

Student Government Association

Meeting

10/11/21

Agenda

1. Call to Order
   1. President Cannon called the meeting to order at 3:30pm

2. Roll Call

* 1. Justices Present: Price, Rice
  2. Justices Absent: None
  3. Justices Excused: None
  4. Senators Present: Abraham, Adams, Arango Boards, Burns, Gilpin, Hix, McCulloch, Myers, Omar, Pfalz, Renton, Siebenaler, Terrell
  5. Senators Absent: None
  6. Senators Excused: None
  7. Executive Cabinet Present: Cannon, Day-Carter, Nguyen, Prince, Roat, Weis
  8. Executive Cabinet Absent: None
  9. Executive Cabinet Excused: None

4. Reading of Minutes

1. Vice President Roat motioned to accept the minutes as electronically distributed, Senator Gilpin submoved, and Senator Hix seconded. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

5. Open Session

Director of LGBTQA+

* Advertised there will be another drag show next Friday
* A lot of programming as it is LGBTQ History Month
* There was a great keynote speaker, Brandon Wolf
* If you ever need to change your name, you can always do it through the LGBTQIA+ Student Initiatives
* You can always view the Campus Pride Index which assesses every institution and judges everything from academic offering, student life, and to institution commitment to many other things
* We have met the 50% amount of gender-neutral bathrooms outlined by the Campus Pride Index
* We have achieved 5 stars and only 1 of 30 institutions that are nationally recognized by the Campus Pride Index
* If you are ever needing a workshop, you can always reach out to the LGBTQIA+ Student Initiatives to schedule one
* Chris asked to clarify where their location is
* Suite 309 for the CSI, her office is suite 314, and Alex’s is 312

Orientation Leaders

* Jude Ampfer, Head Orientation Leader (OL), introduced himself
* Applications are open and they close October 29
* You are the backbone of orientation that leads small groups of freshmen while playing fun icebreakers
* You will receive free housing for the summer with a $1500 stipend and $300 meal card
* Follow @nkuorientation to see updates and find more information
* Alex asked do you have to stay on campus the entire summer?
  + Jude answered that you are only required to stay there the night before each program which there are typically 3 days of programs
* Senator Pfalz asked which dorm will OLs stay in
  + It is not confirmed yet however it has been in Northern Terrace in the past
* Vice Chair Gilpin asked if other Mentorship orientations such as LAMP or ROCKS will conflict with being an OL
  + No

Provost Matt Cecil

* Provost Cecil introduced himself
* Thanked SGA for stepping up for the Covid crisis and for being a member of SGA which are leaders on campus
* The transmission rate is down to 0.83
* We hit a peak about 2 weeks ago and have been going down since
* If someone is not following the guidelines, you can always just stay away from them to stay safe
* We are at about 26 cases out of 100,000 a day in Campbell County
* Just remain diligent on wearing masks
* Student success is the main job
* Our on-campus enrollment had 2600 more students 6 years ago
* Our retention rate has declined due to Covid from 74% to about 68.5% which is around 80 students lost
* How do we address opportunity gaps and retention rates?
  + They will be adding 10 more first year advisors and will be calling it a First Year Success Hub
  + Each new student will also have their very own peer mentor
  + There will also be a student engagement coordinator, health and counseling coordinator, and financial literacy person in the office to ensure all of the resources are in one central spot
    - 6-8% retention rate increase in the first year of implementing this
    - How can SGA help?
      * Advocate for these resources and ensure that students are receiving the help they need
      * Communicate the needs to the Provost such as what other resources are needed in the hub and what policies that negatively impact students
      * Speak with student affairs professionals and advisors to address all of the concerns we hear from students
  + Senator Pfalz asked if the new 10 people would be generalized help or individualized help such as focusing on certain majors
    - It would be both
  + Senator Belcaitis asked for his email
    - [Provost@nku.edu](mailto:Provost@nku.edu) or [cecilm3@nku.edu](mailto:cecilm3@nku.edu)
  + Peyton asked a question
    - A hybrid university would be more of a continuum where certain courses would make more sense as a hybrid option compared to others
    - They have a committee working on it for the next few months
  + Senator Gilpin asked if changing one’s major would be affecting the retention rate
    - Provost Cecil agreed and informed us that many people have changed their majors or even their colleges after the fall semester in several years
  + Senator Stokes asked will students of color or marginalized groups see more representation in the new positions
    - He said absolutely and that they have raised the pay to find the best people possible
  + President Cannon asked if there was a way to include the CSI
    - He said it’s great as it would be great to have all the services in one place as well as other various groups
  + Chairwoman Arango asked if the student wages will be raised
    - He said they’re having conversations right now and that working on campus is a part of student success
  + Chairperson Renton asked are there plans to add more majors to give more options to students so they don’t have to change their college if they want to change their major
    - Yes. How can they create new locations of investment? They want to combine student interest to find where the need is.

