

Student Government Association

Meeting Minutes 9/12/16

I. Call to order

President Will Weber called to order the regular meeting of the NKU Student Government Association at 3:31 p.m. on 9/12/16 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, Tyler Andre, Iain Applebee, Michael Bailey, Dasia Bartlett, Ethan Bechtol, Evan Berkemeyer, Isaac Dailey, Hannah Edelen, Patrick Edwards, Ryan Gray, Becca Hepner, Mikaela Mustaine, Onyi Okorie, Dejah Rawlings, Molly Rector, Benjamin Sanning, Kaitlyn Schaefer, Hope Sherman, Jachelle Sologuren, Spencer Sutton, Madison Vaughn, and Jordan White

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

Executive Members Absent:

Senators Absent: Maggie Smith, Austin Stevenson, and Caroline Winstel

Justices Absent:

Guests Present: Donald Taylor, Irakoze Dieudone, The Northerner, and Trey

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Reading of Minutes

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

V. Open Session

- A. Phi Mu
 - Nation's second oldest sorority

- Children Miracles Network (Cincinnati Children's)

University Improvements Committee Chair Chase Britt motions to move new business to the top of the agenda. Academic Affairs Committee Chair Cindy Mentrup seconds the motion. Vote taken, passes unanimously.

VI. New Business

A. Swearing in New Members

- First Year Student Senators: Hannah Edelen, Patrick Edwards, Tyler Andre, Michael Bailey, and Jordan White

Chief Justice Ethan Losier swears in the five senators.

- Appointed Senators: Kaitlyn Schaefer and Molly Rector

President Will Weber opens the floor for discussion, no discussion takes place. President Will Weber entertains call to question. The motion is sub-moved by Senator Becca Hepner, and seconded by Senator Isaac Dailey. Vote taken, passes unanimously.

Chief Justice Ethan Losier swears in the two appointed senators.

B. Honorary Resolution

- Dr. Katie Herschede, Executive Assistant to the President
- Senator Spencer Sutton motions to add 5 "the" to the 3rd whereas. The motion is seconded by Becca Hepner. Vote taken, passes unanimous.
- Chief of Staff Amanda Rogers entertains a motion to remove the gap in the quote. The motion was sub-moved by Senator Isaac Dailey and seconded by Senator Ben Anderson. Vote taken, passes unanimously
- President Will Weber entertains a motion to close the floor for discussion. Motion is sub-moved by Senator Spence Sutton and seconded by Senator Ryan Gray. Vote taken, passes unanimously.
- President Will Weber entertains a call to question. Motion sub-moved by Senator Madison Vaughn and seconded by Senator Mikaela Mustaine. Vote taken, passes unanimously.

C. Pictures

D. Working Meeting

VII. Executive Board Reports

A. Secretary of Public Relations, Sami Dada

- Social Media Presence Update (Goals)
Twitter: 1800 Instagram: 750 Facebook: 1000
Voting in fall election decreased

- Solidarity Statement

Senator Dasia Bartlett asks if the Student Rights Committee can add the diversity issue at our university to the Town Hall Agenda. Senator Dasia Bartlett motions to add the topic to the Town Hall topic discussion, seconded by Senator Jordan White. Vote taken, pass unanimously.

President Will Weber entertains a motion to extend the time by 5 minutes.

James Johnson appreciates the recognition of the movement. He does not feel that anyone will feel their toes will be stepped on.

Senator Benjamin Sanning asks if we can talk about the possible topics during this section if it is included in the town hall. Chief of Staff Amanda Rogers clarifies that those topics do not fall into this discussion.

Senator Dejah Rawlings asks if there is a limited number of topics. Emma Vincent states that the town hall is usually one.

Senator Hope Sherman asks if we are hosting a second event.

Senator Will Weber entertains a motion to extend time another five minutes. Motion is sub-moved by Dejah Rawlings and seconded by Iain Applebee. Vote take, vote passes (9 opposed, 3 abstentions)

Senator Dejah Rawlings asks if we are for sure doing a separate town hall.

Senator Ben Anderson motions to close the floor. The motion is seconded by Senator Spencer Sutton. Vote taken, vote passes. (8 opposed, 3 abstentions)

Academic Affairs Committee Chair Cindy Mentrup motions to call to question. The motion is seconded by Iain Applebee. Vote taken, passes unanimously.

1. Donald Taylor asks what the criteria are to add to the town hall agenda. Student Rights Committee Chair Emma Vincent says we want to discuss pressing issues to the student body. Head Advisor Sarah Aikman states that we want to make sure we don't step on anyone's toes by talking about the racial issues at the Town Hall.
 - Team sign-ups for events
- B. Secretary of Student Involvement, Miriam Davis
 - Freshman appointed for PAG, Hannah Edelen
- C. Secretary of Administration, Taylor Gagne
 - No report
- D. Vice President, Ellen Wilshire
 - First newsletter next week
- E. President, Will Weber
 - No report

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Student Rights Committee, Emma Vincent

- Transportation Committee Appointee, Kaitlyn Schaefer and Jordan White
- B. University Improvements Committee, Chase Britt
 - No report
- C. Academic Affairs Committee, Cindy Mentrup
 - No report

IX. Ex-Officio Reports

- A. Chief of Staff, Amanda Rogers
 - Our prize winners are Onyi Okorie and Hannah Edelen
- B. Chief Justice, Ethan Losier
 - Happy Monday
 - Congrats to all the new senators
 - Working to make it easier to vote on mobile

X. Advisors Reports

- A. Head Advisor, Sarah Aikman
 - Information has been turned in for super priority registration
- B. Advisor, Ann James
 - No report
- C. Advisor, Dannie Moore
 - No report

XI. Liaison Reports

- A. ACR Liaison, Dana Jetter
 - Not present
- B. VSR Liaison, Holly Smith
 - Not present

President Will Weber re-opens open session for five minutes.

XII. Open Session

Donald Taylor says that it is our job to make sure that every student on the campus has a voice. Head Advisor Sarah Aikman asks what we can do. Donald Taylor says we that we need to educate people more on the problems minority groups face. James Johnson states that the minority groups do not believe that NKU is a racist university or a university that minority groups cannot succeed here. Senator Hannah Edelen says that this isn't a race issue, and that we should all come together as one movement and not multiple movements. An unnamed guest stated that she felt the groups cannot come together until we feel our individual needs have been met.

Senator Benjamin Sanning motions to create a town hall specifically for culture and diversity. Motion seconded by Senator Becca Hepner. President Will Weber opens the floor for discussion. Senator Ben Anderson motions to table the vote until next week. The motion is seconded by Senator Becca Hepner. The floor is opened for 2 minutes of discussion. Senator Dejah Rawlings asks for more clarification. Donald Taylor says that we have enough information already to be able to make a decision. Senator Isaac Dailey says that the first town hall could possibly be able the issue in question. Senator Iain Applebee says that it is possible to have both. James Johnson states that if this is at the top of SGA's list, it should be our town hall topic. Chief of Staff Amanda Rogers gives point of information of how this topic works. Academic Affairs Committee Chair Cindy Mentrup calls to question, motion seconded by Senator Ben Anderson. Vote taken, vote passes (10 opposed) The motion to create a new town hall is tabled until 9/19.

XIII. Old Business

XIV. Announcements

XV. Adjournment

Senator Becca Hepner motions to adjourn and has a second from Senator Ben Anderson. Vote taken, passes unanimously. Meeting is adjourned at 5:30pm.