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Quorum: was met

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

The minutes are *approved* without objection.

Executive Vice President, Will **Pett**:

- The Executive Cabinet will be selling DieHard Dog T-Shirts this at the Welcome Days, 2/11, 10-2; 2/17, 12-2; and 2/18 and 2/19, 10-2.
- I have been working with Chief of Staff **MacCormack** on updating our internal transition materials.
- Chief of Staff **MacCormack** and I are working on creating content for the project tracker on the website.
- Please continue promoting NUideas to your constituents.

Northeastern University's **Director of Dining Services Maureen Timmons** spoke before the Senate.

President, Michael **Sabo**:

- A new projector was mounted for the conference room and other upgrades will be happening soon.
- I've reached out to SVP for External Affairs Mike Armini and VP for City and Community Affairs John Tobin on collaborating on an SGA-administration statement regarding the MBTA cuts.
- Pint with the President is February 21. Please promote to your constituents.
- SVP Philly Mantella has approved the Student on the Board of Trustees memo. This is the result of the referenda question from this past spring regarding greater student input on the Board. So once per month, the Student Body President will meet with the Student Affairs committee of the Board of Trustees.

Comptroller, Anthony **Golia** *yields*.

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Josh **Coombes**:

- Congratulations to Senator **Akhtar**; she is my new AVP.
- She is working on the TRACE subcommittee, which is meeting every other Tuesday at 6pm in the conference room.
- In committee, we went over the graduation plans that currently exist in the College of Business Administration. Looking to have similar models implemented across all other colleges.
- Senator **Naraghi** is working on virtual advising and a potential pilot program in CBA.

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

- Diversity Week work is ongoing, thanks to Director **Caron** and Senator **Petrin** for their help.
- My committee has put together a food drive that will be at the Stetsons every Friday from 2pm-5pm to ask people to use a swipe at Outtakes and donate that food to a food bank.
- Senator **McCarthy** is continuing to work with the SocChange on potential collaborations.
- Congratulations to Senator **Gormley**, she is my new AVP.

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

- The February Presidents meeting is next Wednesday at 6pm in 19 INV.

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

- Thanks to Director **Corrado** and Senators **Lopez** and **Akhtar** for passing out RecycleMania T-Shirts at the Ralph Nader event.
- We're now using a Facebook page, Twitter, and a new page on the website to promote sustainability on the website.
- Working with Senator **White** and Student-at-Large **Nagy** on putting together the Smoking Policy Referendum.
- Senator **Nikolinos** will be sitting on Housing Task Force.

Chief of Staff, Terry **MacCormack**

- Welcome to Senators Rynowecer and Carroll.
- I worked on the website this week; thanks to Senator **Splain** for his help. Project tracker and Quick Fixes coming soon.
- I'm working with VP **LePage** and Director **Corrado** on logistics for RecycleMania promotion.
- Tonight, President **Sabo** and I will be presenting the proposal for the FY13 budget to the Executive Board. It will then go to the Senate and then to the Finance Board.
- Continuing to work on both Passing of the Gavel and Senator apparel- let me know if you have any ideas related to either of these.
- Recognition awards are due by February 13. www.sga.neu.edu/recognition.

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

- Officially announcing Directors:
  - Assistant Director: Student-at-Large **Rogers**
  - Design: Senator **McAllister**
  - Promotion: Senator **White**
  - Social Media: Student-at-Large **Wynter**.
- Thanks to my committee for putting the arrows up around campus.

Parliamentarian, Ryan **Gordon**:

- There will be an OAB meeting next week to prepare for elections.

Elections Committee Chair, Taylor **Cotter**:

- Intent to Run forms are on the website.
- Elections Promotions meeting is tonight.

The **Senate** moved into Question Time.

- Elections Chair **Cotter** asks if the job description for Student Body President will be changed given the results of the Board of Trustees memo being approved, especially with elections coming up. President **Sabo** answers that at this point, he has not considered changing job descriptions because this proposal was only recently approved, but that he would be happy to look into it.

The **Senate** moved into New Business.

- President **Sabo** awards the Senator of the Month Award for January to Senator Danielle **Desser**

The **Senate** moved into Open Discussion.

- Student-at-Large **Daly** is looking for potential transfer students to serve as group leaders for NUstarts.

- President **Sabo** wants the Senate to be aware of Student Financial Aid Day taking place on February 28 at the State House.
- Elections Chair **Cotter** wonders why the Executive Cabinet did not make a statement regarding KO Barstool. President **Sabo** answers that the Cabinet did not feel it was appropriate in the run-up to the event. Chief of Staff **MacCormack** says that resources are going to be available on the website, once technical difficulties are resolved.
- Director **Corrado** wants to promote the sustainability social media sites.

Without objection, the **Chair** closed the meeting at **8:02 pm**.