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Quorum was met.

The **Chair** called the meeting to order at **7:04 pm**.

The minutes were *passed* without objection.

Executive Vice President Will **Pett**:

- Student priorities survey is live on MyNEU, please encourage all of your constituents to fill out the survey. It will close on January 9th at midnight.
- The executive cabinet will be selling DieHard Dog shirts during finals week. The shirts cost \$10 each. Selling will start Wednesday.
- There will be a 15 minute recess at 8:45.

Northeastern University's **Director of IS Customer Service, Scott Cann** spoke before the Senate.

President Michael **Sabo**:

- As mentioned by EVP **Pett**, the Budget Priorities Survey was launched today. Hopefully an email will go out from the Office of Student Affairs.
- Interviews for Parliamentarian candidates have begun. For those who do not know, Parliamentarian **Holmes** will be studying abroad next semester, so her position needs to be filled.
- We have hired a new VP for Student Affairs to relieve VP **Estabrook** from her interim duties. Laura **Wankel** will begin right away at the beginning of the spring semester.
- Please fill out the survey monkey survey so that all of the time in Senate is well spent and to evaluate how the executive cabinet is doing.
- VP **Edwards-Jenks** and I will be attending the BIA meeting at Tufts on Saturday.
- The conference room is getting technology upgrades to mount the projector and get rid of some of the wires.
- Met with SVP **Mantella** and VP **Estabrook** today to discuss the board of trustees and how to get a student-focused agenda to the board.

Comptroller, Anthony **Golia**:

- Finance Board met last week to hear February medium and publication requests. Those decisions will be communicated shortly to all of the groups.
- Finance Board reviewed the manual during the last meeting.
- There is an open Senator seat on the Finance Board, and applications will be open until the end of the week.
- The Finance Board will meet this week to hear March large and February small requests.

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

- Senator **Akhtar** designed a new TRACE banner.
- Senators **Akhtar** and **Lopez** have been helpful this week by putting the TRACE competition up on the windows in Curry Student Center. 20% of the University has filled out their surveys thus far.
- TRACE night will be this Wednesday from 6-8pm in Snell Library. We will be raffling off Beanpot tickets.
- The winning college reception for TRACE will be on Monday from 11-1 in the West Addition of Curry.

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- Projects are assessed in a binder on my desk, and this will be my last Senate within the position of VP for Academic Affairs due to a co-op opportunity on the West Coast. The resignation will be official as of January 2nd, 2012. AVP **Coombes** will assume the role of VP from that point forward.

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

- Yesterday was the NU Starts group leader training session, and it went very well. Thanks to AVP **Daly** for her hard work on this program
- Thanks to Senators **Counihan** and **Harris** for shooting hoops over the weekend for NBSA's charity event.
- Hosted a community service dialogue event with student leaders yesterday, and it went very well.
- Met with Tracey **Britton** last week from the Office of Institutional Diversity and Equity to discuss Diversity Week and potential event ideas.
- The Code of Conduct review process has wrapped up, and SGA did well. Thanks to Director **Caron** for representing SGA well during the meetings.

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

- SIB met last week and approved one group, Her Campus NU.
- Spoke with Chiquita **Baylor** from Campus Activities, who will help the board with planning for the Spring Activities Fair.
- There are several Senator spots open on the board, so please contact me if you are interested in SIB.

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

- Met with Michael **McAdam** to discuss Rebecca's Café and the lines in the location.
- The food truck began holding late night hours from 10pm to at least midnight.
- Worked with a few administrators to allow for students with day parking passes to have access to overnight parking during finals.

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Chief of Staff, **Terry MacCormack**:

- Spent time over the last week preparing the roster for tonight's meeting, and only a few Senators are without voting rights.
- Thanks to everyone for attending Senate and Office hours.
- Working with President Sabo regarding the email that went out for the Budget Priorities Survey.
- Worked on creating the Midyear evaluation, and not many have filled it out yet. Please fill it out to let the Cabinet know how Senate is working. It is completely anonymous.
- Working on preparing the table for the Spring activities fair to recruit more members.

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

- This week I'll be meeting with my directors to plan for next semester's ideas for promotions.
- Working on the Newsletter that will hopefully launch on Wednesday. It includes all of SGA's projects and events.
- Working with EVP **Pett**, Chief of Staff **MacCormack**, and VP **Edwards-Jenks** to promote finals week.
- There are still 7 spots available for the Holiday dinner on Friday the 9th at Fire and Ice. It will be from 7-9pm.

