



**Associated Student Government
Senate Meeting
February 20, 2007**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- II. Approval of the Journal**
- III. Executive Board Reports**
- IV. New Business**
 - A. SL 0708-05 Group Exec Accountability**
- V. Good of the Order and Announcements**
- VI. Roll Call and Adjournment**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Jesse Garfinkel
Speaker of the Senate**

Executive Board Reports February 20, 2007

SPEAKER JESSE GARFINKEL

Hey everyone. I have been sick over the last few days and as such will not be able to run the meeting tonight. I apologize and hope to see you all next week.

PRESIDENT JON WEBBER

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT MATT BOGUSZ

FINANCIAL VICE PRESIDENT ANEESA ARSHAD

STUDENT SERVICES VICE PRESIDENT NATE WEST

PARLIAMENTARIAN JACK EICHORST

Based on absences, the Committee on the Rules revoked the senator accreditation of both Dorothy Martucci (PH1) and Lauren Mesa (OFF1). Additionally, on appeal, the following senators have had their total absences reduced to one (1): Jilian Lopez (RHA6), Geoff Lindsell (IFC1), Allison Hansen (PH4), and Sebastian Rodriguez (IFC5)

ACADEMIC VICE PRESIDENT ANNA XU

CAMPUS PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR REN HARGENS

EXTERNAL RELATIONS CHAIR KATE PASCALE

**TREASURER KOLIN POUND
TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR JONATHAN KOENIG
CLERK JAMES D'ANGELO**

Last Week's Journal:

- I. Call of the Order and Roll Call
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 7:09. Speaker of the Senate Jesse Garfinkel presiding, with Clerk James D'Angelo taking the journal. Quorum was present.
- II. Approval of the Journal
 - a. Journal approved as written
- III. Executive Board Reports
 - a. Aneesa Arshad
 - i. Seva Rodnyansky is the new FVP
 1. Confirmation:
 - a. No Objections
 2. Sworn in at 7:12
 - ii. There is one senator spot for SAFB available, contact Seva for information
 - b. Jon Webber
 - i. Thanks Aneesa
 - ii. Congrats Seva
 - c. Matt Bogusz
 - i. The Activities Fair yesterday went well
 - d. Kolin Pound
 - i. Reimbursement for Flowers for Dorothy Morgan was made to Kolin Pound
- IV. Special Order
 - a. Appeal of the De-recognition of Flicker Film Festival
 - i. Speech in favor of overturning the de-recognition by Muindi Muindi
 1. Question by Senator Will Upton
 - ii. Speech against the appeal by Aneesa Arshad
 1. Question by Senator
 - iii. Speech in favor by Muindi Muindi
 1. Question by Kolin Pound
 - iv. Speech against by Hasan Haq
 1. Question by Senator Ravi Umarji
 2. Question by Senator Will Upton
 3. Question by Muindi Muindi
 - v. Vote:
 1. Motion Fails
 - b. Motion to move SL 0708-03 and SL 0708-04 before Winter Funding Recommendations
 - i. Speech in favor
 - ii. Speech against by Matt Bogusz
 - iii. Vote
 1. Motion Fails
- V. Old Business
 - a. Winter Funding Recommendations
 - i. Authorship Speech by Matt Bogusz
 - ii. Cut Round
 - iii. Add Round
 1. Brown Sugar
 - a. Motion to Add \$100 to Campus Show Line Item
 - i. Speech in Favor
 - ii. Speech against by Matt Bogusz
 1. Question by Senator
 2. Question by Senator
 - iii. Vote:
 1. Motion Fails
 - b. SL 0708-03 Group Executive Accountability

