



Student Government Association

Meeting Minutes 4/18/16

Call to order

President Katherine Hahnel called to order the regular meeting of the NKU Student Government Association at 3:30 p.m. on April 4, 2016 in Governance Room (SU 104).

II. Roll call

Secretary of Administration Amanda Rogers conducted a roll call.

Executive Board

Katherine Hahnel – President

Will Weber – Vice President

Joey Yerace – Secretary of Student Involvement

Sami Dada – Secretary of Public Relations

Amanda Rogers – Secretary of Administration

Julia Steffen – Student Rights Committee Chair

Kaitlyn Schaefer – University Improvements Committee Chair

Donald Taylor – Academic Affairs Committee Chair

Joey Smith – Chief Justice

Patrick Reagan – Legislative Liaison

Senators:

Anderson, Ben

Applebee, Iain

~~Bartlett, Dasia~~ (unexcused)

Blankenship, Brad

Britt, Chase

Case, Joseph

Cornes, Troy

Davis, Miriam

Dailey, Isaac

Dieudone, Irakoze

Gagne, Taylor

Gross, Rodney

Hepner, Becca

Hils, Maria

Jordan, Dominique

Miller, Christian

Poindexter, Hunter

Roberson, Preston

Stevenson, Austin

~~Switzer, Alexis~~ (unexcused)

Vincent, Emma

West, Jarrod

Winstel, Caroline

Justices:

Loiser, Ethan

McGinnis, Michael

Mettens, Walker

III. Approval of Minutes

- A. President Katherine Hahnel entertains a motion for the minutes to be approved. Senator Christian Miller sub-moves the motion, and Senator Jarrod West seconds. Vote taken, passes unanimously

IV. Open Session

- A. Tuition Rates for 2016-2017, CFO Mike Hales
 1. Mr. Hales started off his presentation by applauding SGA members for their involvement.
 2. Tuition and fees are 75% of the university's revenue.
 3. NKU is still in the process of developing a final budget proposal.
 4. For each of the brackets of student's home location – in-state, metro, and out of state – there is about a 4% tuition increase across the board for undergraduate classes. There is about a 5% increase per sector for the law program.
 5. Senator Donald Taylor asks what the plan is to plateau tuition increase
 - 1) NKU is underfunded by the state, so it is very difficult to cut tuition increases.
 - 2) Pension and funding cuts are the main thing restricting the university.
 6. The mission is to be as affordable as possible and put the students first.
 7. Senator Christian Miller asks if there is an increase for the price of additional classes over 16 hours.
 - 1) Kim Scranage says that'll there will be an increase per credit hour.
 8. Vice President Will Weber asks why the increase is 4%
 - 1) CFO Mike Hales says that they looked at cuts and cost increases to see what the lowest possible increase could be to still operate at a high quality.
 9. Vice President Will Weber asks if the rise is for only next year or the next two.
 - 1) The university is currently trying to flatten out the deficits and surplus.

10. Vice President Will Weber asks if there will not be a tuition increase for the second year of the proposed budget.
 - 1) CFO Mike Hales says that he cannot commit to no increase.
 11. The Council of Post-Secondary Education will be meeting on April 26th. It is expected that all KY institutions will have at least a 4% increase in tuition.
 12. ACR Liaison Dana Jetter asks why the metro rate for NKU isn't closer to that of UC.
 - 1) Leah Stewart says that Ohio has seen a tuition freeze and the UC's metro rate is only for certain programs.
 13. Senator Donald Taylor says, "Let's say I'm a freshman and I realize I can go to NKU for cheaper than I can go to UC. Why would I choose NKU?"
 - 1) Kim Scranage asked Senator Donald Taylor, why not? The final decision all comes down to the values that students have. NKU and UC are very different campuses.
 - 2) Leah Stewart adds that she has two children in high school who want very different things in a school than just cost.
 - 3) Mike Hales adds that the university must demonstrate to the state that KY residents aren't losing money to out of state students.
- B. Leah Stewart takes over the presentation to present on financial aid figures.
1. The university gives out over 4,500 need based scholarships totaling \$22 million.
 2. Loans are given out to 7,700 students totaling \$76 million.
 3. 253 students have federal work studies totaling \$546,124.
 4. 1,191 students have institutional work studies totaling \$1.9 million.
 5. 84% of students receive financial aid.
 6. NKU offered 2,338 freshman scholarships and 696 accepted them, a 15.8% increase from last year.
 7. 409 scholarships were offered to students who scored over a 30 on the ACT, 119 students accepted these scholarships.
 8. KEES money is approximately a \$6.1 million expense.
 9. ACR Liaison Dana Jetter asks if it is possible to open up a diversity scholarship to continuing students or transfer students.
 - 1) Stewart says there are other options out there if you look for them.
 10. Vice President Will Weber asks if there is similar data available for continuing student scholarships.
 - 1) The data is available and can be given to you by contacting Leah Stewart.
 11. Vice President Will Weber asks how much the university is expected to invest in scholarships.
 - 1) NKU expects to invest \$21 million in scholarships.