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Parliamentarian, Amy **Holmes**:

- Thanks to everyone for the semester, and if anyone has questions, feel free to ask or email me.



Elections Chair, Taylor **Cotter**:

- There will no longer be a meeting after the Full Body tonight.

The **Senate** moves into Question Time.

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- Senator **Splain** asks how the Facebook group that existed last year was used for the Budget Priorities Survey this year.
 - President **Sabo** answered that Survey of the Week data and previous suggestions were used, but only if they were feasible.
 - Senator **Splain** asks why there wasn't going to be an election for the open VP of Academic Affairs position.
 - EVP **Pett** answered that the date of resignation determines how the position is filled, and since it is after January 1st, the governing documents state that the AVP will assume the position for the remainder of the term.
 - VP **Wojdyla** answers that she surveyed the committee and because nobody else seemed interested in the position, she felt her AVP was prepared for the position. She felt it was
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- Elections Chair **Cotter** asks if someone has to sit on Academic Affairs to be qualified for the VP position.
 - EVP **Pett** answers no.
 - Parliamentarian **Holmes** asks what the survey monkey was and was wondering why she didn't receive it.
 - EVP **Pett** answers that she didn't receive it because she is one of the individuals evaluated on the survey.
 - Chief of Staff **MacCormack** answers that it is a survey that evaluated Cabinet members and the Senate.
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- Senator **Splain** asks why the cabinet members wouldn't get it so that they can evaluate each other.
 - EVP **Pett** answers that it's an opportunity for Senate members who don't always see the cabinet members to express their opinions.

The **Senate** moves into Unfinished Business.

The **Senate** moves into New Business.

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- Comptroller **Golia** moves to suspend the rules and reorder the agenda by moving RG-FA-11-113 first.
 - Senator **Daly** seconds.
 - Senator **Splain** objects.
 - With 25 for and 15 against, the motion *fails*.
 - Senator **Splain** moves to limit speakers to one opportunity to speak during each section of Debate.
 - Senator **Caron** seconds.
 - Comptroller **Golia** objects.
 - The **Senate** moves into 2 for and 2 against.
 - Senator **Splain** states that he is hoping that the Senate can get through the whole agenda before midnight.
 - Comptroller **Golia** believes that only a group of 6 to 7 worked on the Direct Elections manual and hopes that everyone in Senate will have all the time they need to express their opinion on it.
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- Senator **Caron** stated that because she completes the minutes, she can attest to how many times it was the same people getting up to say the same things during the last Full Body Senate, and she feels that as long as your arguments are structured



beforehand, one opportunity to speak should be sufficient to express opinions on Senate business.

- VP **Edwards-Jenks** states that he feels one opportunity to speak may not be enough, and he may be more comfortable with two. He also doesn't want to see people talk over again, but he thinks one opportunity for rebuttal might be necessary.

- With 19 for and 25 against, the motion *fails*.

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- Elections Chair **Cotter** moves to limit speakers to two opportunities to speak during each section of Debate.
 - VP **Edwards-Jenks** seconds.
 - Without objection, the motion passes.

Senator **Splain** presents **Section 1** of the **Direct Elections Manual**.

Question time is opened for **Section 1**.

- Comptroller **Golia** asks when the deadline is for candidates to submit the Intent to Run form.
 - Senator **Splain** answers that it is any time before the Full Body Senate that accepts the nominations.

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Debate is opened for **Section 1**.

Senator **Splain** presents **Section 2** of the **Direct Elections Manual**.

Question time is opened for **Section 2**.

- Senator **Grich** asks if there is a way for someone to vote for the President from one slate and an EVP from another slate.
 - Senator **Splain** answers yes.
- Senator **Trudeau** asks what event prompted the use of slates in the Direct Elections.
 - Senator **Splain** answers that there was no specific event, but there have been concerns about having multiple people running either together or separate.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that the issue of running together or separately was heavily debated at the last Full Body Senate, and feels that this is a good solution for both sides.

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Debate is opened for **Section 2**.

Senator **Naraghi** presents **Section 3** of the **Direct Elections Manual**.

