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Present: 40
Absent: 11
Excused: 2
Quorum: *was met*

The **Chair** calls the meeting to order at 7:03 **pm**.

Executive Vice President, Will **Pett**:

- New website, in same domain, up and running want to thank Chief of Staff **MacCormack** and Senator **Splain.**
- Let us know if there are any kinks in the website
- Having an event with Social Justice Resource Center, Chong Kim director, wants a collaborative event. This event will be held Friday, October 7 1:30 to 2:30 pm.

President, Michael **Sabo**:

- New website thanks to Chief of Staff **MacCormack** and Senator **Splain**.
- Visited Student Affairs and Student Services committees and will be visiting Student Involvement Board this week
- EVP **Pett** and I went to a BILC meeting this week, meeting with BU, BC, Gordon, Brandeis
- Met with Kelly Salerno, Director of Enrollment Management, about Double Husky and Plus-1 financial aid programs
- Dealing with student group space issues

Comptroller, Anthony **Golia**:

- Finance Board history compilation
- Met last Thursday for November small, heard 9 and funded 9
- Finance Board will not meet this week, but next week will meet for January large events

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dani **Wojdyla** *(address delivered by AVP **Coombes**)*:

- Met with Bruce Ronkin about student issues
- Currently working on classroom evaluations and writing the survey
- Thanks to Senator **Akhtar** with TRACE promotion expansion and working to book Paws. She acquired 3 Beanpot tickets from Student Affairs as a TRACE giveaway
- Working with Senator **Rice** to make a College Advisory Council for College of Social Sciences and Humanities
- CBA Town Hall is October 6 from 6:30- 7:30. We will be putting up flyers at 7pm on Wednesday, meet at the SGA office
- Meeting Wednesday, 435 CSC, 6pm, breaking down projects

Vice President for Student Affairs, Jonas **Edwards-Jenks**:

- Met with Senator **Daly** and Terri Arnold from NU global about NUin/Transfer Mentor Program
- Met with Bob Jose, Dean of Residential, Cultural and Spiritual Life, and spoke about ideas for diversity week and community building initiatives
- Working to fulfill student requests for campus events streamed online
- Thanks to those who came to the grill-out soccer game. Round 2 in front of Cabot for blackout volleyball game starting at 6pm.
- Appointing Director of Off-Campus Living Initiatives to Senator **Caron** and AVP to Senator **Daly**

Vice President for Student Involvement, Matthew **Crimmins**:

- Met Thursday talked about what to do moving forward as a Board
- Met with Jason Foster on Friday
- There are 3 senator seats left on Student Involvement Board

Vice President for Student Services, Tim **LePage**:

- We will be selling reusable bags for $3 for the Farmers Market
- Met with President Michael McAdams of Rebecca's cafe to fix long lines for sandwich line and discuss breakfast meal exchange
- Had a meeting with UHCS to discuss appointments. Learned to make a one day prior appointment online is not possible because they want you to come in
- Met with Information Services with Chief of Staff **MacCormack** and VP **Wojdyla** and discussed myNEU improvements, mobile apps, pilot expansion of swipe printing in IV and Dodge Hall
- Meet tomorrow at 6pm in 435 CSC

Chief of Staff, Terry **MacCormack**:

- Office hours begin this week if you only sit on one committee
- For office hours, come in to work at the office for an hour. You can contact constituents and log in hours on OrgSync.
- Met with Information Services and discussed technology issues.
- We created a new position called the College Contact for new senators and used as a way to increase communication between constituents and senators.
    - Bouve College of Health Sciences: Senator **Akhtar**
    - College of Arts, Media and Design: Senator **Sullivan**
    - College of Business Administration: Senator **Pulumbo**
    - College of Computer and Information Sciences: Senator **Naraghi**
    - College of Engineering: Senator **Del Rosario**
    - College of Social Sciences and Humanities: Senator **Rice**
    - College of Science: Senator **White**
- The website is launched and easier to navigate

Executive Director of Communications, Kelly **Dwyer**:

- I am very excited about new website. Thanks to Senator **Lopez** and **Rogers**, who wrote articles for front page
- Spoke about outreach event for students, discussed many ideas at committee. We have a tentative date for the event being October 24-28
- Every month each board/committee sponsors an affinity event for the whole senate, everyone is invited, so events and communications have October, on October 23. Planning for a pumpkin picking/apple picking. If anyone can drive, that would be helpful

Parliamentarian, Amy **Holmes** *yields;*

Elections Committee Chair, Taylor **Cotter**:

- Thanks to Comptroller **Golia** for giving my address last week
- Appointed Vice Chair to Senator **Pesataro**
- Last week was a great committee, we spoke about elections history

- This week, we will start Direct Elections Manual review
- Elections committee, unlike some committees, is the only committee that has a member minimum of 5; so, if anyone leaves, we would have to disband the committee.
- This week's meeting is the 3rd meeting so the last chance to get voting rights.

