

- **Call to Order and Roll Call**
- **Approval of the Journal:** Available at bit.ly/ASG-Senate-Minutes.
- **Executive Board Reports**
 - Ani: Read report. Today was really cool. Alex and I are about of the committee that will create with art center. We have narrowed down to a few architects who will then come in and engage us about what we are looking for in the building.
 - Alex: Sorry about not having the Community Engagement Grant Presentation. We are still pursuing it though. The opportunity for it will be really cool. Kevin and I are also planning the NU Kids in Chicago Day. IT will have different tracks that kids can explore for the day. Rob will come very briefly
 - Katie: None
 - Abby: None
 - David: Important announce, especially for Student group senators. The apportionment committee for allocating student groups are live tonight. The process will work the same, minus one caveat. If you are currently a student group senator, you much reapply. If you are reapplying, you will have a separate application. Based upon those applications and if you have been an exemplary senator, you might not have to come in for an interview. Lots of internal reform bills today! Yay, everyone's favorite.
 - Anna: Student Admin shadow happening, called a day in the life. IT will be happening in 2 weeks. We are sill gathering some admin. There will be a pre and post meeting about the experience. I met with Kelly about finals week. There will be cramming the programming into just one week this week. Norris will also be open until 3am this quarter, because there is a drop off after this usual.
 - Sofia: We will be doing some student focus groups on CTECs. We are also looking to expand the charger rentals from the library to other places on campus.
 - Kevin: Alex already talked a little about the community engagement grant. Cats come to dinner is also happening again this quarter. The housing fair was a great turnout. We are also

looking to have a bike light rental system implemented. It was recently found that many students don't have bike lights.

- Noah: We are working with Hack Northwestern on working with some projects. Study abroad interviews are going well.
- Julia: Nominate wildcats of the week! Anyone can be nominated should. We are helping promoting student athlete talent show, we are doing PR.
- Chan: Working on some bike projects regarding creating more bike lanes, as well as bike sharing and repair.
- **Special Order:** Community Engagement Grant Presentation
 - Isaac: This is the community engagement grant that will be live tonight. It was put together last year. It goes to a group of students or student groups for a project to help improve off campus efforts. It is an image thing to improve our relations with Evanston. The project is \$500 to be used off campus. We are hoping to have a strong push for just students to apply, not just student groups. Please talk with your friends, with you students, and with your student groups about applying. There will be a committee to select the North.
- **Old Business:** [SL1314-15: Ubu Roi Request](#)
 - Motion to move request after election.
 - Alex: Since you don't have a SOFO account, where would the money go?
 - Beg to Differ (BTD): We are already in works to
 - Alex: Who is your treasurer?
 - BTD: Mary Peoples. She is also a producer on the show.
 - Chris: Ani and Alex, is there precedence that we have given money to not a SOFO account.
 - Alex: Yes, like with therapy dogs, it is just university recommended.
 - Petros: if you don't get this money, will it still happen?
 - Amy: Yes
 - BTD: there is a stipulation that if we get more money than the production will cost, it will go to future BTD productions. We are also not charging for tickets
 - Petros: So this money could go to future BTD productions?

- BTD: Yes technically if we over raise.
- Lauren: Too specific of focus to gain university recognition?
- BTD: We are working with CSI to expand our focus to make sure that is not an issue.
- Isaac: So if you don't get this money will you have to charge for tickets.
- Amy: No, but we might have a suggested donation box.
- Grace: What sort of fundraising have you done.
- Amy: Asking money from friends and family mostly.
- Eliza: The production will go on regardless, so if you get this \$500 it will cover costs you have overcompensated for?
- Amy: We have been conservative in our spending, but it could cover some extras.
- BTD: This would also help with reimbursing students have
- Jenny: What about the grant you applied for through Comm?
- Amy: I haven't heard from them yet
- Jenny: Where has the budget come from?
- Amy: A lot out of pocket and family and friend donation.
- Jenny: Was that out of pocket money, donations or loans?
- Amy: People would be reimbursed for their own spending.
- Alex: We cannot just give you money, so can we give you receipts that we can reimburse for up to \$500. Or we can cut them a check on your behalf.
- BTD: we have done a great job and keeping track and we have receipts.
- Isaac: What sort of sustainable funding are you looking for.
- BTD: We do want to become recognized. We also hope that once we have our inaugural show that funding would be more regulatory.
- Isaac: How much are you and your members in debt out of pocket?
- Amy: About \$500
- Katie: Con speech
- Petros: This seems like a great cause, but giving a money to a group without a SOFO account seems if-y. And the show will go on regardless.