- i. Authorship Speech by Matt Bogusz
 - 1. Question by Senator
 - 2. Question by Senator
 - 3. Question by Senator
 - 4. Question by Ivy
 - 5. Question by Vic
 - 6. Question by Scott
 - 7. Question by Senator
 - 8. Question by Vic
 - 9. Motion to table the bill till next week
 - a. Authorship speech by Jonathon Green
 - b. Speech against by Matt Bogusz
 - c. Speech in favor
 - i. Question by Senator
 - ii. Question by Senator
 - iii. Question by Cassie
 - d. Speech against by Matt Bogusz
 - i. Question by Senator
 - ii. Question by Jonathon Koenig
 - iii. Question by Senator Joe Sobecki
 - e. Speech in favor by Will Upton
 - f. Vote:
 - i. Legislation Passes
 - c. SL 0708-04 Protecting Gender at NU
 - i. Authorship Speech by Patrick Dawson, and Kelsey Pacha
 - 1. Question by Jonathon Koenig
 - ii. Speech against by Jonathon Green
 - 1. Question by Patrick Dawson
 - iii. Speech in favor by Kelsey Pacha
 - 1. Question by James D'Angelo
 - 2. Question by Senator
 - 3. Question by Senator Neal Sales-Griffin
 - 4. Question by James D'Angelo
 - 5. Question by Senator Scott
 - iv. Speech against by Nathan Zebrowski
 - v. Speech in favor by Michael
 - 1. Question by Senator
 - 2. Question by Senator
 - 3. Question by Senator Jonathon Green
 - 4. Question by Senator
 - 5. Question by Nathan Zebrowski
 - 6. Question by Senator Will Upton
 - 7. Question by Nathan Zebrowski
 - vi. Speech against by James D'Angelo
 - 1. Question by Senator Patrick Dawson
 - 2. Question by Kelsey Pacha
 - 3. Question by Senator Neal Sales-Griffin
 - vii. Vote:
 - 1. Legislation Passes
- VI. Good of the Order and Announcements
 - a. NCDC's Art Fest fundraiser is Saturday from 5-7 in Parkess Hall
 - b. DM and Special O are having a Bar Night tonight at 1800 Club
 - c. Respond to Claire's email about Senate meetings outside of senate
 - d. Someone from ASG Exec board will send out a short blurb about senate after each meeting to be forwarded on to constituents
 - e. Saturday at 1:00pm in the Louis room, Rainbow Alliance will hold a Guitar Hero Tournament

- f. NUNite Grants are due March 3rd for collaboration between one or more student groups who haven't worked together before; see Helen for information
 - g. NAA Grants are due Feb. 27th. See the NAA website for information
 - h. CSI and A&O are bringing B.J. Novak this weekend.
- VII. Roll Call and Adjournment
- a. Senate adjourned at 8:54

ASG Senate

SL 0708-05

Group Executive Accountability

Background: Each fall and spring quarter, the Executive Committee holds open elections in Senate to select Group Executives. Senate is asked to choose Senator and non-Senator members to serve on the committee. Candidates speak on their own behalf, answer questions, and invite others to endorse their candidacy.

Principle: Senators deserve a complete and unbiased background on incumbent Group Executive candidates before making their decision on whom to support.

Action: The Associated Student Government calls upon the Executive Vice President to produce, administer, and compile the results of a comprehensive Group Executive Evaluation. This quarterly evaluation, mandatory for B & T-Status Student Organizations, must allow for anonymous feedback (neither individual nor student organization name will be disclosed) from B & T-Status Organization President(s) or Treasurer(s) (one per group) using the attached questions.

The Associated Student Government calls upon the Speaker of the Senate to present Section II of the quarterly evaluation to Senate at least one week prior to any Group Executive election.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Green
Senator, Executive Committee Member

Steve Gorodetskiy
Executive Committee Member

Claire Lew
Senator, Executive Committee Member

Patrick Dawson
Senator, Executive Committee Member

Group Executive Evaluation

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this evaluation of your student organization's Group Executive. The information that you provide will be used by the Executive Vice President and the Executive Committee to improve service to student organizations. Additionally, some of the information (Section II) will be used by the ASG Senate as part of the Group Executive selection process. The evaluation is completely anonymous (neither your name nor your organization's name will be shown), so please feel free to honestly evaluate the service that your Group Executive has provided. Results from Section I will only be seen by the Executive Committee, whereas the results from Section II will be made public to the ASG Senate as well.

