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Quorum was met.

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

The minutes were *passed* without objection.

Executive Vice President Will **Pett**:

- A 15 minute recess will be taken at 8:45 this evening.

10 Northeastern University's **Director of the Student Activities Business Office, George Sarikas** spoke before the Senate.

President Michael **Sabo**:

- Met with Bob Jose last week to talk about some community initiatives.
- Working with Student Affairs to get electrical boxes with the Husky Mascot to liven campus up and bring about more husky spirit.
- Club Sports proposal is finalized and should go into effect today, \$15,000 will be going to teams directly for those with a roster of over 40 members. Will help with field rentals.
- Thanks to VP **Edwards-Jenks** and VP **LePage** for selling DieHard Dog shirts over the weekend and bringing in over \$1,000 dollars.

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Comptroller, Anthony **Golia**:

- Finance Board funded 8 events for December last week.
- Finance Board will meet this week to hear 1 request for Springfest.
- Everyone pays the Student Activity Fee, so any concerns about its allocation should be brought up so they can be addressed.

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

- If anyone is available this Wednesday from 2:50-4:30 the library will be doing a focus group of 12 people for worldcat.org and will give you \$25 dollars for showing up.
- The course catalogue for Spring 2012 will be opening up on 10/31.
- Registration begins November 14th.
- Any Business Minors who have concerns or recommendations should forward those along for a meeting with the Dean of CBA next week.
- TRACE committee will be meeting tomorrow at 6 in the SGA conference room.
- Thanks to AVP **Coombes**, Senator **Cargill**, and Senator **Shehzad** for their work on the College Expectations legislation.

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

- Thanks to Senators **Van** and **Wiggins** and Chief of Staff **MacCormack** for attending the Mission Hill Breakfast Club yesterday.

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

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

- Meeting with Student Financial Services, so any specific concerns should be emailed for an effective conversation.

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- Working with President **Sabo** on some Northeastern branding. There is a new Husky Paw on the side of the Senate chambers.

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Chief of Staff, Terrence **MacCormack**:

- Thanks to those who are doing their Office Hours.
- Working on the roster in preparation for tonight, any concerns about the roster should be addressed during the break tonight.
- Working on internal organization and developing OrgSync to be utilized more within the organization, be sure to become a member of the SGA group on OrgSync.

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

- Thanks to those who volunteered for SGAmes.
- More volunteers are needed for the SGAmes events this week, especially tomorrow. If you are available please sign up.

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Parliamentarian, Amy **Holmes**:

- Having a confirmation of a fifth justice for the Operational Appeals Board tonight. If they are approved the board will be full.
- The meeting will be long tonight, please stay to the end because the legislation is important.
- If laptops must be used for work, that is okay, but please vote and pay attention to the issues being discussed.
- The last RG tonight will address the Direct Election of the EVP, and although there is a lengthy history on that topic, it was a referendum on the Presidential Ballot last year, but was ruled out of order after the point in time that it could be removed.

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Elections Chair, Taylor **Cotter**: *yields*

The **Senate** moves into Question Time.

The **Senate** moves into New Business.

- VP **Edwards-Jenks** moves to suspend the rules and reorder the agenda by moving the Operational Appeals Board Justice Confirmation to the beginning of New Business.
 - Senator **Akhtar** seconds.
 - Without objection, the motion passes.

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OAB Justice Confirmation: *Crispy Juda*

- Served as the Vice Chair on the Elections Committee last year, and has experience with a lot of Senate processes.
- The **Senate** moves into voting procedure.
 - Senator **Daly** moves to approve by unanimous consent.
 - Without objection, the candidate is approved.
- VP **Edwards-Jenks** moves to suspend the rules and reorder the agenda by moving RG-FA-11-114: Direct Election of the EVP up to next in the agenda.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** seconds.
 - Senator **Caron** objects, the motion does not pass.

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Elections Chair **Cotter** presents **RG-FA-11-101**: Students-at-large on the Elections Committee.

Question time is opened for **RG-FA-11-101**.

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- 100 ▪ Student at Large **D'Angelo** asks if there is a concern that this would make the Elections Committee less of a committee of the Senate.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that this is a committee of the Senate charged with Direct Elections, and this shouldn't hurt the committee. She believes that everyone joining the committee will have some stake in the process as a whole.
- Senator **Corrado** asks if students at large have expressed interest in joining the committee.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers yes.
- Senator **Trudeau** asks if the new language stating that the Vice-Chair could be a student at large is a concern for the patronage of the position.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that having a friend as a Vice-Chair could happen already, and there isn't anything preventing someone from getting the thirty signatures required of a Senator.
- 110 ▪ Senator **Daly** asks which other committees of the Senate allow for students at large to have voting rights.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that she believes students at large have voting rights in all committees, because committees have open membership to students at large, while boards have defined membership.

Debate is opened for **RG-FA-11-101**.

- 120 ▪ Senator **Naraghi** says that he supports this because it is important to advocate for all students, and allow anyone to have a say in our elections procedure. However, he doesn't support this because it can open a loophole to get people who support a campaign on the elections committee.
- Senator **Daly** states that if someone is running for Student Body President, they are more likely to have friends who are Senators that have a bias towards the candidate, rather than someone who is a student at large. She feels that it could allow more unbiased people to sit on the committee.
- Comptroller **Golia** states that he has more friends outside of Senate than in Senate, so if he were running for Student Body President and he wanted to stuff the board with his friends, it may be easier. He thinks that having Senators on the committee who have responsibilities could provide more of a safeguard against that. However, he believes that this is a good way to have the voices of students at large heard.
- Elections Chair **Cotter** points out that getting voting rights on the committee isn't something easy to do. They have to attend 3 out of the first 5 meetings, and often people don't know that they are a Presidential candidate until long after that time period.

