



Student Government Association

Meeting Minutes 9/23/13

I. Call to order

President Erik Pederson called to order the regular meeting of the **NKU Student Government Association** at **3:33 p.m.** on **September 23rd, 2013** in **NKU Governance Room (SU104)**.

II. Roll call

Secretary of Administration Justin Wynne conducted a roll call.

Approval of minutes from last meeting on **September 16th, 2013**. Minutes were **unanimously** approved.

III. Open Session

Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Gitau- Presentation on Department Restructuring

The Department of Student Affairs is conscious of changes demanded by the student body and is working to address those issues effectively by constantly reviewing policies, focusing on accountability of staff and results generated by students. Student engagement and diversity services are top priorities for the department.

A few highlights from Dr. Gitau's presentation:

- NKU staff is working to **develop a culture of inclusive excellence** by advancing collaboration and relationships within the department including: **African-American Programs and Services** (new title), **Latino Programs and Services** (new title), and the addition of **LGBTQ Programs and Services** (new program). A Women's Services division is being considered and would largely address domestic violence.
- The department has also added **Fraternity and Sorority Life**, directed by Kim Vance, to address the growing Greek community.
- Dr. Gitau wants to ensure that more **testing facilities** are offered on NKU's campus **to cater to and retain students**, such in the case of standardized education exams.

- **Health, Counseling, and Student Wellness** is to be expanded to address **substance abuse, sexuality, and nutrition.**
- Student Success is to be geared towards assessment of programs, staff, and student results by utilizing the **University Connect and Persist** division to meet the needs of struggling students.

Motion by Legislative Liaison Chandler Taylor for **New Business to precede Executive Board Reports.**

Seconded by Senator Spenser Kern.

Motion Approved- Unanimous

IV. New Business

Appointment of New Senators

Motion by Legislative Liaison Chandler Taylor to **approve Senate appointees.**

Seconded by Senator Jarrod West.

Motion Approved- Unanimous.

Motion by Legislative Liaison Chandler Taylor to **approve appointments as a slate.**

Seconded by Senator Patrick Reagan.

Motion Approved: Unanimous.

Chief Justice Daniel Cieslak swears in New Senators.

V. Executive Board Reports

a) **Sec. of Public Relations, Brandi Cunningham**

- 1) September 24th and 25th is Fall Fest
 - a. Sign up for a 30 minute slot!
- 2) Pictures are today!
- 3) T-shirts and polo sizes: sign list.
- 4) Senator Profiles will be posted on website and Facebook.

b) **Sec. of Student Involvement, Megan Murray**

- 1) Expansion of Norse Rates
 - a. Congratulations New Senators!
 - b. Norse Rates kickoff Saturday October 26th

c) **Sec. of Administration, Justin Wynne**

- 1) There is another available spot open in the senate, as a chosen candidate declined. E-Board will discuss remaining pool of options Wednesday.

- 2) Remaining candidates will be contacted once that decision has been made.
- 3) Minutes will be posted on the website once accessible.
- 4) Name tags and plaques will be ordered now that there is a full senate.
- 5) New Senators need to send contact information.

d) Vice President, David Trump

- 1) Congratulations new Senators!
- 2) Career Service Fair tomorrow and Wednesday.
- 3) New Senators will receive information from SGA Retreat after the meeting.

e) President, Erik Pederson

- 1) Volunteers are needed to serve on the Campus Recreation Committee.
 - a. Will begin to meet after Fall Break.
 - b. Meets once or twice a semester.

VI. Committee Reports

a) Finance Chair, Matt Frentz

- 1) Wi-Fi resolution will be read at E-Board Wednesday.
- 2) Two new resolutions in the works.

b) Student Rights Chair, Katie Cox

- 1) Midterm Refreshments, working on arrangements.
- 2) Town Hall Meeting Wednesday Nov. 6th 3:30-5:30 p.m. 1st Floor SU

c) Academic Affairs Chair, Tina Hoesl

- 1) First draft of “Finals Preparation Week” resolution coming soon.

d) University Improvements Chair, Kristian Johnson

- 1) Campus Safety Walk is Monday October 24th

VII. Ex-Officio Reports

a) ACR Liaison

- 1) VP of Programming, Apply by Wednesday!
- 2) Senator elections all this week.

b) SBA Liaison

- 1) Not Present.

c) Legislative Liaison, Chandler Taylor

1) Parliamentary Procedure Presentation for New Senators.

d) Judicial Council Chief Justice, Daniel Cieslak

1) Congratulations to new senators!

VIII. Advisor Reports

a) Dean of Students, Dr. Jeff Waple

1) No report.

b) Sarah Aikman

1) No report.

c) Danny Moore

1) Taking Pictures!

d) Stephen Meier

1) Not Present

IX. Old Business

NO OLD BUSINESS

X. Announcements

- October 24th IM Fields officially open. (Dean Waple)
- Apply to be an Orientation Leader!
- Thursday is the opening of Moby Dick Rehearsed! Come out and support. (Vice President David Trump)
- Please attend Strategic Planning Forums (Student Rights Chair Katie Cox)
- APB Event Wednesday at 7.
- Rick Arquila will be speaking in MEP 200.
- If you want to assist with homecoming let me know!
- Pumpkin bust applications are out and due Tuesday October 29th (Student Involvement Megan Murray)
- Live Music on the Plaza 1-2 all week. (Sarah Aikman)
- LGBTQ kick off October 1st 11-3! (Senator Andrew Dorriere)
- NLS Trivia Night October 26th at 6 p.m. SU Ballroom
- Congratulations to David Trump for being named Head OL (President Erik Pederson)
- It is Justin Wynne's birthday! (Senator Spenser Kern)
 - Editor's Note- Very important not.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by **Senator Spenser Kern**, 2nded by **Senator Patrick Reagan**, **Senator Frentz** abstains; **President Erik Pederson** adjourned the meeting at **4:16 p.m.**

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