180 Question time is opened for **Section 3**.

- Comptroller **Golia** asks if the attempt to discuss running on a slate with somebody else is a campaign related activity.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that she feels that the committee thought that it would not be a campaign related activity.

Debate is opened for **Section 3**.

Senators **Zhu** and **Quijada** present **Section 4** of the **Direct Elections Manual**.

190 Question time is opened for **Section 4**.

- VP **Wojdyla** asks about the intent of clarifying Section 1.2.1.



- Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that in the past no campaign related activities have been allowed before the candidates briefing, but because candidates have to go out and get signatures, it would be to allow them to answer simple questions from students before they sign.

Debate is opened for **Section 4**.

Senator **Reignier** presents **Section 5** of the **Direct Elections Manual**.

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Question time is opened for **Section 5**.

- Senator **Caron** asks if someone were to be running by themselves without a slate partner, if they would they have the entire \$500 to themselves for campaign funding, and if a slate with two people would also have to split \$500.
 - Senator **Reignier** answers yes, that each slate has a budget of \$500 regardless if it is one or two people.
- Senator **Freake** asks why the \$500 would have to be split between two people on a slate.
 - Senator **Reignier** answers that the committee decided that \$500 was enough for two people running together.

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- Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that after looking at past elections spending, both candidates came to under the \$500. The committee also felt that running by yourself is also a disadvantage, so they didn't want to compound that with a smaller budget.

Debate is opened for **Section 5**.

Senator **Reignier** presents **Section 6** of the **Direct Elections Manual**.

Question time is opened for **Section 6**.

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- VP **Edwards-Jenks** asks where a campaign worker is documented or written down.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that you are a campaign worker if you do work for the campaign. The committee thought the list was difficult to maintain, and made it difficult to track campaign workers.
- Comptroller **Golia** asks if an individual hangs posters for a candidate even though the candidate explicitly told them not to, if that individual would be considered a campaign worker.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that the issue of being a campaign worker would only become an issue if the manual is violated by that individual.
 - Parliamentarian **Holmes** answers that it is up to the Elections Committee for interpretation of the manual, and if an interpretation of the manual is appealed, the interpretation would be decided upon by the Operational Appeals Board.

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- Senator **Corrado** asks why being in the presence of campaign activity was changed.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that it clears up things and allows for multiple people to be in the area of campaigning even though they may not be interacting in any way.
- Comptroller **Golia** asks if he is violating the elections manual while campaigning for a candidate, if the candidate would be held liable for the violation.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that the University would hold students liable for their own actions. If it is a consequence that would be determined by the committee, they would apply consequences as seen fit.
- VP **Edwards-Jenks** asks how a candidate would be held liable for a person campaigning that was not a campaign worker.



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- Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that if an individual is doing campaign work, they are considered a campaign worker, and if they violate the manual, the campaign is held liable.
 - Comptroller **Golia** asks if he is directly threatening a student in Snell to vote, if he would be violating the manual and would cause the campaign to be held liable.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that she is not in a place to interpret hypothetical situations at this time, and those situations would be handled by the committee as a whole if they were hearing the grievance for the violation.

Debate is opened for **Section 6**.

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- VP **Edwards-Jenks** feels that without an explicit list to define workers, it can leave ambiguity for the campaigns, and what it to the knowledge of the candidate.
 - President **Sabo** stated that keeping a list updated while campaigning was a hassle and it was difficult to be sure they were approved and ready to be campaigning.
 - Senator **Splain** says that he agrees that keeping a campaign worker list up to date is difficult during a campaign.
 - Comptroller **Golia** says that he has an issue with not having a list. The committee has to be able to prove that individuals were performing campaign activity under the behest and knowledge of the candidate, which could be difficult to find evidence for. He feels a list will remove the ambiguity.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** states that the burden of proof always falls on the person filing a grievance.
 - Senator **Caron** says that even though the committee may not be able to find fault among individuals who are campaigning, there can always be complaints filed to OSCCR as well, who could do a formal investigation.
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- Comptroller **Golia** moves to amend Section 6.1 to read “Each slate is responsible for providing a list of individuals working at its behest and knowledge no later than 12 hours after such an action. Each slate is responsible for maintaining such a list.”
 - VP **Edwards-Jenks** seconds.
 - Senator **Splain** objects.
 - Debate is opened on the motion to amend.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** states that the amendment would mean that anyone who is doing campaign work and isn’t on the list wouldn’t be responsible for their actions as far as the committee is concerned.
 - Comptroller **Golia** felt that “there are more holes in this than a jungle gym” and he feels that there is nothing stopping people from running all over campus and violating the manual and it isn’t fair to the campaigns.
 - VP **Edwards-Jenks** thinks this would help stop campaigns for being held liable when it wasn’t at the behest or knowledge of the candidate.
 - President **Sabo** feels that this amendment would not add anything to the manual, and he feels that a list will not stop people from violations.
 - Senator **Splain** wants to state that a list would not stop people from violations of the manual, and even though a list can hold people accountable, it makes it much more difficult for the campaign.
 - Parliamentarian **Holmes** says that from a parliamentary standpoint, this wouldn’t change things. Since someone could file a grievance that someone wasn’t disclosing, and it would just add an extra step to prove that they should be on the list
 - Comptroller **Golia** says that if he is running for office and he is able to say that a person is on his campaign, if that person violates the manual, his campaign is held liable. He also feels that due to history from last year, it could be dangerous to be