130 The **Senate** moves into voting procedure.
The resolution *passes* with 31 for and 10 against.

President **Sabo** presents **RG-FA-11-102**: Referenda Procedure.

Question time is opened for **RG-FA-11-102**.

- 140 ▪ Senator **Caron** asks if there is a reason that there is no due date specified within the legislation.
 - President **Sabo** answers that there isn't a date specified due to the collaboration necessary with IS and other events that may happen leading up to the ballot. He doesn't want it to be too rigid.
- Senator **Coombes** asks if the Senate is required to follow a Sense of the Student Body.
 - President **Sabo** answers that it would be in the interest to follow the decision, but all that the legislation specifies is that the Senate must act on the legislation within three months. The actions are not specified to have to follow the exact wording of the referenda.
- Comptroller **Golia** asks if the Student Body Resolutions would have to be signed by President Aoun.

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- President **Sabo** answers that it would not be the case.
- Comptroller **Golia** asks what President **Sabo** had in mind for the resolutions.
 - President **Sabo** answers that it would be a document approved by the students, and it would be the job of the Senate to further the concerns and needs expressed by the referenda.
- 150 ▪ Senator **Corrado** asks what the purpose of moving the need for 750 signatures after the executive cabinet already approved the referenda for feasibility, and if having to go through the executive cabinet twice would limit the amount of referenda that the association would see.
 - President **Sabo** answers that he doesn't think it should inhibit the ability to pass referenda, but that it is important to have referenda that have a good deal of support and legitimacy behind them.
- Senator **Coombes** asks if this would create a poll of the student body that wouldn't have any binding ramifications.
 - President **Sabo** answers yes, but the prior process didn't either. This gets credibility that the students want what the referenda states.
- 160 ▪ Comptroller **Golia** moves to extend question time to the end of a closed speakers list.
 - Senator **Daly** seconds.
 - Without objection, the motion passes.
- Comptroller **Golia** asks if when the Student Body Resolutions are compared to any of the other three Senate legislations, which kind would be the most similar.
 - President **Sabo** answers that it would be most similar to a Sense of the Senate.

Debate is opened for **RG-FA-11-102**.

- 170 ▪ Comptroller **Golia** says that he likes the idea of the legislation, but he doesn't like that it is a Sense of the Student Body, and it should have no power to changes things as the Internal Resolution does. He doesn't think that they should be able to change the Association's governing documents, but the vote should be binding.
- Elections Chair **Cotter** thinks that the Sense of the Student Body is the best option due to the finite resources and relationships that we have with the Administration.
- VP **Edwards-Jenks** thinks that this legislation is necessary and a good piece of legislation.
- Senator **Coombes** thinks that it is better than the current procedure, but in current society a referenda serves as a way to check the government and change laws when they see a problem.
- President **Sabo** mentions that he is willing to work with anyone to make this process more effective and accomplish student priorities. This legislation serves to define the procedure and ensure it's a fair process.
- 180 ▪ Senator **Naraghi** states that it is important to have a referenda process that works, but also to have a process that makes change for students. He is uncomfortable passing this knowing that students' voices may not make binding change.
- Elections Chair **Cotter** states that if this legislation doesn't get passed, then there isn't a procedure for referenda because the OAB ruled the previous procedure out of order.
- Senator **Coombes** states that having a poorly stated process is worse than not having one at all.
- Senator **Splain** states that after previous experiences it's very important to have a process stated, and while he feels that things shouldn't be incorrect, the current legislation is on the right track.
- Senator **Caron** states that this can be passed tonight so that there is a process in place, and then we can always return to it and modify it later to make it stronger. She feels uncomfortable at the thought of having nothing at the end of the night, and then having to go back to the drawing board.
- 190 ▪ Senator **Naraghi** moves to split the question, separating Section E from the operative clause into another question.
 - Senator **Coombes** seconds.
 - Objection from VP **Edwards-Jenks**, motion passes.

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- Elections Chair **Cotter** moves to extend debate by 5 minutes.
 - Senator **Van** seconds.
 - Without objection, the motion passes.
- Senator **Van** feels that this process is important due to referenda proposed last year to the Senate, and voted down in a straw poll vote. He feels that the Senate is not always the best voice of the student body.

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The **Senate** moves into voting procedure on the divided question, **RG-FA-11-102** without Section E.

- Senator **Lothrop** moves to adopt by unanimous consent.
 - Senator **Corrado** objects, the motion fails.

The resolution *passes* with 46 for and 1 against.

- Elections Chair **Cotter** moves for a fifteen minute recess.
 - Senator **Splain** seconds.
 - Without objection, the motion passes.

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Debate is opened on Section E of **RG-FA-11-102**

- VP **Edwards-Jenks** moves to postpone the question definitely until the next Full Body Senate on December 5th.
 - Senator **Naraghi** seconds.
 - Without objection, the motion passes.

Chief of Staff **MacCormack** presents **RG-FA-11-103**: Admin Team Clarification.

Question time is opened for **RG-FA-11-103**.

