

Minutes

September 17th, 2018

1. Call to Order
   1. The weekly meeting of Northern Kentucky University’s Student Government Association was called to order by President Hannah Edelen in the Governance Room at 3:30 pm.
2. Roll Call
   1. Secretary of Administration Mick Nelson conducted a roll call.
   2. Senators Present: Akinrele, Amazendes, Asinugo, Barnes, Brown, Cahal, Craig, Delamar, Dichtl, Duru, Flowers, Gagne (Chair), Gifford, Gilliam, Henderson, Holmes, Juarez, Kuderer, Lopez (Chair), McClellan, Miller (Chair), Millward, Sparks, Ramirez, Vesgas, Walzer, Weedn, Weimer, Zein
   3. Senators Excused: None
   4. Senators Absent: None
   5. Justices Present: Baker, Cullen, Roy (Chief), Sanford
   6. Justices Excused: None
   7. Justices Absent: Voland
   8. Executive Board Members Present: Mitchell, White, Nelson, Frey, Edelen, Anderson
   9. Executive Board Members Excused: None
   10. Executive Board Members Absent: None
3. Pledge of Allegiance
   1. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Secretary of Student Involvement Jordan White
4. Reading of Minutes
   1. President Edelen entertained a motion to table the minutes from the meeting on September 10th, 2018, sub moved by Senator Millward and seconded by Senator Amazendes
   2. President Edelen entertained a motion to move unfinished business to the top of the order, sub moved by Chair Lopez and seconded by Senator Walzer
5. Unfinished Business
   1. A second reading of the resolution recognizing Veteran Suicide Awareness Week by Senator Jontay Brown, read by Chair Janiah Miller
   2. The floor was open for discussion for 3 minutes
   3. Secretary Nelson entertained a motion to call to question, sub moved by Senator Weedn and seconded by Senator McClellan
   4. Resolution passes with a vote of 29-0-0
6. Open Session
   1. Vice President for Government, Corporate, and Foundation Engagement Adam Caswell, KY State Senator Chris McDaniel, and KY State Senator Will Schroder
      1. NKU Funding from Frankfort
         1. NKU does not get its fair share of funding from Frankfort
         2. New performance funding model is in place which is based on outcomes-based funding
         3. Pension crisis, KERS
         4. What SGA can do to get involved
            1. Rally for Higher Ed
            2. Future Leaders Internship Program
         5. The floor is open to the senate for questions
            1. Senator Walzer: “Why not split the pension burden equally amongst schools?”

Senator McDaniel: “There are hundreds and hundreds on employers within the state and it would be possible for it to be split equally amongst the schools. There are two different ways to calculate the liability. There is a higher liability for employees that are older. You have to look at what is the appropriate policy. The problem is for universities to get out of the pension policy.”

* + - * 1. Senator Barnes: “What are the strategies for not putting as much of a financial burden on the students?”

Senator McDaniel: “It is very difficult to achieve a quality and affordable education. Timely completion of degrees weighs heavily on the cost”

* + - * 1. Senator Dichtl: “Will performance funding work similar to how it is structured in high school?”

Senator McDaniel: “It will differ. Factors such as graduation rate and freshmen retention will weigh heavily on performance-based funding.”

* + - * 1. Senator Weedn: “What are some ideas on increasing revenue?”

Senator Schroder: “Investing in companies around the area.”

Senator McDaniel: “The university can increase revenue by adding more programs and hiring premium educators to give a quality education.”

