



STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
ASSOCIATION

11/21/2016

Minutes

## I. Call to order

President Will Weber called to order the regular meeting of the NKU Student Government Association at 3:33 p.m. on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 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, Evan Berkemeyer, Isaac Dailey, Hannah Edelen, Ryan Gray, Becca Hepner, Mikaela Mustaine, Onyi Okorie, Dejah Rawlings, Molly Rector, Maggie Smith, Jachelle Sologuren, Austin Stevenson, Spencer Sutton, Madison Vaughn, Jordan White, and Caroline Winstel

**Senators Absent:** Ethan Bechtol, Patrick Edwards, Kaitlyn Schaefer, and Hope Sherman

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

**Justices Absent:**

**Guests Present:**

## III. Pledge of Allegiance

## IV. Reading of Minutes

Senator Becca Hepner motions to remove the line about cupcake machines. Senator Isaac Dailey seconds the motion. Vote taken, motion passes. (2 opposed)

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

## V. Open Session

- A. Austin Stevenson, on behalf of Adam Caswell

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- We are working on getting legislators from the rest of the state on board with NKU initiatives.
- If you are interested in writing letters to the editors for newspapers in your area, please communicate with me.

## VI. Executive Board Reports

- A. Secretary of Public Relations, Sami Dada
  - Tabling for book drive will be Dec 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Secretary of Student Involvement, Miriam Davis
  - Please let me know if you're free from 12-1 on Tuesdays if you're interested in Legacy Fund and PAG.
- C. Secretary of Administration, Taylor Gagne
  - Attendance update emails will be sent this week
  - I have extra shirts available if the size you have is incorrect
  - Budget presentation will be given at the last meeting of the semester
- D. Vice President, Ellen Wilshire
  - Next week I will be giving a staff congress presentation
  - The following week will be a faculty senate presentation
  - 70 finalists for the book grants have been determined. Choose your top 18, link will be sent by Taylor. These are needed by a to-be-determined date.
- E. President, Will Weber
  - BSBP decided that Feb 13 will be a higher education lobbying effort in Frankfort.
  - Appointments will be announced on Monday. They will take office on December 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - We currently have a copy of the executive expectations.
    1. Respect each other, reasonable people disagree.
    2. Executive team will focus on facilitating conversation, not leading it.
    3. Expectations reviewed on monthly basis
    4. Working meetings have been frequent to keep everyone up to date on what is going on.
    5. Monthly newsletter to the student body
    6. We will be proactive and innovative
    7. Ask for help when we need it to meet deadlines
    8. We will attend an event of an underrepresented organization once a month.
    9. We will follow the attendance policy for the executive board
    10. We will work as a team
  - Top 10 Legislative Goals
    1. Create a "Norse Run" event at the beginning of some sporting seasons. This would be a run at the beginning of Loch Norse and ending at the game location. This will allow for more student pride and participation in sporting events.

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2. Consider expanding the meal options and hours on campus.
    - Working on Einstein Bagels Hours
  3. Advocate for additional study spaces during finals week for students to use and have them mirror the 24-hour timeline like the Library.
    - Extended hours in Griffin and the Rec
  4. Research the opportunity to standardize the online fee for online classes within the overall tuition amount paid.
    - Ethan Bechtol working on this
  5. Creating a program with myNKU that will electronically create a waitlist/overflow for classes that are already full to help streamline the process of getting into classes.
    - In the works
  6. Additional campus safety initiatives, focus on dorm safety
    - Senator Onyi Okorie is in talks with people they need to
  7. Fixing lighting issues on sidewalks and crosswalks
    - About to replace current light bulbs with LED lighting
  8. Research the opportunity for a carryout option for meals in Bistro and Norse Commons.
    - Faculty senate is looking at this
  9. Creating a more flexible system for scholarships – and advocating for the expansion of financial aid to summer and winter sessions.
    - No one is actively working on this
  10. Create a committee with students/faculty to assess the current course evaluation system and its effectiveness.
    - Senator Isaac Dailey and Justice Jacob Englert are working together. They have a plan, will probably be multiple resolutions. Looking to make evaluations available to students and some student voice in the group.
- President Mearns Top 5 Priorities
    1. Create a Commuter Student office. Contact to Dr. Nadler for more info.
    2. Considering the transition of the tuition structure to be in line with CPE standards. Resident and non-resident rates only. Considering the possibility of regional discounts.
    3. Participation and help with the local swarm on the Road to NKU. Needing students to be willing to go to their local schools, talk with potential students, and helping with new programs. (Talk to the VP of Enrollment)
    4. Administration is reviewing the Campus Vibrancy Report and looking at recommendations to create higher impact to lowly impacted student populations.