- 220 ▪ VP **Edwards-Jenks** asks to confirm that this legislation isn't adding or removing any responsibilities, but instead allocating the duties and responsibilities of the cabinet to more accurately reflect the current practices.
 - Chief of Staff **MacCormack** answers yes, that this won't add any specific powers, but more reflecting the reality of what is currently happening.
- Elections Chair **Cotter** asks if this gives joint authority over the budget.
 - Chief of Staff **MacCormack** answers that the budget is looked at on a weekly basis and is the responsibility of the Chief of Staff when it comes to paperwork and menial tasks associated with the management of the budget. It leaves it in the air to encourage a working relationship between the Chief of Staff and the President.

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Debate is opened for **RG-FA-11-103**.

- President **Sabo** moves to add that "The Executive Vice President normally has the powers and responsibilities" to Section D of the operative clause.
 - Deemed friendly by Chief of Staff **MacCormack**.
- Elections Chair **Cotter** moves to strike "And ensure that they are completed on time" from Section B of Article 6.
 - Seconded by VP **Edwards-Jenks**.
 - Without objection, the motion passes.

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The **Senate** moves into voting procedure.

- VP **Edwards-Jenks** moves to adopt by unanimous consent.
 - Without objection, the resolution *passes*.



Chief of Staff **MacCormack** presents **RG-FA-11-104**: Parliamentary Clarification.

Question time is opened for **RG-FA-11-104**.

- Parliamentarian **Holmes** asks if the legislation means that the Parliamentarian could still be a Senator.
 - Chief of Staff **MacCormack** answers yes, because the legislation does not impact that type of membership.

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Debate is opened for **RG-FA-11-104**.

- Senator **Splain** moves to close debate.
 - VP **Edwards-Jenks** seconds.
 - Without objections, the motion passes.

The **Senate** moves into voting procedure.

- Comptroller **Golia** moves to adopt by unanimous consent.
 - Without objection, the resolution *passes*.

260 Comptroller **Golia** presents **RG-FA-11-105**: Finance Board Clarification.

Question Time is opened for **RG-FA-11-105**.

- Senator **Quijada** asks if this requires the Finance Board to review the reallocation requests, or is it just the responsibility of the members.
 - Comptroller **Golia** stated that the proposed amendment would not make that change, so the reallocation requests would still be reviewed as they are currently.

Debate is opened for **RG-FA-11-105**.

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- VP **Crimmins** says that he fully supports the legislation to further clarify the roles of the SIB and Finance Board. He thinks that due to changes in the mission of the SIB in the past, this would accurately reflect the changes.

The **Senate** moves into voting procedure.

- VP **Edwards-Jenks** moves to adopt by unanimous consent.
 - Without objection, the resolution *passes*.

Comptroller **Golia** presents **RG-FA-11-106**: Comptroller Accountability.

Question Time is opened for **RG-FA-11-106**.

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- Parliamentarian **Holmes** asks why the position was made to be a Senator rather than an ex-officio member.
 - Comptroller **Golia** noted that this was a mistake and hopes that a Senator may make a motion to fix that.
- Professor **Herman** asks if the legislation is an amendment to the constitution or the bylaws.
 - Comptroller **Golia** answers that it is an amendment to the constitution.
- Senator **Trudeau** asks if this amendment grants the authority to remove anyone from a position.
 - Comptroller **Golia** states that any VP can currently remove anyone serving in a position that reports to them, and the amendment is serving to extend the rights of the VPs to the Comptroller.

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Debate is opened for **RG-FA-11-106**.



- 300 ▪ VP **Edwards-Jenks** moves to change Section G to read “To serve as an ex-officio member of the Senate.”
 - Comptroller **Golia** deems the amendment friendly.
- 310 ▪ Senator **Splain** does not agree to the last amendment. He thinks that it was originally created so that the Comptroller position didn’t discourage people who didn’t have an interest in the Senate.
- 320 ▪ Elections Chair **Cotter** moves to strike Section G from the legislation.
 - Comptroller **Golia** does not deem the amendment friendly.
 - Senator **Splain** seconds.
 - Comptroller **Golia** objects.
 - 330 ▪ **Senate** moves into debate on the amendment.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** states that the Comptroller was previously the VP for Financial Affairs, and it was a disaster. They had all of the responsibilities, and the Comptroller is so different from the rest of the VPs that it doesn’t make sense to give them the Senatorial responsibilities. She doesn’t feel that it is necessary to the Comptroller’s job to be a Senator without going and getting the signatures.
 - Comptroller **Golia** feels that it is important for the Comptroller to be a Senator due to how the Comptroller interacts with the association when presenting legislation related to the job and responsibilities. He feels that the Comptroller would not be able to introduce important legislation without the rights of a Senator.
 - Senator **Splain** moves to extend debate by five minutes.
 - Senator **Akhtar** seconds.
 - Without objection, the motion passes.
 - Senator **Caron** states that the Comptroller should be a member of the Senate in some form, whether it’s through the current amendment or any other defined way. She feels that there is more that can be put into the amendment, but having the Comptroller in such an important position presents the necessity to have them as a representative in the Senate.
 - Senator **Splain** states that he doesn’t think the current amendment should be the case, and only prevents the Comptroller from having Senator rights automatically.
 - Senator **Quijada** states that because the Comptroller is an ex-officio member of the Cabinet, she doesn’t think it’s a problem to have the Comptroller as an ex-officio member of the Senate as well.
 - Comptroller **Golia** feels that the Comptroller doesn’t represent any particular constituency, and without being afforded the rights of a Senator, they would have to identify a constituency when getting signatures for their form.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** states that by giving the Comptroller a vote without a constituency, it allows them a personal vote that isn’t backed by student opinion.
 - Chief of Staff **MacCormack** states that the language under a Vice President says that they maintain the rights and privileges of a Senator, making the language different than what is being proposed in this legislation.
 - The motion *fails* with 4 for and 23 against.

