization is trying to make sure that we’re leaving the next semester on as strong-footing as possible. For those of you that were here last semester, as **Senator Walter** pointed out, the length and the passion was nothing compared to the passion of the room at that time. That’s never a bad thing, because, speaking on behalf of senate and the e-board, we love senate so much, as we get to see students passionate about things like dorm-storming rules, and it’s nice to see that people care so much about making sure that we’re leaving the future of SGA in good hands. This isn’t to say that the past two hours is a waste, and this isn’t to say that the fact that you all stayed throughout
the entire duration for the time is forgotten. It’s to say, that with this level of enthusiasm, we can accomplish so much. So I want to thank everyone for all your hard work this entire semester. The points that you brought up during open discussion helped us create some of the most powerful work and change on campus that we’ve seen in a very long time coming out of our senate, and that would not have been possible if it wasn’t for each and every senator in this room. So whether you asked a question, whether you spoke up during open discussion, or whether you proposed an amendment, regardless of what it was, thank you, because we’re not a senate if we’re not passionate, as can be seen from tonight.

VII. Adjournment (20:53)

Adjourned at 8:53 pm