- Alex: As I said last week, you don't need to be University recognized to get a SOFO account. And that makes me
- BTD: we are in the process of getting a SOFO account. But because of our recent rebranding to become a less "exclusive group" (CSI's wording) has delayed our process.
- Natalie: You need to be recognized by someone on campus and you need to be on Wildcat Connection to get a SOFO account.
- Alex: don't let logistics of reimbursement judge your vote. Please don't consider it. I will deal with it. So please look at the merit of the event.
- Eliza: This seems like a great event, but this seems like back tracking. It seems like we are reimbursing what is already there. I would love to see what comes of this show, and then consider funding.
- Katie: Pro speech
- Chris: Yes, they have not gone along the normal trajectory, but we should not discredit or not think their event is not meritorious. They have such a passion and I am confident that they will succeed and have further productions.
- Alex: Chris changed my mind.
- Chris: Motion to amend, can we add something about them coming back to Senate to see how the production went. "Have Beg to Differ come in for a Student Spotlight within 3 weeks following the production of Ubu Roi."
- Senator: PQ
- Senator: 2nd
[vote passes]
- Alex: PQ
- Senator: 2nd
[vote passes]
- **Old Business:** [SL1314-16: Making Elections Less Awful](#)
 - David: The biggest change is to shorten the campaign period overall. There are 3 campaign period. The first we are in right now in which that potential candidates can talk with student group leaders or potential campaign personnel to either join the team or receive feedback. Next is also another campaign period,

the petition and signature gathering process. The next campaign period is the verbal campaigning period where you can tell people you are running but there are no written documents saying you are running. Finally, is the non campaign period that we all know and love. Shorten petition. Also, we should make violations public. People have the right to know.

- Petros: didn't the vote end on a weekday last year?
- David: I don't count Friday as a weekend. I think we will have better voter turnout. And starting the election at 9pm people will be able to have a kickoff event and candidates need sleep too
- Harrison: Do you really think that having it end on a Wednesday will help?
- David: This is just based off of intuition but based upon what I have noticed with Facebook posts and participation on surveys, events, etc.
- Lauren: What about if there is not a consequence given?
- David: Only if the commission deems a violation as a true violation, then it will be posted online. Also, the. I think it is more responsible just let people know the violation.
- Chris: what about the prep time allowed previously in the verbal campaigning period?
- David: A good candidate should be ready by then.
- Petros: DO you think that publishing violations will hurt impartiality?
- David: The Election Commission's job should be impartial. Publicizing violations will not make the commission to take sides, but actually hold them to a greater power and hold them and the candidates more accountable.
- Chris: Would you want the names involved given?
- David: Ideally it would go under just the candidate team's name. It should fall on the candidate. If X freshman makes a mistake, the candidate should ideally take responsibility.
- Dana: Do you think publicizing the violations would be a detriment to the candidate that wins?

- David: If someone breaks that rules, then people should no. It seems like it is in bad faith not to acknowledge the violations made by the winners.
- Alex: What is going to happen when people are in the same area fighting for signatures in 2 days?
- David: There is not limit to the number of petitions you can sign and a signature is a promise to vote.
- Alex: So do you just see candidates lining up in a row to get people to sign petitions?
- David: If people want to do that, more power to them. There are greater
- Alex: What about extenuating circumstances?
- David: The Election Commission will have to examine that to sort it out.

