

ASG Senate Minutes 10/09/2013

Call to Order and Roll Call

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Executive Board Reports

General Order: Swearing-in of New Senators

- Katie: So we will be taking attendance at the beginning and end of every Senate for Senators that are new. Also, let's start with Senator introductions. So, each Senator please stand up and say your name, year, major and group you represent.
[Introductions]
- Katie: Now we will move into exec reports. This is all in the agenda. Orientation on Sunday, location TBA. Committees will be announced. Caucus whip elections are next week. Whips lead Caucus meetings. Think about it this next week and elections will be held next week.
- Alex: Can we do exec introductions?
- Katie: Yes! I am a senior studying political science and I am Speaker of the Senate. I have been in ASG since sophomore year, starting as a Senator.
- Abby: Hi, I'm Abby and I am a senior studying mechanical engineering. I am Parliamentarian, so I am in charge of all legislation that comes through Senate and the ASG Code and Constitution. Next week, we are actually holding Rules Committee elections. I also serve as VP of Rules and the committee of 6 Senators helps me review legislation each week and upkeep the Code and Constitution. It is a great chance to get involved so consider running!
- Ani: I am Ani and President of ASG. I am a senior studying poly sci. Please check out our exec board reports. We have a lot of great information out there in them, so please take a look. We did have an office renovation this summer, it is really nice, we are really opening it up this year. So, feel free to make it feel like your space too. Everyone on the exec board is here to help you. We are a support and please use us as a resource. I have to leave
- Alex: Hi, I am Alex Van Atta. I am IE and kind of a senior. This is my third year in ASG. I am EVP. As far as exec board reports go, please be on the look out for 10K. We will be having legislation next

week to clear things up and then recruitment for it. The idea is that 10K will be used to make some idea brought to us by the students happen. We have done 6 spots. 3 ASG and 3 not. We will take suggestions during Fall, Winter quarter we narrow down to 6, and then we have Senate vote on what will be sent out to campus.

- Mark: I thought last year it was benches in general?
- Alex: I think that was the wording.
- Mark: I thought benches and tables were separate.
- Petros: It was combined.
- Alex: Yes it was combined and we will be placing the furniture in the grassy area by Scott Hall. There is a lot going on. Go to Campus Voice (web address). It is a great way to gauge what students needs are. Welcome.
- David: Hi, I am David Harris. 4th year studying econ. My job is to recruit and train. Thank you for being here. For those veterans here, I am recruiting for Operations for a few weeks. It will look different and will be members that have already been in Senate before.
- Sophia: Hi, I am Sophia bio, Asian American studies and global health minor. Please look at my exec board report. Annually my committee does a Faculty-Staff Honor Roll. How many of you know what the Faculty Student Interaction Grant is? Okay so we will be working in coordination with them more this year. The goal is to build relationships between professors and students, so please be on the lookout for that. I have also been working on communication ties with Student Advisory Boards. We will also be sending out survey on academics.
- Siddiq: My name is Siddiq and I am a senior and head of SAFC. We have our 2nd funding cycle coming up. And we have a open position so please consider running.
- Neel: I am Neel, SGVP. At the beginning of the quarter, all of our groups are going through a quarterly review. We just finished up and now we are going through roll backs, which is money that wasn't used that will be rolled back. It is basically when student groups aren't spending money, so we will have more money in our pool soon.

- Kevin: I am VP for CR. So as a recap, we just help Big Bite Night. Great turnout and students groups performing was new. Cats Coming to Dinner is coming soon too. We will be connecting students with Evanston families. It will be happening end of October. We will be having a light walk next week, so let us know what areas you think are dark if you live off campus. Occupancy reform, brothel law, is being reviewed by Evanston City Council. As an update, it has been pushed back again. Hopefully it will be up in November.
- Noah: Hi, I am Noah a junior and I am Services VP. We on services start with a operating budget of \$0 and come up with solutions for student services ground up. We are working on the Unofficial Study Abroad Guide. We are also working on the Unofficial Student Guide app that will be a great tech help for students. Please encourage students to use Bookswap.
- Sheng: Hi I am tech VP. Over the summer, I have been working on some services app and other tech projects.
- Julia: Hi I am a Junior and PR VP. Wildcat of the Week award is starting. We are looking for student exhibiting leadership and strong character. We also will be sending out forms about submitting events for student groups to promote in a more public way
- Wes: Hey guys I am senior in Weinberg. I am AVP for Sustainability. We do really cool projects that affects all students. Off campus students, we are handing out CFL bulbs. If you live on campus, if you have an eco rep, you should be getting an email about plastic bag collection here at Norris.
- Natalie: Hi. I am associate director for CSI. I am the head advisor for ASG. I am here to help you in anyway that you may need. Up on 3rd, we will also be creating a new student resource center.