The **Senate** moves into Question Time.

- Senator **Daly** asks what time elections committee starts tomorrow
  - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers 7pm
- Senator **Reneiger** asks Chief of Staff **MacCormack** how they chose the college leaders
  - We looked at roster and selected people who had been here for a semester
- Elections Chair **Cotter** asks about classroom survey a couple years ago
  - Senator **Coombes** answers that the problem was that the survey was hard to get student input, we are trying to get better implementation and get more effective results

The **Senate** moves into Unfinished Business.

- Sense of Senate: Adoption of I Am Northeastern
  - Senate moves into question time
    - Elections Chair **Cotter** asks the desired effect of this sense of the senate?
      - VP **Edwards-Jenks** answers that the desire is to make a pride of being a husky, and representing the school globally
    - Senator **Corrado** asks from what it used to be with threats of punishments, is that still held true in this one?
      - VP **Edwards-Jenks** answers that as Mary Wegmann spoke about earlier this meeting, the last was a decree from administration and this one is more that students can pledge to be and is more proactive in engaging students to be global citizens
    - VP **LePage** asks if this is going to be a separate pledge, not replacing the former one
      - VP **Edwards-Jenks** answers right, this is a complimentary effort, focusing on proactive side
    - Elections Chair **Cotter** asks beyond this what are the actions?
      - VP **Edwards-Jenks** answers that he has been meeting with groups community services and figure out how to start creating collaboration. We are following up in actions.
  - Senate enters debate
    - Sentaor **Daly** says this is not a contract that we can hold students to, but is a great way to identify oneself as a husky. What it means to be a student here, at Northeastern. I encourage you to support this and tell constituents
  - Senate enters voting procedure
    - Motion by Senator **Coombes** to adopt the sense of the senate by unanimous consent. With no objections, it is adopted.
- Finance Board Manual
  - Senate moves into question time
  - Senate enters into debate
    - Senator **Quijada**: supports this manual. She makes a motion to amend the manual, section 2.2, to read 2 unexcused absences instead of 3.
      - Comptroller **Golia** deems the amendment friendly.
  - Senate enters voting procedure

- Motion by Senator **Naraghi** to adopt by unanimous consent. With no objections, it is approved as amended.

Senate moves into New Business

- Operational Appeals Board Justice Confirmation: Ian Oo
  - President **Sabo** states that if this is approved, the board will be functioning. Ian Oo, college of comp sci, very dedicated student. Working in a variety of fields, when reaching out, he responded very interested. Never been or affiliated with the Association.
    - Ian Oo says a computer science major with a dual in business, a middler. Done one co-op. Considering going to law school.
      - Elections Chair **Cotter** asks if he was involved in other student groups on campus
        - Candidate **Oo** says association of computer machinery
      - Senator **Splain** asks if any law experience
        - Oo says his mom's a lawyer
      - Senator **Naraghi** asks how prepared do you feel?
        - Candidate **Oo** says he feels prepared, ready for a challenge. Good that I don't know people
    - The **Senate** moves into debate
    - The **Senate** enters voting procedure
      - Senator **Coombes** motions to adopt my unanimous consent, with no objections, Candidate **Oo** is confirmed.
- Student Involvement Board Manual
  - Motion by VP **Crimmins** to bring manual to the floor, seconded by VP **LePage**
    - Board is fairly new so I created this manual
    - Starts with mission statement, bylaws, responsibilities, membership and application process
  - Moves into Question Time
    - Senator **Coombes** asks who is charge of drafting
      - VP **Crimmins** says he was
    - Senator **Corrado** asks if there is anything drastically different in here than how the board runs normally?
      - VP **Crimmins** answers no, this is basically the way the board was run, just written in words
  - Moves in debate
    - Comptroller **Golia** makes a motion to strike 1.3.1
      - VP **Crimmins** deemed friendly
    - Comptroller **Golia** makes an motion to insert a new 2.1.5, reading "The Comptroller, as an ex-officio, non-voting member"
      - VP **Crimmins** deems motion friendly
  - Senate will vote on this next week.

The **Senate** moves into Open Discussion.

Without objection, the **Chair** closed the meeting at **8:00 pm**.
Respectfully submitted to the Senate by Aliana Akhtar