able to hold a campaign liable if people create twitter accounts or perform other actions.

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- Senator **Splain** says that it doesn't matter if the amendment is in there or not. It just means that there will be two debates instead of one because it has to be determined first if the person was not disclosed on the campaign worker list.
 - Chief of Staff **MacCormack** says that it seems there have been problems with having lists in the past, and the point of amending the manual every year is to try to change things to make the process better. He feels this would be good to try without a list.
 - With a wide margin, the motion *fails*.

Senator **Pesaturo** presents **Section 7** of the **Direct Elections Manual**.

300 Question time is opened for **Section 7**.

- VP **Wojdyla** asks how the potential pictures of the candidates would be displayed on MyNEU.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers in the bios, and states that it is how the ballots have been presented in the past.
- VP **LePage** asks if this would be displayed on the page where you cast your votes.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that it hasn't been determined.
- Comptroller **Golia** asks how a debate is scheduled one week in advance and what is the committee's involvement with student group debates.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that the point is to be sure that candidates are informed of debates, so if a student group wants to have a debate with candidates; it is their responsibility to alert the candidates.

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- Comptroller **Golia** asks if it is possible for a debate to happen if the candidate is out of the Boston area on co-op.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that it is not an issue to have a Skype debate or something to that extent, but it must include all of the candidates.
 - Senator **Splain** asks if someone was worried about people's pictures on the ballot, when would the setup of that happen.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that the set up may happen in January or February, but all of the suggestions depend on IS capabilities.

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- VP **Wojdyla** asks if it would be considered a debate if a candidate was a part of a group and was asked to speak to that group about their campaign.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that it wouldn't be considered a debate.
 - Senator **Chandley** asks if all of the debates have to have every candidate present for each position.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that all of the candidates for the position have to be present or it would be in violation with the manual. Under extenuating circumstances it is understandable if a candidate cannot make a debate.
 - VP **Edwards-Jenks** asks if the change means that all candidates must be present at a debate.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that as it reads, it means that all public debates must consist of all candidates.

330 Debate is opened for **Section 7**.

- Parliamentarian **Holmes** rules Section 7.3.1 out of order due to the fact that it is not a binding statement.