President Katherine Hahnel entertains a motion to enter recess for 30 minutes to eat and have the awards ceremony. The motion is sub-moved by Senator Kaitlyn Schaefer and is seconded by Senator Austin Stevenson. Vote is taken, 1 abstention.

President Katherine Hahnel reconvenes the meeting after the recess at 4:45 pm.

Senator Kaitlyn Schaefer motions to move old business to the top of the agenda and is seconded by Senator Austin Stevenson. Vote is taken and passes unanimously.

V. **Old Business**

- A. Senator Brad Blankenship has the second reading of his resolution requesting the University to help with the name-change process for all students, but specifically the trans community. President Katherine Hahnel opens the floor for five minutes of discussion. Senator Kaitlyn Schaefer calls the resolution to question and is seconded by Senator Austin Stevenson. Vote is taken, passes (1 opposed, 1 abstention)

- B. Senator Ben Anderson and Senator Joseph Case have the second reading of their resolution requesting the addition of a Pepsi vending machine in W. Frank Steely Library. President Katherine Hahnel opens the floor for five minutes of discussion.
 1. Motion by Senator Taylor Gagne to add a “the” to the second whereas, seconded by Senator Austin Stevenson. Vote taken, passes (1 abstention)
 2. Senator Emma Vincent asks if the building title is MP and not MEP.
 - Advisor Sarah Aikman says that it is still MEP.
 3. Senator Kaitlyn Schaefer calls the resolution to question and is seconded by Senator Austin Stevenson. Vote taken, passes unanimously.

- C. Senator Caroline Winstel has the second reading of her resolution requesting that student art be displayed on campus. President Katherine Hahnel opens the floor for five minutes of discussion. Senator Taylor Gagne calls the resolution to question and is seconded by Senator Austin Stevenson. Vote taken, passes unanimously.

- D. Senator Emma Vincent has the second reading of her resolution requesting more study abroad possibilities for general education classes. President Katherine Hahnel opens the floor for five minutes of discussion.
 1. Guest Madison Vaughn entertains a motion to correct the spelling of opportunities. The motion is sub-moved by Senator Becca Hepner and is seconded by Senator Hunter Poindexter. Vote taken, passes unanimously.
 2. Senator Kaitlyn Schaefer calls the resolution to question and is seconded by Senator Becca Hepner. Senator Kaitlyn Schaefer rescinds motion.

3. Senator Emma Vincent motions to add study away to the closing statement of the resolution and is seconded by Senator Christian Miller. Vote taken, passes unanimously.
 4. Senator Kaitlyn Schaefer calls the resolution to question and is seconded by Senator Ben Anderson. Vote taken, passes unanimously.
- E. Senator Austin Stevenson has the second reading of his resolution to start a book drive for the Lending Library. President Katherine Hahnel opens the floor for five minutes of discussion.
1. Senator Hunter Poindexter motioned to change the spelling of associations with a second from Senator Joseph Case. Vote taken, passes unanimously.
 2. Justice Ethan Loiser asks if this needs to be a resolution.
 - Senator Austin Stevenson says yes so there is a formal copy for the future.
 3. Senator Donald Taylor calls the resolution to question, seconded by Senator Chase Britt. Vote taken, passes unanimously.
- F. Senator Austin Stevenson has the second reading of his resolution to start revamp Fuel NKU. President Katherine Hahnel opens the floor for five minutes of discussion. Senator Emma Vincent calls the resolution to question, seconded by Senator Hunter Poindexter. Vote taken, passes unanimously.
- G. Senator Cynthia Mentrup has the second reading of her resolution to beautify the hill by Loch Norse by adding swings. President Katherine Hahnel opens the floor for five minutes of discussion. Senator Becca Hepner calls the resolution to question, seconded by Senator Austin Stevenson. Vote taken, passes. (3 opposed)

VI. **Executive Board Reports**

- A. Secretary of Public Relations, Sami Dada
 1. Thanks for a great year
- B. Secretary of Student Involvement, Joey Yerace
 1. Awesome to help with the legacy fund this year. The summer meeting was 4/19.
 2. Congrats to all the new senators being sworn in today.

- C. Secretary of Administration, Amanda Rogers
 - 1. No report

- D. Vice President, Will Weber
 - 1. Scholarship and grant committees met last Friday. The winners were chosen and have been announced.
 - 2. I am currently working with the faculty senator to make a SGA member a permanent member with a seat at the table and a chance to give a report.
 - 3. I will be meeting with the Provost on Friday to discuss passed resolutions with Senator Taylor Gagne and Senator Donald Taylor.
 - 4. Thanks for a great year.