* 1. Appointment of Trey Baker
     1. The floor will be open for discussion for 30 minutes and no longer. There will be four visitors allowed to speak and they will be allowed 4 minutes each. This will be a civil discussion.
     2. President Edelen entertained a motion to open the floor for discussion for 30 minutes, sub moved by Senator Gilliam and seconded by Senator McClellan
     3. Travis Roy: “According to Roberts Rules of Order, everything was done by the book.”
     4. Nova Grace: “This situation, from the moment the person was accused all the way up to now, has been handled very, ridiculously poorly by SGA.”
     5. Chair Lopez motioned to go into executive session, seconded by Senator Weedn
        1. President Edelen entertained a motion to do a roll call vote, sub moved by Senator Juarez and seconded by Senator Barnes
     6. Mariah Jones: “These memes are not jokes, they are hurtful to our community.”
     7. Chamberlain Mack: “These are freedoms of speech, but not freedoms of consequence and consequences should be taken for the appointment of Trey Baker.”
     8. Noel Waltz: “SGA should remove Baker from his position and make a formal apology.”
     9. Travis Roy: “Would like to apologize for the feelings that were hurt. I would never go out of my way to withhold any information.”
     10. Joy Flowers: “There is more to an organization that just boycotting and supporting.”
     11. Shelby Sanford: “What the executive board members have done is follow the correct procedure.”
     12. Allison Vesgas: “I appreciate all of the passion from our guests.”
     13. President Edelen entertained a motion to go into a five minute recess, sub moved by Chair Lopez and seconded by Chair Gagne
     14. Students Present During Open Session: Alyya Scott, Danielle Abernathy, Orvelle Thomas, CT Hammans, Enrica Jackson, Tara Collins, Chambelain Mack, James Wilkins, Janise Price, Samantha Mitchell, Kamira Jeffreys Coley, Selena Johnson, Ben Eglin, Katie Sharp, Arthur Patrion, O’Bryen Edwards, Dylan Fisher, Rosaleen Molony, Anna Burt, Jami Rudd, Kaylee Schultz, Megan Stieritz, Gisela Garcia, Kylie Noah, Bethany Bennet, Umajesty Allah, Molly M. Brown, Katie Tierney, Emma Samhey, Andrew Evans, Ashley Harris, Kat Yoakem, Cassie Rinehard, Katie Bishop, Bailey Fox, Nova Grace

1. Executive Board Reports
   1. Secretary of Public Relations, Katie Mitchell
      1. No Report
   2. Secretary of Student Involvement, Jordan White
      1. Activity program tomorrow from 12 to 1
   3. Secretary of Administration, Mick Nelson
      1. Congratulations to new appointees and elected freshmen senators
      2. Name tags will be completed by next meeting for the new members
   4. Vice President, Matt Frey
      1. Faculty Senate will be on September 24th
   5. President, Hannah Edelen
      1. Need volunteers for the Smoking Policy Committee
         1. Senators Dichtl, McClellan, and Weedn
2. Chair Reports
   1. Student Rights, Janiah Miller
      1. Working with Erica Jay on smoking policy
      2. Talked about town hall on inclusivity and diversity. She asked for help from anyone in the Student Government to partake on these initiatives.
   2. University Improvements, Paula Marie Gagne
      1. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes for the Safety Walk
   3. Academic Affairs, Jarett Lopez
      1. Happy Monday
      2. Victor Talks: Bonnie Meyer, Eric Rose
      3. Trayonna Barnes: “University Assessment Committee will be on October 15th.”
3. Ex Officio Reports
   1. Chief of Staff, Jake Anderson
      1. Orientations for new senators
      2. Good work to Allan for working on teacher evaluations
   2. Chief Justice, Travis Roy
      1. Thank you for passing the resolution
      2. October 6th will be the Warrior Run at 7:15
      3. Kicked off communication with the state legislators today
4. Advisor Reports
   1. Sarah Aikman
      1. No report
   2. Arnie Slaughter
      1. No report
   3. Bob Alston
      1. No report
5. Liaison Reports
   1. The Northerner, Ryan Clifton
      1. No report
   2. Staff Congress, Felicia Share
      1. Happy to be a liaison for the organization
6. New Business
7. Announcements
   1. Senator Amazendes – desks were changed in Landrum
   2. Senator Juarez – Alpha Si Lambda will be hosting a bone marrow drive
   3. Senator Weedn – Idea for a resolution of pulling a dead week
   4. Senator Zein – Volleyball game for the International Student Union right after meeting
   5. Senator Craig – FSLC meets every Wednesday in the UC Ballroom
   6. Secretary Mitchell – Open to suggestions about position; DZ Paint a Turtle Camp
   7. Chief of Staff Anderson – Working on getting the printer in Callahan fixed
8. Adjournment
   1. President Edelen entertained a motion to adjourn, sub moved by Chair Lopez and seconded by Senator Barnes
   2. Meeting is adjourned at 5:31 pm.