

Student Government Association

# Meeting Minutes 09/22/14

## I. Call to order

**President John Jose** called to order the regular meeting of the **NKU Student Government Association** at **3:32 p.m.** on **September 22, 2014** in **NKU Governance Room (SU104)**.

## II. Roll call

Secretary of Administration Hannah Jones conducted a roll call.

# Executive Board

John Jose- President Katherine Hahnel-Vice President Hannah Jones- Secretary of Administration Andrew Dorriere- Secretary of Student Involvement

## **Committee Chairs**

Julia Steffen - Academic Affairs Chair Patrick Reagan- University Improvements Chair Elizabeth Ruwe - Student Rights Chair Jarrod West- Finance Chair

Legislative Liaison: Chandler Taylor

Chief Justice: Tyler Stevens

## Senators:

Dasia Bartlett Hattie Clark Kyle Conley Sami Dada Irakoze Dieudone Tanner Elrod Keisha Frazier

# Justices:

Rafael Torres

Laura Hahn Aaron Hatfield - Late Sarah Howard Kristian Johnson Dominque Jordan Ellie Kremer Ben Martin Kamaria Mayes Isaac McFarland Kylie Meiser Ella Mravec Nick Pflum **Rick Seal** Donald Taylor Will Weber Alexandra Young

> Approval of minutes from last meeting on **September 15, 2014.** Minutes were **unanimously** approved.

#### III. Open Session

- A. Information about LGTBQ Services by Director Bonnie Meyer and student representative, Daniel Ginn.
  - There are currently students that do use the family style restrooms.
  - The restrooms would be gender NEUTRAL so families can use it as well.
  - U.C. Berkley passed a gender inclusive restroom resolution on April 23, 2014.
  - There is no exact number of LGTBQ students because some students do not feel comfortable coming out yet. A rough estimate of the number of students on campus is about 1,500.
  - Besides LGBQ students approaching Bonnie Meyer, faculty has approached her as well.
  - The whole purpose of the gender inclusive restrooms would not be strictly for LGTBQ students. Families, students or faculty with disabilities, or people who prefer privacy would be able to use it.

Sen. Chandler Taylor motions to move New Business up after Open Session. Sen. Amanda Rogers seconded. Motion passes.

#### IV. Open Session

A. Appointment of freshman Senator Bryce Wells

#### V. Executive Board Reports

#### a) Sec. of Public Relations, Arnela Zekic

- 1) Made a banner to promote the Town Hall meeting. She needs to find out where to drop it off at so it can be hung.
- 2) The week before Town Hall, there will be a white board on the second floor of the Student Union that students can write on about SGA.

## b) Sec. of Administration, Hannah Jones

- 1) Happy Monday!
- 2) If you have not sent me your information about the website please do so ASAP. I know you are, and I will be e-mailing me.

#### c) Sec. of Student Involvement, Andrew Dorriere

- 1) Hi everyone!
- 2) Thank you, Arnela for the banner for Norse Rates.
- 3) The first Legacy Fund meeting is tomorrow.
- 4) The Student Organization Board Luncheon is on September 30, in the UC Ballroom.

## d) Vice President, Kat Hahnel

- 1) She has created a spreadsheet of each committee and the names, phone numbers, and e-mails of everyone in the committee.
- 2) Because we changed in the bylaws that the Chief Justice now gets a stipend, our operating total is \$14,319.
- 3) Happy birthday, Laura!

#### e) President, John Jose

1) The roster has been updated so everyone will be getting super priority registration for the spring semester.

- 2) Just wanted to take a second to say how proud he is of us. We have worked really hard already, and now that we have a full Senate, we can get the ball rolling on many more projects.
- 3) Tomorrow is the Student Body President meeting will all the SGA Presidents in Kentucky.
- 4) There is a petition for the basketball team to not shave for their pictures that I will pass around.

## VI. <u>Committee Reports</u>

## a) Finance Chair, Jarrod West

1) Committee meeting in the back.

