



August 21<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Minutes

## **I. Call to order**

President Sami Dada called to order the regular meeting of the NKU Student Government Association at 3:31 p.m. on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 in Governance Room (SU 104).

## **II. Roll call**

Secretary of Administration Ethan Losier conducted a roll call.

**Executive Team Present:** Christina Muenchen, Ethan Losier, Erica Bluford, Sami Dada

**Executive Members Absent:**

**Executive Members Excused:**

**Senators Present:** Titillayo Akakpo, Benjamin Bardgett, Miriam Davis, Hannah Edelen, Janiah Miller, Brenda Moran (was late), Katilyn Nally, Onyi Okorie, Jachelle Sologuren, Jeremy Sweet and Adam Zarnowski

**Senators Absent:** Tyler Andre, Evan Berkemeyer

**Senators Excused:** Peter Readnour

**Justices Present:** Christian Dichoso, Hunter Poindexter, and Lindsay Wright

**Justices Absent:** Benjamin Sanning

**Justices Excused:** Haley Madden

**Guests Present:** Taylor Gagne, Nicole Browning, Sebastian Torres

## **III. Pledge of Allegiance**

## **IV. Reading of Minutes**

- A. President Sami Dada did not bring up minutes to be read or voted upon. The last two meetings minutes **will** be brought up in the next meeting of this semester.

President Sami Dada entertained a motion to move New Business to the top of the agenda. Senator Edelen sub-moves the motion and Senator Miller seconds. Vote taken, passes unanimously.

## **V. New Business**

A. President Sami Dada announced his recommendations for the appointed positions

- Secretary of Public Relations – Senator Hannah Edelen
  - Discussed why she was qualified for the position

The floor was opened for discussion for 2 minutes. General discussion was held for 2 minutes. A call to question was made by Senator Nally and seconded by Senator Miller. It was approved unanimously. The Senate accepted the confirmation of Secretary Hannah Edelen

- Chief Justice – Justice Hunter Poindexter
  - Experienced with the new SOCOP Program
  - Discussed his vision for the upcoming year
  - Wants the Judicial Council to be more involved
  - Will prevent excessive election violations

The floor was opened for discussion for 1 minute. General discussion was held for 1 minute. A call to question was made by Senator Miller and seconded by Senator Okorie. The vote was taken and the results of the Senate vote were 9 for the approval and 0 dissenting with 1 abstentions. The Senate voted to approve Justice Hunter Poindexter to be confirmed by the Judicial Council. The Judicial Council confirmation vote was then brought to the floor. The vote was held and the results of the vote were 2 vote to approve and 0 votes to reject. The Judicial Council accepted the confirmation of Justice Hunter Poindexter as their Chief Justice.

- Chief of Staff – Taylor Gagne
  - Discussed experience with Parliamentary Procedure and Robert's Rules of Order
  - Has experience in Legislative Procedure
  - Very involved on campus

The floor was opened for discussion for 2 minutes. General discussion was held for 2 minutes. Discussion on the floor was extended for 2 minutes by a motion from Senator Zarnowski and seconded by Senator Okorie. Discussion on the floor was extended for another 2 minutes by a motion from Senator Zarnowski and seconded by Senator Miller. A call to question was made by Senator Okorie and seconded by Senator Zarnowski. It was approved unanimously. The Senate vote accepted the proposed appointment of Chief of Staff Taylor Gagne.

President Sami Dada entertained a motion to move Old Business to the top of the agenda. Senator Zarnowski sub-moves the motion and Senator Miller seconds. Vote taken, passes unanimously.

## **VI. Old Business**

- Academic Affairs – Senator Janiah Miller
  - Discussed her dedication through involvement and attendance at SGA even though she lost in the Freshman Election
  - Was appointed in the Spring for one of the openings
  - Discussed the Foundation of Knowledge Resolution
  - Wants more Diversity
  - Extremely involved on campus

The floor was opened for discussion for 2 minutes. General discussion was held for 2 minutes. Discussion on the floor was extended for 2 minutes by a motion from Senator Okorie and seconded by Senator Sologuren. Discussion on the floor was again extended for 2 minutes by a motion from Senator Zarnowski and seconded by Senator Nally. Discussion on the floor was extended for the third time for 1 minute by a motion from Senator Zarnowski and seconded by Senator Nally. A call to question was made by Senator Zarnowski and seconded by Senator Sweet. It was approved by a vote of 7 yeas to 0 nays, with 3 abstentions. The Senate vote accepted the proposed appointment of Senator Janiah Miller.