- VP **Edwards-Jenks** moves to amend Section 7.3.2.1 to read “Public debates may only occur if all Presidential candidates, all Executive Vice Presidential candidates, or all candidates for both positions were invited to the debate.”
 - Senator **Chandley** seconds.
 - Senator **Splain** objects.
 - Debate is opened on the motion to amend.
 - VP **Edwards-Jenks** says that he wants to ensure that all of the candidates have a fair chance to go to the debate, and not allow debates if candidate schedules wouldn’t allow.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** says that if a student group wants to hold a debate during the day, and the candidates on co-op were unable to attend, it wouldn’t be considered a public debate that all students could attend under elections committee guidelines.
 - Senator **Splain** says that the original wording was there to allow for people to not attend if it was not during a time that worked for all candidates.
 - With 17 for and 19 against, the motion *fails*.
- VP **LePage** asks if there is anything in the text as is that prevents two candidates going to speak to a group.
- VP **Edwards-Jenks** moves to insert text into Section 7.3.2.2 to read “Debates must be scheduled on the student life calendar no less than 1 week prior to the event.”
 - Senator **Mitchell** seconds.
 - Senator **Caron** objects.
 - The Senate moves into 2 for 2 against.
 - VP **Edwards-Jenks** thinks this would allow for debates to be open to everyone regardless if it is sponsored by a student group or not. He thinks we should make the candidates’ faces known to all.
 - Senator **Caron** agrees that it is important to open up the debates to as many students as possible, but from an SIB perspective, governing documents are generally supposed to be seen as timeless, and we don’t refer to specific forms of social media. It may be more effective to state that they are scheduled and publicized within 1 week.
 - Senator **Mitchell** says that it is good to have the public know when debates between the candidates are.
 - Senator **Splain** says that the intent of 7.3.2.2 was for the candidates so that they could schedule the debates. It wasn’t intended for promotions.
 - With 27 for and 16 against, the motion *passes*.
- Comptroller **Golia** moves to amend Section 7.2.3 by striking “for the ballot, and.”
 - VP **LePage** seconds.
 - VP **Wojdyla** objects.
 - The Senate moves into 2 for 2 against.
 - Comptroller **Golia** feels that it is dangerous to allow pictures on the ballot. He doesn’t believe other institutions set direct elections that way, and believes it could create a bias in the voting. He feels it sets up the opportunity for students to base votes on looks, which cannot be controlled by the candidates.
 - VP **Wojdyla** says that it is inappropriate to question motives of students when they vote. She believes that it gives the candidates a face and makes them seem like real people.
 - VP **LePage** says that he would be more comfortable if the photos did show up with the bios, since there would be more information.



- Senator **Naraghi** states that voters may recognize candidates that they speak to if they have photos on the ballot. Sometimes students may not remember names, but would remember faces.
- With a wide margin the motion *fails*.

Senator **Van** presents **Section 8** of the **Direct Elections Manual**.

Question time is opened for **Section 8**.

- Senator **Mitchell** asks what the changes were to Section 8.6.
 - Senator **Van** answers that the change was if the threshold is not met, the Full Body Senate would decide on the candidate by a simple majority vote.
- VP **Wojdyla** asks what not meeting the threshold means.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that if the threshold was not met by the end of the voting period, it could be extended by a number of days. If there was a reason that the voting period could not be extended by a maximum of 5 days, that is when a vote from the Full Body would be called upon.

Debate is opened for **Section 8**.

400 Senator **Van** presents **Section 9** of the **Direct Elections Manual**.

Question time is opened for **Section 9**.

Debate is opened for **Section 9**.

Senator **Donelan** presents **Section 10** of the **Direct Elections Manual**.

Question time is opened for **Section 10**.

- VP **Edwards-Jenks** asks how tainted votes would be adjusted as stated in Section 10.7.4.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that a few years ago a student was threatened to vote for a specific candidate, and she was able to have her vote removed and she was able to vote again after it was reported. It is in the manual for precedent.
- Senator **Corrado** asks how demerit points are assigned if the grievance is against a slate.
 - Senator **Donelan** answers that a grievance is only against a slate if both candidates are accused to be a part of the report. Demerit points are assigned to each candidate if they are found liable for the accusation.
- Senator **Naraghi** asks *inaudible*.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that after a grievance if it involves a student's vote, the person's vote would be considered no longer valid, and they would have it removed from the vote count and the student would have the opportunity to vote again.
- Senator **Naraghi** asks what the process would be to override the manual in how votes are adjusted.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that it would require a two thirds vote of the Senate.
 - Parliamentarian **Holmes** answers that you have to override the entire manual in order to override any particular section.

Debate is opened for **Section 10**.

- Comptroller **Golia** moves to strike Section 10.7.4.
 - VP **LePage** seconds.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** objects.
 - The Senate moves into 2 for 2 against.



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- Comptroller **Golia** feels that if a situation is serious enough that a student was forced to vote in a particular way, he hopes the elections committee will use demerit points, and possibly disqualifying the candidate as a way to hold the campaign liable. He believes that it is a lot of power to give a small committee to be able to change the vote count.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** says that it is an issue that happened in the first direct elections, and it is important to protect students by placing it in the manual. This is purely for the students.
 - VP **LePage** says that he is unsure that there is a fair way to determine how many votes were tainted as a result of actions by a campaign, and would want the process to be more clearly defined in order to be in support of this.
 - Senator **Splain** feels that precedent defines this well, and gives the opportunity to make sure that the process is fair for students and allows for votes to be corrected.
 - With a wide margin the motion *fails*.