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- Senator **Caron** moves to insert a Section H that states “Shall receive voting rights within a Full Body Senate by fulfilling attendance responsibilities required by Senators.”
 - Comptroller **Golia** deems the amendment friendly.

The **Senate** moves into voting procedure.

- VP **Edwards-Jenks** moves to adopt by unanimous consent.
 - Election Chair **Cotter** objects, the motion *fails*.

The resolution *passes* with 38 for and 4 against.

Homecoming Nominations

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- Homecoming King Nominee: Matthew Crimmins.
 - Homecoming Queen Nominee: Kelly Dwyer.
 - Mayor of Huntington Avenue Nominee: Jonas Edwards-Jenks.

Comptroller **Golia** presents **RG-FA-11-107**: Deputy Comptroller.

Question Time is opened for **RG-FA-11-107**.

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- Senator **Splain** asks if by adding this position they change the levels of Senators versus students at large on the board.
 - Comptroller **Golia** answers that the membership of the board is currently that way because of the Vice Chair of the board.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** asks if having the amount of special interest Senators limited affects the current composition of the board.
 - Comptroller **Golia** answers that it would not.
 - Parliamentarian **Holmes** asks what the change is in the governing documents beyond just the name change.
 - Comptroller **Golia** answers that currently the Vice Chair does things specifically related to the Finance Board, and would assist with projects not related to the Finance Board meetings.

Debate is opened for **RG-FA-11-107**.

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- Senator **Pesaturo** moves to amend Article 2, Section B to say “Deputy Comptroller who is a Senator or Student at Large is appointed by the chair.”
 - Comptroller **Golia** deems the amendment friendly.
 - VP **Wojdyla** feels that this is a strong amendment, and works well to accommodate the additional projects being addressed by the Comptroller. Finance Board and the Comptroller are currently expanding into other areas, and she feels this assists in the growth of the Board.
 - Professor **Herman** states that if the bylaws state that the Deputy Comptroller can be either a Senator or Student at Large, the constitution needs to be modified to address that as well. He also mentions that it belongs in the constitution more than the bylaws because it is a definition of membership.
 - Changes as suggested were deemed friendly by Comptroller **Golia**.
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- Senator **Splain** feels that this amendment is a good idea, and the change just made seems to make the legislation stronger.
 - Comptroller **Golia** states that the Board tries to keep membership equal when possible, and the definitions in the legislations are just maximums.

The **Senate** moves into voting procedure.

- VP **Edwards-Jenks** moves to adopt by unanimous consent.
 - Without objection, the resolution *passes*.



Executive Director **Dwyer** presents **RG-FA-11-108**: Assistant Director of Communications.

390 Question time is opened for **RG-FA-11-108**.

- Senator **Daly** asks how many appointed positions the EDOC has.
 - Executive Director **Dwyer** answers that there aren't any roles currently under her position because she doesn't have the power under the constitution to create and fill any Director positions.

Debate is opened for **RG-FA-11-108**.

- Chief of Staff **MacCormack** moves to amend Section G, Subsection 1 to read "Assume the responsibilities of the Executive Director of Communications until the Executive Vice President can appoint an Executive Director of Communications."
 - Executive Director **Dwyer** deems the amendment friendly.
- Elections Chair **Cotter** states that she was the first person in this position during the previous year and she felt that she didn't appoint someone because the position was originally created to assist the Executive Vice President in communication efforts. However, the position has grown and developed and she felt during her time in the position that she was overwhelmed, and that this legislation is strong.
- Comptroller **Golia** states that a lot of points were missed during the restructuring in 2009, so this is giving the EDOC the power to appoint positions and have that very important power in the case that he or she needs the assistance.

410 The **Senate** moves into voting procedure.

- VP **Edwards-Jenks** moves to adopt by unanimous consent.
 - Without objection, the resolution *passes*.

Comptroller **Golia** presents **RG-FA-11-109**: Budget Approval.

Question Time is opened for **RG-FA-11-109**.

- Elections Chair **Cotter** asks if the Finance Board decision is appealed by the Senate, who the appeal would go to.
 - Comptroller **Golia** answers that it would go to the University's Vice President for Student Affairs or their designee.
- Elections Chair **Cotter** asks if the OAB Justice and the Comptroller would be involved in the decision.
 - Comptroller **Golia** answers no, because it is an Association appeal.

Debate is opened for **RG-FA-11-109**.

The **Senate** moves into voting procedure.

- VP **Edwards-Jenks** moves to adopt by unanimous consent.
 - President **Sabo** objects, the motion *fails*.

430 The resolution *passes* with 42 for and 0 against.

Comptroller **Golia** and Senator **Naraghi** present **RG-FA-11-110**: Presiding Officer of the Senate.

Question time opens for **RG-FA-11-110**.

- VP **Wojdyla** asks if because one of the main roles of the EVP is to chair Senate, what would be left for responsibilities for the EVP.



