



STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION

11/14/2016

Minutes

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 November 14th, 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

Executive Members Absent:

Senators Present: Ben Anderson, Bradie Anderson, Tyler Andre, Iain Applebee, Michael Bailey, Dasia Bartlett, Ethan Bechtol, Isaac Dailey, Hannah Edelen, Patrick Edwards, Becca Hepner, Mikaela Mustaine, Onyi Okorie, Dejah Rawlings, Molly Rector, Kaitlyn Schaefer, Maggie Smith, Jachelle Sologuren, Austin Stevenson, Spencer Sutton, Madison Vaughn, Jordan White, and Caroline Winstel

Senators Absent: Evan Berkemeyer, Ryan Gray and Hope Sherman

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

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Guests Present:

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Reading of Minutes

Senator Becca Hepner motions to remove the second bullet point under President Will Weber's report. Motion is seconded by Onyi Okorie. Vote taken, motion passes (1 opposed)

Senator Becca Hepner motions to change the end date of book grant applications under Vice President Ellen Wilshire's report. Senator Spencer Sutton seconds. Vote take, passed unanimously.

- A. President Will Weber entertained a motion for the minutes to be approved.
Senator Isaac Dailey sub-moves the motion and Senator Becca Hepner seconds.
Vote taken, passes unanimously.

V. Open Session

- A. Samantha Langley, Vice Provost, Graduate Education, Research, and Outreach
- Many undergrad students would like to engage in undergraduate research. However, there is a very limited amount of funding available in this respect.
 - Would like to begin a program called NKU Undergraduate Research Fellows. This will be a competitive program open to students of ANY major. Applicants must write a 5-page proposal, selected by interdisciplinary committee. Fellows would be highlighted on homepage and given a cord to wear at graduation.
 - Proposing a fee of \$0.50 or \$1.00 per credit hour. This would fund 37 and 75 students respectively.
 - Fellows would be paid in three separate instances: beginning, middle, and end.
 - Money would carry over year to year. If all the funds were not used in one year, the money could fund additional Fellows in the next year.
 - Ultimate goal is to get to the point where Freshmen are able to do research if they wish. It will also allow the University to be able to put out more scholarly work than we currently do. Additionally, this will be a way to get students engaged and keep them active in the University.
 - The hope is to roll this plan out by the Fall of 2017.
 - Contact info: Email – langleys1@nku.edu Phone: 859-572-7567
- B. Chase Britt, University Improvements Chair, Safety Walk Presentation
1. Main Campus Route
 - Signage needs to be added by the ropes course
 - Fix broken lights by recreation center and College of Business
 - Bus stop says “Norse Helter” instead of “Norse Shelter”
 - Lamp post leaning dangerously by Science Center
 - Handicap accessible ramps blocking access between Science Center and Founders Hall due to construction
 - Drainage systems and rust on Steely sidewalk
 - Requesting Norse branding on the main plaza
 - Loch Norse seating or swings
 - Back of Science Center is unkempt and overrun with plants, could be a garden location
 - Ideas for BCM?
 - Replace the dead trees outside the College of Business
 2. Boothe Residential Village Route

- Rust concerns around Norse Hall, Woodcrest, and the other residential halls
- Additional security cameras needed in parking lots
- Campbell Hall needs lots of updating
- Concerns over sidewalk cracks and breaks.
- Bug concern/problem in Commonwealth Hall
- Road lines in the interior of the village need to be re-painted.
- Add some type of seating in the open grassy area between the Halls and Woodcrest
- Add branding on Kenton Drive
- Digital Kiosks to help students, visitors, and family members to navigate campus.

3. East Village Route

- Improve the bus stop area by Hampton Farms
- Clear bushes and trip hazards along the walk to the East Village
- Door by the Phi Sigma Sigma floor in Callahan is very old, stay open sometimes, and needs updating.
- Add reflective paint on roads bike paths to increase visibility
- Repair the broken railing on stairs leading to Lot Z
- Relocate some of the storage in Callahan's basement – overflowing into hallway
- Clear out and/or update the workout room in Callahan's basement
- Add a crosswalk or additional pedestrian safety feature for crossing University Drive from the Welcome Center or University Drive Garages to the BB&T Arena.
- The gym in Callahan is officially out of order
- The swipe access machines for the halls in Callahan don't work. The only ones that work are the ones from the exterior entrances of the building
- Improve landscaping Lot T
- Add more outdoor furniture between Callahan and Northern Terrace
- Add signage on the outside of Callahan and Northern Terrace to identify with NKU to the public eye
- The electronic sign by the University Center and Bookstore is broken
- Add murals or student artwork under the University Drive Garage tunnel.
- Add beautification and art in the circle between Callahan and Northern Terrace

