

Call to Order and Roll Call

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Executive Board Reports

- Katie: Caucus whip elections are October 30th. If you want to apply, please take a look and it's linked in the agenda. Also only 2 unexcused absences per quarter.
- Dillon: What if you have someone come in your place?
- Katie: Than it's not an absence.
- Petros: what about if you come late?
- Katie: It is a half absence.
- Ani: David will go more into detail about AVP for D&I and our recruitment process thus far.
- Mark: Happy birthday and the US Senate is now open.
- Alex: I have one thing about 10K. The picnic benches are finally ordered and are here in 3 weeks to be installed. We will have trash cans and recycling bins here too. I am also proposing legislation about 10K this week, so please ask questions. We are also recruiting next week. 3 ASG members and 3 non ASG members.
- David: Thank you for coming to orientation. Hopefully it was a good way to get introduced to ASG. In regards to AVP for D&I, we had some technical difficulties and now we extending the application until Thursday. We have gotten some applications and are looking to get some more. I am also starting a mentorship program. It will just involve people getting together to an talk about future in ASG. Legislation to get rid of DSEC. It doesn't serve the purpose it used to. Please reach out if interested.
- Siddiq: We are having AE elections next week, and we have one senator position. If you are planning on running, please click on that link in the agenda
- Neel: A lot is happening. On Monday, we rolled back all the money that hadn't been spent, which equaled \$14,000 that we will now be able to give that to groups. We are hopefully confirming a new GE tonight. We are also working on de-recognizing groups. We are going to talk to them about why they haven't been following through on their procedures.

- Kevin: Fall light walk last night. It was a great turnout from Evanston and NU. We took a Northern route to Colfax. We were pleasantly surprised, but we will be compiling a report. We are also now doing PR for Cats Come to Dinner. Great way for NU students to connect to Evanston residents. If you know any residents or students interested, encourage them to sign up!
- Noah: Happy start to midterms. Study abroad guide is sending out surveys. We are trying to focus on 3 locations to launch, London is ready to go. We also met with CR about making Wildcards useable in Evanston.
- Sheng: Tech committee met for the first time in over a year this week. In a couple of weeks, a few ASG people will be meeting with higher up administration about NU's technology, such as NUTV and the possible replacements that hasn't worked out yet. If you have any ideas or constituent ideas, please let me know.
- Julia: I put everything in exec board report. We are starting to work on a school spirit and purple pride campaigning, Let me know if you have any ideas. For all new and existing members, come to fitzerland. It starts at 9am this Saturday and is a great way to meet people.

Special Order: Multicultural Student Affairs Presentation

- Katie: Cory Moss is here from MSA and he is here to give a presentation for us.
[Presentation]
- Alex: You may have heard we are looking for the AVP for D&I. When we seek a candidate, how can they work with you?
- Cory: We have 4 departments and we would like them to be a member of our community. They do not have to be a certain gender or ethnicity, but can connect with the 4 communities in MSA.
- Adam: What events can we get involve in?
- Cory: I have flyers. We have 4 groups, so we have a lot for people to get involved in. I am personally hosting Serenity Nights for students who want to talk about identity issues. We are also partnering for CAPS. We also have a queer person of colors group going on, and it's about how people identify themselves. We are open. WE also have Quench, which stands for Queers for lunch. We

are having a professor come in to give a lecture. We have another event about the stigmas of mental health for the black community. For Hispanic month, we are partnering with Latino studies. We are definitely trying to get at the identity issues people are facing. We are also having Festivale, which is a great way to get a taste of a bunch of different cultures on campus together. We don't have too many Asian American events right now, but we will be having them soon.

General Order: SGC Confirmation

- Ani: While we wait, the Happiness Club and I met with a group called Give back?? Its raised over \$16 million. We are having it as a resource on our website and they are also doing a random acts of kindness grant. It is a cool opportunity and get to meet people in Chicago and help improve the lives on Northwestern students. It's not to time commitment or strenuous but and interesting opportunity.
- Katie: Neel will you introduce your nominee, then we will vote to confirm.
- Neel: We had SGC recruitment and we chose her from 6 applicants. So you can start by saying who you are an your qualifications.
- Saya: Hi I am Saya, and I am a freshman. I wanted to get involved on campus and I tough SGC was a good fist because of the work the SGC does with student groups.
- Katie: Any questions? Okay no, will you step out into the hall for debate.