- E. President, Katherine Hahnel
 - 1. CFO Mike Hales sent me his presentation during our dinner. If you are interested in seeing it, please contact me.
 - 2. Today is the last day to register to vote.
 - 3. Gold and White Gratitude is Wednesday at 7pm.
 - 4. This was a great year. It was an honor to serve you all as the student body President. Good luck in all your future endeavors.

VII. **Committee Reports**

- A. Student Rights Committee, Julia Steffen
 - 1. No meeting after meeting.
 - 2. Thanks for a great year and good luck.

- B. University Improvements Committee, Kaitlyn Schaefer
 - 1. Thanks for a great year and have a wonderful summer.

- C. Academic Affairs Committee, Donald Taylor
 - 1. Happy Monday
 - 2. Let's have a round of applause for doubling the number of resolutions.
 - 3. It was a great year, thanks.

VIII. **Ex-Officio Reports**

- A. ACR Liaison Dana Jetter
 - 1. Not Present
- B. VSA Liaison Holly Smith
 - 1. Not Present
- C. ISU Liaison Saud Albugami
 - 1. Not Present
- D. Legislative Liaison, Patrick Reagan
 - 1. I have had a great experience at NKU and I am very grateful for that.
 - 2. I found out about this position while I was in France, I decided to apply and found out I had been appointed. Thank you Katherine for bringing me back to SGA.
 - 3. We passed 12 resolutions in one semester.
 - 4. Thanks again to everyone, each of you inspire me.
- E. Chief Justice, Joseph Smith
 - 1. Thanks for a great year in SGA and I learned a lot from all of you.

VIII. **Advisors Reports**

- A. Head Advisor Sarah Aikman
 - 1. You all stuck with me next year! I am looking forward to another year with SGA.
- B. Advisor Stephen Meier
 - 1. This will be my very last meeting as I have decided to retire at the end of June. I started out in this organization on the Judicial Council in my time here. The key word I have gained from NKU is opportunity. Make sure to take advantage of all your experiences at NKU and remember the university once you graduate. The Student Government Association has been very instrumental in many large projects throughout the years.

Senator Donald Taylor adds that when looking through passed resolutions, he found one from 2011 where SGA helped start the renovation to the health innovation center.

- C. Advisor Dannie Moore

1. You all are stuck with me too! SGA is very dear to my heart. I had a lot of fun this year.

IX. **New Business**

- A. Senator Christian Millers reads his honorary resolution honoring Sara Sidebottom for her service and tenure at Northern Kentucky University. President Katherine Hahnel opens the floor for five minutes of discussion. Senator Taylor Gagne calls the resolution to question and Senator Hunter Poindexter seconds. Vote taken, passes unanimously.
- B. Senator Joseph Case reads his honorary resolution honoring Dr. Russell Proctor for his service at tenure at Northern Kentucky University. President Katherine Hahnel opens the floor for five minutes of discussion. Senator Taylor Gagne calls the resolution to question and Senator Ben Anderson seconds. Vote take, passes unanimously.
- C. Senator Iain Applebee reads his honorary resolution honoring Steve Meier for his service and tenure and Northern Kentucky University. President Katherine Hahnel opens the floor for five minutes of discussion.
 1. Senator Emma Vincent motions to add “and” to the end of multiple whereas and Senator Taylor Gagne seconds. Vote taken, passes unanimously.
 2. Senator Kaitlyn Schaefer motions to add the date to the closing statement and Senator Becca Hepner seconds. Vote taken, passes unanimously.
 3. Senator Chase Britt motions to add “at” in the first whereas and Senator Austin Stevenson seconds. Vote taken, passes (1 opposed)
 4. Secretary of Administration Amanda Rogers entertains a motion to correct a grammatical error. The motion is sub-moved by Senator Christian Miller and seconded by Senator Becca Hepner. Vote taken, pass unanimously.
 5. Senator Austin Stevenson calls the resolution to question and Senator Jarrod West seconds. Vote taken, passes unanimously.

President Katherine Hahnel entertains a motion to suspend the article of the constitution stating that the meeting must end at 5:30 and to extend the meeting until 5:40. The motion is sub-moved by Senator Chase Britt and seconded by Senator Donald Taylor. Vote taken, passes unanimously.

- D. Chief Justice Joey Smith swears in the new members. The order of the swear-in was: Senators, Judicial Council elect, and the Executive Officers.

XI. **Announcements**

- A. Former Secretary of Administration Amanda Rogers tells senators who are not returning or have new positions that they may take their name plates. Thanks to everyone for their service this year.
- B. Justice Ethan Loiser shares that Theta Chi is currently working on their philanthropy event. They are also throwing a party on Saturday. If you are interested, please contact a Theta Chi.
- C. Former Legislative Liaison Patrick Reagan tells senators who passed resolutions to stay after meeting to sign them.

XII. **Adjournment**

President Will Weber tells the senators and those in attendance to “Go forth and conquer.”
Time expires at 5:40 pm.

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