

## **I. Roll Call**

Present: 45

Absent:

Quorum: 39

## **II. Call to Order and Approval of the Minutes: *Approved***

## **III. Chair Address**

### 1. Executive Vice President – Dylan Balcom

1. The main thing that I have been working on is appointing my directors, getting them all onboarded, helping them get their jobs started so that they can thrive. The biggest undertaking has been working with my directors on engagement. They have an activity coming up later that they will be leading and some other things, including the holiday party, so you should all get excited. We will be announcing it all next week, what the plans are for that.
2. Also, an update, I had previously mentioned that we would be doing Senate at the State House this semester, unfortunately they are renovating the State House, internally, so they quite literally there is no space for us to be in. We were invited to be one of the first groups actually to be in the fully renovated State House, or Senate Chambers there, so that will be pretty cool. So I will announce once we have finalized the new date for January, what that will be. Keep it on your radar. With that, I yield.

## **IV. Executive Addresses**

### 1. President – Nathan Hostert

1. Hello everyone, I hope that you all had a great weekend and are excited for Thanksgiving break. Really quickly, I want to preemptively apologize because my update might be a little bit longer today than it normally is.
2. First off, I want to start off by thanking you all. You all have been the most passionate, supportive, and action-oriented Senate that I have ever seen. As I met many of you over the past few months, I have been so inspired by the hope and dedication that you bring to SGA and I am incredibly excited to see the future of this association is so bright and I know that so many of you will go on to be amazing leaders, not only in this organization, but also in your lives, post-graduation.
3. It is with a heavy heart that I say that I am officially stepping down as Student Body President. This decision is motivated by a number of personal reasons which I won't delve into here, but which I believe make

this the best route forward. I know that if I stayed in this role any longer, I would not be able to perform my duties to the best of my ability. This has been one of the most difficult decisions that I have ever had to make, I am doing so for what I believe is best for both my well-being and also for this association.

4. While I leave this position with a heavy heart, I could not be more proud of the progress that we have made in just six short months! In half a year, we got Charlie Cards and Zipcar discounts for 3000 first-year students, we launched a program where students can get free meal swipes if they cannot afford them, we got students the ability to order safe sex supplies directly to their on-campus mailboxes, we expanded Title IX training to hundreds of first-year students with the Sexual Assault Response Coalition, we collected thousands of donated items for students affected by the Hemingway fire, and we overhauled the gender-inclusive housing process.
5. What I am most proud of though, are the incredible people in this association. Not only am I proud of the work that you all, as Senators, are doing, not only in SGA, but also in organizations that you represent, but I am also proud of SGA's fantastic leadership team. Each one of them is spearheading projects that is going to make all of our lives better as students. They have formed spectacular committees and boards, with outstanding members, many of whom are in this room, who are taking on projects on their own and thinking critically about how we can make this association better.
6. As I step away from this position, know that I am not disappearing. I will still be working on different advocacy projects to make this university better. I will still do whatever I can to support you all. I may not be at Senate as frequently, but that does not mean that I am unavailable. My email address is still the same, and I would love to meet with any of you if you need advice, or would just like to grab coffee, or connect.
7. I have spoken with Dylan, a lot, about all of this and I know that he is fully prepared to take on the position of Student Body President. When I ran with him on the Your Northeastern Ticket to be Student Body President and Vice President, we set a long list of priorities for how we would like to see, how we would like to make Northeastern a better place for all students and I am so proud to say that so many of those we have already accomplished, but I know that Dylan is dedicated to continue this fight and to make Northeastern an even better place than it is right now and to

accomplish so many more of those goals. I am so excited to see the great things that he is going to do and you all are going to do next semester.

8. SGA is where I have found my home, during my time at Northeastern and leaving is so so hard for me to do, but I know in my heart that this is the best thing for me to do and I know that as I leave this association, I am leaving it in such capable hands with all of you.
9. If you take anything from me, please take this, never stop fighting for what you believe is right, never think that you are incapable of fighting the status quo, or that you are not the right person to spearhead change. Each one of you has the ability to make amazing contributions and changes, not only at Northeastern, but in the world. Please, please, please, believe in yourself, and always try to make the world around you a little better.
10. So with that, I just want to thank you all for everything. And with that, I yield.
2. EVP Dylan Balcom: Thank you again for everything that you have done for this association and for this school. It doesn't go unappreciated.
3. Comptroller – Max W-G [Note: he was unable to attend, so EVP Balcom gave the following update on his behalf]
  1. If you have any concerns about the budget constraints, reach out to him, and he can help solve them.
4. Vice President for Academic Affairs – Chris Brown
  1. First of all I wanted to thank Nathan for his amazing service. He has not only inspired me, but many others in this very room. He has accomplished so much in so little time and I think because of that he will leave a lasting legacy and impact on this association. While the next few months ahead will probably be difficult, we do have governing documents in place for this very reason, so we will continue moving forward, even though he won't be with us, he will be with us in spirit, he's not dying. He is very committed, as you can tell, to the continued success of this organization and we have to live up to that expectation.
  2. On another note, I will give my actual address now. I have conducted a lot of work with the Registrar. We are continuing to gather data to help expand honors courses.
  3. I have met with the library, we have laid the bedbugs rumor to rest, so that is no longer a problem.

