

**Minutes of the Student Success & Academic Affairs Committee Meeting
Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents
Tuesday, September 16, 2025**

Meeting Opened: Chair Himes called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Ashley Himes, Collin Jarrell, Nathan Smith, and Debbie Wulfeck.

Absent: Victoria Grooms

NKU Senior Staff in attendance:

Bob Alston, AVP and Dean of Students; Chris Calvert, Vice President for Administration & Finance/CFO; Grant Garber, Vice President for Legal Affairs/General Counsel; Ray Horton, Interim Housing Director, Tammy Knochelmann, Executive Assistant to the President & Secretary to the Board; Diana McGill, EVP Academic Affairs & Provost; Cady Short-Thompson, President; Mary Paula Schuh, Sr. Director, Planning, Design, and Construction, Brandon Thompson, Vice President for Student Affairs

Others Present: Kyle Dorriere, Liz Futscher

Approval of Minutes:

Regent Smith moved to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025, meeting.

Regent Wulfeck seconded the motion.

(Motion Carried)

Following the approval of the minutes, Chair Himes proceeded to the business items.

Business Items:

1. Housing Updates

Vice President Thompson provided updates:

- Introduced Ray Horton, Interim Housing Director; noted search for permanent director is underway.
- Reported three stacks of full kitchens recently came online in Northern Terrace and shared current occupancy results.
- Discussed recent flooding in University Suites due to fire suppression malfunction and commended facilities staff for response and cleanup.

Discussion:

- Regent Smith asked about cost comparison between Northern View Apartments and NKU residence halls; concerns raised about competitiveness.
- President Short-Thompson and VP Thompson emphasized student satisfaction and strategic realignment to attract on-campus residents.
- Regent Himes inquired about naming the new residence hall.
- Regent Jarrell asked about future living-learning community developments.

2. Clearview Update

Vice President Garber provided an update on the **Norse Neighborhood housing project**:

- Noted four members of the Pike fraternity have moved into 16 Clearview.
- Shared that additional university-owned residences will be converted into student housing, with occupancy goal by **Fall 2026**.

3. Student Success Initiatives – Diana McGill and Abdou Ndoye

Provost Diana McGill and Senior Vice Provost Abdou Ndoye provided an overview of student success programs, including:

- Pathfinders, Learning Community, Peer Coaches
- FAFSA Campaign and First-Year Success Hub
- Financial literacy initiatives

Key Points:

- Tracked Pell-eligible students and aid recipients, encouraging FAFSA completion through texts, emails, and virtual office hours.
- Improved outcomes for drop for non-payment and early payment plan enrollment.
- Early Progress Report (EPR) sent to 661 course sections, 400 instructors; resulted in 308 alerts for 247 students regarding missing assignments, attendance, personal challenges, or financial difficulties.

Committee Self-Evaluation

The Committee reviewed and expressed satisfaction with the results of its self-evaluation process.

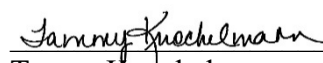
November Agenda Planning

Committee members requested the following items be added to the **November 17, 2025**, meeting agenda:

- Student Life Update, including Student Activities report (student involvement metrics)
- SGA report-out
- Academic Affairs Programs Report:
 - Enrollment numbers by program
 - Opportunities for new programs

Having no further business to discuss, Chair Himes adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m. The next meeting of the Student Success and Academic Affairs Committee is scheduled for November 18, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Tammy Knochelmann
Secretary to the Board