Elections Chair **Cotter** presents **Sections 11 and 12** of the **Direct Elections Manual**.

Question time is opened for **Sections 11 and 12**.

- 450 Debate is opened for **Sections 11 and 12**.

Elections Chair **Cotter** presents **Appendices A and B** of the **Direct Elections Manual**.

Question time is opened for **Appendices A and B**.

- Comptroller **Golia** asks if the grievance hearing script supersedes other documents, and if the complainant loses their privileges during that hearing if they are an elections committee member.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers yes, because in previous years people were using points of order and other forms of Roberts Rules from other meetings, and it caused problems within the hearings.
- 460 • VP **Wojdyla** asks if the word debate was in the glossary.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that it is defined as Public Debate, and is towards the end of the list.

Debate is opened for **Appendices A and B**.

- Parliamentarian **Holmes** rules Public Debates definition within the glossary out of order.

Elections Chair **Cotter** presents **Appendices C, D, E, and F** of the **Direct Elections Manual**.

Question time is opened for **Appendices C, D, E, and F**.

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- VP **Edwards-Jenks** asks if the statement before the chalking policy conflicts with the campus activities policy of one piece of chalk.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that for any other student group, they would have to use the chalk provided by campus activities. There was an agreement worked out though, that would allow for chalk to be purchased by the candidates.
 - Senator **Caron** asks if the intent to run form is the same for both the Presidential candidates and Executive Vice Presidential candidates.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that there was an editorial mistake in the manual, but the intent to run forms would be the same.



480 Debate is opened for **Appendices C, D, E, and F.**

The **Senate** moves into voting procedure.

- VP **Edwards-Jenks** moves to adopt by unanimous consent.
 - Comptroller **Golia** objects.

The **Direct Elections Manual** *passes* with 43 for and 0 against.

President **Sabo** presents **Senator of the Month – November.**

- Senator **He** receives the award.

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Senator **Daly** presents **RG-FA-11-113: Campaign Workers.**

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

- Comptroller **Golia** asks if it would be possible for the constitution or bylaws to reference a term used within the Direct Elections Manual.
 - Parliamentarian **Holmes** answers no, because they are higher governing documents which define the Direct Elections Manual.

Debate is opened for **RG-FA-11-113.**

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- Senator **Daly** moves to amend Article 8, Section E of the constitution to read “The elections committee will serve as an official, non-partisan and unbiased committee, with the purpose of overseeing the nominations and elections process. It will be a committee of the Senate. The elections committee shall be guided by its mission statement as confirmed by the Senate.”
 - Senator **Daly** withdraws the motion.

President **Sabo** presents **Senator of the Semester.**

- Senator **Lothrop** receives the award.

Comptroller **Golia** moves to bring **RG-FA-11-115 – DE Candidates** to the floor.

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- President **Sabo** seconds.
 - Without objection, the resolution is on the floor.

Comptroller **Golia** presents **RG-FA-11-115 – DE Candidates.**

Question time is opened for **RG-FA-11-115 – DE Candidates.**

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- Senator **Quijada** asks if there is any historical reason why the President had to be a Senator for a certain number of weeks.
 - Comptroller **Golia** answers that it has always been Senator status for the President. There was an amendment last year that attempted to just have association membership, but that did not pass, and this is another attempt.
 - Elections Chair **Cotter** asks if not including intersessions in the week requirement is good choice for the Association.
 - Comptroller **Golia** answers that his intent with the amendment is to change the Association membership status requirement of the President, although he would not be opposed to changing the week requirement as well.
 - Parliamentarian **Holmes** asks for blocking procedures to be explained.



- Elections Chair **Cotter** answers that if the Senate sees a candidate as incompetent or unprepared for the directly elected position, they can block their nomination by a two thirds Senate vote and keep them from the ballot.

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Debate is opened for **RG-FA-11-115 – DE Candidates**.

The **Senate** moves into voting procedure.

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

The **Senate** moves into Open Discussion.

Without objection, the **Chair** closes the meeting at **10:37pm**.

540 *Respectfully submitted to the Senate by Ashley Caron*