I.  Roll Call (19:42)

    Present: 37
    Absent: 21
    Quorum: was met

II.  Call to Order (19:47)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:44 pm

I.  Chair Address (19:47)

    a.  Executive Vice President – Suchira Sharma
        i.  Updates:
            1.  Last Week:
                a.  Started scheduling Rethink SGA town halls
                b.  Reached out for Student Advocacy Summit expertise from previous Senators
                c.  Wrote and designed first student body email with President Horen
            2.  The Week Ahead:
                a.  Solidifying next month’s initiative
                b.  Confirming speakers for the next few meetings
                c.  Reaching out to alumni re: engagement and mentorship

II.  Executive Addresses (19:48)

    a.  President – Elliot Horen
        i.  Updates:
            1.  Last Week:
                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)
            2.  The Week Ahead:
                a.  Continuing work on Northeastern Votes
                b.  Meeting with mental health focused student groups to continue work to improve UHCS
        b.  Comptroller – Draken DuBose
            i.  Updates:
                1.  Finished up previous budget allocations and gearing up toward Winter/Spring
                2.  Finance Board workshop being held on October 13th
                3.  Revamping the online workshop
                4.  Still looking for more senators!
                    a.  Talk to me afterwards or e-mail financeboard@neu.edu for more info
        c.  Vice President for Academic Affairs – Zachary Waggoner (not present)
            i.  Updates:
                1.  In committee this week we’re going to discuss how to better engage with students on Academic Affairs things, and how the committee wants committee to look like this year.
                2.  I’m going to send out an email about the available director positions and their descriptions to my committee and other people who have contacted me shortly, so come talk to me if you’re interested in any of them or want more information!
        d.  Vice President for Student Affairs – Alex Bender
            i.  Updates:
1. Mental Health Peer Education Program:
   a. Second training this Thursday
      First tabling event for promotion and outreach on October 5th

2. Diversity & Inclusion
   a. Presence at Panel event:
      “What is America? Globalization and the New Age of Migration”
   b. Sponsored by the Presidential Council on Diversity & Inclusion

3. Homecoming!
   a. November 6-12
   b. Starting to come up with giveaways and design shirts & advertising

4. Committee
   a. First committee went really well! Gathered some great ideas and had useful discussions.
   b. Beginning work on over-arching projects

e. **Vice President for Student Involvement** – Nick Haberli
   i. **Updates:**
      1. Working with new student organizations to arrange their constitution structure.
      2. Meeting next 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. Collected over 500 responses from the Food Waste Survey-- will share results when available!
      2. Taco Bell has chosen not to renew its agreement with NU Dining Services
      3. Looking into improving composting/trash/recycling signage in Rebecca’s
      4. Prospect of installing a version of the “Little Free Library” on campus
      5. Food Matters networking event is being held on Thursday, September 29th from 4:00- 5:00 pm in the SJRC.
      6. The Cowspiracy Sustainability event is being held on September 27th at 11:45 am-1:30 pm in 346 Curry.
      7. REIB is being held on Wednesday, September 28th at 8:00 pm in 201 Hastings.
      8. If you are interested in getting involved with a potential trayless dining initiative, contact me!

g. **Chief of Staff** – Becca Raffo
   i. **Updates:**
      1. Currently working on finishing up New Senator and Delegate Handbooks
      2. A reminder that if someone you are taking over someone’s position as Special Interest Senator to please let me know so we can update the roster
      3. Retreat will be the weekend of October 22nd
         a. Get your Waiver and Allergy Form into me this week!
      4. STEP is starting the week of October 17th

h. **Executive Director of Communications** – Akiera Gilbert
   i. **Updates:**
      1. OUITober event on Sunday, October 2nd from 10-2 PM in Curry Ballroom. Pitch Please! and the Nor’easters are performing.
      2. If anyone is interested in staffing at Husky Takeover (more free stuff for you!) please email or message me. We need people to grill, provide waivers for the bounce house, make cotton candy, popcorn, and dole out giveaways!

III. **Special Addresses** (19:54)
   a. **Parliamentarian** – Alex Carlin
i. OAB still needs three members who aren’t senators. I will be email clubs and such. If you know anyone who are either constituents or members of your organizations, please refer them to me.

b. *Elections Committee Chair* – Samuel Gugliemotto and Steph Beja
   i. Updates:
      1. We had our first committee and we’re excited to start looking over the Direct Elections Manual and the elections timetable.
      2. We really encourage people to come check us out at our next meeting

IV. **Question Time** (19:56)
a. *Senator Heudebourg*: Considering the senator spots, is there a limited number or maximum capacity?
   i. *Chief of Staff Raffo*: There is not right now. We currently have less senators than we did last semester and are encouraging people to join.

b. *Senator Kadakia*: If you’re returning senator, is there a date you need to get your petition in by?
   i. *Chief of Staff Raffo*: I can let you know when your term is, but I think you’re okay for now.

c. *Student at Large Andre*: Can we turn in the petition signature form after this meeting?
   i. *Chief of Staff Raffo*: Yes. You just need to get it to me by October 3rd.

d. *President Horen*: How much does the retreat cost, and who should go?
   i. It’s free, and everyone should go.

e. *Senator Walter*: Since our first senate meeting did not reach quorum, does it count as one of the first four senate meetings required to get the senate application form in?
   i. *Parliamentarian Carlin*: It is the tenth.

f. *Senator Makhijani*: Can you elaborate on the intersectionality event?
   i. *EDOC Gilbert*: OUTober event on gender identity. On Sunday we’re going to have a lot of cultural groups, including LGBTQ organizations to come and table as well as the new Center for Intercultural Engagement.