4. General Concerns

- Lighting added throughout campus, especially in crosswalks and for the dumpsters by Woodcrest

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- Increase signage for cross walks
- Add solar lights along sidewalks and around landscaping
- Replace the lights burnt out around Loch Norse, and add additional lights
- Add a call box along John's Hill Road
- Add additional security to Lot Z ("The Pit") and around access points to the dorms
- Add signage and posters with emergency safety numbers and procedures.

C. Donald Taylor, Transportation Liaison for SGA to Committee

- Parking lot across from Norse Hall being used for a new dorm, make sure that parking is replaced. Look at the possibility of residential parking VS student parking
- Working on TANK availability for students
- Shuttle is not run after 2pm on Sundays
- Shuttle drivers take long smoking breaks

Motion by Senator Iain Applebee to moved New Business to the top of the agenda and talk about the mascot survey. Motion seconded by Tyler Andre. Vote taken, vote passed (11 yes, 8 opposed, 1 abstention)

President Will Weber opens the floor for five minutes of discussion.

VI. New Business

A. Mascot Survey

- Senator Tyler Andre states that he feels that pictures do not look accurate to what they actually look like.
- Academic Affairs Committee Chair Cindy Mentrup states that people voting in the poll will have prior knowledge of what happened.
- Senator Caroline Winstel encourages everyone to share the link and explain the voting options to help clarify.

President Will Weber entertains a motion to extend the time. Senator Tyler Andre sub-moves the motion and Senator Austin Stevenson seconds. Vote taken, motion fails. (7 yes, 13 no)

VII. Executive Board Reports

A. Secretary of Public Relations, Sami Dada

- 241 applicants for book grants
- Posts about the book drive will be coming soon

B. Secretary of Student Involvement, Miriam Davis

- If you are interested in PAG or Legacy fund, please let me know as soon as possible

C. Secretary of Administration, Taylor Gagne

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- Survey is on our website and posted
 - Leaving early is not okay, must let me know beforehand. Moving forward, these will be counted as ½ unexcused absences.
- D. Vice President, Ellen Wilshire
- ULAC needs a committee member (Hannah Edelen)
- E. President, Will Weber
- Happy Monday

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Student Rights Committee, Emma Vincent
- Will be sending emails to get updates
- B. University Improvements Committee, Chase Britt
- Not present
- C. Academic Affairs Committee, Cindy Mentrup
- Book drive is coming up soon and please share with all your friends.
 - Must reply to the email I sent you

IX. Ex-Officio Reports

- A. Chief of Staff, Amanda Rogers
- It is the responsibility of every senator to serve on external committees
 - Please do not sign in for other people in the office
 - Really excited about upcoming legislation, the last date to submit them was Tuesday
- B. Chief Justice, Ethan Losier
- Happy Monday

X. Advisors Reports

- A. Head Advisor, Sarah Aikman
- No report
- B. Advisor, Ann James
- Not present
- C. Advisor, Dannie Moore
- Not present

XI. Liaison Reports

- A. ACR Liaison, Dana Jetter
- Not present
- B. The Northerner Liaison, Mackenzie Manley
- Not present
- C. Athletics Liaison, Turner Davidson
- Please do not riot if your Victor isn't chosen. Financial renderings are included in the document.

XII. Old Business

- A. Mannequin Challenge next Monday after meeting next week

XIII. Announcements

1. Book drive will have incentives to get students to donate.
2. Will be collecting home appliances for Habitat for Humanity home in Cincinnati
3. NKUnity is in two Mondays. There will be food and fun after Thanksgiving break.
4. Panhellenic Handsgiving November 22nd at 2pm.
5. OL's are announced at the basketball game tomorrow night

XIV. Adjournment

Senator Becca Hepner motions to adjourn and has a second from Senator Iain Applebee. Vote taken, passes unanimously. Meeting is adjourned at 5:19 pm.