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Executive Board Reports

- Katie: None
- Abby: None.
- Ani: Read my exec board report. We are working on some really cool projects. We are selecting the next One Book. It will deal with stereotypes and identity
- Alex: Read report. Code review. We are going through 10K stuff.
- David: I will be graduating at the end of the year if anyone wants to take over a twitter account
- Anna: we are putting together a professor/administrator shadowing day. We are going to test it with ASG, so let me know if you are interested.
- Kevin: Don't have anything too exciting, check out our projects. WE have an housing fair coming up.
- Noah: Over break, I got some new committee members, so I included some details. We are looking at real time shuttle app tracking. Also, a web based app contest with students. Sign up to interview for study abroad app
- Julia: We are bringing back round tables because you all said you don't have too much time with administration. Thank you for taking the survey and passing it along.
- Wes: Read my exec board report.

Special Order: Dr. Julie Payne-Kirchmeier, Assistant Vice President for Student Auxiliary Services, and Bernie Foster, SafeRide Coordinator

- David: What is the logic behind not picking up from a bar or a place serving alcohol? The logic seems a little counterintuitive.
- Bernie: SafeRide was created for safe transport. So if you choose to go out and drink, we suspect you have already found a safe right home. We also don't have the right to stop in the street in Evanston to pick someone up, we are not a cab service. We don't want to hurt relations with Evanston.
- Julie: If we also pick up this students and act as a cab company, we don't have procedures to follow like they would in cab. If someone chooses to act like a fool, we aren't prepared to handle the situations?

- Alex: Is this student run?
 - Julie: No it is professionally run.
 - Alex: How will this affect us financially?
 - Julie: It will be a sink. We will break even. We can also adjust accordingly if we happens that we are losing money.
 - Bernie: Also, our biggest issue has been wait time. We have such a surplus of students waiting, especially in the cold weather like this, and this could help alleviate the issues we are most currently facing.
 - Grace: Yesterday, I wanted to take SafeRide and they said it was an hour and 10 minutes so I ended up walking. So with this system, is there a way to tell them that you do not want the ride?
 - Bernie: You will be able to get in contact with your driver and you can look up wait times via twitter and Facebook. Our dispatchers will also be arranged for group pickup and coordination.
 - Serene: Why is the max 3 passengers?
 - Bernie: Because statistics say that walking with 3 or more people is safe walking.
 - Serene: A lot of times in that situation is that the group calls 2 SafeRides.
 - Bernie: Then we would look like a cab company and Evanston will start asking questions.
 - Serene: And the drivers will still be students?
 - Bernie: Saferide is all students except for me. And we will continue to probably have 2 dispatchers.
 - Julie: You can contact me or Bernie with any further questions. The main takeaway is that we want to make sure we are doing what the students want, coming from our initial meeting with ASG 2 years ago. We may contact you to help out with testing with the new app.
- Norris Food Issues:
 - Dinner at Norris- limited options
 - Long lines at Subway**
 - not enough workers, particularly at dinner time
 - Concern about Frontera-particularly price
 - Subway-has good vegetarian options

Frontera-yogurt station not used very much-maybe put something else there

Subway specials aren't very well advertised- January special

- They can't have all the special

Missing some options at Subway-particularly veggie options

- Starbucks Refresh:

Tables should be put back

Baked goods are better

Employees are great

Computers moved- now on ground floor

Dunkin Donut is Coming:

No espresso drinks

will be placed at end of Frontera where yogurt currently lies
coffee, sandwiches, and donuts

General Order: Election Commission Selection

- Katie: We will now open the floor for nominations.
- Harrison: I nominate Adam Roth.
- Adam: I respectfully deny.
- Grace: I nominate Harrison.
- Harrison: I accept
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- Grace: I accept.
- I nominate Kevin Harris
- Kevin: I accept
- Kevin: I nominate Chris Harlow.
- Chris: I accept.
- Harrison: I nominate Alec.
- Alec: I accept.
- Petros: I nominate myself.
- Senator: I nominate Nikki.
- Nikki: I accept.
- Dana: I nominate myself.
- Kevin: I nominate David.