[Confirmed]

General Order: Rules Committee Elections

- Katie: There are 3 year long positions. If you want to nominate someone please say your name and the person must have second.
- Petros: Dana
- Dana: 2nd
- Harrison: Adam Roth
- Adam: 2nd
- Grace: I nominate myself.
- Senator: 2nd
- Katie: I nominate myself

- Senator: 2nd
- Isaac: I nominate Taylor.
- Taylor: 2nd
- Katie: Anyone else? Okay nomination period is closed. Candidates please stand in line and introduce yourself.
- Dana: I am a Junior. I was senior most member of Rules.
- Adam: I am a Junior and College Dems Senator. I want to get us work to do.
- Grace: I am a freshman and I think that Rules is a good way to get involved in ASG.
- Katie: I want o get involved. I like legal studies.
- Taylor: I am a senior. And I want to be on Rules because I actually like writing legislation
- Katie: Questions?
- Petros: Can you explain your knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order?
- Adam: They help Senate function better and move alongs
- Grace: I am not sure but I want to familiarize myself with them.
- Katie: They are a good way to organize
- Taylor: I was in nationals for student government. I am very familiar.
- Dana: I have great familiarity. I wrote the part of the handbooks about Robert's Rules?
- Alex: What is the most important thing about a piece of legislation as it passes through Senate?
- Grace: I don't know legislation well yet, but I want it to be clear and concise.
- Katie: Yes, I would want it to be as thought out and easy to understand as possible.
- Taylor: Clarity and correctly identified scope are important.
- Dana: it is important that it is in accordance with our constitutions and code. And the clarity.
- Adam: It is important to make sure that the legislation is clear about what it wants to do.
- Petros: You get a bill that is completely ambiguous and unclear in its writing and purpose. What would you do and how would you talk with the author?

- Katie: I would talk to Abby first.
 - Taylor: I would work with the author.
 - Dana: A lot of times the author isn't there. Try to get a hold of them. If can't try to have it wait a week.
 - Adam: First, I would reread it. Then I would reach out to sponsors to try to work with them.
 - Grace: I would work with a senior member and the author.
 - Senator: What other commitments do you have?
 - Taylor; NBN, 4 classes, and I play tennis.
 - Dana: Exec of sorority, business fraternity
 - Adam: I will find the time for this.
 - Grace: AKPsi and DFA. But they are flexible and I am good at planning my time.
 - Katie: I am involved in a church service group, but I would be diligent as this is my last committee.
 - Katie: Any more questions. Okay we will now move into debate. Candidates please set out of the room.
- [Debate]
- Candidates can come back in and vote.
- Abby: Okay, we are doing preferential voting, so please order all the candidates in order of your preference.
 - The newest Rules Committee members are Grace, Taylor, and Dana.
 - Katie: We will now take nominations for the two-quarter position.
 - Alex: I nominate Katie and Adam
 - Katie: 2nd
 - Adam: 2nd
 - Isaac: I nominate myself
 - Senator: 2nd
 - Katie: Please come on up and arrange yourselves and introduce yourselves.
 - Katie: I'm Katie.
 - Adam: I am Adam.
 - Isaac: I am Isaac R and I would really like to get more involved as a freshman on senate. Obviously, how resolution and legislation is written has a lot of impact.

- Steven: What ASG committees are you involved in?
- Adam: None
- Isaac: CR
- Katie: None
- Senator: What is your experience with Robert's Rules?
- Isaac: Not great, read the Wikipedia page a couple of times. I know it is to keep order, keep an open space to speak.
- Katie: I was student council president my senior year so I was good with organization.
- Adam: Most of my experience is from ASG and my past year.
- Taylor: Do you have any other time conflicts?
- Katie: Church group
- Adam: I am on college Dems and I very flexible.
- Isaac: I tutor once a week.
- Dana: Can you tell us about your commitment to ASG and being a Senator?
- Adam: I am very dedicated. I represent in College Dems in ASG and other student voices.
- Isaac: I am very committed, and I want to continue with Senate. I held a fireside yesterday in my dorm about the tobacco-free resolution and gauged their reaction to vote accordingly today.
- Katie: I am committed to staying with ASG.
- Dana: How do you work with groups if there is an issue of what we should do about a piece of legislation?
- Isaac: I tend to look for common ground and come up with a compromise. I think people tend to talk in circles when they are trying to get their point across, and I don't find that productive.
- Katie: I think I would look for our commonalities, and then bring together the issues and try to find compromise
- Adam: I have worked with groups that have nothing in common. Sometimes we don't have the best agreements, but work with the smart student groups to help get their purpose and point across.