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- Comptroller **Golia** answers that he disagrees that chairing Senate is a main responsibility of the EVP, and that there are other responsibilities that are much more important, and by removing the Chair from the position, it puts more emphasis on the administrative role, and working on project tracking.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** asks if there are any other schools known that have the position separated.
 - Comptroller **Golia** answers that of the lucky eleven, 4 specifically have a speaker of the Senate. The lucky eleven are schools considered similar to Northeastern as ways to compare and help influence policy.
 - Student at Large **D'Angelo** asks if speakers of the senate are elected in any of the four schools from the lucky eleven.
 - Comptroller **Golia** answers that three of the four schools have a directly elected EVP.
 - Senator **O'Connor** asks if the position will be compensated.
 - Senator **Naraghi** states that it wasn't considered, but if it were another cabinet member taking on the position, they would already have their stipends.
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 - Senator **Corrado** asks if the EVP could have the role again.
 - Senator **Naraghi** answers yes.
 - Senator **Splain** asks if the presenters have spoken with the current or past EVP about the matter.
 - Comptroller **Golia** answers that he spoke to the current EVP, and felt that it was a spirited debate, but that the current EVP didn't hate the idea, and hoped that people would make an informed decision.
 - VP **Edwards-Jenks** asks if it had to be an executive board member, or if it could be any Senator that was qualified.
 - Senator **Naraghi** answered that it could be any member of the Senate, as long as the Senate felt they had the qualifications, and maybe had been on Cabinet in the past.
 - Comptroller **Golia** identified that the EVP previously was the VP for Student Affairs, and the EVP did not chair in the past. He feels that this allows the most qualified individuals to serve in the position.
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 - VP **Wojdyla** asks if the presenters would ever consider making Speaker of the Senate a Cabinet or Executive position.
 - Senator **Naraghi** answers that it was something they looked into, but wanted to specify the process later on after consulting with the Parliamentarian.
 - Student at Large **D'Angelo** asks if there are concerns about the dilution of power due to an additional elected position.
 - Comptroller **Golia** answers that he doesn't have a concern by adding another elected position.
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Debate is opened for **RG-FA-11-110**.

- VP **Wojdyla** moves to postpone definitely to the Full Body Senate on December 5th.
 - Senator **D'Amico** seconds.
 - Objection from VP **Edwards-Jenks**.
 - The **Senate** enters 2 for, 2 against debate on the motion.
 - VP **Wojdyla** states that she doesn't feel comfortable deciding on this tonight, and wants more time to think and speak with constituents. She also feels that for future Senators it's a major structure change that may impact who runs for positions.
 - VP **Edwards-Jenks** feels that this is an important issue, and hopes to get a final decision tonight. He feels that while it is a major change, it isn't anything that can't be dealt with on the floor, and it should be addressed during the current meeting.

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- Senator **D'Amico** feels that it is a major change in the Association that cannot be fixed here and now, and wants more time.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** urges everyone to not postpone the legislation, because people got the legislation in advance, and presenters came prepared to address it tonight. It should be debated tonight.
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- Motion *fails* after a placard vote.
 - Senator **Naraghi** says that while a lot of time was spent on the document, he feels it is important to hear everyone's thoughts and ideas on the legislation.
 - Senator **Daly** mentions that she wasn't sure how she felt about the legislation, but said that it is a young Senate and people look up to the VPs of the organization. Sometimes VPs may burnout, but this offers a way to serve the Senate without the enormous workload.
 - President **Sabo** states that he is against the legislation because there is an issue as written with how the agenda is slated by the Speaker of the Senate, but the executive board approves it. He feels that this makes a large communication issue if it's someone not serving on the Cabinet.
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- Comptroller **Golia** states that Roberts Rules does not specify that the chair needs to sit on the agenda committee. Motions to amend are allowed.
 - VP **Edwards-Jenks** moves to amend Article 6, Section 2, Subsection A to read "The EVP serves as an ex-officio member of the Senate."
 - Comptroller **Golia** and Senator **Naraghi** deem the amendment friendly.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** says that there is little that can be changed in the legislation to make her support it. As chair of the Senate, you are in charge of how the proceedings go, and to have that power without sitting and conferring with the Agenda committee seems bad. She also sees an issue without defining compensation and a term of office. She also mentions that 11 people give addresses currently in Senate, and to add more seems overdone.
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- Senator **O'Connor** says that he is greatly in favor of the legislation, but wants to caution the Senate away from amending the legislation to say that it can only be members from the executive cabinet, because that could exclude many valuable resources.
 - Senator **Splain** states that he is also against this because there are a lot of holes, and there is a lot of prep work that goes into each meeting. Being on the Cabinet previously, he has seen that this is a main responsibility of the EVP.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** mentioned that in her previous role she worked with the EVP and she felt that it would negatively impact the workload and responsibility of the position and render it useless.
 - Senator **Caron** states that previous to her experience on the executive cabinet she felt that she knew a lot about the presiding officer's responsibilities and the work of the cabinet. However, you can learn a lot from being on the executive cabinet and see a lot of things in Senate that you wouldn't otherwise. She feels it's important to at least have executive cabinet experience at minimum, if not serving on the current cabinet to hold the position as presented in the legislation. She does not support this.
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- Senator **Naraghi** states that this is being presented so that the best person is in the position and the student body can be advocated in the most efficient way possible.
 - Chief of Staff **MacCormack** says that the chair should be in the room when the agenda is crafted for efficiency's sake.
 - Senator **Coombes** states that this is an elected position, and we could select someone from the executive cabinet.
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- VP **Edwards-Jenks** says that there is value with the chair being there when the agenda is set, however we are capable as a body to select someone who will fulfill the needs for the Senate, and serve in the best way possible. He feels this is a move in the right direction.
 - Comptroller **Golia** says that this legislation ensures that the best possible person to chair is the chair, and that someone who is uncomfortable with chairing isn't discouraged from the position of EVP.