- David: I would literally rather run again.
- Chris: I would like to remove my nomination.
- David: I was kidding. Seriously consider running. It is a great way to quickly immerse yourself in the structure of ASG and what is going on.
- Chris: I would like to re-nominate myself.
- Katie: Go down the line and introduce yourself.
- Harrison: I am the Kemper senator. I am interested in being on the election commission. I was apart of the elections last year, and I think it would be cool to sit on it. And having ran, I think I would bring a good perspective.
- Grace: I am a freshman studying econ and bio. I am apart of the RHA/RCB caucus. I am on Rules so I think I would be good on this committee. I would also have fresh eyes on something like this
- Kevin: I am the CRVP. I am the only non-Senator up here, so that is cool. I helped out on the campaign a lot last year. I am a poly sci major so I am very interested in the election process and how it works.
- Alec: I am the Sargent senator, but I live in Elder. I would like to get more involved. I don't' like taking sides so being impartial would be cool
- Petros: I am the student groups caucus whip. I was on the committee last year and I am currently on Rules
- Nikki: I am the Bobb senator. I am a freshman so I would also have fresh eyes, and I would like to get more involved.
- Dana: I am junior and I am a student groups senator. I served on the election commission last year, and I really enjoyed it. I like serving as a resource for the candidates. I enjoyed being able to explain the guidelines and help out the candidates to avoid violations.
- Chris: I am an RHA/RCB senator. I was on a campaign last year, and I would like to hear that side. Last year, I saw a lot of things handled inappropriately
- Katie: Questions
- Evan: Time commitments?
- Grace: ASG

- Kevin: I would never want to over apply myself.
- Alec: ASG is my biggest commitment. I am also in Wildcats for Israel
- Petros: My only commitment is ASG. Also all my classes are on Tues and Thurs this quarter.
- Nikki: ASG is my biggest commitment. I am on Sustainability committee.
- Dana: I am a Senator, on Rules, I am in a services fraternity, I am on the exec board of my sorority. I was all of these last year as well and it wasn't an issue.
- Chris: I am busy as well. I am on PLI, Lend, DM. DM and the new member class will be over anyway.
- Harrison: My biggest time commitment is ASG and I am pledging. I am also the treasurer for NUSPAN. But I have a time
- Alex: Do any of you live off campus?
[Only Dana]
- Adam: What would you want to do on this committee, what are you motivations?
- Kevin: I would pick the brain of prior member. I am also very interested in the democratic process.
- Alec: I would also seek the advice of the previous election commissions.
- Petros: I had a great time on the committee last year and I really like organizing the future of ASG last year. I liked being involved and moderating the debates.
- Nikki: It is one of the most crucial parts of this organization and I would love to be apart of that.
- Dana: I would want to help and foster great and fair campaigns. It is a great balance of acting as a resource and disciplinary body.
- Chris: On a similar note, a great deal was changed in the guidelines last year. Some problems were also ironed out after last year. I would also like to make sure those are actually enforced.
- Harrison: I was the only person up here that ran last year. There were some unspoken things that went on last year, and I would want to bring that to the attention of the EC this year.

- Grace: I would want to bring my new perspective this year. And I would not be biased.
- David: So, last year there was a perceived problem of interest. Disciplining people you would be working with. I was wondering if you would state your interest in running for Speaker and Parliamentarian.
- Alec: I would hope that the candidates would understand our decisions.
- Petros: as of now, no. And if I did, I would immediately resign.
- Nikki: I have no immediate plans to run. I also agree it would be a conflict of interest.
- Dana: As of this moment, I am not planning. I, however, don't think it is too much of an issue.
- Chris: I have no intentions as of now, but if that changes I would excuse myself.
- Harrison: No I don't have the intention of running. Restate rule
- Grace: No
[Election winners: Dana, Kevin, Grace, Harrison, Alec, Nikki, Petros]

General Order: Rules Committee Election

- Katie: Any nominations for the rules committee?
- Lauren: I nominate Adam Roth.
- Adam: I respectfully decline.
- Ani: I nominate Korri.
- Second
- Korri: I accept.
- Korri: Hi I'm majoring in biomedical engineering and I'm interested in rules because I want to get to know ASG better. I'd be really excited to take it on as a new learning experience.
- Motion to white ballot
- Second
- Katie: All those in favor. Great!

Old Business: [SL1314-07: Hoop for Haiyan](#)

- Ani: Motion to table indefinitely?
- Senator: Second

- Katie: The event is no longer happening at Northwestern. He is hosting a similar event in his home town, but it will not be happening here. All those in favor of tabling indefinitely? Great.

Old Business: [SL1314-09: Body Acceptance Week Speaker \(B.A.W.S.\)](#)

- Ani: It's a really cool event and they are doing better and better things every year. This year there will be yoga and nutrition sessions and a keynote speaker. This bill is asking for \$200 for the keynote speaker and it's a cool way for ASG to continue it's Free Your Mind initiative and support our partners in the administration.
- Katie: 10 min for questions.
- Lauren: Are you asking for money because it's needed or because we're supporting it?
- Ani: Funding is coming from a lot of places and they have not yet signed the contract. Could they get it elsewhere? Yes, but that money couldn't go to something else.
- Katie: Seeing no further questions, we'll move onto debate.
- Motion to previous question.
- Katie: Seeing no objections, all those in favor please say aye. Great, that passes. \$200 for body acceptance week.

