

Student Government Association

Meeting Minutes 8/29/2016

I. Call to order

President Will Weber called to order the regular meeting of the NKU Student Government Association at 3:32 p.m. on Aug. 29th, 2016 in Governance Room (SU 104).

II. Roll call

Secretary of Administration Taylor Gagne conducted a roll call.

Executive Team Present: Chase Britt, Sami Dada, Miriam Davis, Taylor Gagne, Ethan Losier, Cindy Mentrup, Amanda Rogers, Emma Vincent, Will Weber, and Ellen Wilshire

Senators Present: Ben Anderson, Bradie Anderson, Iain Applebee, Dasia Bartlett, Ethan Bechtol, Evan Berkemeyer, Isaac Dailey, Ryan Gray, Becca Hepner, Mikaela Mustaine, Onyi Okorie, Dejah Rawlings, Hope Sherman, Chelsea Smith, Maggie Smith, Jachelle Sologuren, Austin Stevenson, Spencer Sutton, Madison Vaughn, and Caroline Winstel

Justices Present: Jacob Englert, Haley Madden, and Walker Mettens

Executive Members Absent:

Senators Absent: Benjamin Sanning

Justices Absent:

Guests Present: The Northerner and Dan Nadler

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Reading of Minutes

- A. President Will Weber entertained a motion for the minutes to be approved. Senator Iain Applebee sub-moves the motion and Senator Spencer Sutton seconds. Vote taken, passes unanimously.

V. Open Session

- A. Kim Scranage, VP of Enrollment and Degree Management
 - ⇒ Accompanied by Kaitlyn Schaefer, Idna Corbett, Alan Cole, Becky Porterfield

- Have been looking into the structure of the University's summer classes
- We have had a loss in summer class enrollment over the past five years. Under enrollment = NKU loses money
- The group has recommended to change to a 14-week(may change, but will be between 12-14) summer classes and 2 six-week summer sessions. There is a week between the two six week sessions to give professors time to grade and students a little time for a break.
- The average summer school student takes 6 credit hours.
- No word yet on summer financial aid for fall/spring scholarship recipients

President Will Weber entertains a motion to vote on the proposal. Senator Iain Applebee sub-moves the motion and Senator Dasia Bartlett seconds. Vote taken, passes unanimously.

President Will Weber entertains a motion to move new business to the top of the agenda. Senator Ben Anderson sub-moves the motion and Senator Spencer Sutton seconds. Vote taken, passes unanimously.

VI. New Business

A. Justice Appointment Recommendation

⇒ Gabe Kirk

- Also involved in NKLI and Theta Chi
- Employee at the Student Union

President Will Weber opens floor for comments or questions. No questions were asked.

President Will Weber entertains a motion to vote on Gabe Kirk as the new justice. Senator Iain Applebee sub-moves the motion and Senator Isaac Dailey seconds the motion. Vote taken, passes unanimous.

Justice Gabe Kirk is sworn in

B. Budget Proposal Presentation

- \$35,000 allotted from the University
- Budget available upon request from Secretary of Administration Taylor Gagne

President Will Weber entertains a motion to vote on the budget. Senator Maggie Smith sub-moves the motion and Senator Ryan Gray seconds the motion. Vote taken, passes unanimously.

VII. Executive Board Reports

- A. Secretary of Public Relations, Sami Dada
 - Please rate us on our Facebook page
 - We have 16 applications so far for the First Year Student spots
 - We have 3 applications for the appointment
 - Step In Speak Up went pretty well. Many freshmen came up to our table and talked to each other.
- B. Secretary of Student Involvement, Miriam Davis
 - Legacy Fund is going
 - Sending email tonight with more information for PAG for those interested
- C. Secretary of Administration, Taylor Gagne
 - Thanks for approving the budget
- D. Vice President, Ellen Wilshire
 - Attending faculty senate meeting
- E. President, Will Weber
 - Council of Post-Secondary Education appointed a student from ECU to represent the college students of the Commonwealth.
 - Two students have been proposed to serve on the Student Athlete Advisory Council.
 - The Health and Wellness Center is looking for a representative for the Student Wellness Advisory Team
 - NKU is forming a group called NKU Sustainability to create a new Sustainability Strategy. Caroline Winstel is going to be the student representative.
 - FUEL NKU is looking for donations for their pantry, and have a t-shirt available for a donation of 15 dollars
 - We have a suggestion from the student body to have a doggy daycare and a kitty corner to help stressed students
 - Looking into getting a more direct TANK route from Cincinnati to NKU
 - Student has expressed concerns over having to pay rec expansion fee while studying abroad.

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Student Rights Committee, Emma Vincent
 - Meeting today after meeting
 - Starting to work on ideas for Town Halls
- B. University Improvements Committee, Chase Britt
 - Monday, October 10th 2016 is the SGA Internal Safety Walk
 - We will be meeting after this
- C. Academic Affairs Committee, Cindy Mentrup

- Meeting in same place as last week

IX. Ex-Officio Reports

A. Chief of Staff, Amanda Rogers

- Office Hour Sheet is ready. We will have a sign in sheet every day. Please try to focus this hour on doing SGA related work.
- Please clean up the office when you leave
- During elections, you will be doing an hour of tabling instead of an office hour

B. Chief Justice, Ethan Losier

- Happy Monday y'all
- I suck at math
- Elections are due on Wednesday! Our elections will be September 7th and 8th.

X. Liaison Reports

A. ACR Liaison Dana Jetter

- Not Present

B. VRS Liaison Holly Smith

- First meeting is Wednesday at Tavern
- Purple Heart parking is coming to campus

XI. Advisors Reports

A. Head Advisor Sarah Aikman

- Committee to review food exemption requests

B. Advisor Ann James

- No report

C. Advisor Dannie Moore

- Ready to take pictures

XII. Old Business

A. NONE

XIII. Announcements

1. No meeting next week, Monday September 5th for Labor Day
2. SU is closed next Monday
3. AAP&S is hosting Welcome Black Week this week

XIV. Adjournment

Senator Ben Anderson motions to adjourn and has a second from Senator Becca Hepner. Vote taken, passes unanimously. Meeting is adjourned at 4:47 pm.