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- Senator **Splain** moves to extend debate by ten minutes.
 - Comptroller **Golia** seconds.
 - Without objection, the motion *passes*.
- 540 ▪ Senator **Splain** feels that this inflates and adds another position, and does not understand why this legislation is being presented. He feels that this is essentially splitting EVP in two.
- Senator **O'Connor** says that he does not think that we should be afraid of moving forward because of questions on how to make it happen.
- Elections Chair **Cotter** states that last year was our first year with EVP as the chair of Senate, and the President presided previously. There were three Presidents that were directly elected and chaired Senate, and were all very good chairs. The one opportunity for the Senate to internally elect the chair ended up not being the best chair for the Senate. She doesn't feel that there is evidence that internally electing is any better other than during the previous year.
- Senator **D'Amico** says that even if the intent of this legislation is good, the legislation is too problematic to be supported tonight.
- 550 ▪ Senator **Corrado** thinks that the position seems to be a good addition to the Senate, and believes the Senate is capable of selecting the best person.
- Senator **Naraghi** mentioned that the previously elected EVP was elected in light of the responsibilities. The issue with that is if the EVP is being elected due to the ability to chair, then it is a selfish act of the Senate, and may not be best for the student body due to the additional responsibilities of the EVP.
- Senator **Coombes** moves to amend Article 4, Section 2, Subsection 2 to read "Will serve a term that will be concurrent with the executive cabinet."
 - Comptroller **Golia** and Senator **Naraghi** deem the amendment friendly.
- 560 ▪ Senator **Daly** says that the best person to be the EVP is someone who does understand the association and its governing documents. In order to be a good EVP, you need to be a good chair of Senate, and they both go hand in hand.
- Elections Chair **Cotter** says that a more appropriate amendment would have been to remove the other responsibilities from the EVP and distributed them elsewhere to other positions and leave chairing with the EVP.
- Comptroller **Golia** believes that it is insulting to the current EVP to say that all he does is chair Senate. He works with the EVP outside of this meeting and he is a great resource in project planning, and has a good understanding of everything in the organization.
- Parliamentarian **Holmes** advises the presiding officer on all of the resolutions and legislation coming up, and it would be extremely difficult to have the presiding officer separated from the EVP due to the parliamentarian's work.
- 570 ▪ Senator **Corrado** says that there isn't anything in the legislation that says it can't be an executive board member.
- Senator **Naraghi** says that it would only be one person that an individual would contact in regards to the chairing of Senate. He encourages someone to make an amendment to limit the position to someone in cabinet.
- VP **Edwards-Jenks** moves to amend Article 4, Section A, Subsection 4 to remove "Senator or Student at Large."
 - Comptroller **Golia** and Senator **Naraghi** deemed it not friendly.
 - Second from Comptroller **Golia**.
 - Senator **Naraghi** objects.
 - 580 • Senate moves into 3 minutes of debate on the amendment.
 - VP **Edwards-Jenks** feels that the amendment addresses some of the concerns in the room.



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- Senator **Corrado** can't decide how she feels on this amendment because the intention of the legislation was to give the position to the best person for the job.
 - Comptroller **Golia** mentioned that people may have different strengths, and this would allow the best member of Cabinet in the chairing capacity to have the job.
 - President **Sabo** feels that this would unfairly elevate one VP over another in cabinet, which may present problems. It also could create the issue of nobody in cabinet being willing to do it.
 - Senator **Coombes** feels that this is not a good amendment to make due to the limits it sets.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** states that the executive cabinet gets stipends, and the EVP gets a slightly elevated stipend. Once the chairing responsibility is removed, how will the elevated stipend be decided?
 - Comptroller **Golia** moves to extend debate to the end of a closed speakers list.
 - Senator **MacCormack** seconds.
 - Without objection, the motion *passes*.
 - Comptroller **Golia** stated that an earlier point was made that nobody from the cabinet would want the position. In that case it is even more important that someone outside of cabinet can be elected into the position. The stipends were all equal for the past year.
 - The amendment *passed* with a vote of 22 for and 7 against.
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- Senator **Naraghi** mentioned that there are still many points that haven't been addressed with motions, and those should be made.
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- Senator **Splain** moves to lay the legislation on the table.
 - Senator **D'Amico** seconds.
 - VP **Edwards-Jenks** objects.
 - The motion *fails*.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** states that the legislation is a slippery slope, and can lead into the splitting of multiple positions.
 - Senator **Naraghi** states that the chairing of the Senate and administrative responsibilities are very different.
 - Chief of Staff **MacCormack** says that he feels that the splitting of positions with very different responsibilities is a slippery slope because positions have a variety of responsibilities in the Association.
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- VP **Wojdyla** encourages Senate to speak up, especially newer Senators and those who haven't spoken.
 - Senator **Splain** states that he made his motion earlier because he feels that people aren't done debating the topic, and he doesn't feel that the Senate is ready to vote yet.
 - Senator **D'Amico** says that he agrees that this legislation is a slippery slope that we shouldn't take, and also feels that debating the splitting of responsibilities is not a good idea.
 - Comptroller **Golia** moves to extend debate by five minutes.
 - Senator **Naraghi** seconds.
 - VP **Wojdyla** objects, the motion *passes*.
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- Comptroller **Golia** says that this isn't arbitrarily removing one facet of the EVP's job; it is a way to choose someone due only to their ability to preside over the Senate.