Old Business: [SL1314-10: Reducing Bureaucracy, One Position at a Time](#)

- Alex: This legislation is to escalate the AVPs to VP level and eliminate the bureaucracy that we had before. We believe that there is a significant amount of overlap with what they do in other areas of ASG besides student life. With them being part of the cabinet it makes the selection process streamline. It also gives them more legitimacy because they don't have to explain themselves.
- Senator: ???
- Alex: We have been treating them like VPs. So in practice this wouldn't change anything but there titles.
- Katie: Any other questions?
- Alex: This may be outside of scope of the bill. But we have a lot of VPs don't we?
- Alex: I think it adequately covers the aspects of campus.
- Petros: what about in comparison to other COPHE schools?

- Alex: We have more, but I think we are more effective. It is not really a fair comparison.
- Katie: Okay, we are moving to debate.
- Ani: motion to amend.
- Alex: I sent you the amendment. [to Katie] It changes the wording of SustainNU to Office of Sustainability, but mostly regarding the Code. WE are also more explicit then in what they cover in terms of sustainability. [Katie reads amendment changes.] We pretty much just made it more explicit. We also matched it for AVP for D&I.
- Katie: Any questions? Okay, then we would vote as a whole on the amendment. All in favor? All opposed? All abstaining?
[amendment passes]
- Senator: Motion to PQ
- Katie: any objections. Okay we will move to a vote.
[vote passes]

New Business: [SL1314-11: Code Changes? What Code Changes?](#)

- Alex: Over the summer, we looked at the Code and various things we want to change. It is mostly broken down into 3 parts. We added information for the alternate process, added good faith for senators applying to committees, saying VPs and AVPs can't be senators or caucus whips, some inconsistencies with the Constitutions.
- Mark: I was curious about the in good faith. What does that mean?
- Ani: Not all senators have to apply to be on a committee, so in past years many senators have not taken the application seriously. So adding in good faith means that they need to take the application process seriously.
- Alex: We also clarified the interactions between CR committee and off-campus. We set a timeline for the student groups apportionment committee and some details about how it works. Also, we clarified the student athletic senator seat. We added that Speaker can recommend exec members for censure during Senate. We clarified with senior members on serving on selection committee and what "the most senior" actually means. Appointments to university committees were more centralized. We clarified the cabinet

selection process when the Chief of Staff is running. Also “closed committee” for the cabinet selection process was defined.

- Ani: However, the Senate has the tool that they can choose to make the process completely open.
- Alex: We also created a process if someone is not confirmed for the Cabinet. Sorry this is a lot. This also needs to be confirmed by 2/3 of Senate.
- Ani: We have never had an RHA or RCB liaison. So we made the caucus whip of RHA/RCB the liaison. We also adjusted some inconsistencies. We also reexamined the ad-hoc committees, how they were formed, what they are accountable for. Our advisors would also be on the judicial board with the Chief of Justice, which is another part of the Parliamentarian’s role.
- Alex: This is the structural stuff. We want to append some of the documents we have lying around to the end of the Code. We would also moved the committee outlines to after the VPs are defined. WE also created a new title for all the committees and commissions. We now have so many standing, working, university and other committees to make them more defined. We also switched “dorm” to “residential.” We also restructured the VP names to match the universities.
- Alex: Of these decisions, what was the most controversial when going through them?
- Alex: I think the one that took the most thought was the Cabinet selection committee.
- Ani: There was a lot of “what-if” situations that we has to deal with. The closed committee aspect was for the privacy of the candidates and took some thought.
- Katie: Any further questions? Okay this will be Old Business next week.

New Business: [SL1314-12: Mega-Shabbat](#)

- Adam: I am not on Mega-Shabbat, but I am here to introduce it for my friend who is co-chair. I will be reading a blurb that he provided. GET BLURB FROM ADAM.
- Katie: Any questions? The author isn’t here.
- Senator: When is the

- Sarah: The bill said a \$200 donation, but the speech said \$200 and \$75 for publicity?
- Katie: That would have to be an amendment next week.
- Jamie: It is funded through Hillel, but it normally gets publicity funding through ASG in its standard tiered amount.

Good of the Order & Announcements

- Abby: Please
- Jamie: PA applications go live tomorrow. Yay! Apply!

Roll Call and Adjournment