

ASG Senate Meeting

20 October 2010

Northwestern Room

7:00pm

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of the Journal
   1. Approved
3. Exec Board Reports
   1. Claire: ASG is in Homecoming! We have a banner. You all should participate! If you’re interested, meet at 7:30pm in the ASG exec office. Dress in purple
   2. Claire: Secondary Teacher Award. We are starting an award where seniors nominate really influential secondary teachers.
   3. Ethan: We had a meeting with off-campus administrators today—there is a big forum Tuesday in Tech auditorium, 7pm, in part to discuss off-campus issues, complaints of Evanston about NU students, etc.
   4. Claire: For one day, Northwestern is partnering with US Empowered to sponsor a minority student. You should all sign up!
   5. Tyris: Wants to highlight a few important things. Funding is coming up. Go to the ward meeting. Wildcat Tailgate.
   6. Claire: Tomorrow night we are having a training session for the NSC ground-team.
4. Special Order: UBPC
   1. Anil: Is the chair of UBPC.
   2. Introductions
   3. Anil: We try to make northwestern a better place by requesting money for things that students care about. We request money from the president, provost, and senior administration.
   4. John: seven person committee that involves UBPC and ASG president. We have an open poll in the fall quarter to brainstorm ideas from undergrads to figure out what they want. At the end of winter quarter, we send another poll. Then we submit a report to administrators. We want to be an avenue for you and your constituents to the University administration.
   5. Anil: We’re all here for the same reason: To make northwestern a better place. If you guys come up with ideas, please reach out to us—you have your chance to voice your opinion.
   6. We just created a campaign, “if you had unlimited funds, what would you change about northwestern?” We wanted to talk to you guys about this generally. Please respond, tell your constituents about this. We will have an open forum November.
   7. Questions?
   8. Q: How much funding do you have?
   9. A: We don’t start with a particular amount of money, we just provide recommendations for the university administration. And they decide which things to fund and which things not to.
   10. Q: Are you working with the NSC initiative?
   11. A: The NSC has been at the top of our list for 5 years. We will continue to look into that issue this year.
   12. Q: Do you choose ideas based on the popularity of the idea?
   13. A: We try and be statistically accurate as possible while being realistic about it. There is some degree of discretion.
   14. Go take the poll online!
5. Special Order: Funding Presentation
   1. Emma: The room will look a little different, make sure to bring your packets. Beyond that, thought that it might be useful to go through an appeal round. We will have a randomized “cut round” anyone who would like a cut in their group will raise their hand. Will move to a “add round,” groups can petition to give money. Debates will ensue. You can petition to extend the debate if you want to hear more/have more debate. Then will move to a vote.
   2. Tyris: Be prepared. Supplemental will probably take a little longer than a usual meeting.
   3. Q: How do I find information about past funding?
   4. Emma: This summer we put up a new website that has information about past funding. Just search SAFB northwestern. [It will also be emailed out].
6. General Order: SGC Confirmation
   1. Claire: Tonight we are confirming numbers for SGC. We had a lot of very qualified people apply. Andy Moon, Laruen Masterson, Elana Westbrook, Brandon MacNamera
   2. Tyris: The process will go as such: these people are recommendations, you have to confirm them with a 2/3 vote
   3. Lauren Masterson: Just transferred from Carleton, was involved in student government there, and
   4. Q: Do you have any past experiences working with student groups?
   5. A: Yes, worked on the Student budget committee at Carleton. Dealt with student groups.
   6. Vote
   7. Lauren Masterson is confirmed onto SGC
   8. Andy Moon: Is a Weinberg freshmen. ASG is his top priority. Has a lot of communication experience. Editor in chief of high school newpaper, Eagle Scout.
   9. Questions?
   10. None
   11. Vote
   12. Andy Moon is confirmed onto SGC
   13. Elana Westbrook: Is a SESP freshman. Would be dedicated to ASG. Is enthusiastic
   14. Q: What do you think you could bring to the table in SGC?
   15. A: Is a really good communicator. Likes talking to people, and would love to develop those skills.
   16. Vote
   17. Elana Westbrook is confirmed onto SGC
   18. Stephen Formosa: Is a sophomore in McCormick. Has a passion for student life, and thinks student life starts with student groups. Also, in high school started a lacrosse team, so knows how to start a student group and the process.
   19. Q: What can you take from your experience with Student groups here at northwestern that would help you on the committee?
   20. A: Would be able to put himself into the shoes of the groups to see what they need.
   21. Vote
   22. Stephen Formosa is confirmed onto SGC
   23. Brandon McNamara: Sophomore in School of Comm. Was a big part of debate and mock trial teams in high school. Has always loved student groups, and thinks that enthusiasm would extend
   24. Q: How do you plan to balance all you committees?
   25. A: Finds the rules committee fun, and while SGC may be more of a work commitment, thinks that can balance all.
   26. Q: What do you think your most important quality is that you can bring to the committee?
   27. A: Communicating with student groups.
   28. Q: Can you reflect your experiences with ASG over the past couple years?
   29. A: Didn’t really serve on ASG last year—was Beau’s alternate. But knows that structure of ASG and knows what’s involved.
   30. Vote
   31. Brandon McNamara is confirmed onto SGC
