

## **Call to Order and Roll Call**

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## **Executive Board Reports**

- Katie: Nothing super important. Student group senators will be transitioning over the next couple of weeks. We will be doing some orientation stuff for them. Read exec board report. I will say something next week
- Abby: Code Review this week. Please let me know if you have any questions.
- Alex: If you have been by Scott hall, laying down mulch for last year's 10K initiative winner. Winner from this year is furniture in library. Natalie and I are working on religious group funding with development office. For student groups, fall quarter funding apps will be released for tonight. We will also be working with groups for transitions and talks about this year and best practices
- Rafael: I'm the new Chief of Staff. I am working on some application revisions and a mentorship program. Send me a message if you want more info.
- Anna: Norris exam relief was very successful last quarter. Next week, I will present what my committee will be working on more next quarter. SafeRide app is up and working.
- Kevin: We are sending a delegation of 6 members to Delegation on the Hill conference. We are meeting with various department heads as well as. We are talking about student mental health, textbook prices, etc. We had some last minute logistics with the Community Engagement Grant.
- Serene: I am working on the spring leadership training. I don't have a committee yet, so let me know if you want to help out.
- McKenzie: Working on Spring funding.
- Noah: Both student guides are still on track to be released this quarter. And my committee is working on Hackathon.
- Sheng: Helping Services with Hackathon and guides. Redesign of ASG website.
- Julia: Working on redesign of website. Also, publicizing faculty leader roundtables.

- Wes: Off campus composting services is starting this week. Look out for Earth Week programming, including shoe donations.
- Thaddeus: Not here.

**General Order:** 2014 ASG Election Ballot

- Katie: We updated guidelines to say that Senate has to approve ballot, so we will be taking a look at it right now.
- Sarah: Do we not need a no confidence option?
- Alex: If there are only two, we really don't need to.
- Mark: Are we going to have faculty honor roll nominations on here?
- Sheng: We can.
- Chris: Do you still need to confirm and submit like last year?
- Dana: We will be putting a note on it explaining instructions, but according to last year's data, the amount of people who opened the ballot without finishing it was very negligible.

**General Order:** Speaker of the Senate Election

- Evan: I would like to nominate Harrison.
- Harrison: I accept.
- Senator: I nominate Noah Star.
- Noah: I accept.
- Alex: I would like to nominate you again Katie.
- Katie: I respectfully decline. Jobs. Anymore? Please line up so we can start introductions.
- Harrison: Hi, I am a sophomore and the RHA/RCB Caucus Whip. I have been a senator since fall of my sophomore year. ASG, outside of school, has been one of my favorite Northwestern experiences. When I was elected caucus whip, I wanted to make the RHA/RCB Caucus as robust as possible. I met with all of the senators and followed up with them about their interests and what they wanted to get out of ASG as senators. I have been able to help get projects started. We have no vacancies, our attendance is great. We have great discussion. I would love to engage Senate at large next year. I want to make Senate more than just a meeting next year.
- Noah: Hi, I am Noah Star. I am a sophomore. I have served as NCDC Senator for the past year. I would like to outline my trajectory in Senate and why I want to be Speaker. I missed regular orientation last year, and coming in I was a little

overwhelmed by the great students in this room. I was a little hesitant to speak, but I think my work on the PR committee helped give me confidence to speak up about my vocal and graphical interests in ASG. I have now spoken up more about the issues I feel passionate about in Senate. I am passionate about Senate and based on my journey, I would like to make you all as passionate as I am. I have a met with a lot of you. I think there is a lot of areas for improvement as well things that we are doing well. I have developed a platform. I think Senate needs to be more democratic, political, and legislative. I think we need to improve recruitment and keep our great recruits. I consider myself to democratic. I am approachable and relatable as a leader. I hope for those I met with that was apparent. I also will make sure I meet with all of you all if I were to be elected.

