

Call to Order and Roll Call

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Executive Board Reports

- Ani: We were at the University of Minnesota for Big 10 conference. Talked a lot about issues that impact students. Also check out the Playbook. It is 100s of projects across all the committees. Let us know if anything is missing or needs elaborating.
 - Kevin: To follow up on that, we are going to continue doing lobbying work like that. We are in the Spring going to Capitol Hill.
- Alex: Just look at my report.

Student Group Spotlight: Wildcat Welcome

Special Order: Todd Adams, Associate Vice President and Dean of Students

- Jane: How do you see it affecting student life day-to-day at Northwestern?
- Todd: I think it begins right now. It means we need to get out the word of what the changes are in the policy and talk about what "consent" actually means. Much like any other policy at Northwestern, it does not seem applicable to any student until an situation arises. I am asking you all to not let it get that far. I am asking you all to start having the discussion now. And not write it legalistically, but I wanted this policy to be written in a way for all of us to talk about this topic. This policy was made to implore you all to go out and talk about this topic. The Topic 9 group is here to talk about the policy as well. Sexual misconduct is the most under-represented misconduct on college campus.
- Alex: Are there new avenues for students to report misconduct?
- Todd: At the beginning of the year, ASG actually helped us launch NU Help that many students have reported misconducts online. Also, the Northwestern police is here to report issues. The Topic 9 website is also available. So we have many avenues available to report these problems. So we want people to know we don't just have this policy, but we want people to report these issues. Please facilitate the conversations.

General Order: Election Commission Selection

- Katie: Kevin, Harrison, and Petros have stepped down from the Election Commission. Dana is our Commissioner
- Senator: Shuyao
- Harrison: Jonathan Campbell
- Senator: Lauren Thomas
- Mark: Mark Silberg
[all seconded and accepted]
- Shuyao: I am a junior. I think this job would fit me really well. I am a CA right now and I currently plan a lot of programs and I work for the school so I understand the students. I also like elections and would love to help supervise and help people.
- Jonathan: I am a sophomore in Weinberg. Last year when I attended the debate, I noticed everyone involved was in ASG. And I think a new and outside perspective and input is really important to obtain a wider outreach.
- Lauren: I am a freshman in Weinberg. I would love to get involved in the election process but not with a campaign. And because I am a freshman, I don't have too many relations formed within ASG so I will not have a conflict of interest and I have a fresh take.
- Mark: I am a senior in Weinberg. I have seen 3 elections in all their glory and I think I have the perspective to make sure that
- Jonathon: I was not involved in any campaign last year. I supported a member in my fraternity-Aaron
- Lauren: No involvement.
- Mark: I have never been apart of campaign but I have given endorsements.
- Shuyao: No.
- Dana: What are your time commitments for the rest of this quarter and the beginning of next?
- Lauren: Within ASG, I am involved in PLI, Academics committee, and Senate and I am involved in some other things in campus.
- Mark: I am graduating at the end of this quarter, so many of my responsibilities are ending. I will be starting a job in the spring, but I will dedicate my heart and soul to this campaign.
- Shuyao: I have my CA duties but it is not too much of an issue. I also join the Karate club every once in a while.

- Jonathon: I am involved on campus, but I will have time for this. It is just 2 weeks of the quarter.

[Election Winners: Mark, Shuyao, Lauren]

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

- Alex: I guess there's not much else to say that wasn't said last week. These are just changes that should have been made already and have not been updated.
- Ani: We learn every year why it's important to have a flexible code.
- Harrison: Motion to previous question.
- Katie: Seeing no objections, all those in favor. Fabulous, that passes unanimously.
[vote passes unanimously]

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

- Motion to move to the end of the agenda.
- Katie: We need 2/3.
- Katie: Great, we'll move that down.
- Mia: Mega-Shabbat is a campus wide Shabbat dinner that takes place in Alison dining hall. We have held it for the past 3 years. We are looking to expand it further by adding family style food and deeper table discussions. The event will happen either way, but we would like to see student group support. We have received money current FROM?????
- Isaac: did you receive money from the Project Pool in the past?
- Mia: yes the same amount
- Senator: who else have you gotten money from that is not Jewish affiliated?
- Mia: The office of the president, the office of the provost, LOOK UP
- Eliza: Have you considered a larger venue.
- Mia: yes we have sold out in the past and sold out this year, but that would be something that would be explored in later year.. There are 400 students signed up current.
- Isaac: What is your budget for the event?
- Mia: We have a private donor who is willing to match our efforts. So about \$10,000.
- Isaac: so is someone matching the \$200 or is someone else giving it if we don't.