New Business: [SL1314-01: The Neverending Story of the 10K Initiative](#)

Old Business: [SR1314-01: Resolution Concerning the Adoption of a Tobacco-Free Campus Policy](#)

- Katie: Skipping second round if Rules elections temporarily to consider this bill
- Carolyn: only affect usage, not possession. No ability to search students. In addition, tobacco policies have been changing all our lives. Slippery slope, you can't go back once you start. Initial opposition, but it tapers off as time goes by and everyone gets used to it. Tobacco free instead of smoke free, in order to include potentially unsafe products and maintain uniformity in the community. Also assures for promotion of overall health for the students at large. Harder to pass tobacco free after smoking free because of loss of momentum. Inclusion of COFHE schools in the proposed amendments. Faculty Senate has already passed a similar resolution.
- Katie: 10 minutes for questions
- Harrison: Isn't tobacco free campus a misleading term?
- Carolyn: Generally used terminology for these resolutions.
- Jacob: Work with grad students?
- Carolyn: Working with med school student.
- Jacob: Enforcement on Chicago and Evanston campus?
- Carolyn: Ideally yes.
- Ronak: Talk to staff?
- C: yeah
- Adam: Have you talked to campus security?
- C: Not yet, we wanted this support first.
- Mark: People don't abide by 25 feet rule, so how will this help?
- C: Signage and also getting rid of ash trays.
- Evan: What about staff and workers that smoke? Would they have to go off campus?
- C: Yes that it is what they would have to do. 69% of people do want to quit smoking
- Senator: Do you have any stats on here?
- C: 3.4% and 12.9% from Searle
- Taylor: Do you have any background information that this currently is working?
- Carolyn: The numbers have gone down since 2010.

- Adam: Have you talked to any other groups or organizations that have adopted policies such as this?
- Carolyn: Yes....
- Senator: How will this be enforced?
- Carolyn: signage and will be introduced through spread of word.
- Timo: What difficulties have people had with implementing this?
- Carolyn: It just takes time and changing the social norm.
- Isaac: Don't you think it is harsh to compare an outdoor smoke-free policy to an indoor policy.
- Carolyn: There is no safe space to second hand smoke and areas are transitioning to these policies slowly.
- Elena: Have you talked with administration and staff that will have to enforce this?
- Carolyn: Only some
- Sean: Are there any specifics on implementation in the resolution?
- Carolyn: No.
- Mark: Why is this important to you?
- Carolyn: My dad is in public health, and I have grown up wanting to protect the public health of those around us.
- Luke: Timeline?
- Carolyn: It depends
- Eliza: Are you willing to act as an advisor for spreading policies like this, if this were to pass?
- Carolyn: Yes
- Timo: What are some consequences of not following this?
- Carolyn: We can give tickets, but mostly peer encouragement.
- Dillon: If the 25 foot rule won't work, why would this?
- Carolyn: It's more about a social norm change, and it's harder to estimate 25 feet.
- Senator: Do you have any stats on progress for schools that have implemented this?
- C: A lot are still in the implementation phase.
- Taylor: Sheridan sidewalk belongs to Evanston, could students smoke there?
- Carolyn: We will work that out with Evanston health officials.
- Katie: We are out of time. We now move into debate.