- Alex: As Speaker, you would be giving up your ability to debate in Senate. What is in your opinion more important about you being Speaker versus having your voice in debate?
- Noah: I met with NCDC and asked if they thought my voice was better served as a Senator or Speaker, and they fully supported me in running. I think as Speaker you serve all student constituencies. I speak up when it is necessary and having that type of awareness I think if I would be elected.
- Harrison: I get so much out of Senate by just listening. Also, so much of what gets done in Senate takes place on committees. I am confident that Kemper will be able to find a senator that is engaged and want to help out.
- Julia: Can you talk about your experience on a committee will help?
- Harrison: I worked on the dining hall working committee. I learned a lot about Sodexo and the inner workings. I think I would be able to bring to the Speaker role the skills I learned about working and talking with administrators.
- Noah: I have had 2 main projects with PR. In fall, I helped rewrite what is going on the rejuvenation ASG website. I had to gather information about all committees, so I feel like I better understand them now. In the winter, I worked on the faculty roundtables. These are pretty intimate settings, and I helped facilitate and

moderated discussion with students and administrators. So, on a micro scale, I have already moderated student discussion.

- Adam: What is your experience with reaching out to the Northwestern student body?
- Noah: I work with a group that helps bring to the surface on the political issue of the Palestinian and Israeli war. I have taken the lead on student outreach with that. I have done PR and student outreach for Mayfest. I worked with sponsorships that students were looking for and what special events students were looking for. I love to talk and would love to reach out to students.
- Harrison: Last year, I was involved was in Student Life committee. I also ran for SLVP. During the process, I got the great privilege of being able to meet with student groups. I got a lot of feedback and Anna has done a great job working on those issues. I am in a fraternity, College Republicans, and NUSPAN.
- Alex: How good are you guys with names?
- Harrison: I am pretty good with names.
- Noah: I am pretty good with names. As people are transitioning, I will make sure that I know people's names.
- Alex: Motion to extend question period by 5 minutes.
- Senator: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
[vote passes]
- Jacob: In one sentence, what is the most important aspect of being Speaker?
- Noah: To ensure that democracy is met by the Senate body and that we reach to students.
- Harrison: To engage the Senators and the entire northwestern student body to make sure that they know they are apart of something bigger than (LISTEN)
- Wendy: What will you do to engage senators?
- Harrison: I think Senate is an addendum to ASG and the juice we do besides that. I think working with Senators with what they are passionate about and be a resource to do what they want.
- Noah: I agree with Harrison. I would meet with all new and old senators. Also, once a month I would like to carve out caucus time for senators to meet with their committee VP to work on legislative

- work they can do for their committee in Senate. I would also be interested in trying to bring an aspect of Caucus projects back.
- Parag: Speaker serves as a moderator and voice of Senate? What do you bring as a voice of Senate?
  - Noah: I was on the debate team, I also served as a secretary in high school, I also am the brotherhood chair of Delta Tau Delta. I have the ability to figure out what the voice of Senate is and bring that to the exec board and greater Northwestern.
  - Harrison: I think being a voice of you all is one of the most important roles. I think through engagement and meetings and being a proactive resource is the best way to represent your voice. I think my caucus has come a huge way this year, and seeing we had so many freshman, I am so happy with the engagement level we were able to develop. I am confident so many of you continuing on next year.
  - Katie: I am very pleased to announce that the new Speaker of the Senate is Noah Star.

#### **General Order:** Parliamentary Election

- Katie: Next up is Parliamentary. I am opening up the floor for nominations.
- Grace: I nominate Dana.
- Dana: I accept. I nominate Petros.
- Petros: I accept.
- Katie: Anyone else? I close the nomination floor. You can give an introductory speech.
- Petros: I am Senator for Rainbow Alliance and Student Groups Caucus. I became a senator beginning of last year. I was Plex Senator and now I am Rainbow Alliance Senator. I am Student Group Caucus Whip for the past year. I was originally a written in candidate last year, so I was not able to join a committee. I joined a bunch of ad hoc and working committees, such as dining hall and gun control. I was then able to join Rules in Spring. I love Rules so much I brought it back to my exec board on Rainbow Alliance reforming the constitution twice. Being in the Parliamentary body, I have interacted a lot with Abby and Katie. I would be able to bring to the table experience and passion.

