



Student Government Association

Meeting Minutes 11/23/13

I. Call to order

President Erik Pederson called to order the regular meeting of the **NKU Student Government Association** at **3:30 p.m.** on **November 23rd, 2013** in **NKU Governance Room (SU104)**.

II. Roll call

Secretary of Administration Justin Wynne conducted a roll call.

Executive Board

Erik Pederson- President
David Trump-Vice President
Justin Wynne- Secretary of Administration
~~Brandi Cunningham- Public Relations~~
Megan Murray- Secretary of Student Involvement

Committee Chairs

Tina Hoesl- Academic Affairs Chair
Kristian Johnson- University Improvements Chair
Katie Cox- Student Rights Chair
Matt Frentz- Finance Chair

Legislative Liaison:

Chandler Taylor

Chief Justice:

Daniel Cieslak

Senators:

Elizabeth Akinade
Ali Almaliki
Megan Beckerich
Jean Clark
Abbey Duncan
Andrew Dorriere
Keisha Frazier
Hannah French
Kat Hahnel
Jon Hoey
Juliane Jendrollik
Hannah Jones
Eleanor Kremer
Spenser Kern
Isaac McFarland
Patrick Reagan
Amanda Rogers
Elizabeth Ruwe
Branden Schrenk
Julia Steffen
Tyler Stevens
Donald Taylor
Kyle Taylor
Jarrod West
Joey Yerace

Justices:

Jesse Wynne
Nick Berra
Christopher Walters
Kyle Conley

Approval of minutes from last meeting on **November 18th, 2013**.
Minutes were **unanimously** approved.

III. Open Session

Director of University Housing Arnie Slaughter:

Proposed Housing Rates

- The rates have been finalized for 2014-2015 academic year.
- Affordability was a key part of the strategic plan.
- The following styles will increase -- Woodcrest Efficiency (+\$50 or 1.4%), Woodcrest Three Bedroom (\$50 or 1.8%), and University Suites Single (+\$70 or 2.2%).
- All other styles will not increase.
- Lowest increases in four years due to 96% resident capacity.

Northern Terrace

- Renovations will be complete by Fall '14.
- Final capacity will be 188 beds.
- 47 residents on each floor.
- 5 RAs for 6 floors.
- First through third floors will be new students.
- Fourth through sixth will be upperclassmen.
- Amenities will include a multipurpose room, computer lab, laundry facility, and study lounge.
- Room styles are: Quad (standard) \$2,980 (semester), Quad with kitchen \$3,190 (does not require a meal plan).
- Each room will have four residents and two full bathrooms.
- Dining facilities will be housed in Callahan Bistro.
- Northern Terrace is ADA accessible.

Cancellation Policy

- Current policy:
 - \$200 down payment
 - Students who cancel housing by the first week of school will forfeit of the down payment and 15% of housing fee, 2nd week down payment and 25%, 3rd week down payment and 50%, 4th week down payment and 75%, 5th week down payment and 100%.
- Proposed policy:
 - Will match tuition policy for fall semester.
 - \$200 down payment will be forfeited until June 30th.

- Withdrawal between July 1st- July 31st forfeit 25% of housing and \$200 down payment.
- August 1st – Move in day will forfeit 50% and \$200 down payment.

Director of Business Operations and Auxiliary Services, Andy Meeks

Meal Plan for 2014- 2015:

Unlimited + \$100 (Flex)	\$1690	(2013-2014) +\$50
Freedom 2 + 100	1550	+50
15 per Week +100	1550	+50
150 Block +175	1615	+50
125 Block +325	1615	+50
100 Block + 425	1615	+50
Proposed:		
75 Block +575	1615	
5 Weekly +575	1615	

- Technology can be set up to accept any combination of meals and flex.
- Freedom 2= 2 meals a day, 7 a week.
- 1,600 residents use meal plan.
- Average increase was roughly 3%, lower than usual 5% annual increase.
- Faculty and staff meal plans are heavily discounted to encourage professors to eat with students- few use these however.
- Commuter students with meal plans is less than 100.
- Flex dollars cannot/ will not be used for outside restaurants because it will drive up meal plan prices because of partnering and Chartwells contract.