V. **New Business** (19:58)
a. Vice Chair Announcement:
   i. *Executive VP Sharma*: 1. EVP Sharma will not be keeping the position of Vice Chair
      2. Instead, there will be a new position open for Director of Senator Engagement
         a. Email EVP Sharma for more info sharma.suc@husky.neu.edu

b. Budget Priorities Feedback session
   i. *Senator Driesman*: For those who don’t know me, my name is Joshua Driesman, I’m a third year information science major, and also the deputy director of information science. Budget priorities is a yearly survey that SGA helps coordinate. It helps guide the university’s spending decisions for the next fiscal year. So they ask students for feedback on how to spend it, and they ask SAG to help them take the leading role on this imitative. The results are presented to the senior leadership team – the highest people in Northeastern University. This is one of our most important feedback tools. I need help on improving the survey. I don’t know about the university as much as you guys do. We want the best survey possible. *Chief of Staff Raffo* will include the survey draft, so please pick one or a few sections you’re passionate about, and modify it. The general deadline for feedback is October 10, but the drop-dead date is October 14th.

VI. **Open Discussion** (20:05)
a. Prompt: What does “Sustainability” look like on campus?
   i. *Senator Grondin*
      1. The outtakes bags are very thick plastic. They should be advertising reusable bags.
      2. Papers should automatically print double sided and have a stapler nearby.
      3. Find out which printers are the most used and least used to figure out where we should add more printers.

   ii. Recreation
      1. *Senator Monahan*:
a. Part of the problem is educating people on what can be composted. In Rebecca’s, the sign informing students of which bin is for waste and which for recyclables is unclear. In IV, it’s hard to tell what can be recycled and what goes where.
b. Having a lot of lights on in the Library 24/7 can be reduced

2. Senator Hostert:
   a. Having recycling bins in every dorm room.
   iii. Senator Hamp: I went to pump my bike tire, and the pump was broken. It’s the only one on campus to my knowledge, as well.
   iv. Senator Paglione: Recycling paper in classes.
   v. Senator Syners: Served too much food in dining halls that gets thrown away. Reduce serving portions.
   vi. Senator Heudebourg: Only one fountain on ground floor. We go to outtakes to stock up on water bottles. More fountains can prevent this
   vii. Senator Walter: Give people less printing dollars, because it encourages to print more
      1. Senator Tawfik: Perhaps give a lot of printing dollars to just art majors
   viii. We talked about class packs. We pay a certain price for just huge stacks of paper. Maybe teachers could scan those class packs and we pay like a feed access or database online that would be more efficient than printing all this paper.
   ix. Senator Quinn: Maybe there could be an effort to turn recycled water bottles into Northeastern water bottles
   x. Camcorder: Eliminating trays to encourage people to take plates to take less food to throw away less food.
   xi. Senator Tawfik: There should be a way to convert printing dollars to dining dollars or to be able to donate the dollars to charity.
   xii. Senator Walter: Meal swipes should also be able to be converted into other things
   xiii. If there were a program where half of the meals left over would be given to charity.
   xiv. Student at Large Rachel: Barnes n nobles is doing a good job at renting textbooks, but some textbooks are forced on us to buy because they’re written by professors, and after the semester the book is gone to waste. At the front desk of Curry, They’ve been doing at least three renovations, which is so unnecessary. NEU could do a better job at allocating their resources.
   xv. Senator Sweeney: Encourage NEU sellers to charge for bags, and put that money to charity. This idea is implemented in Europe, and it works quite well.
   xvi. Student at Large Andre: I doubt NEU will use their resources in this way on the community, so maybe we can use the money to fund SGA instead or some other northeastern organization.
   xvii. Senator Kalantar: Having a separate spots for bottle lids, because they can’t be recycled at the melting point they have.

b. Executive VP Sharma: If you have any concerns regarding academics, “College Expectations” is a committee outside of SGA that meets to discuss college specific issues. You can meet face to face with a dean to bring up concerns. So keep an eye out for college expectations information.

c. VP Ruiz: We’re thinking about taking one cent for every unused printing dollars to a sub-committee of student services that focuses on renewable energy on campus (REIB), come join!

d. Executive VP Sharma: Deadline for senate is Monday, October 17th, as oppose to the 10th (we will not be holding Senate on Columbus Day since the University will not be holding classes), at 6pm. Please continue outreach to your constituents! The work we do here shapes the projects we take on tomorrow!

VII. Adjournment (20:30)

Adjourned at 8:30 pm