## b) Student Rights Chair, Elizabeth Ruwe

- 1) Town Hall meeting will be on November 6, in Northern Terrace Multipurpose Room.
- 2) Committee meeting in the back.

# c) Academic Affairs Chair, Julia Steffen

1) Short committee meeting after meeting.

## d) University Improvements Chair, Patrick Reagan

- 1) His committee is in the works of trying to get the desks in Landrum and Founder's Hall to be updated.
- 2) Short committee meeting in the back.

# VI. <u>Ex-Officio Reports</u>

## a) ACR Liaison, Joel Wilson

- 1) ACR did the Best Buddy Fashion Show and won the Strut Your Stuff Award.
- 2) There will be pancakes offered by them on Wednesday, at 9 p.m. at Northern Terrace.

## b) Student Athlete Liaison, Jack Flournoy

1) He played basketball for the past 2 years, but no longer plays because of medical issues.

2) Thank you so much for this opportunity to be the voice of all student athletes on campus.

## c) Legislative Liaison, Chandler Taylor

- 1) Hello!
- 2) Make sure you keep signing the office hours sheet.
- 3) Make sure to communicate with him of you are unable to make it to your office hour.

# d) Judicial Council Chief Justice, Tyler Stevens

- 1) Congratulations, Bryce!
- 2) There is an opening for the Judicial Council so tell your friends to apply.

## VII. Advisor Reports

- a) Dean of Students, Dr. Jeff Waple
- b) Sarah Aikman
  - 1) No report.
- c) Danny Moore
  - 1) He will be taking pictures after the metting.

## VIII. <u>Old Business</u>

- a) Second Reading of Gender Inclusive Bathrooms Resolution by Sen. Ellie Kremer and Elizabeth Ruwe.
  - **Pres. John Jose** opens the floor for discussion for 10 minutes.
  - Sen. Kyle Conley motions to take resolution back to committee. Sen. Donald Taylor seconds. 14 I's and 14 Nay's and 1 abstention. Pres. John Jose determined final vote. Jose voted Nay. Motion defeated.
  - Sen. Amanda Rogers motions to postpone the reading of the resolution for one more week. W. Weber seconds. 18 I's and 10 Nays. Motion passes.
  - Sen. Chandler Taylor motions to open the floor for 5 minutes. Sen. Kyle Conley seconds. Motion passes.
  - Sen. Chandler Taylor motions to extend floor for 5 more minutes. Sen. Will Weber seconds. Motion passes.
  - Sen. Chandler Taylor motions to extend for 5 more minutes. Sen. Donald Taylor seconds. Motion passes.

- Sen. Kristian Johnson motions to extend floor for 1 more minute. Sen. Kyle Conley seconds. Motion passes.
- Pres. John Jose motions to close the floor for discussion. Sen. Chandler Taylor seconds. Motion passes.

#### IX. Announcements

\* John: come out to the men's soccer game!

\* Hattie: make sure to attend the Muslims are Coming by APB!

\* Will: ATO Hoedown is this Friday from 10 p.m. – 2 a.m. at the Saddle Club

\* Kat: Morgan Bell e-mailed her about the LGTBQ History Month kickoff on October 1 at 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

\* Chandler: Sigma Phi Epsilon's Breakfast for Dinner is tonight from 6 p.m. -9 p.m. in the Callahan Multipurpose Room. Tuesday is the dine-to-donate at Citty BBQ all day. Wednesday is the Sorority Challenge; Thursday is the Date Auction at 7 p.m. in the Otto Budig Theatre. All proceeds from the Philanthropy Week will go towards the Big Brothers Big Sisters Foundation.

\* Patrick: College of Republicans is having Chris McDaniel come speak at the meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Tavern.

\* Rick: Pike Pageant is tomorrow at 7 p.m.

#### X. Adjournment

Pres. John Jose motions to adjourn. Sen. Jarrod West seconds. Motion passes. President John Jose closes meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes compiled by: Hannah Jones, SGA Secretary of Administration