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Present: 39
Absent: 12
Excused: 4

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

The minutes were *passed* without objection.

Executive Vice President **Pett**:

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- Full Body Senate on October 24th, legislation to go out tonight.
 - President **Sabo** and I have been working on the budget priorities survey.
 - Working with Alumni Relations to send out a letter to the SGA Alumni.
 - Attended BILC meeting with VP **Crimmins**, got a compliment on the new website.

Northeastern University's **Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life and Leadership, Christine McGill** spoke before the Senate.

President Michael **Sabo**:

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- Thanks to those who went on the Senator retreat.
 - Finalized the Club Sports Recreation Fee proposal with Student Affairs.
 - Budget Priorities survey should be finalized soon.
 - Beginning to engage the Board of Trustees to get a student on the board, and students more involved in their agenda and goals.

Comptroller, Anthony **Golia**:

- Finance Board heard 3 requests last week and approved all three.
- Finance Board will meet this week to hear December Small Programs.
- Vice Chair **Quijada** has been catching up on old spending reports.

30 Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dani **Wojdyla**:

- Met with Lou Kruger from the Faculty Senate to work on textbook agreements and the academic integrity policy.
- Met with Leslie Milner from the library.
- Working with Joshua Wilson from USA Today to get newspapers on campus through the Collegiate Readership Program.
- Met with Bruce Ronkin to start making changes to MyNEU Cool.
- State of the University was last week, working on following up on questions from the event.
- Thanks to Senator **Grich** for her work on the attendance policy.
- Senator **Chandley** has been working on the town hall programs.

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- Thanks to Senator **Riva** for library surveys.
 - AVP **Coombes** has been working on college expectation lists, and anyone who wants to submit an expectation from their college should email those to him.

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

- Met with Director **Caron** and representatives from NU Mix and LASO to discuss Diversity Week 2012, holding a planning meeting with many groups in the next few weeks.

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- Working with AVP **Daly** to put on an information session for NUStarts, a mentor program for entering N.U.In and transfer students for the spring.
 - Met with Chris Marshall, Director **Costa**, and Executive Director **Dwyer** about an event for SGAMES.
 - First student Code of Conduct review meeting last week, any concerns about the code of conduct should be sent along from constituents.

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

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- Student Involvement Board met last week and heard one name change for the Entrepreneurs and Innovators Club, now known as the Entrepreneurs Club.
 - Thanks to AVP **D'Amico** for his work on 240 CSC.
 - Members of the board, including Senator **Caron**, are working on trying to make improvements to OrgSync.
 - Thanks to Senator **Chandley** for her work on student organization focus groups.

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

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- There was a delay with the Public Safety campaign from last week, and it is being done this week instead. Looking for 2 volunteers for Thursday.
 - Discussed open recreation availability and equipment.
 - IS has installed an additional server to handle the print system, and it should alleviate the past problems with wait time. Further issues should be sent along.
 - Working with Student Affairs to send an email to the full student body about how work requests should be submitted.
 - Two remaining farmers' markets, this week and next week.

Chief of Staff, Terry **MacCormack** :

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- Thanks to those who attended the Senator Retreat, and to President **Sabo** and Spencer Hudec, who helped to make it possible.
 - Survey of the Week is fully working, and can be used to fulfill office hours.
 - Working on budget reporting from the past year.
 - Attendance at the Full Body Senate is required if you are on the roster, including the inactive roster. Can be excused according to the stipulations in bylaws. To have voting rights you need to have at least 4 weeks membership in the association in the last 14 months and have been on the roster at the last two Senate meetings.

Executive Director of Communications, Kelly **Dwyer**

- Affinity event for October is open to everyone, and Senator **Gormley** found an event in Jamaica Plain called Spontaneous Celebrations and it works on community relations. The event is a lantern parade and Senators can volunteer and hand out materials this upcoming Sunday.
- Sign up for the SGAMES, and volunteers needed Monday through Friday between 3-6, a lot of spots are open.

Parliamentarian, Amy **Holmes**:

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- Board met as a complete board with quorum two weeks ago.
 - Wants to be a resource for Senators during the full body Senate.
 - Senators can only speak once on an issue, and if you want to speak beyond that, all other Senators who wish to speak must be heard first.

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- Don't use names or attack other Senators, and don't question Senator's motives.
- Questions must be directed to the Chair.
- Point of Information is a Question.

Elections Chair, Taylor **Cotter**

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- Met with a full committee last week.
 - Voting membership is closed for Elections Committee, but all Senators still have speaking rights.
 - Last meeting focused on voting procedure, elections results, and the candidates briefing. There were a lot of changes.

The **Senate** moves into Question Time.

The **Senate** moves into Unfinished Business.

The **Senate** moves into New Business.

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- IR-FA-11-101, E-Board Expenditure Approval
 - Comptroller **Golia** presents legislation to the **Senate**
 - The **Senate** moves into Question Time
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** asks where internal resolutions are documented.
 - EVP **Pett** answers that it doesn't go into the Governing Documents, but is kept in hard copy and electronic copy by the Association, as well as being posted publicly on the website.
 - Senator **Splain** asks if the account for the Elections fund is included in this list of Association accounts.
 - Comptroller **Golia** answers that this legislation only covers the Budget and Cash accounts of the Association.
 - The **Senate** moves into Debate
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** moves to overturn the 2 week voting requirement for the legislation in question.
 - Senator **Naraghi** seconds.
 - Without objection, the motion is approved.
 - VP **Edwards-Jenks** says that the legislation is a good way to keep a check on the spending of the Association.
 - Chief of Staff **MacCormack** supports the legislation, and thinks it's feasible.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** mentions that this would apply to all Senators, even though it may not seem that way, and it's a good check on the two people who currently hold the spending power for the SGA.
 - The **Senate** moves into Voting Procedure
 - VP **Edwards-Jenks** moves to adopt by unanimous consent.
 - Without objection, IR-FA-11-101 is approved.

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The **Senate** moves into Open Discussion.

Without objection, the **Chair** closed the meeting at **7:55 pm**.

Respectfully submitted to the Senate by Ashley Caron