General Order: Introduction to Robert's Rules

New Business: [SR1314-1: Resolution Concerning the Adoption of a Tobacco-Free Campus Policy](#)

- Katie: We are changing things up a bit and moving up a new piece of legislation. (Talked about process. Week to talk with constituents and vote, etc.)

- Alex: We aren't arguing about the bill tonight right?
- Katie: Yes, tonight it is informational.
- Carolyn: I am President of the Public Health Club. We are moving to make NU a tobacco-free campus. It is a huge killer in America and Illinois. Second hand and even third hand smoke is very dangerous. There are 766 campus also making this move. It will benefit the university financially and health-wise. It will cut down on littering, health-care costs. So if you guys have any questions...?
- Alex: How much weight would you say in cigarette liter is there?
- Carolyn: I don't know
- Petros: Have you talked to the administration?
- Carolyn: Yes, the administration passed a smoke-free bill. They didn't understand the difference between smoke-free and tobacco-free.
- Mark: Can you explain the difference between smoke free and tobacco free?
- Carolyn: Yes there is a difference. This bill also includes e-cigarettes. We are collecting all of this together.
- Taylor: How will the university enforce this?
- Carolyn: Signage and peer encouragement.
- Taylor: What will consequences be?
- Carolyn: Police can be involved, like they could maybe search students if they found their activity to potentially be suspicious.
- Petros: Will this just push smoking off campus?
- Carolyn: That is a worry. But 70% of smokers do want to stop. And there are statistics that prove that
- Alex: Can you smoke while driving by?
- Carolyn: Technically, I guess no.
- Isaac: What is the current rule?
- Carolyn: No smoking within 25 feet of ventilation and doorways and in university buildings.
- Harrison: If the language of the bill we pass and the Faculty Senate differ, what will happen?
- Carolyn: the Faculty Senate want to uphold the tobacco-free bill.
- Senator: Why e-cigarettes?

- Carolyn: There is empirical data that I have on hand, but I feel that it should be included.
- Melanie: Would there be tobacco-free products on campus?
- Carolyn: NO
- Alex: What would the implementation timeline be?
- Carolyn: A couple of months.
- Senator: So could students have cigarettes in their rooms?
- Carolyn: Technically no, but that would be hard to track.
- Mark: Who will be implementing this?
- Carolyn: I don't know yet, but we wanted to show support for this from ASG first.
- Mark: Should this be legislation so we can have action to help this?
- Carolyn: I was told not to.
- Sean: Can we explain the difference between Resolution and Legislation?
- Katie: A resolution calls for support and legislation calls for action to be taken by ASG.
- Arian: Does this to the possession of tobacco products, like if someone had a pack of cigarettes in their pocket?
- Carolyn: The whole campus would be tobacco free.
- Arian: So would off campus students have to stash cigarettes before coming on campus?
- Carolyn: I don't think that would be an issue.
- Dillon: Why don't you just make it for no use of tobacco on campus?
- Carolyn: It is a social norm change.
- Petros: Do you have any statistics on use of tobacco on campus and statistics of complaints of use.
- Carolyn: I don't think we have stats for complaints, but we do have statistics for students who smoke.
- Taylor: You said police officer like this because it gives them greater right to search students?
- Carolyn: It's not to search students.
- Taylor: So what are we doing for enforcement?
- Carolyn: We won't know that until further down the line.
- Mark: Motion to extend questioning by 3 minutes.