- Dana: Motion to amend. Motion to put in all amendments in red.
"reads amendments"
- Senator: 2nd
- Katie: Okay we will now move to a vote.
[pass]
- Katie: Great those pass. And now we will move into debate.
- Petros: I don't think that this is the solution to a current 25 foot legislation law, and we shouldn't put forth more legislation to pass this. It is up to Evanston to demand for their policies to should enforce there own issues.
- Katie: Pro speech
- Sean: I am not 100% sure about the this. I am more in offense of what Petros said. This is a resolution, not a legislation mandating action. This isn't a band aid resolution, but it is for when they go forth to those to who will find a solution to show that they have ASG support.
- Alex: Hi I'm Alex and I am here to speak against this legislation. As students, we are adults and should have a right to smoke. And it would be problematic to staff to go off campus. I think this resolution breeds mistrust amongst students, and I think going up to someone and a making a comment about someone else's health would breed more problems.
- Carolyn: It is about protecting the right of non-smokers, not against current smokers. We are choosing the right for a clean air and healthy environment.
- Mark: If that is the case, why are you supporting a full tobacco ban?
- Carolyn: It is move to support a healthier life overall, and we don't know yet the effects of e-cigarettes.
- Isaac: I think that my issue with the resolution is that we are inflating issues of smoking with all tobacco products. I like clean air, but it is someone's right to be able to chew or smoke e-cigarettes. I think it's an insane way to look at the world to ban things that are bad for them. What's next, cookies? I think that the school needs less rules not more rules. The closest place on campus for kids to smoke is Sheridan road. So, logistically everyone would go to

- Sheridan road, the most populated area of campus. Is that where we want all of the smokers of Northwestern to go? Think about it.
- Alex: I can understand the issue with e-cigarettes. I do think that we should keep chewing tobacco. People tend to turn to tobacco if they can't smoke to get nicotine. And chewing tobacco is gross if you have ever seen it and you don't want to do that either.
 - Sean: Would you be willing to amend this to be a smoke-free campus?
 - Carolyn: I would like to keep e-cigarettes, but if it won't pass than this then yes.
 - David: Motion to amend to take out and e-cigarettes.
 - Carolyn: Evanston may pass legislation about e-cigarettes.
 - David: I don't think that is relevant.
 - Kevin: It is still under consideration and it is still skeptical.
 - Katie: All in favor of David's amendments? Opposed? Abstain?
[Passes]
 - Katie: We are out of time for debate. So we will now move to a vote.
 - Senator: Division
[10, 19, 8]
 - Katie: The resolution fails.
 - New Business: SL1314-01 The Never Ending Story of the 10K Initiative
 - Author Speech/Alex: This is legislation that clarifies the initiative. In the fall a survey gets released to the student body for ideas on how to spend \$10,000. We go through those ideas and then recommend approximately 5. Senate then approves or denies those ideas and they are sent out. Whichever wins the popular vote is then enacted. A lot of things were passed, but never became part of the ASG Code. Basically, what happened before was that there were no term limits, which confused things. If that makes sense at all. You now must be re-elected every year as an ASG rep. I also added 5-7 submission because that is more clear. And, yeah.
 - Mark: Why is reasonable similarity to other selection processes relevant criteria?

- Alex: We could combine ideas that are similar. Like benches and tables.
- Mark: Does that not read against ideas that are out of the box?
- Alex: No, but if you think so we can amend.
- Senator: We fund all of this now?
- Alex: Yes
- Senator: Can those on the committees submit an idea?
- Alex: I don't know, but it would have to work more as a trust system
- Mark: I don't think that is consequential. It is about finding the best idea of all students.
- Dana: My question is about change from approximately 5 to 5-7. What if there is only 4? Do we just present a bad idea?
- Alex: Ani can speak to this.
- Ani: It's more as a guideline to the committee to not cut so harshly.
- Alex: Last year we got 300 submissions, I hope we can find 5.
- Senator: How many people vote in the final selection?
- Alex: I don't know. I don't have those numbers first-hand.
- Senator: We will put a threshold on how many students are voting to see if it is worth putting forth \$10K?
- Alex: I think we do have a good enough turn out of voting to keep this going. It is a yearly thing. Outreach is definitely critical though.
- Dana: Point of Information: last year it was nearly 2000 votes.
- Taylor: Last year, it said the money that wasn't spent last year would be rolled over. What oversight would we have for budgeting and making sure we are spending the money smartly.
- Alex: We have to give a presentation at the end to Senate about where the money went, and Senate acts as oversight.
- David: Motion to move this to old business.
- Katie: Okay, that means we will not wait to next week to go to debate about the legislation, but we will debate tonight and then vote on it.
- Dana: I object.
- Alex: I would normally let this be old business next week, but we are doing elections next week. And I want to advertise opening for

the committee. And right now there are no term limits. I want to advertise 3 and 3, instead of I think 2.