4. There will be batteries now open on the fourth and third floor for all students at all times going forward. If you ever need a portable charger for a laptop or a cell phone you can always check it out from the library.
  5. We are also starting a Physics task force. I know many of you are taking physics or have taken it before, the course is plagued with a lot of problems. We have people heading that in my committee, so please email me, either right now or as soon as Senate is over you can come talk with me. It is very important, it affects many students, so if you have any suggestions or want to be involved with that please reach out. With that, I yield.
5. Vice President for Student Affairs – PhiYen Nguyen
1. Hey guys, first off I wanted to just say to Nathan, like thank you for all that you have done for me and thank you for helping me get to where I am now, without you, I definitely wouldn't be standing up here and I definitely wouldn't I guess be so involved in this association. You have really helped me a lot. I am definitely going to be reaching out to you all the time, just know that and I just want to thank you.
  2. Moving on to my address. First off, I want to shout out Je Woo for MCing the International Education Week Trivia Night. I heard that you did an amazing job and that it went really smoothly. We partnered with the Office of Global Services for that.
  3. This past weekend there was a really cool video that you might be seeing where Nathan, Dylan, JJ, Mahir, and I were featured, and this really cute dog, called Emmy in this really cool NU In welcome video that we are going to be sending out to all of the NU In students and over all of the social media just to have a more personal touch, so yeah we are going to be famous, so watch out.
  4. Last, a couple more things. Homecoming week was very successful, thank you to everyone who came out and helped. I really appreciated all of the volunteers and everyone who stopped by and grabbed free stuff. It was great. I hope you guys enjoyed Tina Fey if you were able to come.
  5. Block party is just around the corner, it is actually next Friday. You will be seeing more marketing material and I am also sending out like a volunteer sheet if you guys can sign up for that. If you want to volunteer and didn't have it, I will send out a bit.ly soon.
  6. Another thing is that I finally appointed my AVPs. I am sorry, but shout out to Casey Buttke and Jenna Malaeb, it was a really, really hard decision, but I am confident for the rest of the semester and going into the next

semester with them. Everyone was really great candidates. It was really hard, but I am sure that everyone is going to do great and I am super excited for them too.

7. Another thing is, last Wednesday I had this really cool opportunity to attend the Athletics Fan Committee. It is really new, and basically it goes with all of the Alumni and students and faculty who are interested in Athletics and we basically get to give our feedback on how they are doing. They give an explanation of the Howlin' Huskies campaign and that is a 6 to 10 year marketing strategy and the new logo, it is really cool, if you have any Athletics feedback I would be more than happy to share that. I yield.
6. Vice President for Student Involvement – Jen Li
    1. I just wanted to say thank you, Nathan for all that you have done so far. You are an inspiration. You have done so much here and your work does not end here, I know that you will make a huge impact wherever you go. We support you no matter what.
    2. All of my updates should be on the updates sheet.
    3. One thing that I did want to add is that a representative from Pi Kappa Phi visited for a pre-expansion visit, which is pretty cool because they don't go through SGA at all, they just have to speak with the right administrators to become a fraternity or sorority on campus, but Pi Kappa Phi is a fraternity, and his name is Connor, he is trying to start this organization on campus and he was speaking with student leaders on campus, which I thought was super cool to learn about the process of starting a fraternity on campus. If you want to learn more, come talk to me, I can give you his contact information.
    4. One last thing that I want to say is have a great Thanksgiving, whether you are going home or not, spend lots of time with friends and family, eat lots of good food and most importantly, relax. I know that for all of you this has probably been a very stressful semester, whether you are in classes or co-op, so make sure that you really take the time to decompress and enjoy your time off. Thank you.
  7. Vice President for Student Services – Emma Reed [Note: she was unable to attend, so EVP Balcom gave the following update on her behalf]
    1. Her one update is to please continue to fill out the off-campus housing form. Once we close it, we will be giving out a prize to one of the Senators who fills it out, which is a good incentive.

8. Chief of Staff – Anna Loshak

1. My only update is that we are working to get SGA represented at the Winter Involvement Fair, so just moving forward.
2. I also want to make a comment to Nathan. Nathan is the reason that I got myself involved in SGA, which means that Nathan is the reason that I am in this position, which means that I attribute like 75% of my success to Nathan. You know it, I adore you and the fact that you stepped up and chose yourself, to make sure that you are in a good spot, and to make sure that we are all doing the right thing. I told you this, it shows so much about your character than any of us ever expected, I mean we did, but the fact that it is so, anyways, I am lost for words, I adore you and all of us have so much love and respect and admiration for you and I am so excited to see what you are going to accomplish. I am looking at you and I am tearing up, so I am going to sit down now. Thank you. I yield