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 - Senator **Coombes** says that he feels that we should vote on the legislation now, and maybe present amendments to this during the next Full Body so that it is enumerated, and people can think on the best process later on.
 - Student at Large **D'Angelo** says that she is in support of the legislation in some ways, but she feels it's bad practice to put a piece of legislation in place that has holes or isn't the finished product that the Senate hopes to have.
 - Senator **Caron** says that a majority of the people in the room have issues with the legislation, but in different ways. She feels uncomfortable voting on the legislation if people can't come to an agreement on what they want to see, and what they hope to get out of it. She feels we need to step back, understand the full sentiments of the Senate, and then return at a later time.
 - Comptroller **Golia** says that people have had the legislation for a long time, and they have had time to go over it. If people have problems with the legislation, they should make amendments instead of saying that you don't like it.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** says that sometimes legislation cannot be amended on the floor and some people may want to make other amendments to the standing procedures or other governing documents previous to the amendment.
 - Senator **Naraghi** states that he has failed to see anyone making motions to amend the legislation, and there is nowhere to go further with the document.
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 - Comptroller **Golia** says that he wonders about the loopholes and problems that people are seeing in the document, and hopes that people will address it.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** moves to close debate.
 - VP **Edwards-Jenks** seconds.
 - Without objection, the motion *passes*.

The **Senate** moves into voting procedure.

The resolution *fails* with 15 for and 20 against.

660 Comptroller **Golia** presents **RG-FA-11-111: Impeachment Clarification.**

Question Time is opened for **RG-FA-11-111.**

- Senator at Large **D'Angelo** asks what an impeachment would do once someone was impeached from the Senate.
 - Comptroller **Golia** answers that it would make a statement that charges are being pressed against the individual and it doesn't remove them from the office.
- Elections Chair **Cotter** asks how this is different from a censure.
 - Comptroller **Golia** answers that it differs because it allows the Senate to apply punishment as they see fit.
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 - Senator **Donelon** asks about the timetable after a vote to continue with the impeachment, what the fourth step would consist of.
 - Comptroller **Golia** answers that the fourth step is used if issues still remain unclear.
 - Comptroller **Golia** moves to withdraw the resolution.
 - Without objection, the resolution is withdrawn.

Chief of Staff **MacCormack** presents **RG-FA-11-112: COS and EDOC Requirements.**

- Senator **D'Amico** moves to waive the reading of the operative clause.
 - VP **Edwards-Jenks** seconds the motion.
 - Without objection, the motion *passes*.

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Question time is opened for **RG-FA-11-112**.

- VP **Edwards-Jenks** asks if this means that the presenter is giving himself more responsibilities and more work.
 - Chief of Staff **MacCormack** answers that essentially that was the intent of the document, as well as to clean up the wording, and bring more accountability to the positions.
- Elections Chair **Cotter** asks if there is any reason why Elections Chair and Parliamentarian were not included in the amendment.
 - Chief of Staff **MacCormack** answers yes, because those positions aren't given stipends on a weekly basis, but only after they complete certain requirements.
- 690 • Senator **Daly** asks if those positions had lower stipends than the VPs last year, and wondered why that was changed.
 - Chief of Staff **MacCormack** answers that he thought that they weren't originally budgeted, but they were instead paid completely out of the cash account.

Debate is opened for **RG-FA-11-112**.

- Elections Chair **Cotter** moves to close debate.
 - President **Sabo** seconds.
 - Without objection, the motion *passes*.

700 The **Senate** moves into voting procedure.

- Elections Chair **Cotter** moves to adopt by unanimous consent.
 - Without objection, the resolution *passes*

Senator **Daly** presents **RG-FA-11-113**: Elections Committee Membership.

Question time is opened for **RG-FA-11-113**.

- Senator **Caron** asks who would determine if a campaign worker was supporting a candidate through words or actions.
 - Senator **Daly** answers that it would be the elections committee as of practice from last year. She also mentions that a campaign worker is defined in the elections manual.
- 710 • Senator **Corrado** asks what words or actions would mean to a campaign worker, and if a Facebook status or something similar would be an open support of the candidate.
 - Senator **Daly** answers that the bylaws cannot define the campaign worker, and encourages amendment of the document if there are better ideas to define the wording in the legislation.
- Student at Large **D'Angelo** asks how a campaign worker would be determined within the elections committee.
 - Senator **Daly** answers that to be a campaign worker you have to sign the campaign worker disclosure form, and defers to Elections Chair **Cotter**.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that because the manual hasn't been approved yet, it's hard to determine the process, but as of now, all campaign workers must be disclosed.
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Debate is opened for **RG-FA-11-113**.

- Elections Chair **Cotter** moves to amend the legislation to read "Anyone openly supporting a candidate either through words or actions, as determined by the Elections Chair."
 - Senator **Daly** deems the amendment friendly.
- Comptroller **Golia** moves to strike the word "Chair" from the legislation.
 - Senator **Daly** deems the amendment friendly.