Liaison Reports

6. Executive Board Reports

a) Secretary of Public Relations

* We have been getting likes on our account
* Getting new followers
* Asked if getting a Tiktok would be beneficial

b) Secretary of Student Involvement

* Pag and Legacy tomorrow with center stage players, delta sigma theta, Model Union, NPHC, and NU robotics

c) Secretary of Administration

d) Vice President

New committee members:

* University Improvements: Senator Belcaitis
* Student Advocacy: Senator Coffey
* Academic Excellence: Senator Stokes
* We will be having a more fun retreat meeting coming soon and asked for bonding activities
  + Chairwoman Arango brought up the string activity from OLs
  + Senator Myers brought up the idea to sit down in a circle and brought up a fun fact about yourself
  + Secretary Day-Carter said duck, duck goose
  + Senator Belcaitis said something that’s similar to telephone
  + Chairperson Renton said mafia
  + Secretary Day-Carter said Zip Zap Zoom
  + Daniel said I’m a Norse, you’re a Norse
  + Secretary Day-Carter said the fruit game
  + Sarah Aikman said song association
  + Senator Tolbert said kickball
  + McCray said musical chairs
* Asked if anyone had any questions
  + Vice Chair Gilpin asked how’s his arm
  + Not good

e) President

* Asked to applaud the SGA Pink Volleyball team
* No meeting next week due to Fall Break so take care for yourself
* Vice President for Administration Search Committee
  + Volunteered: Chief of Staff Weis, Justice Price, Justice Rice, Chairperson Renton, Senator McCray, and Senator Myers
* Bias Incident Report Team Committee
  + Volunteered: Senator Pfalz, Senator Crespo, and Senator McCray
* Our ebaord will be creating the SGA Agenda at every eboard meeting
* Please read the group emails
* October 25 is the first half of our retreat with more development
* November 1 is the second half of our retreat where dress code will be suspended and we have fun games in the rec center
* Committee chair events will be coming out soon
* SGA informational this Wednesday at 6pm with every general body member attending unless they informed Aliya otherwise and will be located in SU 109

7. Committee Reports

a) Academic Excellence

* 4pm SU 324 they will be talking about Victor Talks
* Congratulated Senator Gilpin the new Vice Chair

b) Student Advocacy

* In terms of the testing center, it will no longer be on campus due to its low traffic
* You can go to Health Counseling and Wellness to get tested
* We have 12 reported cases on campus
* If you are vaccinated, please report it to NKU to start giving out prizes again
* Vice chair applications will go out today
* Karla gave out her cellphone number 502-727-5482
* October 25 at 6pm in SU 109, is the Town Hall with Bonnie and Secretary Nguyen
  + If there are any topics you would like to see included, just message Chairwoman Arango

c) University Improvements

* They gave out their number which is 502-645-9704
* No committee time to meet yet due to only six members have answered the when2meet
* The Safety Walk report is coming along and they plan to finish it by the end of October
* There are a few initiatives coming up that stemmed from the Safety Walk
* Thanked everyone for showing up to the Safety Walk and all of their work

Chief of Staff

* He will send a roster out for everyone’s office hours by the end of the week
* If you ever have any questions, you can always contact him
* New members are not required to do an office hour this week

Chief Justice

* Have a justice assigned to each committee
* Price is with UI
* Rice is with student advocacy committee
* Christopher is with Academic Excellence
* They will be reaching out to their committees to make sure they’re in the loop
* They will continue to read the constitution
* The new senators will use the new oath of office
* Any already sworn in will not have to use the new oath

8. Advisors Reports

* The student Fairs team was the champion of the faculty division
* Have a safe and restful fall break
* Arnie said that next Wednesday is with student engagement and CSI employees in the UC Ballroom with a baked potato bar and oatmeal crème pies

9. Old Business

10. New Business

* We did a fun icebreaker that allowed us to learn more about each person

11. Announcements

* Senator Hix said Thursday Oct 21 at 2pm in the game room there is a 2k tournament and it’s $5.
  + 1st place is a $50 visa card
* Chairwoman Arango said NLS Fall Retreat applications closes on Oct 31 and freshmen cannot apply
* Chairperson Renton said October 28 at 7pm in Greaves Hall is a free performance show
* Secretary Day-Carter said Oct 28 Colors of Pride is having an event at 4pm called Coming Out in the Northern Terrace Lounge and can always email them
* Vice President Roat said Air Bands is tonight
* Justice Rice asked freshmen to be involved in FSLC with a low commitment and low stress
* Senator Burns said Airbands is at 6pm in the SU Ballroom
* If you want to support the Booker campaign, contact Senator Siebenaler or vice chair Burns or Vice Chair Gilpin or Chairperson Renton
* Senator Pfalz, Dec 5 is the NKU Youth Orchestra concert with children from the community at 3pm in Greaves Hall
* Chairperson Renton said Senator Pfalz did great at the concert

12. Adjournment

Senator moved to end the meeting, Senator Stokes seconded, and the motion carried. President Cannon adjourned the meeting at 4:52pm.