[End of question period]

Alex: Motion to amend to extend the petition period one more day, so on the fourth day. And additionally, make the petitions available at 12:01am on Monday.

- David: So you would have 3.5 instead of 2.5 days.
- Alex: I think that it will help people get there team together and prepare.
- Dana: So would that shorten the campaign period?
- Alex: I didn't' think about that, we would have to extend it.
- David: I would rather have the non-verbal campaign period shorten. Can someone object?
- Senator: Object.
- David: I really don't have sympathy for candidates that
- Harrison: Also, there are so many debates and pieces of the election that must be crammed into a week, and we really can't shorten the election period.
- Katie: WE are in line for a con.
- Petros: I think we can shorten the campaign period. I think campus will like a shorten election. Also, a petition period should be longer to not bar people from running.
- Senator: PQ

[Division:23, 9, 2 amendment fails]

- Chris: Motion to amend, under article v. change it to read “the commission should make public all CONFIRMED violations.” Also the candidate shall not make public any names anyone’s name except the candidates regarding a violation.”
- David: That’s a friendly amendment
- Katie: Would you like to elaborate.
- Chris: I will succeed my time.
- Mark: What do you mean by confirmed violation.
- Chris: I just want to clarify between the alleged violation and confirmed violations.
- Senator: Objection
- Steven: POI: If it is a friendly amendment by the author, should it go in?
- Katie: No we don’t follow that rule here. Con speech?
- Alec: I think there is a difference between a candidate knowingly committing a violation and someone on their campaign doing it by accident and it should appear differently.
- Senator: Motion to divide question.
- Katie: Okay we will know go into debate about the word “confirmed.”
- Senator: PQ
[amendment passes]
- Katie: We will now go to the next sentence. Pro speech?
- Chris: I just think it will help clarify
[division 16, 18, 0 amendment fails]
- Katie: We will now vote on the whole bill.
- Alex: PQ
- Katie: any objections. Okay we will move to a vote.
[passes unanimously]
- **Old Business:** [SL1314-17: Election Guidelines Revision Suggestions](#)
 - Dana: More election revisions that will not overlap with the last legislation. In section III, in the pre-campaigning period that the commission will tell all student group leaders the candidates intent to run. That is impossible so we just put in that the commission must be told the candidates. Also we put in only undergraduate students for the current academic year can

endorse. Faculty, staff, alumni, and graduate students can't endorse. Also current exec members can't endorse and the election commission can't endorse

- Ani: Can we change putting together to recruiting and he and she to they.
- Korri: what would be the consequence if a candidate was endorsed by a grad student and didn't know or ask to be?
- Dana: That would be at the discretion of the commission
- Mark: It is only if the candidate publicizes it that
- Isaac: are you concerned by banning exec endorsements would be pushed underground even further with how they push their opinion.
- Kevin: So mark, would that apply to exec member endorsements as well?
- Mark: Yes, what they do on their own time is their own prerogative.
- Chris: What about students who graduate not in spring quarter.
- Dana: That encompasses that.
- Katie: We would move to a vote.
- Dana: Motion to divide everything. I think we should go down a line and talk about each thing.
- Katie: Okay, so we are going to look just at section III, pre-campaigning period, only.
- Ani: PQ
- Senator: 2nd
- Grace: Motion to amend.
- Ani: Withdrawn.
- Grace: There is a grammatical error with using candidate and they.
- Petros: It is okay in modern American literature.
- Grace: Withdrawn.
- Isaac: I would like to add something to campaign resources to section V.
- Katie: We are not in line for that right now.
- Isaac: If we are dividing it up, we will never vote on this part.
- Katie: Good point.
- Dana: We can do it first.