5. 2018 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NKU. Committee has already been formed. If interested, contact Eric Gentry ([egentry@nku.edu](mailto:egentry@nku.edu))

- Shout out to Senator Onyi Okorie for being crowned
- Shout out to Senator Hannah Edelen Bluegrass Miss Kentucky of Kentucky Festivals for the state of Kentucky
- Shout out to Senator Bradie Anderson for being named President of AOII
- Shout out to everyone who went on the NLS retreat
- Shout out to everyone who was named an OL.
- Have a great Thanksgiving
- NKUnity is no longer on November 28<sup>th</sup>, it is now Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. The event has been changed due to not having enough planning finished

## **VII. Committee Reports**

- A. Student Rights Committee, Emma Vincent
  - Resolution received today from Senator Hope Sherman
  - Looking forward to resolutions for next semester
- B. Academic Affairs Committee, Cindy Mentrup
  - Book Drive is coming up. Please sign up to table as soon as you know your schedules.
- C. University Improvements Committee, Chase Britt
  - Meeting in back right corner

## **VIII. Ex-Officio Reports**

- A. Chief of Staff, Amanda Rogers
  - Resolutions are due Tuesday, 11/22
- B. Chief Justice, Ethan Losier
  - Sorry to Senator Austin Stevenson for coming in during your report.
  - Looking through the Constitution right now
  - In process in re-vamping the voter system
  - Getting the process started for the Spring Election cycle

## **IX. Advisors Reports**

- A. Head Advisor, Sarah Aikman
  - No report, enjoy your break
- B. Advisor, Ann James
  - No report, Happy Thanksgiving
- C. Advisor, Dannie Moore
  - Happy Thanksgiving
  - Had fun at the NLS Retreat, but it was very cold
  - No report

## **X. Liaison Reports**

- A. ACR Liaison, Dana Jetter
  - Not present
- B. The Northerner Liaison, Mackenzie Manley

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- Not present
- C. Athletics Liaison, Turner Davidson
  - 6,877 votes on Victor
  - 500 for New Victor
  - 2,337 for Original Victor
  - 4,040 for Original Victor Head with New Victor Body (Mid-January or Early Feb – all tentative)
  - Two games on Saturday, women at 1 and men at 7 – 1000 flags will be given out at the men’s game Saturday

## **XI. Old Business**

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## **XII. New Business**

A. Senator Mikaela Mustaine, Resolution 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

- The resolution requests a process for a priority waiting list in the class registration process on the SAP myNKU portal.
1. Senator Isaac Dailey suggest grammatical changes.
  2. Senator Becca Hepner suggests to change the date stated.
  3. Senator Austin Stevenson asks if Scranage has a doctorate and the beginning should match the ending.
  4. Senator Madison Vaughn suggest a comma being added to the second whereas.
  5. Senator Evan Berkemeyer suggests a punctuation change.
  6. Senator Caroline Winstel suggests breaking the second whereas into two.
  7. Senator Hannah Edelen asks who would oversee making sure the waitlist works and who needs it. Senator Mikaela Mustaine says that IT is currently in charge of the myNKU portal.

## **XIII. Announcements**

1. Working meeting next week

President Will Weber entertains a motion to wear SGA long sleeve t-shirts next week. Motion entertained by Senator Iain Applebee, seconded by Senator Becca Hepner. Vote taken, passes unanimously.

2. Senator Becca Hepner thanks SGA for sponsoring everyone who went to the NLS Retreat. It was a very eye opening experience
3. BWO Man of the Year application closes tomorrow, March 27<sup>th</sup> is the actual pageant.
4. OLs please stay for a picture
5. Mannequin challenge after meeting
6. Resolutions are due tomorrow by 4pm
7. Next Tuesday Jodi Sweeten will be here, talking about drug addiction – open to the public for \$5
8. December 3<sup>rd</sup> SigEp is having a breakfast for dinner from 4pm to 7pm.

9. Operation Tau is December 3<sup>rd</sup>

**XIV. Adjournment**

Senator Iain Applebee motions to adjourn and has a second from Senator Becca Hepner. Vote taken, passes unanimously. Meeting is adjourned at 4:54 pm.