Section I (reviewed by the Executive Committee)

Information:

- Student Organization Name
- Your Name
- Your Email Address
- Your Phone Number
- Current Leadership Position Held
- Group Executive Name

Multiple Choice Questions:

N/A – Not Applicable

1 – Poor

2 – Below Average

3 – Average

4 – Above Average

5 – Exemplary

- How responsive is your Group Executive to your requests for assistance?
- If you applied for funding, how helpful was your Group Executive with the funding process? (Did your Group Executive communicate important information about the funding process/guidelines/etc. to you?) If you did not apply for funding, please select "N/A – Not Applicable."
- Is your Group Executive an effective communicator? (email/verbal communication of important information)
- How professional is your Group Executive when interacting with your organization?
- How visible is your Group Executive at your organization's events, especially ASG-funded events?

Free Response Questions:

- If you selected "1 – Poor" or "2 – Below Average" for any of the above questions, or if any of your answers require additional explanation, please provide it here.
- Please describe your level of satisfaction with the services that the Executive Committee has provided for your student organization.
- Do you have any suggestions for programs and services that you would like from the Executive Committee?
- Please provide any additional feedback.

Section II (reviewed by the Executive Committee and the Senate)

Information:

- Group Executive Name
- Number of years you have worked with your Group Executive

Free Response Question:

- In a few sentences, please comment on the overall performance of your Group Executive. Your comments in this section will be shown to the ASG Senate if your Group Executive is running for re-election as part of the Group Executive election process.

• 2008 In-Senate Election Guidelines

The Senate shall elect the four Senate Officers (Speaker of the Senate, Parliamentarian, Clerk, and Treasurer) at its meeting on Wednesday, April 2nd, 2006, according to the following procedures:

1. The Senate Officer elections shall take place in the following order: Speaker of the Senate, Parliamentarian, Clerk, and then Treasurer.
2. Candidates shall be nominated from the floor.
3. After the close of nomination, each candidate shall give a speech of no more than five (5) minutes, in reverse order of nomination.
4. A questions period of no more than ten (10) minutes, extendable by a majority vote of Senators present, shall follow speeches. The first question shall be asked by the Presiding Officer, and it shall be, "Will you be able to attend Senate each week for the duration of your term?"
5. The debate period shall follow the questions period and shall be no longer than fifteen (15) minutes, extendable by a majority vote of Senators present.
6. After the close of debate, Senators shall vote by secret ballot. The Parliamentarian and the senior most member of the Rules Committee shall count the ballots. In the instance that either the Parliamentarian or the senior most member of the Committee is a candidate, the Speaker of the Senate shall designate a Senator to assist in counting the ballots.
7. Winners shall be decided by an instant run-off.
 - a. Senators must rank the candidate choices (1=first choice, 2=second choice, etc.)
 - b. In the event that no candidate receives a majority of first place votes, the candidate with the lowest number of first place votes shall be removed from consideration, and the people who voted for the removed candidate at their first choice will have their votes redistributed to their second choice.
 - c. Elimination of the candidate with the lowest number of first place votes and redistribution of votes to the second choice candidates shall occur until a candidate possesses a majority of first place votes.
8. The Presiding Officer shall announce election results.
9. The newly elected officers shall assume their new positions immediately following the announcement of election results.

The 2008 Election Guidelines

I. The Election Commission

A. The Election Commission shall consist of (7) full-time undergraduate students of Northwestern University. Said Election Commission shall be elected by the Senate according to Article VI, Section 3, Letter B of the ASG Bylaws.

B. The Election Commission shall:

1. Coordinate the 2006 Elections;
2. Approve non-electronic campaign materials;
3. Maintain a campaign website available off of NULink which provides the following:

- a. links to all official websites
- b. information regarding official ASG candidate debates
- c. current candidate election guideline infractions

C. The Election Commission shall elect the Election Commission Chair by a majority vote. The Election Commission Chair shall:

1. Call and chair all meetings of the Election Commission;
2. Serve as the media spokesperson for the Election Commission;
- D. Candidates and campaign staff members may not serve on the Election Commission.