- Isaac: Okay I will share you on it now. Essentially, it lists how you allocate a certain amount of money to each candidate and I would like to add that all ASG resources, monetary or otherwise, may not be used.
- David: Can we put in that the all the candidates don't need to approve it?
- Isaac: Yeah that's friendly.
- Senator: 2nd
[passes]
- Chris: Can we also include digital as a resource, for like individual email addresses?
- Senator: PQ
- Senator: 2nd
[vote passes]
- Katie: Okay we are back to section III.
- Chris: Can I do my amendment now, it is a new clause.
- Katie: Yeah that's fine.
- Chris: So something I thought was cool that other schools do at the Big Ten Conference. Candidates could run under a candidate name. So I would like to amend for the candidates be able to submit a name to run under with approval of the commission. I think it would provide an added level of knowing what they are about. There are also a couple caveats. They can't relate to the previous 4 years of election. It also must be approved by the commission.
- Dana: would they be required to do it?
- Chris: No it is just an option.
- Katie: Con speech?
- Petros: I don't see a point for this. Some people may do this and others may not who are less creative or something. I also just don't see a need for this. The platform should speak more than a catchy name.
- Harrison: We also just don't know the implications of this and how it might play out. We would need time to think about this.
- Katie: Pro speech
- Alex: I think students would like this and that is what an amendment is for. To be voted on that night.

- Katie: Con speech.
- David: I also think that this has a potential to move us to a party system. That is something I worry about and it also just seems stupid to me.
- Katie: Pro speech
- Isaac: As a freshman I don't have any memory of previous candidates, and I really don't think that this will be an issue. And I am not worried about parties being formed.
- Chris: This is something a lot of schools
- Katie: Con speech.
- Korri: I am worried that uninformed students may just vote based on a name and might skew the voting as a whole.
- Petros: There is constitutional memory and Daily articles about previous names and it may benefit the candidate undeservingly.
- Katie: Pro speech
- Alex: Well that is then up to the Election Commission to approve.
- Dana: I have a question. What about affiliating the candidacy of your ticket with another school's candidate?
- Chris: I hadn't really thought about that, but I am not worried.
- Katie: Con
- Jane: What about candidates who want to use the same name? I think it adds unneeded complication to the campaign.
- Chris: The first candidate who turned it in first would get it.
- David: PQ
- Senator: 2nd
[amendment fails]
- Katie: We will be in line to go over Section III.
- David: PQ
- Senator: 2nd
[vote passes]
- Katie: Okay we will now go through section VI line by line. Line A.
- Senator: PQ
- Senator: 2nd
[vote passes]
- Katie: Okay we will actually B and C together. Dana do you have a pro speech?

- Dana: No.
- David: I think that it is unfair to say because someone has graduated that they can't endorse. As a candidate, you should put forth your support and value by anyone just because they are one year out. Also if someone doesn't know the alumni, it doesn't cause any detriment.
- Katie: Pro speech
- Mark: I am agnostic, but I think we should have this conversation. But these guidelines
- Lauren: Also, because we passed section V, I guess this applies more to D, but we cannot use the ASG list serve to promote candidates.
- Parag: I think students only on this campus should vote. They are the ones on campus and will vote. They can of course write the Daily or something if they feel strongly.
- Katie: Con Speech
- Luke: I will have to disagree. We are apart of the Northwestern community, and others besides current students should have the right to have their voices heard.
- Alex: Motion to strike B, and strike graduate students and alumni.
- Katie: Okay would you like to explain?
- Alex: Faculty and staff should be impartial but everyone else should be okay.
- Senator: 2nd
- Senator: objection
- Petros: I our oath we support the undergraduate students. And having outside influence would be silly.
- Isaac: I think grad students is fine. They have their own student government and don't really need to be concerned with us.
- Alex: I would like to withdraw my amendment and reintroduce keeping alumni.
- Katie: Con speech
- Petros: A lot of students won't even know older alumni, and it will hold little importance to younger students.
- Katie: Pro