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- Elections Chair **Cotter** says that she does not understand how the committee can determine if someone on the committee is openly supporting a candidate.
- 730 • VP **Edwards-Jenks** moves to amend the legislation to read “as determined by a majority vote by the Elections committee at the request of its chair.”
 - Senator **Daly** deems the amendment friendly.
- Student at Large **D’Angelo** says that she has concerns because in the past the elections committee has had legislation in place to sanction campaigns, and not individuals within the campaign. She says there is no real way to sanction individuals, and she feels the legislation goes against that.
- Comptroller **Golia** disagrees with the legislation as written, and feels that there are a lot of vague terms within the legislation. He feels it is a lot of responsibility to place on the elections committee and may not be the best move for the Senate.
- Comptroller **Golia** moves to postpone definitely to the Full Body Senate on December 5th.
- 740 ○ Senator **Daly** seconds.
- Without objection, the motion *passes*.

Senator **Naraghi** presents **RG-FA-11-114**: Direct Election of the EVP.

Question time is opened for **RG-FA-11-114**.

- Comptroller **Golia** wonders, given the fact that the EVP’s primary responsibility seems to be chairing the Senate, if it was the best position to directly elect.
 - Senator **Naraghi** answers that he is choosing not to discuss his own opinions on this amendment, but rather the opinions of the student body.

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Debate is opened for **RG-FA-11-114**.

- Comptroller **Golia** moves to amend the Resolution to add, “Each candidate will run independently of all other candidates and all other positions and will be elected as such, according to the procedures outlined in the Direct Elections Manual.”
 - Senator **Naraghi** deems this as friendly.
- Elections Chair **Cotter** says that she supported this Resolution until the previous amendment was added. The Elections Committee, not the Senate is the body that should be determining this provision. She wonders why it would not be in the Manual like every other procedure for Direct Elections.
- 760 • VP **Edwards-Jenks** supports the Resolution, saying that it should pass in the interest of representing the student body.
- Comptroller **Golia** says that it is not a good idea to have the chair of Senate, who is supposed to be impartial, campaign with the President. This is a good way to ensure that the chair of Senate remains unbiased.
- Senator **Donelon** says that as a new Senator and a member of the Elections Committee, he supports the recent amendment to the Resolution because it gives the Committee guidance.
- Senator **Harris** agrees with what other speakers have said and says that if this Resolution were to fail, the Senate would do a disservice to the student body.
- Senator **Coombes** says that he was previously opposed to the direct election of the EVP, but he says his constituents have made their voices heard in support of it. He encourages more discussion about the process.
- 770 • Elections Chair **Cotter** says that as amended, this Resolution is not what was presented to the students in the previous spring.



- Senator **Caron** says that she supports the Resolution, but that she doesn't think that the Senate should be dictating specific procedures, and that the reason the Elections Committee exists is to determine these procedures.
- Senator **Daly** says that while it is important to allow candidates to run independently, she thinks that the recent amendment will inhibit voter turnout.
- 780 • Senator **Van** fully supports directly electing the EVP, but does not support the Bylaws specifying that candidates will run separately.
- Senator **Pesaturo** says that the decision of whether to have candidates run independently is not something that should be made rashly.
- VP **Wojdyla** says that her concern with putting the President and EVP on the same ticket regards the ability to find enough qualified candidates. Perhaps the Elections Committee should decide this but we do need to have this debate.
- President **Sabo** is glad that the Senate is supporting the expansion of direct elections, because he believes expanded elections will give SGA more credibility with the administration, and also that the decision of candidates running independently or on tickets should be up to the Elections Committee.
- 790 • VP **Edwards-Jenks** moves to strike "Each candidate will run independently of all other candidates and all other positions and will be elected as such, according to the procedures outlined in the Direct Elections Manual."
 - Senator **Chandley** seconds.
 - Senator **Naraghi** objects.
- The Senate moves into 2-for-2-against on the amendment.
 - VP **Edwards-Jenks** says he has faith that the Elections Committee can decide this matter.
 - Comptroller **Golia** says that it would not be stepping on the toes of the Elections Committee to decide this issue, because it has chosen to not go forward with amending the Manual until the issue of tickets is decided. He says that having candidates run on tickets will lead to fewer qualified candidates running.
 - 800 ○ Senator **Chandley** says that it is important that EVP is directly elected and that it is important to let the Elections Committee decide the question of tickets.
 - Senator **Coombes** says that the Elections Committee has not gotten anywhere on this issue and that it should be made as a group.
- By a vote of 21-12, the amendment passes and the clause is stricken.

Chief of Staff **MacCormack** moves to close debate.
VP **Edwards-Jenks** seconds.

810 The **Senate** moves into voting procedure.
The Resolution *passes* with 23 for and 7 against.

Senator **Akhtar** moves to grant the Cabinet authority to make editorial, not substantive changes to the passed Resolutions from this meeting. With no objections, the motion passes.

The **Senate** moves into Open Discussion.

- Elections Chair **Cotter** thanks the Senate for granting authority to the Elections Committee that has always been with the Committee. She encourages everyone interested in these matters to attend her Committee.
- VP **LePage** encourages students with problems with Student Financial Services to email him.
- 820 • Chief of Staff **MacCormack** thanks Professor **Herman** and EVP **Pett** for their work tonight.

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- Executive Director **Dwyer** urges Senators to be careful of what they post to social media during Senate.
- Senator **Daly** encourages Senators to sign up for S-GAMES.
- Senator **Caron** reiterates that it is important for the Association to reach out to the student body and encourages everyone to sign up for S-GAMES.

Without objection, the **Chair** closes the meeting at **1:26am**.

Respectfully submitted to the Senate by Ashley Caron