I. Guest Speaker, Chief Michael Davis and Director Ruben Galindo from the Northeastern University Police Department

II. Roll Call (19:47)

Present: 35  
Absent: 20  
Quorum: was met

III. Call to Order (19:53)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:53 pm

IV. Chair Address (19:53)
   a. Executive Vice President – Suchira Sharma
      i. Updates:  
         1. Senate:  
            a. Structure revisions  
            b. Legislative documents and management  
            c. Monthly Initiatives and Senator Outreach  
            d. Recruitment with Becca  
         2. Outreach:  
            a. Monthly Emails  
            b. Rebranding Initiatives with Elliot and Akiera  
            c. Pride Event in October  
            d. Rethink SGA  
            e. Student Advocacy Summit  
         3. Management:  
            a. Project Management  
            b. Internal Records and Data Management

V. Executive Addresses (19:57)
   a. President – Elliot Horen
      i. Updates:  
         1. Last Week:  
            a. Continued work on Northeastern Votes (covered in New Business)  
            b. Operational Stuff (SGA advisor meeting, project management meetings with VPs, Cabinet)  
         2. The Week Ahead:  
            a. Meeting with President Aoun on Monday to discuss major initiatives  
            b. Meeting with Mark Jannoni (Title IX) to form sexual violence disciplinary policy working group  
            c. Northeastern Votes (Order educational materials, advertise Presidential Debate Watch Party in Blackman)  
   b. Comptroller – Draken DuBose
      i. Updates  
         1. Spoke with the Center for Student Involvement last week to all student orgs about the Finance Board and how it fits in with CSI and SABO  
         2. Posted workshop dates on SGA website, will e-mail to wider student body this week  
         3. Took on three new students-at-large, still looking for more senators!
   c. Vice President for Academic Affairs – Zachary Waggoner
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i. **Updates**
   1. Scholars is Ending, Scholars and Honors were told to rethink what Honors is @ NEU.
   2. Our Honors program is like honors programs at other universities, so they want to develop an honors program that is as innovative as NEU.
   3. Career services is being revamped. There are going to be separate freshmen advisors in Career Services and are going to focus on how to prepare students for working in the "gig" economy.
   4. Implementation of the new NU Core is moving forward, rolling out this fall and will be an ongoing process.
   5. The ISLE program has the application that they are using ready for presentation relatively soon. ISLE is the integrated student learning experience, and it is an attempt to develop a platform that captures all learning students do at Northeastern outside of the classroom, and capture the way we grow from that learning. Study abroad, living off campus, joining a student organization are just a couple of the experiences that are being captured in this model.
   6. The Language and Culture support center for International students is being put on hold for now due to funding going to other areas. The remainder of the funding intended for the new Center has gone to adding a full time staff person and tutors under them in the writing center, and funding more tutors in GSS in CPS.
   7. We talked briefly on textbook prices and online homework.
   8. We talked about President Horen’s initiative to try and get students online access to major newspapers, and there is good progress there - the Provost’s office is interested in doing a small-scale trial of this depending upon price.
   9. Committee starts this week.
   10. I need representatives to attend Faculty Senate, the University Undergraduate.
   11. Curriculum Committee, and lastly I need members for College Expectations, which is a committee that has the responsibility to meet with Assistant and Associate Deans in the colleges to ensure student concerns are being met, see me if you’re interested.

d. **Vice President for Student Affairs – Alex Bender**
   i. **Updates:**
      1. Mental Health Peer Education Program:
         a. First training last Thursday!
         b. Second training next Thursday
         c. Application, logistics, promotion, outreach are being worked on
         d. In process of seeing if the peer educators will be responsible employees
      2. Homecoming:
         a. November 6-12
         b. Have been meeting weekly to plan this year’s Homecoming!
      3. Diversity & Inclusion
      4. Interested in becoming a mental health peer educator or learning more about it at least?
         a. Come talk to me after Senate!

e. **Vice President for Student Involvement – Nick Haberli**
   i. **Updates:**
      1. Assigned four new tentative organizations
      2. Meeting this week to begin changes to Board governing documents
      3. Looking for two senators to fill vacant seats. Please speak to or email me for more information.

f. **Vice President for Student Services – Paulina Ruiz**
i. **Updates:**
   1. First committee is being on held on the 20th of September!
   2. The Cowspiracy Sustainability event is being held on September 27th at 11:45 am-1:30 pm in 346 Curry!
   3. The Bike and Light Fair is being held in the Snell Library Quad on September 21st between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm!
   4. If anyone is interested in volunteering to collect responses for a Food Waste Survey, contact me!

h. **Executive Director of Communications – Akiera Gilbert**
   i. **Updates:**
      1. This Friday we will be handing out Campus Resource Guides from 10 AM - 12:30 PM on Krentzman and Stetson East Quads! If you are available at that time, please email me at gilbert.ak@husky.neu.edu to volunteer to table.
      2. We are also planning for Campus Invasion (last plea for new names!) and it will have a carnival theme this year.
      3. If anyone would like to join Communications and Events Committee we are looking for members with an interest in writing articles, or those who are interested in doing student group outreach, social media promotion, or planning events! If you have a background in graphic design please see me as well. Our first official committee meeting is this Wednesday.

