

Student Government Association

Meeting

11/15/21

Agenda

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

2. Roll Call

* 1. Justices Present: Price
  2. Justices Absent: None
  3. Justices Excused: Abdulazeez
  4. Senators Present: Adams, Belcaitis, Boards, Burns, Davey, Davis, Hix, McCray, McCulloch, Myers, Omar, Pfalz, Renton, Simpson, Stokes, Terrell, Tolbert, and Wright
  5. Senators Absent: Abraham
  6. Senators Excused: Coffey, Crespo, Gilpin, Siebenaler
  7. Executive Cabinet Present: Cannon, Day-Carter, Duncan, Nguyen, Prince, Weis
  8. Executive Cabinet Absent: None
  9. Executive Cabinet Excused: None

5. Open Session

* President Cannon introduced the appointee, Abe Heil
  + He is from Louisville, wants to be involved, and was involved in high school
  + Chairperson Renton asked if he had any ideas once he joins
    - He does not have any current ideas but wants to learn and make any changes possible
  + President Cannon asked if anyone would like to motion to approve the appointee
  + Chairperson motioned to approve the appointee, Senator McCray seconded, and the motion passed.
  + Abe Heil was sworn in by Chief Justice Prince
* Dr. Bob Alston’s Presentation
  + Prior Conduct Process
  + Not trying to prevent education for certain folks
  + It applies only to students with federal criminal history and bad history at a previous institution
  + It is aligned with Success By Design
  + Added application questions:
    - Have you ever been found responsible for a student disciplinary violation at any higher education institution?
    - Have you ever been adjudicated guilty or convicted of a felony, or do you have an open case?
  + Senator Belcaitis asked how would they work with someone if they were applying to NKU and needed emergency housing?
    - They would work with them to give the resources they need to help them the best they could
  + Chairman Omar asked who would it apply to?
    - Dr. Alston said it applies to anyone that applies to NKU.
    - Dr. Howard stated it is for folks with criminal records no matte how old the record
    - This also relates to the new NCAA rule that institutions have to keep their athletes accountable if they had some sort of criminal record
  + Senator Simpson asked how will they decide if an applicant hasn’t paid their debt to society yet?
    - The requirements and criteria have not been finalized yet
  + Chairperson Renton asked if going through a drug program would be enough for paying back their debt to society.
    - Dr. Howard explained that it was just one example but there could be other risks or factors.
    - Dr. Alston said that the drug program is not sanctioned by NKU but is by the state
  + Chairperson Renton said there is an issue with cost and welfare, so what if they cannot afford these needs?
    - Dr. Alston explained it is a case by case situation. They want to respect that they are applying to our campus.
    - President Cannon knows there are opportunities in the Health, Counseling, and Student Wellness
  + Chairman Omar asked will there be students on the student applicant review process?
    - No, because it is a process for admission
  + He gave an overview on how a student would be held accountable if they made a violation or vandalism
  + Chairperson Renton said that the rock incident was targeted towards the LGBTQIA+ community and caused a reasonable fear. The LGBTQIA+ organizations tried to ensure their meetings were kept safe.
  + Dr. Alston does not define what is reasonable for anyone. He and his office just follow the statistics.
* Alterations of the first three articles of the Constitution’s first reading practice
  + Article X has jurisdiction
  + The constitution is the framework of our organization and the Bylaws are the operating procedures of our organization as explained by Dr. Howard
  + The changes need to be approved by our student body and the Board of Regents
  + The alterations aren’t actually changing the purpose of the articles but are just making them clearer to understand
  + Senator McCulloch asked how is the initiative portion restrictive?
    - If SGA hasn’t met quorum, then SGA can’t pass an initiative so they’re going to take it out
  + Senator McCray asked can we change the meaning of quorum?
    - Chief Justice Prince said no.
  + President Cannon asked if he meant if he just wanted to change the amount of senators.
    - Senator McCray said yes.
  + Justice Price stated that the body could always motion to make an amendment during the first reading such as a meaning or even typos.
  + Chairperson Renton wanted to point out that a DUI is a felony in Canada and that LGBTQIA+ is a felony in other countries as well.
    - Chief Justice Prince said that it is a great insight and should be brought up next week during the official meeting. It may help if we clarified that the felony must be aligned with our own federal state law.
  + Chairman Omar asked why do the definitions in the Bylaws and Constitution don’t align?
    - Chief Justice Prince says they do align.
    - Dr. Howard clarified that the Bylaw follow the constitution.
    - Chief Justice Prince clarified that he has to bring the amendments to the Judicial Council before making the change.
    - Dr. Howard suggests that SGA should make clear rationale as to why SGA made their Constitutional changes to allow students to fully understand everything.
  + Chairman Omar just wanted to clarify the definition of quorum of having the amount of students present not in the body.
    - President Cannon brought up that if the demographics present of SGA do not represent the body and conduct business, then the NKU students would be in a predicament.
  + Senator Pfalz asked if not 2/3 were present then could we not conduct business?
    - President Cannon answered yes.