- Dillon: What if a candidate knows Stephen Colbert. They should be able to get an endorsement.
- Noah: Also, who cares if the student doesn't know the alumni, it really doesn't make that much of a difference.
- Katie: Con
- Senator: It is the title that will carry weight not the fact they graduated from here.
- Katie: Okay we will be moving to a vote.
- Noah: Can we clarify what we are voting on.
- Katie: We are voting to cut line B and alumni from line C.
[division: 19, 8, 1 amendment passes]
- David: I would like to amend to strike graduate students to say "all current teaching assistants, excepting graduate students".
- Katie: Would you like to explain?
- David: I think this argument is very similar to the alumni argument.
- Petros: It may be my personal opinion, but I still think this is a conflict of interest.
- Senator: PQ
- Senator: 2nd
[amendment passes]
- Senator: PQ
- Senator: 2nd
[line passes]
- Katie: Okay we are now in line to vote on line d. Dana would you like to elaborate?
- Dana: No.
- Katie: Con speech?
- Noah: The executive board offer a good prospective seeing as they have already held the position and apart of the democratic process is to make sure that all perspectives are heard.
- Katie: Pro speech?
- Grace: The exec board creates such a weight that it might greatly alter or affect the candidates.
- David: POI: the candidate who was endorsed by the outgoing pres and EVP won 2/5 past years.
- Katie: con speech

- Isaac: These people were voted into office because they wanted them there, and that
- Katie: Pro speech
- Harrison: There might be a conflict of interest if for say in theory a junior exec member may be coerced into supporting a candidate for fear that they may not get their position again.
- Noah: If a candidate is that corrupt it will come up in other ways, and the election should not be affected because of a hypothetical case. It can be dealt on a case by case basis.
- Petros: You have one year as ASG president, and you can waste your entire year trying to get that year out of office. Such an event happening will ruin all the progress we have made over the past couple years. We need to regulate this to create a viable student government.
- Isaac: We are not barring exec from having an opinion. Everyone can be aware of who someone supports.
- Senator: So can an exec member serve on a campaign team?
- Dana: yeah
- Alex: That is a loophole. Motion to amend to add serve on a campaign team.
[division: 15, 11, 1 amendment passes]
- Katie: we are in line for a pro speech
- Nikki: I think ASG is pushing to promote students on campus. And the impact the exec board has is great and not endorsing will allow for more conversations.
- Ani: I would totally endorse someone from outside ASG if they are the right candidate. Brad and Victor were from outside of ASG and I would have endorsed them if I wasn't Speaker. Also, if I support a candidate I can make it known. And if I have a professional evaluation of someone as a previous president, that is just more information and another voice on campus. If the campus thinks that I have done a terrible
- Katie: You are out of time and Victor was a Senator and Brad was on a committee.
- Grace: It is just what Ani said. It is natural that your opinion will lean towards what they people who are most experience say.

- Senator: The undergraduates should decide who they are voting for. I am trusting Northwestern students to take endorsements for what they will. I think it is disrespectful to not have the exec board endorse.
- Noah: By the logic that we should not allow exec members to endorse because they have worked with them, we should bar all student leaders that have worked with them from endorsing. That just doesn't make sense. If someone knows a position well and someone who is running, they should be able to endorse.
- **New Business:** [SR1314-04: ASG Supports Trans* Students](#)
 - Petros: Trans* is a inclusive term, more inclusive than just transgender.
 - Alex: Why does this go without saying?
 - Isaac: This was just presented at the conference and you all should have your choice to vote.
 - Petros: This would be a great gesture to a community
 - Senator: Is there a certain group you are looking us to reach out to.
 - Isaac: No it just means to be more aware within your own constituency.
 - Katie: old business next week.
- **New Business:** [SR1314-05: Resolution Supporting the Affordable College Textbook Act](#)
 - Lauren: This is in support of a bill that is currently working is way through Congress. Our other resolutions coming next week are academic based. We would like open-source textbooks to be available to students.
 - Isaac: Basically it is a free textbook online that would just update.
 - Lauren: And you would be able to print it out for a low cost. Also I think this increases the competition of textbook providers. This is also in the works at other Big 10 schools.
 - Katie: Old Business next week.
- **New Business:** [SL1314-18: In Order to Form a More Perfect Cabinet](#)
- **New Business:** [SL1314-19: Cleaning the Constitution: Constitution Review Winter 2014](#)

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- **Roll Call and Adjournment**