- Isaac: Why can't we move elections back a week?
 - Alex: We want to get started with PR immediately. We did a hard campaign last year, and I want things to go well again. And we are already almost 4 weeks in the quarter.
 - Mark: We are not voting on new ideas, just to codify them right?
 - Dana: I rescind my objection.
 - Katie: We will not move to a vote.
 - David: I motion to PQ.
 - Mark: Can I amend?
 - David: I withdraw.
 - Mark: Can we amend or strike 3a?
 - Taylor: Motion to amend to say similarity of ideas...
 - Sean: Yes like similar ideas can be bunched together.
 - Katie: How would you want to say this?
 - Mark: Does this need to be in the code?
 - Abby: Common law
 - Alex: I just don't know if we would be able to combine ideas.
 - Dana: Didn't senate do that last year?
 - Katie: Yes senate did that last year.
 - Mark: We all know what we are trying to say, but I don't think it belongs in that section.
 - Sean: I think we can combine ideas to free up a slot, but I withdraw for better wording.
 - Alex: I motion to amend, add "The committee reserves the right to combine similar ideas."
 - Sean: I like this. Yep. This is what I was wanting to do.
 - Katie: This would be section 4 and then we would change numbers.
 - Isaac: Motion to amend to add Senate.
 - Katie: Not necessary.
 - Alex: PQ
 - Senator: 2nd
 - Katie: Okay we will move to a vote. All of those in favor? Opposed? Abstaining?
- [Passes]

Good of the Order & Announcements

- Abby: Congrats to Isaac, the newest member of Senate.
- Anna: We got 22 new members, which is great and they will fit into good roles. Jen met with Sodexo about to-go options. Please give her some feedback
 - Jen: So basically, Rachel is marketing head of Sodexo, and we are looking to roll-out the wildcat to-go plan. We will test a pilot program in the west side of foster-walker.
 - Katie: Any feedback?
 - Mark: What happened to great room?
 - Anna: Closed.
 - Mackenzie: Can we use regular meal swipes for it?
 - Rachel: That was the original idea, but it doesn't work for unlimited meal plans.
 - Katie: Questions?
- Abby: Okay Senate Reform update. I met with Burgie who determined school wide coverage for the Weekly isn't feasible. Now I am working on reaching out to each school. Weinberg is tricky. School-wide emails aren't really sent out normally and we cannot go by department because those who are still undeclared would never hear from their Senator. I will give you an update when I hear from the schools.
- Harrison: What did Burgie say?
- Abby: Logistically it wasn't feasible to send out school wide updates and announcements about ASG. It is too cumbersome.
- Mark: Tuesday, Seed is bring Adrian Green from Entourage to talk about green issues.
- Jaime: Saturday morning, 8-10, breakfast on the block, some sororities are coming to together, \$3.
- David: This Sunday, dancer registration for DM starts. If you don't know what that is, well you're not living. Also talk and spread interest. Also, let me know if there is any interest in creating an ASG team.
- Katie: My sorority is hosting a slumber-party registered party. We are also holding a Ztate Fair.

Roll Call and Adjournment

- Noah: This money is not sponsoring an event, but to feed students chips. We should be helping new events happen, not funding extras.
- Alex: Can you further elaborate on the advertising issue?
- Harrison: I'm sorry that was a miscommunication on our part with NU World Cup on how project pool funding work.
- Evan: Maybe they meant that Harrison and I are working with them on behalf of ASG.
- Katie: Pro speech.
- Harrison: I think Ani brought up a lot of issues that should be addressed. As you can see, we are very surprised by the advertising. Also, this is not haphazard. We have been planning this out for a while, but there was no Senate last week to bring up.
- Katie: Con speech
- Sofia: I think in terms of fundraising the pool is an outlet and there are funding outlets on campus that ISA has relations with for you to go to. There are B-Status whose complete focus is food and that is the purpose that put in a concerted effort to fundraise even though their programming is centered around food. This event will happen regardless and the event is not about food, it is about the World Cup.
- Sarah: PQ
- Alex: 2nd
- Katie: Move to a vote
[division: 5, 17, 3]
[legislation fails]

Good of the Order & Announcements

- Harrison: Come to see Aaron Greco speak with NUSPAN at Tech at 4pm.

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