II. Candidate Entry Requirements

- A. Candidates shall submit the following to the Election Commission by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, April 4th in order to appear on the official ballot:
 1. A completed information sheet as designed by the Election Commission;
 2. A petition with no fewer than two hundred (200) and no more than three hundred (300) signatures from full-time undergraduate students of Northwestern University;
 3. A signed consent form indicating that the candidate has read and will abide by all election guidelines.
- B. Only full-time or part-time undergraduate students of Northwestern University paying the full Student Activities Fee shall be eligible to appear on the official ballot.

III. Campaigning Definitions

- A. Campaigning shall be defined as any public action on behalf of a candidate.
- B. Verbal campaigning shall be defined as campaigning that consists of spoken words and does not involve any written materials.
- C. Non-verbal campaigning shall be defined as campaigning that involves any written materials. Non-verbal campaigning shall begin at 12:01 A.M. on Monday, April 7th.
- D. Electronic campaigning shall be defined as any form of non-verbal campaigning, which includes, and is limited to, the following: an official candidate website, email messages, listserv messages.
- E. Campaign Staff shall be defined to include any campaign volunteers and workers.

IV. Campaign Materials

- A. Campaign materials shall be purchased from a City of Evanston or Northwestern University retail merchant, unless approved in advance by the Election Commission.
- B. The phrase "Paid for by," as well as the respective candidate's name, shall legibly appear on all non-electronic campaign materials.
- C. Non-verbal, non-electronic campaign materials shall be individually approved by the Election Commission prior to their being used a respective candidate.
- D. The Election Commission shall not approve more than 200 flyers to be taped to the ground and 1,000 flyers in total (including those approved for being taped on the ground). Flyers bigger than 8.5"x14" shall not be approved.

V. Financial Rules

- A. Candidates shall not accept goods or donations from any business, groups of individuals, or any student groups.
 1. Candidates may only receive donations from individuals up to one hundred dollars (\$100) in monetary form;
 2. Said donations from individuals may not be used with a candidate's own personal funds to exceed the one-hundred (\$100) spending limit.
- B. Candidates shall not spend more than one-hundred (\$100) dollars on campaign materials during the course of their respective campaign.
- C. Itemized receipts shall be submitted to the Election Commission for every campaign material, excepting crayons, glue, fabric paints, markers, pencils, pens, staples, tape, and copies made for endorsement purposes. Campaign materials shall not be approved without the submission of a receipt. Said receipts shall be submitted and approved prior to the approval of campaign materials.
- D. The deadline for the submission of receipts is by 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, April 13th.
- E. Receipts shall reflect the value of the campaign materials.
- F. In the event that an itemized receipt does not reflect the value of specified campaign materials, the campaign materials attributed to said receipt shall not be approved.

VI. Campaigning Rules

- A. The official campaign period shall begin on Monday, April 7th at 12:01 A.M. and concludes with the completion of run-off elections.

B. Electronic Campaigning shall be restricted as follows:

1. Candidates shall have no more than one (1) web site. Said web site shall be on the ASG server;
2. Electronic campaigning may only occur after the official start of the campaign period.

C. Established campus periodicals that are not funded through the Student Activities Fee (SAF) shall issue candidate endorsements as follows:

1. Established periodicals shall be those periodicals which have printed at least two (2) issues during the current academic year prior to the campaign period;
2. Endorsements by periodicals that do not meet this criterion shall be prohibited;
3. Candidates endorsed by non-established periodicals may be punished for it at the discretion of the Election Commission upon a showing that the candidate facilitated such endorsement intentionally in order to circumvent spending limits.

D. Candidates who hold a position either in the Associated Student Government (ASG) or another student group shall not represent themselves as members of that group for the purpose of reserving Northwestern University room space or advertising space.