Norse Commons

- There will be about \$3.1 million in renovations.
- This will begin on Spring Break ‘13
- Callahan Bistro will take on the duties of Commons.
- Shuttle times and capacity will increase to help this.

Branded Concepts within the Student Union

- Considerations for new concept within the Student Union will include Chik-Fil-A
- The University acknowledges the controversial news surrounding the chain, and will keep that within consideration.
- The decision is not final to take on Chik-Fil-A, but they are the number one requested food concept across all higher education.
- Decision may be based on what is the best business model.
- The decision will come within the next 6 months, and director Meeks would participate in a SGA Town Hall forum on the topic.
- Branded concepts are more expensive, but the demand still turns profits.

- The university has partnered with Taco Bell, Burger King, and Chik-Fil-A previously. Taco Bell was the most successful.
- Chartwells will still run the concept- meal plans/flex will be accepted.

IV. Executive Board Reports

- a) Sec. of Public Relations, Brandi Cunningham**
 - 1) Not Present.
- b) Sec. of Student Involvement, Megan Murray**
 - 1) Legacy form has been updated!
 - 2) Contact me with legitimate concerns with Chik-Fil-A becoming a Norse Rates partner.
- c) Sec. of Administration, Justin Wynne**
 - 1) Contact me if you do not plan to continue with SGA next semester.
- d) Vice President, David Trump**
 - 1) Follow the chain of command with regards to resolution submission.
- e) President, Erik Pederson**
 - 1) Tina will not be joining us next semester.
 - 2) Her committee chair replacement will be announced next meeting.
 - 3) Three external committees will need filling.

V. Committee Reports

- a) Finance Chair, Matt Frentz**
 - 1) Book grant applications will be reviewed after the deadline today!
- b) Student Rights Chair, Katie Cox**
 - 1) Volunteer for 30 minute slots for Finals Week Refreshments.
- c) Academic Affairs Chair, Tina Hoesl**
 - 1) No Report.
- d) University Improvements Chair, Kristian Johnson**
 - 1) Speed bumps have been temporarily installed in front of Commons, permanent ones will be put in place as part of the renovation.
 - 2) Second Reading of Norse Path resolution today!

VI. Ex-Officio Reports

a) ACR Liaison

- 1) Not Present.

b) Legislative Liaison, Chandler Taylor

- 1) Thank you for those who completed office hours this week.
- 2) Those who have office hours on the holiday will not be penalized.

c) Judicial Council Chief Justice, Daniel Cieslak

- 1) No Report.

VII. Advisor Reports

a) Dean of Students, Dr. Jeff Waple

- 1) NLS Retreat was a good time!
- 2) Dec. 4th will be announcement by President Mearns.
- 3) Enjoy the break and remember to be thankful for those who allowed you to be here today.
- 4) One more meeting this year!

b) Sarah Aikman

- 1) Safe travels!

c) Danny Moore

- 1) No report.

VIII. Old Business

Second reading of Norse Path Resolution

Motion by Senator Brandon Schrenk **to Strike “marked for an additional fee” from the second whereas.**

Seconded by Senator Tina Hoesl.

Called to Vote by Senator Patrick Reagan.

Vote: 3 yays, 32 nays.

Motion Defeated

Motion by Senator Spenser Kern **to add “at a standard size” to the second whereas, after “at an additional cost” for clarity.**

Seconded by Senator Joey Yerace.

Called to Vote by Senator Amanda Rogers.

Vote: 29 yays, 6 nays.

Motion Approved

Motion by Senator Patrick Reagan **to move clause within the second whereas, after “helmets”.**

Seconded by Senator Elizabeth Ruwe.

Called to Vote by Senator Jarrod West.

Vote: 31 yays, 1 nay, 4 abstentions.

Motion Approved

IX. New Business

No New Business.

X. Announcements

- Announcements suspended for time.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by **Senator Patrick Reagan, 2nded** by **Senator Jon Hoey; President Erik Pederson adjourned** the meeting at **5:08 p.m.**

Minutes compiled by: **Justin Wynne, SGA Secretary of Administration**