9. Executive Director of Communications – Victoire Cointy

1. I haven't been here in two weeks, I forgot that I have to give updates. First of all, thank you so much Nathan for stepping down so that I can be the tallest person in SGA. It means a lot. I have officially won this contest.
2. On a serious note, thank you so much for all that you have done for this organization. Thank you for roping me into Your Northeastern campaign. Thank you for trusting me with everything. And just thank you for helping all of these people get involved, it has been an incredible journey and it's not over yet.
3. Just a quick point. We are telling you, Nathan gave this speech to you because you are part of the association, but this news is not public yet, so if you could please refrain from telling everyone about it, not because it is top-secret and we don't want to tell people, but respect Nathan's time, respect that he is doing this. You can, obviously post on Facebook if you want to, but respect the fact that Nathan is not making this a full Student Body announcement yet. Just like check in with him, make sure that he is okay, with you making it a public thing, this is not my decision, it is his.
4. Really quickly, I haven't been here in two weeks, I was actually on the wardrobe run crew for the Northeastern Theater Department. Best three weeks of my life, even though I slept like two hours a night. Did any of you see Any Man? Did you love it? The answer is yes I loved it, thank you so much. I am going to take three seconds to really shout out the Northeastern Theater Department. They have three more shows coming

up next semester and I am probably going to be working on one of them. That is how hard they roped me in, they are just, their shows are wonderful and if you do have an opportunity to get tickets, I would really recommend it. The students who work on these shows put a lot of time and energy into them, and they are not professional actors, even though some of them are theater majors and minors, it is just blood, sweat, and a lot of tears.

5. In terms of SGA, I met with a student rep for off-campus services as well as the Director of the Fenway community center. We are actually co-sponsoring a Finals Relief event, it will be in the Fenway community center. It will be open study hours. Snell will probably be really crowded, now that Chris has fixed the bed bugs situation, thank you so much Chris, for going in there with a hazmat suit. Great job. That will probably get crowded as well as other spots on campus, so they are opening up the Fenway community center to make sure that students have space. They will also have food, warm beverages, and then it will transform into a game night to make sure that when you study for all of your finals you are taking some well-deserved time off.
6. I am also working with PhiYen on marketing Block Party. If you haven't signed up to volunteer yet, please do, she has put so much work into this. She is continuing to put so much work into this and it will be a wonderful event. With that I yield.

## **V. Special Addresses**

1. Parliamentarian – Arief bin Johan Alimin
  1. Thank you very much. I, like many of the previous speeches, just wanted to start by thanking Nathan for his leadership over the past year. Like, I know many of you, either in leadership positions, or senators, Nathan was the reason why I joined the association, and I am honestly forever thankful for you giving me this opportunity. Nathan, I know that I will end the sappiness of my speech by saying, you may not have the title, hopefully you will have more free time to make even more change on campus. Thank you so much for the way that you have served.
  2. With that, I will announce that I will be spending most of my time trying to figure out the transition to make sure that the organization functions in a proper and smooth manner. Part of my time now will also be spent towards making sure that the spring semester is set up in a way that both the coming president and the coming EVP will be able to operate with

excellence as well as anything on the Parliamentarian's end that needs to be set up that way.

3. As we approach the end of the semester, I know that I had some promises of what I wanted to do in this role, however in this point in time I just want to make sure that this spring semester we hit the ground running and further all of the goals that I have had.
  4. For all of the people that did want to join the Legislative Review Committee, I will ask you to talk to me at the end of tonight's Senate. I have had a change in plans in how we will deal with the rest of the next semester and the beginning of the next semester. Please approach me, I know that some of you have reached out to me in the past couple of weeks. With that said, I'll end my address there and thanks again Nathan. We will survive here.
2. Elections Committee Chair – Casey Waskiewicz
    1. Hi everyone. First, like everyone before me I just wanted to take a moment to thank Nathan. I have known Nathan from basically the time that I started in SGA, and I think that we can all agree that he is one of the biggest inspirations, not just in SGA, but in life in general, so thank you for that. Thank you for being my project manager and listening to all of my crazy elections ideas and sitting down with me to make to-do lists when I was freaking out. I am eternally grateful for you and your friendship.
    2. Just a couple of Elections Committee updates, next week we are presenting the DEM, so get excited. You guys thought that you were done listening to me, but you are not. She's not here right now, but I appointed my Vice Chair, Maria Fehrin, she's in Senate and she has been on the Elections Committee since last year. I'm really excited about that and have a great break. With that, I yield.
  3. Director of Information Management – Drew Roberts
    1. I would just like to say, like many of the people who came before me, Nathan is 100% the reason why I am in the association. Ever since being his roommate since freshman year and him getting me involved and seeing what he has done all of these years has been inspiring. I didn't really foresee a day when I would be in this association and he wouldn't be, so I guess here we are, but it certainly doesn't feel right to me though.
    2. With that being said, the student priority survey is going to be released at 11am tomorrow. Please take it, please tell all of your friends to take it. With that, I yield.

## **VI. Question Time**

1. Senator Miller: When does that survey close?
  - a. EVP Balcom: There is no closing date, as there is no set-timeline, it is a rolling start. To be determined.

## **VII. New Business**

1. Reaching Out Think Tank
2. Making cards for people we are thankful for at Northeastern

## **VIII. Open Discussion**

## **IX. Adjournment**