   32. Alysa Cortes; Thinks that student groups are extremely important for a student’s experience in college. Serving on the SGC would help make sure that student groups help students.
   33. Q: You said you’re a member of college democrats, which is a B status group. How will you be able to balance that conflict of interests?
   34. Point of interest: College democrats is actually an A Status group.
   35. A: But to address the point of the question, thinks that would be able to justly and fairly evaluate.
   36. Matthew Sachaj: Is a freshmen political science major. Was highly involved in student groups in high school. Has a number of ideas for improving Northwestern.
   37. Q: How can you address the issue of outdated contact information for student groups?
   38. A: Thinks that ASG should really keep in touch with every student group. And we should take initiative to keep their contact information up to date.
   39. Vote
   40. Matthew Sachaj is confirmed onto SGC
7. General Order: SGVP Selection committee election
   1. Claire: We’re looking for a representative to sit on the SGVP selection committee. The SGC is responsible for a lot of things. We need someone on the selection committee who
   2. Tyris: How long will this representative serve?
   3. Claire: The interviews will take place this weekend.
   4. Q: This isn’t normally when the SGVP is elected… how long will they serve?
   5. A: They will serve until Spring, so not a full year.
   6. Nominations
   7. Barry: accepted
   8. Francis: accepted
   9. Liz: declined
   10. Point of Clarification: how many spots are available?
   11. A: One
   12. Speeches
   13. Barry: is the A&O and Mayfest Senator. Has been a part of a number of student groups since his arrival at Northwestern. However, without the support of ASG, certain things could not be accomplished. Worked closely with Ben Bataglia when he was in office and knows what to look for in terms of an SGVP
   14. Francis: Has been on senate since freshmen year and has been on a number of committees and understands what it’s like to work on a small group.
   15. Questions
   16. Q: What would be the qualifications that you would look for in a SGVP?
   17. A: Barry: First, organization. Second, communication: is going to be the point person for student groups. Lastly, it is important to find someone with student group experience, so that they know what it’s like to go through funding.
   18. A: Francis: agrees with Barry on all three points, but also thinks that good people skills are an important characteristic.
   19. Q: Can you speak on your experiences with interviewing people?
   20. A: Francis: Was on the selection commission for the Financial VP. Also, in high school was in a singing group where we had to go through auditions.
   21. A: Barry: Is currently serving on a search committee for someone on the university administration.
   22. Q: Claire: Most of the time, the people who you interview are all great candidates. But what would be the one thing that you would choose at the end of the day over
   23. A: Barry: Dedication. You need someone who really wants to work hard at it.
   24. Q: Francis: Makes sure that they really want to do a good job. Not just use the position as a resume builder.
   25. Motion to end the question period.
   26. Second
   27. Objections
   28. None
   29. Debate Period
   30. Motion to Previous Question
   31. Second
   32. Vote
   33. Passed (end the debate period)
   34. Voting for SGC selection committee representative
8. Congratulations to Nalin, Terrance, Brandon, and Cameron for winning Rules Committee elections
9. New Business: SR 1011-01 NU Stands with Pakistan
   1. Razna: We’ve raised $17,072. Over twice our goal. Thanks to everyone and thanks to ASG.
   2. Questions?
   3. Q: What are you doing throughout the year?
   4. A: We’re done with the collection.
   5. Q: Where’s the money going?
   6. A: There’s a group we’re sending it to. The specifics are on our Web site and Facebook group and you can track donations
   7. Q: Does anybody in your group have any personal connections?
   8. A: Nope. We looked at a bunch of non-profits that were providing support, inside of giving money broadly that would have to trickle down.
   9. We’ll vote on this next week.
10. New Business:
    1. Terrence: Our society is becoming increasingly digitized, and with that come complications. We want to create a safe space to for students and citizens to express their sexual identity.
    2. Rainbow Alliance Senator: Feel it’s important to reaffirm the acceptance that exists in Northwestern culture.
    3. Q: What kind of initiatives would you look to establishes with this legislation?
    4. A: This isn’t a bill, so it doesn’t require to
    5. Q: Will you send a copy of this to the University of Michigan?
    6. A: Haven’t discussed it.
    7. Motion to move this to old business
    8. Seconded
    9. Vote
    10. Passes
    11. Questions?
    12. Q: Is sending it to U Michigan something you would want to put in the resolution?
    13. Tyris: As it stands right now, we’re just putting a stamp of approval on it. Not taking action.
    14. Con Speech?
    15. None
    16. Point of Information: At the end of the bill, it says RHA 6 Senator, should it say RHA District 6?
    17. Tyris: Will look into it.
    18. Point of order: Assuming the resolution is to pass unanimously, is that written officially somewhere?
    19. Motion to Previous Question?
    20. Seconded
    21. Vote
    22. Passes
    23. Vote (on SL 1011-01)
    24. Resolution SL 1011-01 passes
11. Good of the Order
    1. Hillel will be having a bagel brunch this Sunday 10am-noon
    2. Winner of SGVP selection committee spot is Barry
    3. Project Pumpkin is next Thursday
    4. Northwestern Alum “Cary Brothers” Tickets are free!
    5. Oct 30th, is AEPocker. Is at the Hotel Orrington. Is a fundraiser. If you buy tickets you can get in for $10.
12. Roll Call and Adjournment