

Senate Minutes 5/14/2014

Wednesday, May 14, 2014 7:04 PM



Northwestern University
Associated Student Government
Meeting of the Senate
May, 14, 2014

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

- Senate called to order at approximately 7:06 PM.

II. Approval of the Journal: Available at bit.ly/ASG-Senate-Minutes.

III. Executive Board Reports

IV. General Order: Visit from NU-Q

- Q: What other schools besides School of Communication are at NU in Qatar?
- A: Medill School of Journalism
- Q: What projects have you done in the past?
- A: We do a lot of cross-campus events and programming in Education City. We also have sought to expand course offerings.
- Q: What does your student government look like?
- A: President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, 2 Event Coordinators, and 2 Media Coordinators. There are also two class representatives and 2 major representatives for each class and major.
- Q: What kind of events do you have?
- A: Go Wild Week, dodgeball between faculty and students, Purple Fest, Media Awards.
- Q: What are you seeking to improve on for next year?
- A: Lots of focus on events this past year, and we want to devote more time to issues that the students encounter. Our new Executive Board will be meeting at the end of May. Next year's government will focus on making sure students have their voices heard. We want to make the transition smoother, that way the Government at NU-Q

continues to exist even when officers graduate.

- Q: What else are you doing during your trip to Evanston?
- A: 10 students have been here studying for the past two quarters. We also have a group from the Class of 2016 visiting Evanston for the past week.

V. General Order: Funding Primer

- Serene Darwish and Alex Van Atta give Funding tutorial presentation.
- Q: Does any amount in the amendment pool not used get rolled over to the next funding cycle?
- A: Yes, it would roll over.

VI. Old Business: [ASG Operating Budget](#)

- Erik Zorn and Julia Watson, on behalf of the Budget Committee, present the 2014-2015 ASG Operating Budget to Senate for consideration as Old Business.
- Q: If support funds are provided for Work-Study, then what is the role of the federal government here?
- A: The federal government will not be involved, as the money will be completely distributed by the university.
- Q: What is the difference between ASG and SL fund, given they both draw from the SAF?
- A: ASG Fund is not growing, while Student Leadership fund will increase with time.
- Q: If this is a pilot, will ASG have to contribute 10,000 dollars every year?
- A: Similar model to the Student Internship Grant Program (SIGP). After a certain period of time, it would be self-sustaining, and probably funded by the university directly.
- Q: So the SL Fund is a kickstarter, but is the ASG Fund seen as a recurrent line item?
- A: Depends on financial need of the Executive Board in the given year. Over time, the university will take over.
- Q: How will officers be fired if they aren't doing their job?
- A: Impeachment, as well as through other measures.
- Q: How does ASG Fund affect Tech VP fund?
- A: It replaces it, that way all positions are funded by need rather than financial merit as an incentive.
- Q: When the SL Fund begins next year, will it be just our 10K, or will the university provide money right from the start?
- A: It depends. We want to see the university raise money, and the new student enrichment office will be tasked with increasing the funds for the SL Fund.

- Q: Will the amount allocated to the ASG Fund be increased/decreased over time?
- A: Yes, the amount is tied to internal research surveying financial need on the Board
- Q: So this will theoretically increase to 5,000 dollars if 100 percent of the Board is on work-study?
- A: Yes, but this will never cover the full work-study stipend for students.
- Q: Will removal of Technology VP stipend reduce recruitment for the position?
- A: No, because it has been hard to recruit for that position regardless of if the stipend is provided or not. This model makes more sense, because it takes need into consideration.
- Motion to Amend
 - Recruitment from 500 to 400 dollars, Green Consulting from 2500 to 2000, Conference from 1000 to 500, Wild Ideas from 25,000 to 20,000.
 - Divide the Question
 - First three items, then Wild Ideas
 - Passes
- Previous Question on first three items amendment
 - Passes
- Pros and Cons given on the Wild Ideas Fund amendment
 - Previous Question
 - Motion Passes
- Motion to Amend
 - ASG Fund reduced down to, and Student Leadership Fund increased from 10,000 dollars to 14,000 dollars.
 - Pros and Cons given
- Previous Question
 - Objection
 - Fails
 - Roll Call Vote
 - Passes
 - Secret Ballot
 - 14-18-1
 - Fails
 - Back to Roll Call
 - Motion fails
 - Vote: 12-22-0

- Amendments will not be added

□ **Voting Results of the Amendment to**

□ **Combine the ASG Fund and Student Leadership Support Fund**

Constituency	Name	5/14/2014
RHA1 (Bobb)	Nikki Romane	N
RHA2 (Sargent)	Alec Blumenthal	Y
RHA3 (Freshman Quad)	Korri Hershenhouse	
RHA4 (Allison)	Evan Frohman	Y
RHA5 (1835 Hinman, Interfaith)	Dillon Smith	
RHA6 (Foster Walker Complex)	Tiffany Ge	Y
RHA7 (Kemper) [WHIP]	Harrison Flagler	Y
RHA8 (Goodrich, Seabury, Lindgren)	Parag Dharmavarapu	N
RHA9 (SAI, 1856 Orrington, Rogers House)	VACANT	
RHA10 (Mid-Quads)	VACANT	
RCB1 (Willard)	Steven Bennett	N
RCB2 (Shepard, PARC)	Joji Sayed	Y
RCB3 (CCI, Slivka)	Grace Zhang	N
RCB4 (CRC, ISRC, Jones)	Jacob Swiatek	
RCB5 (CCS, Chapin, Hobart)	Lauren Thomas	N
PHA1 [WHIP]	Dana Leinbach	N
PHA2	Wendy Roldan	N
PHA3	Liz Deadrick	Y
PHA4	Vicky Rusanova	N
PHA5	Ilana Price	N
IFC1	Amol Mody	N
IFC2	Robert Ludew	N
IFC3	Isaac Rappoport	
IFC4	Jonathan Kamel	N
□ IFC5	Nicholas McCombe	Y