President Sami Dada entertained a motion to reopen New Business. Senator Sologuren sub-moves the motion and Senator Davis seconds. Vote taken, passes unanimously.

## **VII. New Business (reopened)**

- A. New Chief Justice Poindexter was sworn in by President Sami Dada.
- B. Secretary of Public Relations Edelen, Chief of Staff Gagne, and Academic Affairs Chairwoman Miller were sworn in by Chief Justice Poindexter.
- C. 2017-2018 Student Government Association Budget was presented.
  - No changes were made. Motion to approve the budget was entertained by Secretary of Administration Losier and was sub-moved by Senator Miller and seconded by Senator Sologuren.

## **VIII. Open Session**

- A. Sebastian Torres
  - Discussed his position as the student representative on the Council on Post-Secondary Education.
  - Goes to Salmon P. Chase Law School here at NKU.
  - Excited to serve
  - Phone number is (954) 665-5904
  - Email is [torress1@nku.edu](mailto:torress1@nku.edu)

## **IX. Executive Board Reports**

- A. Secretary of Public Relations, Hannah Edelen

- The Freshman Election and Senator Appointment forms are live. Please share them.
  - I look forward to working with you all together this year.
  - <https://www.facebook.com/NKU.SGA/posts/1504912636221385>
- B. Secretary of Student Involvement, Christina Muenchen
- Welcome Back!
  - No Report
- C. Secretary of Administration, Ethan Losier
- Happy Monday!
  - Promote the Freshman election and heavily share the appointment forms. We have lots of open senate positions
  - Looking forward to the upcoming year.
  - Talk to me ahead of time if you won't be able to make meeting. Senators and justices have 3 unexcused absences per semester.
  - Will be sending the minutes out on Friday.
- D. Vice President, Erica Bluford
- Thank you for coming out to the Summer Retreat!
- E. President, Sami Dada
- Welcome Back!
  - Be aware of closed parking lots due to construction.
  - The connector road is open.
  - Don't park in fire lanes or handicap spots.
  - No parking tickets this week unless you are parked in aforementioned places.

## **X. Committee Reports**

- B. Student Rights Committee, Jachelle Sologuren
- Sorry for being abrasive earlier.
  - We as a senate need to be more vocal.
- C. University Improvements Committee, Evan Berkemeyer
- Welcome.
- D. Academic Affairs Committee, Janiah Miller
- Teacher Diversity Matters on September 15<sup>th</sup>

## **XI. Ex-Officio Reports**

- A. Chief of Staff, Taylor Gagne
- No matter what you want to do as a resolution, I am here to help!
- B. Chief Justice, Hunter Poindexter
- Make sure to promote the Freshman Senate Elections

## **XII. Advisors Reports**

- A. Head Advisor, Sarah Aikman
- 8:00 am E-Board meeting on Wednesday.
- B. Advisor, Bob Alston
- Hi.
  - Don't break parking rules.
  - Thanks!

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C. Advisor, Dannie Moore

- Excited for the upcoming year.

### **XIII. Liaison Reports**

A. Association of Campus Residents, President Dallas Simpson

- Welcome! Excited for the upcoming year!

### **XIV. Announcements**

1. Business Garage bottom floor is usually empty if you can't find parking.
2. Movie on the lawn is at 7:00 pm tonight.
3. Phi Sigma Pi has a housing and homelessness drive on September 17<sup>th</sup>.
4. Congratulations to Secretaries Christina Muenchen and Ethan Losier on their Engagement!
5. Please contact Nick Bliven for Service on Saturday if you are going to attend.

### **XV. Adjournment**

Senator Miller motions to adjourn and has a second from Senator Sweet. Vote taken, Senator Zarnowski was opposed. Meeting is adjourned at 4:50 pm.

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