VI. **Special Addresses (20:00)**
   a. **Parliamentarian – Alex Carlin**
      i. **Updates:**
         1. The OAB needs three people to sign on. These three cannot be senators.
   b. **Elections Committee Chair – Samuel Gugliemotto and Steph Beja**
      i. **Updates:**
         1. We’ve been reaching out to lots of different collaborators! Student groups, university offices, and the rest of cabinet. We want to make elections the concerted effort of many aspects of our school.
         2. Remember, if you have any interest in stepping up your responsibilities and your impact in SGA come to committee and/or reach out to us about our Leadership Positions.
         3. Our first committee is this Thursday at 6:00 pm in 433 Curry. It’s the best way to learn about and get involved in everything we do.

VII. **Question Time (20:00)**
   a. **Senator Morris:** Is the senate retreat during parent’s weekend?
      i. **Chief of Staff Raffo:** Yes. If you can’t make it because you’re parents are coming, that’s fine.
   b. **Senator Tawfiq:** What is campus invasion?
      i. **EDEC Gilbert:** A fun event to inform people about SGA and get feedback from students on what we’re doing.
   c. **Elections Chair Gugliemotto:** What happens at senate retreat?
      i. **Chief of Staff Raffo:** We’re in the process of planning it right now. It’s located at the Berkshire Outdoor Center. It’s going to include a lot of outdoor leadership workshops and activities.
   d. **EDEC Gilbert:** We’re looking for students who want to join the Common Events Committee.
VIII. New Business (20:04)
   a. NUVotes initiate
      i. President Horen: This election has been called several negative things, which are true. We need to engage young people at campus. For us, this initiative is about capturing enthusiasm and channeling that into productive civic engagement. This initiative is about how to get people to register to vote, and turn out on November 8th. We had 15 student groups (looking for more) trying to get people to fill out a 30 second survey for voter-registration. We’re working Monday through Thursday until the registration deadline on October 19th. Many students clubs giving up their time to get students to register to vote. If you want to see the first debate, watch it in Blackman for free. We’re buying 500 Georgetown cupcakes on October 13th; many events planned. Follow us on social media to stay updated. Share and get people to register to vote.
We need graphic designers and volunteers.

IX. Open Discussion (20:07)
   a. Points for discussion:
      i. We like the idea of the name NUGrill n chills instead of Campus Invasion.
      ii. Senator Driesman: You might have seen the point of information last week that the survey for this monthly initiative went out. Make sure you get as many people to fill it out as possible. The more people who do, the more accurate a collection of information the survey will be.
         1. EDOC Gilbert: Can Senator Driesman explain what the survey is for?
         2. Senator Driesman: Survey covers the topics I worked with VP Ruiz for this monthly initiative on gathering feedback on UHCS, printing services, dining services, etc.
      iii. Five minute discussion on interaction with UHCS, with various Senators:
         1. We talked about positively to it. Exception to the rule, though, doctors we saw – it was just a cold at the time that was easy to deal with. None of us went to them for anything serious, nothing emotional or anything.
         2. My best friend went there for something serious and they did a good job and brought him to the hospital and back home – good experience.
         3. We’ve had mostly positive experiences. The only different thing is that timing is inconvenient, especially for co-op students since they close at five. I was going to go to them after co-op and they were closed.
         4. We talked about mental health, and about how what is considered priority. Things should not just be put off as mental health with a lower priority. We think that this could be possibly solved with more funding.
         5. We have both good and bad reviews. Concerns include the scheduling and misdiagnosing. Four times I was diagnosed with mono, but I didn’t have mono. Can you schedule a mental health appointment in advanced?
            a. It’s a three week wait, then you can see someone bi-weekly
            b. They have drop-ins for urgent cares. It’s a 20 minute wait, and it has to be made the day of.
         6. I had an incident: a community service student went to UHCS feeling ill. He had his Husky ID and the appropriate documentation, but they wouldn’t see him because he hadn’t been processed. We had to take him to New England Baptist. This was during NUServes before the beginning of classes.
         7. A lot of what we talked about was scheduling. If you don’t call them the minute they open, it’s hard to get them that day. It’s also difficult to make an appointment in advanced.
         8. We hold health care to a higher standard, in terms of physically illnesses, misdiagnoses, etc...
            We work in the offices and this is not too professional. The students deserve professionalism.
Their bed-side manner was terrible. Student we know don’t trust UHCS, they go to their co-op supervisors instead.

9. I used UHCS here. I went there when I had appendicitis. I went and called them 15 minutes after they opened when I realized something was wrong, and they had no availability. They said I should’ve called earlier, but I didn’t know this would happen to me. So I had to go to a two hour wait walk-in, but they got me after 10 minutes. They were very professional, asked appropriate questions, and they deduced and diagnosed adequately based on their limited resources and tests. And I got a phone call later to see if I was okay, which made the experience very good.

iv. Announcement:

1. Executive VP Sharma: This is the kind of work we ought to be doing with our constituents! It means nothing if we don’t being this energy back to the rest of the student body and hear their concerns as well. So please fill out our survey, have your friends do the same. All the resources are available, and will be emailed to you. Let’s make this month great. If there are no further questions, we are adjourned at 8:30. See you all next week.

X. Adjournment (20:30)

Adjourned at 8:30 pm