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Quorum: was met.

The minutes *are approved* without objection.

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

Executive Vice President Will **Pett**:

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- Tonight is a full body senate. We also have fully bodies on April 2nd and April 9th.
 - Anyone who is interested in proposing constitution or bylaw amendments needs to submit by next Tuesday at midnight.
 - I am addressing feedback from the Chick-fil-A Sense of the Senate as it arises.
 - Any student who wishes to view a roll call vote total please email me and I will send it out. We are also looking to add it to the website.
 - I am working with Elections Chair **Cotter** to ensure that all promotional materials for elections arrive on time.
 - I am continuing to visit committees so I will probably see some of you soon.

Northeastern University's **Provost Stephen Director** spoke before the Senate.

20 President, Michael **Sabo**:

- I hope everyone had a good vacation.
- VP **Edwards-Jenks** and I met with John Tobin to discuss the MBTA and other community issues.
- We have four referenda that made the 750 signatures.
- Chief of Staff **MacCormack** and I will be presenting the annual budget this week before the Finance Board.
- I wanted to wish everyone who is nominated tonight the best of luck.

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

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

- College Expectations is meeting tomorrow.
- I am working on setting up a meeting with the Bookstore, SGA, and the Provost's office regarding textbook ordering for the fall.
- I am working with Senators **Mitchell** and **Lopez** with the library improvements.
- If you have any interest in increasing the usage of ebooks please reach out to me. The library is holding a conference soon about increasing their ebook collection.
- Senator **Naraghi** has worked with the academic integrity policy for the faculty senate.

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

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- Next week is Diversity Week. We will be promoting this during the week.
 - We have been doing the Food Drive outside the Stetsons on Friday afternoons. We will be doing it again this Friday from 12-2 if you want to help out please let me know.
 - We are working on the book drive for children. If you have any children's books please let me know.
 - AVP **Gormley** and Senator **McAllister** are working to bring a student art sale to campus later this semester.

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

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

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- VP **Coombes** and I met with IS regarding the ongoing network outages.
 - We are working on an auto-reload function for Husky and Dining Dollars.
 - The REIB has been looking into bike maintenance stations to install on campus.
 - Senator **D'Amico** has contacted facilities about signage at West Village A. Currently, North and South are not marked.

Chief of Staff, Terry **MacCormack**:

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- Thanks for attending tonight. Thanks also for bearing with us during the moving around with rooms before Senate.
 - I am continuing to update the online project tracker. We are looking into the feasibility of timelines and deadlines.
 - I'll be sending around an OrgSync form this week for SGA apparel.
 - The SGA budget proposal heads to the Finance Board. Thank you everyone for a healthy conversation about that.
 - If you have any questions about the budget please come talk to me.

Executive Director of Communications, Kelly **Dwyer** *yields*.

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

70 Elections Chair, Taylor **Cotter**:

- Tonight marks the official start of elections season.
- Tomorrow is the candidates briefing. If you're working on a campaign, if you're interested in working on a campaign, that is a good place to go.
- There is a calendar on the SGA website that has all of the events, when voting starts, all of the debates. I suggest that you all subscribe to it.
- To keep up with elections stuff. The theme is Vote in the NUDE. The twitter is @VoteNude, votenude.tumblr.com. If you have any concerns about elections you can email me at vote@neu.edu. I am available if you have any questions.
- Elections Committee will be meeting after this meeting in the Senate chambers.

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The **Senate** moved into Question Time.

Senator **Van** asks where the calendar is. Senator **Cotter** says if you mouse over Committees and then Elections, you can see the calendar on the side.

The **Senate** moved into New Business.

VP **LePage** *moves* to Open Nominations for President.

90 VP **Edwards-Jenks** *nominates* Senator **Petrin**.
Senator **Petrin** *accepts*.

Senator **Quijada** *nominates* Student at Large **LaColla**.
Student at Large **LaColla** *accepts*.
Senator **Naraghi** *seconds*.

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VP **Edwards-Jenks** *moves* to close nominations for president.

100 VP **LePage** *moves* to open nominations for Executive Vice President.

Senator **Morani** *nominates* Senator **Naraghi**.
Senator **Naraghi** *accepts*.

VP **Coombes** *nominates* Chief of Staff **MacCormack**.
Chief of Staff **MacCormack** *accepts*.

VP **Edwards-Jenks** *moves* to close Executive Vice President Nominations.

110 President **Sabo** presents Senator **Carville** with Senator of the Month for February.

President **Sabo** and Elections Chair **Cotter** present the Referenda.

SSB-SP-12-101: A Sense of the Student Body Supporting Equalizing Penalties between Marijuana Possession and Underage Alcohol Possession in the Code of Conduct

Question time is opened on SSB-SP-12-101.

Debate time is opened on SSB-SP-12-101.

120 VP **Edwards-Jenks** says this was an issue he worked closely with SSDP on. They were not taken seriously by the administration. We felt what they did was a step in the right direction. Since then, they have been determined to put together a well written piece of legislation that will hopefully be able to be on the ballot so all students may have their voice heard.

RSB-SP-12-101: A Resolution of the Student Body Supporting an Increase of Recycling Availability on Northeastern's Boston Campus

Question time is opened on RSB-SP-12-101.

130 Senator **Petrin** asks if "will provide a yearly report" means it will be annually occurring. President **Sabo** says it is ambiguous enough to leave it up to the discretion of the President or VP of Student Services.

Debate time is opened on RSB-SP-12-101.

RSB-SP-12-102: A Resolution of the Student Body Supporting an Opt-Out Renewable Energy Fee

Question time is opened on RSB-SP-12-102.

140 Senator **Naraghi** asks where is this on I Am Here. President **Sabo** says it is after the pledge and before the "I Am Here", it is a window that pops up. You can also donate via NU Pay.

Senator **Akhtar** asks shouldn't this be for Spring 2013 and not fall 2012? President Sabo says it takes a very long time to work with the Registrar and IS to get anything implemented, so we wanted to set a timeline which would definitely work.

Comptroller **Golia** asks if students that are on co-op would have to opt out. President **Sabo** says no.

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150 Senator **Mitchell** asks if there would be a difference on the receipt of funding if this box was pre-checked versus having to actively check? Elections Chair **Cotter** says the sponsors are more likely to donate if it is checked.

Senator **Shaw** asks how much it is. Elections Chair **Cotter** says it is ten dollars per semester.

Debate time is opened on RSB-SP-12-102.

VP **LePage** says the current opt in is a window that says if you want to contribute it links you to the donating system.

160 Senator **Van** says this would show that we are a green school.

SSB-SP-12-102: A Sense of the Student Body to Address the Increasingly Unaffordable Cost of College by Freezing the Cost of College for One Year

Question Time is opened on SSB-SP-12-102.

Debate is opened on SSB-SP-12-102.

The **Senate** moved into Open Discussion.

170 Without objection, the **Chair** closed the meeting at **9:35 pm**.