



STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
ASSOCIATION

1/30/2017

Minutes

## 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 January, 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 in Governance Room (SU 104).

## II. Roll call

Secretary of Administration Madison Vaughn conducted a roll call.

**Executive Team Present:** Sami Dada, Miriam Davis, Ethan Losier, Cindy Mentrup, Austin Stevenson, Madison Vaughn, Emma Vincent, Will Weber, and Ellen Wilshire

**Executive Members Absent:** Chase Britt

**Senators Present:** Ben Anderson, Bradie Anderson, Tyler Andre, Iain Applebee, Michael Bailey, Evan Berkemeyer, Hannah Edelen, Patrick Edwards, Jacob Englert, Makayla Keokongsy, Griffin Jordan, Janiah Miller, Mikaela Mustaine, Onyi Okorie, Hunter Poindexter, Dejah Rawlings, Molly Rector, Kaitlyn Schaefer, Jachelle Sologuren, Zachary Stone, Spencer Sutton, Jordan White, and Caroline Winstel

**Senators Absent:** Dasia Bartlett (late, half absence), Griffin Jordan

**Justices Present:** Isaac Dailey, Christian Dichoso, Haley Madden, and Katie Rogers

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**Guests Present:** Dean DeRoche, Hannah Hagedorn, and Emily Sherry

## 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 Tyler Andre seconds. Vote taken, passes unanimously.

## V. Open Session

A.

## VI. Liaison Reports

- A. ACR Liaison, Amber Townsend
  - No report

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- B. Athletics Liaison, Turner Davidson
  - Next game is homecoming. If you want to tailgate, contact NKU parking services at least 24 hours before game
- C. Alex Volland, new VRS Liaison
  - Warm our hearts campaign- event for homeless veterans. Want more representation from SGA

## **VII. Executive Board Reports**

- A. Secretary of Public Relations, Sami Dada
  - Personal Story
  - Rally for Higher Education- Share facebook post
- B. Secretary of Student Involvement, Miriam Davis
  - Please tell other orgs to apply for legacy and programming
- C. Secretary of Administration, Madison Vaughn
  - Norsesync SGA Membership thank you
  - New Member Retreat- This Friday, February 3rd 11:30-12:30
- D. Vice President, Ellen Wilshire
  - Committee
  - SGA L/S Shirts- New members will get new shirts first, passed around sheet
  - Book Grant Committee- five people to help with that, took names
- E. President, Will Weber
  - Happy Birthday
  - Rally for Higher Education- put together form on Norsesync. If you are interested in going, fill out that form. Will close this Friday. Will also let us know the demand of students. After filing out form, you will receive email asking for confirmation and you must agree to be able to go.
  - Starving the Beast Screening- talks about epidemic of cuts of higher education, still looking at costs for food.
  - SGA Representative Program- In this, you will just be the contact for these organizations. Just for senators as of now. Already have good 50% assigned as of now. Ex: Kaitlyn Schaefer is on Business Board.

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

- A. Student Rights Committee, Emma Vincent
  - Townhall- new housing, parking, maybe tie in more.
  - Shoot her an email with ideas
- B. Academic Affairs Committee, Cindy Mentrup
  - Committee meet after
- C. University Improvements Committee, Chase Britt
  - Vice Chair- Evan Berkemeyer:
    - SGA Spring Beautification and Safety Walk
      - Date- March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 5:30-7:00 P.M.

## **IX. Ex-Officio Reports**

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- A. Chief of Staff, Austin Stevenson
  - Thank you to everyone for office hours
  - Passed Resolutions Follow-Up will happen next week
  - In-Progress Resolution Living Document- please utilize
- B. Chief Justice, Ethan Losier
  - Happy Monday. Appreciate the attentiveness during constitution reading
  - Minimum of two more Constitution readings
  - By-Laws will be a little easier
  - Keep promoting SOCOP

**X. Advisors Reports**

- A. Head Advisor, Sarah Aikman
  - No report
- B. Advisor, Ann James
  - No report
- C. Advisor, Dannie Moore
  - No report

**XI. Old Business**

- A.

**XII. New Business**

- A. Committee Appointments  
Congrats to new Vice Chairs-
  - Student Rights and Advocacy- Hannah Edelen
  - Academic Affairs- Mikaela Mustaine
  - University Improvements- Evan Berkemeyer
- B. Motion to sing Happy Birthday made by Iain Applebee, 1 opposed, 1 abstention, motion passes
- C. Working Meeting (15 Minutes)
- D. Constitution Revisions 1<sup>st</sup> Reading by Ethan Losier
  - a. Suggestions:
    - i. Mikaela Mustaine- SGA Representative Program?
    - ii. Dejah Rawlings- programming?
    - iii. Iain Applebee- Take out C from Sec. of Student Involvement
    - iv. Kaitlyn Schaefer- we should fill seats to as full of capacity as possible at the beginning of the semester
      - 1. Iain Applebee- should be done year-by-year instead of semester-by-semester
      - 2. Patrick Edwards- policy where instead president should not close the application
      - 3. Mikaela Mustaine- reminder that senators can still say no to appointments
      - 4. Emma Vincent- story in the past

5. Dejah Rawlings- Give more power to the Senate
  6. Hannah Edelen-idea- senate implement process to discuss applicants before they come in and get voted in, avoid embarrassment
  7. Patrick Edwards- ask them to write paragraph introduction
  8. Cindy Mentrup- more procedural.
  9. Spencer Sutton- good process, how we can ask questions, ask them to come back next week.
  10. Hannah Edelen- applications should be public
- b. Emma- change word “enrolled” at NKU because high school students could technically still be considered enrolled
- i. Dasia Bartlett- put full-time enrolled
  - ii. Jannah Miller- transfer and first-time freshman students- should open more seats. Maybe get difference seats just for freshman students
  - iii. Hannah Edlen- personal story relating
  - iv. VRS Liaison, Alex Volland- Veterans are considered transfer students
  - v. Kaitlyn Schaefer- has there ever been as issue?
  - vi. Miriam Davis- story- was in school-based scholars
- E. Motion by Dejah Rawlings to table reading of constitution. Second by Senator Cindy Mentrup. Five opposed, five abstentions. Motion passes.

### **XIII. Announcements**

- A. Black History Month Kickoff starts this week with the Kickoff starting at 6:30 Wednesday in the S.U. Ballroom.
- B. Feel free to contact Austin about resolutions.
- C. Refunds will happen Wednesday.
- D. This Wednesday- NAACP Center for Inclusive Excellence Area (SU 302). Two different sessions- 12-12:45 and 1-1:45.

### **XIV. Adjournment**

Senator Michael Bailey motions to adjourn and has a second from Senator Cindy Mentrup. Vote taken, passes unanimously. Meeting is adjourned at 5:23 pm.