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Quorum: was met.

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

The minutes *are approved* without objection.

Executive Vice President Will **Pett**:

- Senate is on Wednesday next week (2/22), and back to Mondays on 2/27 followed by a week off for Spring Break.
- Cabinet will be selling DieHard Dog shirts this weekend: Friday 2/17 12-2, Saturday 2/18 10-2, Sunday 2/19 10-2.
- Thanks to Chief of Staff **MacCormack** for getting the new project tracker up on the website under the Initiatives page. It's broken up by focus areas with 5 projects per area, contact information for the project leads, and a brief description of the project and where it currently stands.
- We are continuing to monitor NUideas - let me or Chief of Staff **MacCormack** know if comments aren't being responded to in a timely fashion.

Northeastern University's **Vice President for Student Affairs Laura Wankel** spoke before the Senate.

President, Michael **Sabo**:

- Pint with the President is this Tuesday in the Varsity Club at 5PM. All students are welcome, however you must be 21 to attend. Please share with your friends on Facebook and Twitter.
- I have been working with Greg **Geyer** from Facilities and the Boston Transportation Department to redesign campus electrical boxes. I am currently compiling a list of campus locations to increase school spirit/branding.
- We will be proposing the Fiscal Year 13 Budget to Executive Cabinet tonight, and it will be going before the Senate next week.

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

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

- I am meeting with Vice Provost Bruce **Ronkin** to discuss all academic initiative thus far and go over recommendations for Graduation Plan documents.
- Working with Prof. **Straus** of the Faculty Senate and OSCCR to discuss and revise the academic integrity policy and how it is dealt with.
- TRACE Subcommittee met and compared TRACE to other schools' teacher evaluation process and how to increase participation. Started planning for this semester.
- College Expectations Subcommittee will be meeting next Tuesday and will be beginning to reach out to the appropriate faculty in order to inform them of the expectations and how we can assist. Senator **Naraghi** is working through the CBA and with Mark **Staples** in order to pilot virtual advising through their new Blackboard collaboration program.
- Senator **Mitchell** and I are going to working with the Associate Dean of the Library, Leslie **Milner**, and Tom **Urell** to collaborate on initiatives this semester.
- Senator **Harris**, on behalf of the Faculty Information Technology Policy Committee, has requested that you reach out to him with any concerns regarding IT.

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

- This Saturday 2/18 at 1:00 PM is the Men's Basketball Bracketbuster game vs. Stony Brook in which free Chick-Fil-A and t-shirts will be given out. Tickets are free on myNEU.
- I met with the Chair of the Boston School Committee yesterday and discussed initiatives and goals that SGA has been working on as well as ways that we can begin working more closely together to have Northeastern students involved in community schools.
- Last week I met with Gail **Olyha**, Director of Off-Campus Student Services, to discuss the future of the landlord/realtor survey. Also I have been working with Senator **Carville** to analyze data from the Library Shuttle during finals and we are looking to try and begin analyzing data since the sign has been moved.
- Friday from 2-5 PM Senators will be collecting food to be donated to the Greater Boston Food Bank. Please stop by and donate some food!
- On Tuesday 2/20 from 5-6 PM NU Starts will be holding a transfer student listening session to find ways that we can build a program to effectively integrate incoming transfer students into the Northeastern community. If you have any questions please contact Director **Daly**.

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

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

- Food truck re-launched today. It has a new design and an updated menu.
- Student Services committee will be at Stetson East to help with setup for Mardi Gras next week 7-8 PM.
- Mardi Gras in 8 - 10 PM on Tuesday
- CSA applications are due shortly; contact Director **O'Sullivan** if you have any questions.
- AVP **Arrington** has stepped down due to conflicting time commitments. Director **Corrado** will be our new AVP.

Chief of Staff, Terry **MacCormack:**

- I would like to welcome all of the new Senators.
- Deadline for SGA Recognition awards is tonight at 9. Please submit your nominations online at www.sga.neu.edu/recognition.
- As EVP **Pett** mentioned, the project tracker is up on website, quick fixes will be coming soon.
- We have updated the website to reflect when the office is staffed and open. We may be open at other hours if anyone else is around, however we will definitely be open at those times.
- President **Sabo** and I are finalizing the FY13 budget presentation.
- I want to remind everyone that all student groups are allowed special interest senators, so please if you want your organization's voice heard feel free to apply to be a special interest senator.

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

- My committee is working on Orientation, Passing of the Gavel, and the Student Art Sale.
- We are creating a subcommittee for the Student Art Sale that will be co-chaired by Senators **Gormley** and **McAllister**. If you're interested in helping to plan this event, please contact them.
- Also, don't forget to sign up for the SGA Relay for Life Team.

Parliamentarian, Ryan **Gordon** *yields.*

Elections Committee Chair, Taylor **Cotter:**

- Elections Promotion will be meeting tonight after Senate at 830 PM, Elections Committee meets Mondays at 830 PM.
- A reminder that if you plan to work on a campaign you cannot sit on Elections Committee or Elections Promotion.

The **Senate** moved into Question Time.

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Senator **Petrin** mentioned that the Presidents' Meeting held by SIB prior to Senate went well and there is a "Tricks of the Trade" presentation at 7 PM on 2/23 in 300 Richards.

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