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Quorum was met.

The **Chair** called the meeting to order at **7:02 pm**.

The minutes were *passed* without objection.

Executive Vice President Will **Pett**:

- New Senator Guides have arrived and any new Senator is welcome to look at one if interested, they will be on my desk in the office, and should be returned when done.
- 10 • Cabinet decided to recommend adding a third Full Body Senate next fall in order to spread out legislation and make the meetings shorter. Any additional suggestions should be brought to me or Parliamentarian Holmes.
- Following up with the BILC representatives from last meeting to discuss organizational funding.
- Working with Executive Director **Dwyer** to discuss the Brought to you by SGA campaign.

Northeastern University's **Vice President for Facilities, Nancy May**, and **Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Michael Dukakis** spoke before the Senate.

President Michael **Sabo**:

- 20 • Attending the BILC Conference on Saturday with VP **LePage**.
- Working with Comptroller **Golia** on Something NU.
- Working with the Finance Board to discuss the annual Student Activity Fee increase review.

Comptroller, Anthony **Golia**, delivered by Vice Chair **Quijada**.

- Congratulations to those who participated in the Husky Hunt over the weekend.
- The final Finance Board Workshop was today, and it went well, and there was a lot of feedback from students.
- Something NU will hopefully be launching in the Fall of 2012.
- 30 • Finance Board will hear February large programs this week.

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

- Thanks to AVP **Coombes** for his work on the legislation for tonight.
- Academic Affairs committee is planning an affinity event this month, and we may go ice skating at the frog pond.
- TRACE committee met this week, and thanks to Senators **Ahktar** and **Lopez** for their outreach to student groups to promote TRACE.

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

- 40 • Thanks to AVP **Daly** and Senators **Gormley** and **Morani** for the work they have put into the NU Starts program. There are now 40 pals signed up.
- Met with a few student leaders along with Director **Caron** to discuss Diversity Week 2012.

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

- Student Involvement Board met last week and finalized a new check-in system for newly approved student organizations.
- Presidents' Meeting was last week and student organizations brought up a variety of space and scheduling issues.

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- Working to develop the Student Involvement Board Orgsync page as a resource for presidents of student organizations.
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- This Wednesday from 7-8 there is a fundraising focus group for student organization members in 109 Richards.

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

- Senators have been busy working on improving the sample room shown on tours, working with the Bookstore to coordinate a book drive for the end of the fall semester, and bringing Redbox to campus.
 - The Farmers Market has been extended again to the end of the semester, pending the weather each week. Stay tuned to Twitter or Facebook if the weather permits it that week. Thanks to Director **O'Sullivan** for the work on the project.
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- Looking to fill the Renewable Energy Initiatives Board, and if anyone is interested to join, try to get applications in by Friday.

Chief of Staff, **Terrence MacCormack** :

- Waiting until this week to deduct half absences for not completing office hours.
 - New Senator Guides have arrived, and talk to EVP **Pett** or Executive Director **Dwyer** if you are interested in looking at one.
 - Working with the Budget this past week, as well as website related ideas.
 - The homecoming candidates are assisted by SGA in advertising from reprographics, but the resources are all paid for using the cash account, which is all fundraised money, and it does not come from the SAF.
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Executive Director of Communications, Kelly **Dwyer**:

- Committee met last week and discussed projects like the Brought to you by SGA campaign, as well as smaller scale outreach events.
- Working on promoting the Survey of the Week.
- Hoping to create a promotional video about SGA and what we do.

Parliamentarian, Amy **Holmes**; *Yield*

80 Elections Chair, Taylor **Cotter**

- The manual should be completed during elections committee this week, and should be available for Senators to look at shortly thereafter.
- Was hoping to see more Senators that had concerns about the EVP elections process at committee last week.

The **Senate** moves into Question Time.

- Senator **Donalan** asks about the New Senator Guides and what they are.
 - EVP **Pett** answers that they explain basic information about the Association for new Senators, and they are on his desk. If anyone is interested in looking one over, they can come to the office.
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The **Senate** moves into New Business.

- Sense of the Senate: **SS-FA-11-102, College Expectations**
 - **Senate** moves into Question Time

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- Senator **Mitchell** asks if the words “up to date” could be added to legislation under the bullet for Faculty to provide affordable and accessible course material.
 - Senator **Coombes** answers that the Faculty Textbook Agreement is the foundation for that point, and was passed by the Senate last year. This is under the assumption that Faculty update their materials yearly, and should keep in mind how those textbooks can be obtained.
 - Senator **Naraghi** asks how we can stay accountable to the student body and update the list as necessary.
 - Senator **Coombes** answers that an ad hoc committee will be formed if the legislation is approved that will address student needs and update the list as concerns arise, and work with the Faculty Senate to see the concerns addressed.
 - Parliamentarian **Holmes** asks for the college advisory counsels to be explained.
 - VP **Wojdyla** answers that these have been discussed in the past, and it is difficult. It would be a group of students that would come in to work with the Dean or other high level administrators within the College to address student concerns and take action with the Dean. This is looking to establish consistency.
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- Elections Chair **Cotter** asks if this legislation will come back to the floor of Senate every time something needs to be changed on the list.
 - VP **Wojdyla** encourages the Senate to grant permission to the Ad Hoc committee to make changes as they see fit and to reduce the burden on the Senate.
 - The **Senate** moves into Debate
 - Senator **Naraghi** highly endorses the legislation, and believes it's a great summary of the work of the Academic Affairs committee.
 - Senator **Daly** wants to commend the Academic Affairs committee for their work on the legislation and the projects in the past. She believes this could help the NU shuffle, but is a little uneasy about the use of Facebook and LinkedIn.
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- Senator of the Month for October goes to Kate **Chandley**.

The **Senate** moves into Open Discussion.

Without objection, the **Chair** closed the meeting at **8:27 pm**.

Respectfully submitted to the Senate by Ashley Caron