E. ASG recognized groups may not use group funds for the purpose of promoting or endorsing candidates. Usage of funds in such a manner shall result in an automatic group or financial misconduct.

F. Alcoholic beverages shall not be used by any campaign.

G. These campaign rules shall be binding on all Candidates, Campaign Managers and Campaign Staff.

VII. Debates

A. There shall be public debates for each office as follows:

1. The debate for Student Services Vice President and Academic Vice President shall occur on April 8th at 7pm;
2. The debate for Executive Vice President and President shall occur on April 10th at 7pm.

B. The Chairperson of the Election Commission shall moderate the debates.

C. In the event that the Chairperson of the Election Commission declines to moderate the debate for any reason, another member of the Election Commission shall be selected by a majority vote of the Election Commission to moderate debates.

VIII. Elections

A. The 2008 Elections shall take place online as follows:

1. The balloting shall utilize the secure server NetID authenticated system;
2. Technical specifications shall be determined by the Technology Director;
3. The Senate and the ASG Executive Board shall be responsible for making the electorate aware of the URL of the official ballot and how to use it;
4. Write-in candidates shall be permitted;
5. The official ballot shall contain the names of registered candidates, a space for write-ins, an abstention option, and a "No Confidence" option. The ballot shall be configured to default to no selection.

6. Voting directions are as follows: Selecting the write-in option and writing in a full or part-time Northwestern undergraduate student will count as a vote for the student whose name you write in the adjacent box; writing in anything other than the name of an undergraduate Northwestern student shall result in your vote in that race being disqualified. If "no confidence" wins a majority of any election, the Senate shall elect a student to that position, excepting any student who was an official candidate on the ballot. Selecting the abstain option will not affect the race in any way.

B. The Election Commission shall submit a finalized ballot to the ASG Senate prior to the start of elections for approval.

C. The 2006 Elections shall be held on Tuesday, April 15th. The Election Commission shall reject any ballots due to illegibility or duplication.

D. The Election Commission shall declare the winner of all elections as follows:

1. A candidate shall obtain a majority of the votes for a given office to be declared the winner;
2. A run-off election shall be held for a given office if no candidate obtains a majority of

the votes.

E. If necessary, Run-Off Elections shall be held on Thursday, April 17th in the same manner as the preceding elections, excepting that write-in candidates shall not be permitted and only the top two (2) candidates in terms of number of votes received during the preceding election as well as an abstain (which is a non-vote) option shall appear on the official ballot for a given office.

IX. Violations of these Guidelines

A. The Election Commission shall design a complaint form.

B. Any undergraduate student of Northwestern University may file a complaint against a candidate with the Election Commission.

C. Upon receiving a complaint, the Election Commission shall contact the candidate and campaign manager in question of committing the reported violation.

D. The Election Commission shall investigate and hold hearings on all complaints within twenty-four (24) hours of the receipt of said complaint and determine if the complaint is meritorious.

E. If the Election Commission finds any complaint to be meritorious, it shall have the power to remove the candidate's website, restrict the candidate's spending or require that the candidate remove non-verbal form of campaigning from campus within twenty-four (24) hours.

F. If the Election Commission determines that three complaints against a candidate are meritorious, the Election Commission shall remove the candidate from the ballot and file articles of impeachment against the candidate.

G. If articles of impeachment are filed against a candidate the Judicial Board shall consider the articles of impeachment. If the newly elected officer is found to have maliciously violated the spirit of the Election Guidelines, the Judicial Board shall pass the articles of impeachment on to the Senate.

X. Clarification and Amendment

A. The Election Commission reserves the right to clarify any ambiguities within these guidelines by majority vote. Candidates shall be notified of such clarifications within twenty-four (24) hours.

B. Once these guidelines have been adopted by the ASG Senate, any full or part-time student of Northwestern University may offer amendments to these guidelines. Amendments shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of Senate.

C. Any candidate can appeal any decision of the Election Commission to the ASG Judicial Board.