Liaison Reports

6. Executive Board Reports

a) Secretary of Public Relations

* She has been posting and will be ordering polos soon

b) Secretary of Student Involvement

* CREW, Northern Right to Life, NPHC, Newman Club have applied

c) Secretary of Administration

* Book Grant Applications open on November 18 and close December 1
* We will get PR out soon

d) Vice President

* No report

e) President

* She did a mental health check
  + She asked if people with thumbs to the side need anything to reach out
  + The Board of Regents meeting is happening tomorrow from 9am-4pm
    - It is livestreamed and in person
  + February 22nd is the Rally for Higher Education
  + She will be appointing a new Vice President and Student Advocacy Chair at next meeting
  + She has been working with Bonnie and Housing on an LGBTQ+ LLC
  + She referred to Dr. Howard to talk about the Payment Plan
  + She has been collaborating with Dr. Slaughter, Amy Clark, and Dr. Howard on opportunities to improve mental health
  + She went to a collaborative meeting to Transylvania University and talked about mental health, representation in mental health services, FAFSA having trip wires making it difficult to apply, making scholarship opportunities, and to offer peer support
  + She said to have fun at NLS Retreat for any SGA members attending
  + Have events outside of SGA meetings to get to know each other better
  + Congratulations Senator Myers for joining Kappa Alpha Psi
  + She asked the newly inducted senators to stay back after meeting to be appointed to committees
  + She asked to members to please give grace after the resignations
  + She asked the members to speak to random strangers about their experience at NKU to see what to improve upon – step out of your comfort zone
  + She asked if anyone would like to be a part of the Covid-19 team who meet every Wednesday from 12pm-1pm

7. Committee Reports

a) Academic Excellence

* He hopes everyone is doing well
* He asked if there are any seniors that are interested in being nominated for homecoming
* He asked if there are any sophomores or juniors interested in being nominated for homecoming - Secretary Day-Carter, Chief Justice Prince, and Senator McCray
* We will have voting soon on who will be nominated
* He asked to applaud the Academic Excellence committee for the great Victor Talks and for everyone that came out

b) Student Advocacy

* No report

c) University Improvements

* We may have a first read of the Office Resolution next week
* The air dryer initiative is on the way
* They are stepping down on December 21 as a Chair within SGA
* They had 7 appeals last week during the Parking Appeals Committee
* December 6 will be the Safety Walk Presentation date
* The LGBTQIA+ discussion was small but things were highlighted such as how much money is being invested into housing
  + How will other locations be kept safe?
  + They did a walk around the Fine Arts building with Dr. Slaughter today
    - Renovations will cost over 50% to do
* They wanted to thank everyone and getting to know everyone
* They are still 100% committed to SGA

Chief of Staff

* For the new members, he

Chief Justice

* Thanked everyone for listening to him today
* He will send out the articles with the changes soon and to send him any recommendations

8. Advisors Reports

* Sarah congratulated the Academic Excellence committee
* She told us she would not be at next Monday’s meeting
* Dr. Slaughter to have a nice time at the NLS retreat
* He also invited everyone to his office to get to know the members better

9. Old Business

10. New Business

11. Announcements

* Wednesday from 5-9pm there is a dine to donate at Chipotle for Friends of Dorothy
* This Saturday is Phi Sigma Sigma’s Inferno which is ultimate frisbee
* Senator McCulloch asked if outside committee meetings should make announcements now
  + She gave a summary of the meeting
* If anyone is free at 7pm, there is a free performance in Greaves Hall
* On Thursday, there is a home NKU game against Eastern Michigan stated by Senator Simpson
* Secretary Day-Carter had the idea of having a theme for games to get more fans
* Senator Myers said the there needs to be more fans and they’re working on themes already but are broader. He will also be talking with SAC.
* Senator Davis said on February 11 is the Night of Black Excellence
* Chief Justice Prince asked for the people attending the NLS Retreat to recruit for more SGA members
* On Thursday, there’s an NPHC potluck that is free in the BCM

12. Adjournment

Chairman Omar moved to end the meeting, Senator Tolbert seconded, and the motion carried. President Cannon adjourned the meeting at 5:28pm.