NPHC	VACANT	
MGC	Bryan Huang	
OFF1 [WHIP]	Alex Deitchman	Y
OFF2	VACANT	
OFF3	VACANT	
OFF4	VACANT	
OFF5	Ronak Patel	Y
OFF6	Matt Clarkston	
OFF7	Johnny Saylor	N
OFF8	VACANT	
Alianza	Augustin Chacin	N
A&O/Mayfest/Niteskool	Eliza Abramson	N
ASA	Emmanuel Darko	N
College Democrats/NUPU	Adam Roth	Y
College Republicans	William Rice	Y
APAC/CSA/TASC/KASA [WHIP]	Kenny Mok	N
Hillel	Ariel Roitman	Y
McSA/PARS	Ruba Assaf	N
NCDC	Bella Sandoval	N
NU Active Minds/NU Listens	Shannon Grogans	N
Peace Project/SJP/SSDP/ISO (Social Justice Coalition)	Moirra Geary	
Rainbow Alliance	Sydney Zink	N
SASA	Naveen Reddy	
SEED	Agnes Wang	Y
StuCo	Sam Douglas	N
Student Athletic Adv. Council	VACANT	

- Motion to Amend
 - Strike 4000 from ASG Fund and transfer funds to Special Projects & Events fund (increase the amount SPE fund from 3,000 to 7,000)
 - Pros and Cons given

- Previous Question
 - Division
 - 11-17-2
 - Amendment fails
- Motion to Amend
 - New Line Item allocating 4000 dollars to the RedesignNU Hackathon
 - Pros and Cons given
 - Motion to Amend the Amendment
 - Passes, amendment now reads 3000 dollars
 - Previous Question
 - Amendment fails
- Motion to Amend
 - Add 3000 dollars to the Special Projects & Events line item (increase to 6000 dollars)
 - Pros and Cons given
 - Motion to Amend the Amendment
 - Cut 1000 dollars (overall increase from 3000 to 5000 dollars)
 - 17-16-0
 - Motion passes
- Motion to Amendment
 - Take 10,000 dollars from Wild Ideas and allocate funds to New Line Item for the Senate Project Pool.
 - Pros and Cons given
 - Previous Question
- Previous Question
 - Motion passes!
 - ASG Operating Budget for 2014-2015 approved

VII. Old Business: [SR1314-11: Supporting the Sheridan Road Bike Path](#)

- Christina Cilento presents authorship speech.
- Q: How far along Sheridan the bike lane will go?
- A: Still up for discussion, may include from Lincoln to Church.
- Q: Is there any chance resurfacing will take longer due to adding the bike lane?
- A: I think combining the projects will take less time, and since it will take place in the summer, it won't affect many students.
- Q: Can you talk about the separate proposals?

- A: Evanston is considering two proposals.
- Motion to close question period
 - Passes
- Previous Question
- SR1314-11 passes.

VIII. Old Business: [SL1314-35: Bar Mitvañera](#)

- Authors present authorship speech.
- Q: Have you asked for ASG funds in the past?
- A: No, this is the second time we are going to do this event. Last year we had an NU Nights grant.
- Q: Attendance projections?
- A: 80-100 students
- Q: How do you plan on sustaining this event in the future?
- A: In process of making contract with Hillel to ensure this program happens in the future.
- Q: Who will be celebrated at this event?
- A: We looked into doing this with a high school student, but we are going to keep this within NU for logistic reasons.
- Q: Have you decided on a person?
- A: Applications closed today.
- Previous Question
- SL1314-35 passes.

IX. Old Business: [SL1314-33: Go 'Cats, Go Green!](#)

- Nikki Romane and Christina Cilento present authorship speech.
- Q: [muffled]
- A: We want to support student groups, so want to present cost-effective solutions only.
- Q: Never mind.
- A: Ok.
- Previous Question
- SL1314-33 passes.

X. New Business: [B-Status Funding](#)

- Alex Van Atta presents the SGC Funding Recommendations for B-Status Funding for Spring 2014.
- Q: In SCNO, it says "nametags are not funded, because they are". Is there a word

missing?

- A: Yeah, the last word should be "disposable".
- Q: Why was STITCH's request for lights refused for errors in application?
- A: They did not need it last year.

XI. Good of the Order & Announcements

XII. Roll Call and Adjournment

Presiding,

Noah Star

Speaker of the Senate

Journal Submitted for Approval,

Petros Karahalios

Parliamentarian