- Mia: Someone will match the \$200. We are not in dire need for the money, but we would love to see student group support.
- Katie: So we will move into debate period.
- Isaac: They have a huge budget and this is a drop in the bucket and \$200 could go much further in other groups.
- Jane: Motion to amend to change \$200 to \$150.
- Alex: Object. What is the difference, there is no budgetary difference?
- Harrison: I agree that it is not a huge difference, but I think that it is fine that it is lowered because we are showing support but saving some money in the pool.
- Petros: I am going to echo Alex and say that it is not that much of a difference.
- Noah: I think there are 50 reasons not to give the extra money.
- Alex: I think if you think 50 makes a difference, you should not be voting in favor at all.
- Ani: I am sorry if I came across as sarcastic. But I think this is more of a gesture of support, and Mega-Shabbat impacts and touches such a large group of students on this campus. The money amount is more just about what we feel comfortable giving.
- Katie: So we are in line to vote.
- [Division-22, 10, 1 amendment passes]
- Alex: Previous question
- Senator: 2nd
[vote passes]

New Business: [SL1314-13: Discover Islam Week: The Many Faces of Feminism](#)

- Discover Islam Week is an annual Northwestern tradition. We usually have a week of exciting events and previous topics we've had have been civic engagement in the US, Guantanamo Bay, etc. This year it will be Feb 24th – 28th. We have come to request additional funding for two main reasons. The first is that we want to better the quality of our events. We usually have two SAF funded and two non-funded. Second, we want to be able to collaborate with non-cultural groups and bridge that gap. Specifically, we are requesting funds for a fireside to shed light on religion and the role

of women and how they are sometimes at odds. Our speaker's bio is in the legislation and we are trying to get her to make our event of a high caliber. We have raised \$1500 already and are currently applying to cosponsor with the chaplain's office. We are asking for \$1500 from the Senate Project Pool.

- Katie: Questions?
- Alex: You said this event has happened before? Why do you need ASG funding?
- PARS: We want improve the caliber of this event we could use the extra funding.
- Isaac: How many people think will attend?
- PARS: 60 or 70
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- PARS: PHA, MGSC, and some other non cultural groups.
- Dillon: Why didn't you come try to seek funds during our fall amendment pool?
- PARS: I don't really understand. This is newer addition to the event so we came to Senate to get the money to fund it.

New Business: [SL1314-14: Polish Cultural Night](#)

- Alex: PASA is looking to expand their reach on campus and use ASG funds to create a larger event. I am helping him out, so once the actual author comes he can speak more to the details.
- Jane: Motion to move this bill to after the Shuttle Resolution.
- Senator: 2nd
[Vote passes]
- Peter: Hi, sorry I am a little late. Polish cultural night is an event that PASA puts on campus each year in the winter. IN following with PASA's growth over the past year, we want to expand Polish cultural night. We have had food and dancing and discussion that probably was not as authentic as it could have been. This year we want to tie it to Polasky day and make it bigger. We want to bring in a dance group, a speaker and food. We really would like to see these plans happen, but we need the funds.
- Alex: Has this event been going on for a while?
- Peter: I have only been able to track this event for the past 4 years.

- Alex: and have you used ASG funding?
- Peter: I believe just the SAFC funding.
- Jane: How do you plan on attracting a larger community to come.
- Peter: We are confident with our expansion and stronger visibility that we will be able draw a larger audience.
- Jacob: What food are you looking to bring in?
- Peter: We are getting a deli to provide sandwiches, pastries and dumplings.
- Senator: How much are you asking for again?
- Peter: Due to the two groups coming and out, so in total \$650.
- Senator: How much is left in the Pool?
- Alex: \$10,000, but that shouldn't matter. You should approach each event on its merit.
- Ronak: How many people have attended in the past?
- Peter: My freshman year about 30 people showed up.

New Business: [SR1314-02: Increased Undergraduate Shuttle Services](#)

- Hailey: this resolution is pretty self-explanatory. The transportation office came to us wanted ASG support to show a student need to expand the shuttle services. They do not have money to support the need, and ASG support would help.
- Isaac: There are 2 current shuttles that run during the day, Ryan Field and the intercampus. Both don't cater to moving the undergraduate students. The concept is to get more shuttles to coordinate the 50 and hour when students are actually trying to run in between classes.
- Petros: Would this help? Or would it overcrowd the shuttles already?
- Hailey: Hopefully by adding more shuttles, it wouldn't matter????
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- Petros: Would this cause traffic congestion to Evanston?
- Hailey: We are not far enough along to discuss that yet, but it would be only 1 or 2 more additional day shuttles.
- Jane: would it be less redundant to just run the Evanston loop?
- Hailey: That has definitely been a discussed possibility. But the transportation office said list whatever would be the best and most supported plan by students.

- Alex: when would we see this actually take place if it happens?
- Isaac: This is in the budget for the fiscal year of 2015. Continue push by students would help get it done and passed as soon as possible.
- Alex: Would it help to move this to old business tonight?
- Ani: It wouldn't hurt.
[motion passes]
- Senator: PQ
[resolution passes]

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- Maddie: Dolphin show opens this weekend. It is Shrek.
- Steven: Come to the Stitch's release party at Block museum.
- Eliza: B-fest is happening this weekend. It is a 24 hour movie festival. Please come and for \$5 students can watch a block of movies.
- Jamie: A Chi O and AEPI are having a food fundraiser on the 3rd. Please come, it's \$5 for a wristband.
- Katie: Thank you for the Senators that helped out at the activities fair.

Roll Call and Adjournment