- Katie: Great let's explain what this is. We have 10 minutes for question period. And you can ask to extend the period by motioning. Then we will vote on it. For, against, or abstain. All in favor? Opposed? Abstaining?
[passes by visual vote]
David: Are you familiar with what COFHE is?
Carolyn: No
David: it is a collection of private schools that our administration compares us to and looks to a lot for moves on issues like this. What schools have adopted this sort of tobacco-free campus policy?
Carolyn: Some Harvard institutions, Stanford, and some others. And a full list is online.
Mark: I have a question for Abby. Has this gone through Rules?
Abby: Yes. That is why it is here tonight.
Mark: Okay, we will talk.
Melanie: Have you talked to smokers about this?
Carolyn: Yes, and a lot of smokers are against this. But a lot of smokers in the end are usually in support of moves like this eventually.
Katie: Any more questions? Okay thanks Carolyn. This will be old business next week and then we will vote on this.

New Business: Associate Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion

Selection Process [Presentation](#)

- Alex: Okay we are going to do a little presentation.
- Katie: Any questions about legislation really fast?
- Dylan: How many votes to make it pass?
- Katie: Majority.
- Alex: So AVP of D&I has been vacant since spring of 2013. Since then we have really evaluated with our advisors, CoC, and others on campus to really talk about what this position is. We went back to the drawing board and kind of redefined the role better. You can read this and there is a link in the agenda. What we want to emphasize is that this position is simply a voice to Ani and I, and we will be the ones speaking on these issues for ASG. They will assist with me and Ani on projects relating to D&I. They will be sitting on various committees that are pertinent to their role. There

is an Eva Jefferson day, an old ASG President in MLK Jr's day, and they will be working on that. It will function very similarly to Anna and Sophia's role where they sit on university committees that relate to their role. Okay so qualifications. Most importantly, experience in the related area. We want to see track record and dedication to D&I on campus. Ability to work across various communities. This position is open to anyone on campus, as long as they meet the qualifications. If this is a passion of yours, please feel free to apply.

- Mark: Can you speak to the status of the group and how it will factor into the process?
- Alex: Sophia?
- Sophia: We reached out to them over the summer and asked about their projects. Some have left the committee, but are still working on D&I issues. All have been reached out to though in the summer and fall.
- Mark: So there is a committee? Or would they have a recruitment process?
- Alex: Yes there will be a recruitment process after the selection of the AVP. So this is brought to you, because when there is a vacancy, the process that we are going to take to fill it must be approved by Senate. There is a new selection committee, chaired by Ani and David. I will sit on there, Anna, Sophia, Coalition of Color co-chairs as non-voting members to share their thoughts. Katie will also be on there. This mirrors what we did in spring. Normally the outgoing member sits on there, but she has graduated. Apps will be released tomorrow if passed. And then we will use grassroots method to spread the word. Apps due next Wednesday and approval will happen in 2 Wednesdays. Any questions? I want this as clear as possible.
- Elena: Are you going to be sending this out?
- Katie: Yes it is linked in the agenda/
- Alex: Also a lot of this will appear on the application.
- Dylan: Is there written record of this?

- Abby: Yes I am taking minutes. As Parliamentarian that is one of my duties, and you can view the minutes that will be linked in next week's minutes.
- Senator: Do we get email updates about this?
- Katie: Yes I was going to announce this later, but if you are not on the list serve let me know. Any questions about this process though right now? Okay, great so we will vote on this selection process. So, we will now move to a vote.

[passes by visual vote]

Okay, so now we are doing something a little new. We are swearing in all new senators. This is new. We have a book but there are a lot of you, so you can just stand up. I will now administer the oath.

[OATH]

- Katie: Julia should we do a picture?
- Julia: Sure!
- Katie: Now or later?
- Julia: Now is good.

Good of the Order & Announcements

- Katie: Okay now the last thing we do is Good of the Order. This is a chance for anyone to say something about an event that may be happening on campus or a comment that they would like to make to Senate.
- Sean: What about Senate reform?
Abby: I am meeting with Burgie tomorrow and will give an update next week.
- Sean: Come to A&O Blowout and Man of Steel.
- Adam: If you are good with Photoshop, please come help me with an idea I am working on with Siddiq.
- Mark: Please come to the Environmental Career Fair tomorrow in Norris.
- Alex: I just want to say to all the new Senators in the room, congrats for making it through.
- Katie: Let me know if you are not on the list serve.
- David: Orientation is Sunday 2-4. It is mandatory, so be there.
Location is TBA.

Roll Call and Adjournment