Minutes of the Student Success & Academic Affairs Committee Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents Monday, November 11, 2024

The Student Success and Academic Affairs Committee (SSAAC) of the Northern Kentucky University (NKU) Board of Regents convened on Monday, November 11, 2024, in room 106 of the Votruba Student Union.

Committee Chair Ashley Himes called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Roll Call: The following members of the SSAAC were present: Lucy Burns, Ashley Himes, Nathan Smith, Sandra Spataro, Andrá Ward. A quorum was confirmed.

Other Attendees: Bob Alston, Grant Garber, Tammy Knochelmann, Andy Meeks, Diana McGill, Scott Patton and Cady Short-Thompson.

Regent Ward's motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2024 committee meeting was seconded by Regent Spataro. (*Motion carried*)

New Business/Discussion

- 1) Housing plan update for year one (AY 2024-25)
 - a) Dynamic Pricing Update Scott Patton provided an update on the "Dynamic Pricing" initiative. To date, this initiative, as structured, has attracted only a modest level of interest. The limited response has raised questions about the initiative's appeal and effectiveness in reaching potential participants. Other options for spring 2025 were discussed.
- 2) Recommendations to the Committee
 - a) Changing the live-on-campus criteria from a county of residence to a mile radius.
 - b) Designating a floor (or more) in Northern Terrace specifically for faculty/staff housing.
 - c) Consider pricing differential and the viability of requiring meal plans for second-year students and beyond for east village.
 - d) Widely promoting use of halls to affinity groups with interest assessments being conducted this fall and in the spring.
 - e) Keeping the no-pets policy, as the advantages do not outweigh the disadvantages.
- 3) Additional strategies to increase net revenue for the upcoming year were discussed, including:
 - a) Expand graduate, medical, and law student housing in Northern Terrace, starting promotion early and adopting a 21+ Alcohol Policy in that property.

Next Steps:

Prepare and submit the updated Alcohol Policy for review and approval by the Board at the February meeting. When revising the policy, the administration should evaluate current practices, highlight potential benefits and concerns, and suggest necessary changes to promote responsible alcohol use across the campus community.

4) Clearview Factfinding

- a) Rental Agreements: Investigation into current rental agreements, their durations, and associated costs is needed.
- b) Regulations on Renting/Selling: Clarification on regulations for renting to students or selling to affinity groups for rental needs to be pursued.
- c) Costs of Upgrading: The costs related to upgrading properties prior to sale or rental to affinity groups need to be assessed.
- d) Purchasing Remaining Houses: Proposed discussion on the financial impacts of acquiring the last three houses in the area.

Next Steps:

Schedule a tour of Clearview properties for Regent Smith.

Adjournment: Having no further business to discuss, at 6:33 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

The next Student Success & Academic Affairs Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Knochelmann

Secretary to the Board of Regents

Janny Grochelman