- Dana: I am a junior and currently the most senior member of Rules. I have been elected for 3 years now. I have served as a fill-in Parliamentarian a few times now as well. Whatever I am involved in, I really try to dedicate myself to. I wasn't planning on running, as I nominated Petros, because I am Election Commissioner. I am very interested in being Parliamentarian, and I don't think it is an issue of doing both jobs, but that is for you all to decide.
- Alex: What is your favorite rule?
- Dana: I have been asked this a lot. I am a big fan of personal privileges.
- Petros: My favorite is motion to amend for everyone to add in their idea to improve legislation. My least favorite is point of clarification.
- Dana: Also, asked and answered is not a thing.
- Lauren: Point of personal privilege. What is that?
- Katie: Anything that is not pertinent to senate business.
- Alex: What does Parliamentarian do that you don't see in Senate and why would you be good at it?
- Petros: Parliamentarian collects all legislation, and in Rules the Parliamentarian can call in authors to work with them to improve legislation and clarify.
- Dana: I would say that a really important part of being Parliamentarian is being an institution of memory for the Code and ASG as a whole. One thing I have noticed that Abby has done is working with authors to help prepare them for questions and Senate before they get here. I would like to continue that.
- Abby: I am excited to announce my successor is Petros.

**General Order:** [Code Review](#)

- Abby: A lot of the changes are formatting changes and grammatical errors. These were the more major changes that we made to the code as a committee. I'll walk you through them now. The word undergraduate was missing when referring to substitutes. We explained what would be an excused absence in committee meetings, so we clarified for Senate as well. We changed the makeup of the Student Group Apportionment Committee, by removing the EVP and the Caucus Whips. We removed Rules going over the election guidelines.

- Alex: Why did you remove caucus whips?
- Abby: We had low turnout of the committee. We were able to record meetings, but ten people is hard to coordinate. Because the Speaker is the voice of Senate on all committees, the Senate is reflected.
- Lauren: Who else sits on it?
- Abby: Chief of Staff, Speaker of the Senate, FVP, VP of SG, VP of SA, and Parliamentarian.
- Katie: We are now in line for a vote. All those in favor? Any opposed? Any abstaining? They passed.

**New Business:** [SR1314-10: Oops!...They Did It Again](#)

- Anna: This resolution was brought in light of the SafeRide changes to no long offer off campus to off campus rides. About an hour ago, the petition had over 450 signatures.
- Haley: We are asking the administration to look back on transportation as whole and how to fill in the current gaps.
- Katie: Questions?
- Dana: Have you talked with SafeRide?
- Haley: I have a meeting set up as of today.
- Anna: I have talked to JPK and PTI and they said that the biggest issue with SafeRide currently was wait time. And they saw this as a solution.
- Jane: Would you be opposed to moving this to old business?
- Anna: No.
- Jane: Motion to make this old business.
- Senator: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
[vote passes]
- Katie: Okay this is now old business. Questions?
- Alex: So theoretically, as an off campus resident, can I call a SafeRide for a ride to on campus and then call another one to go off campus?
- Haley: Yes, I guess so.
- Alex: So we would actually be increasing the amount of SafeRides being requested.

- Lauren: In caucus, we talked about this being a concern of students going for bar to bar. But this is really an issue of wait time?
- Anna: That is a concern as well. But SafeRide is not allowed to drop you off or pick you up at a bar. Wait time was the biggest point for this change, but I am sure it is then solving that problem as well.
- Petros: Is this an issue of working with Evanston and SafeRides disrupting them or replacing their taxi services?
- Haley: I know SafeRide has worked in ordinance with Evanston.
- Katie: Any more questions? Okay we will move to debate.
- Alex: Motion to amend.
- Katie: Okay what is it?
- Alex: Whereas, this new policy change may create a perverse incentive to double the number of SafeRide requests;
- Senator: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
[amendment passes]
- Senator: PQ
- Senator: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
[passes]

### **Good of the Order & Announcements**

- Dana: The campaign period starts in 15 minutes so get excited. The EVP and President debates will be on Monday at 7 and 8pm in Swift 107.
- Katie: If you guys go to my Facebook profile, my cover photo is an advertisement for the summer program engage Chicago.

### **Roll Call and Adjournment**