

Student Government Association

Minutes

11/28/2022

Agenda

A. Order of Business

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

a. Justices Present: Pfalz, Price, and Young

b. Justices Absent: none

c. Justices Excused: none

d. Senators Present: Balcaitis, Chekanao, Cowan, Dodge, KC, Landis, Mays, McMasters, Nworah, Onodu, Rasberry, Stokes, Valladares, Ward, and Wydman

e. Senators Absent: Collins, Davis, and Harris

f. Senators Excused: Mozea,

g. Executive Cabinet Present: Blasi, Boards, Copfer, Myers, Stokes, and Silva

h. Executive Cabinet Absent: none

i. Executive Cabinet Excused: Burns and Phillips

3. Reading Minutes

* + Senator Stokes motioned to approve meeting minutes to be electronically distributed. Senator Balcaitis seconded.

4. Icebreaker

* + Activity: Ultimate Rock Paper Scissors

5. Open Session

a.) Overview of Resolutions and Initiatives – Chief Justice Price

* + Resolutions- is a voted-upon piece of legislature put in action to represent a plan to fix a problem that NKU students are facing
    - Are passed after hitting quorum (25 total voting members for our organization)
    - Keyword: a plan
    - What needs to be fixed, why it should be fixed, and how to fix it
    - Requires research prior to writing
    - This is our formal declaration of what the student body wants/needs
    - Is not a mandate
      * It isn’t 100% guaranteed it will happen, a middle ground can be found
  + Initiatives- motions that have been properly voted-upon and put into action to serve as an official piece of legislature to resolve a presented issue
    - Can be used before hitting quorum and after
    - Smaller scale issues
  + We don’t need a bunch of resolutions to base how successful this administration is
  + <https://inside.nku.edu/sga.html>
    - Here you can find the past resolutions passed by each of the former administrations

b.) Committee Breakouts – 10-15 minutes

* + Each member of the committees must be assigned a task or project
  + Academic Excellence:
    - Resting Day – a day off from class before finals
  + Student Advocacy:
    - Working on getting scholarships for international students
  + University Improvements:
    - Working on improving the dining app and nutrition

c.) Liaison Reports

* + The Northerner:
    - Looking into NKUs decision on discontinuing merit scholarships for International Students

6. Executive Board Reports

a.) Secretary of Public Relations

* + Nuggets of Knowledge will be conducted by Senator Ward this week and Senator Landis next week
  + Needs someone for Senator Spotlight
  + This Thursday at 7pm our Men's Basketball team will be playing Youngstown at home
  + Follow the new student section account on Instagram @Valhalla\_NKU
  + Log your Event Hours on the Excel spreadsheet that was sent out
    - Have until Friday to log the last 3 weeks
    - There will be a prize of a $50 gift card given to a lucky winner
  + Need pictures of new members
  + Notify me if you are not in the general body GroupMe

b.) Secretary of Student Involvement

* + Will review a program activity grant tomorrow

c.) Secretary of Administration

* + Congratulations on officially hitting quorum today!
  + 1 interview today
  + New members need to stay back for a brief new member orientation
  + Next Monday is our last general body meeting of the semester
  + I will send out an email asking who will be able to return to SGA next semester, please respond with your answer

d.) Vice President

* + No report

e.) President

* + We have hit quorum!
  + We want a full body which will consist of 30 voting members
  + Please make us aware if you're able to return for the Spring, we understand and appreciate all that you do
  + Culture of Excellence
    - No room for mediocracy
    - We are here to make changes on this campus
    - Be passionate and take ownership
    - Asked everyone to be working on a task and to put their all into it
    - Don’t be lazy when working on SGA assignments
  + Had a meeting this morning about the Installment Plan
    - SGA will assist by making students aware of what it is
    - If you are on the installment plan this semester, you will have to sign up for it again next semester if needed
      * January 1st, 2023 – January 12th, 2023, is the time to do so
      * You can be dropped from your classes if the first payment isn’t made
  + Multilingual Marketing Initiative
    - Want to be able to translate NKU’s homepage into different languages
    - Will be moved to next semester
    - Have a focus group that can currently translate 6 different languages
  + Norse Rates
    - Student discounts at restaurants in the surrounding area
  + Asked members if they are interested in going skiing together as an administration
    - A college weekend at a nearby ski resort is approaching
    - Members will pay for themselves
    - Ticket price ranges from $45-$60
      * More expenses such as equipment rentals
    - Located in Indiana
    - Will research a group rate and plan more

7. Committee Reports

a.) Academic Excellence

* + No report

b.) Student Advocacy

* + Committee members need to look for an email from her

c.) University Improvements

* + No report

8. Ex-Officio Reports

a.) Chief of Staff

* + No report

b.) Chief Justice

* + J-Council meeting next Monday

9. Advisor Reports

* + Josh Sneed, the comedian will be on campus on December 6th
  + Next Thursday, is Feast for Finals
  + Multiple basketball games this weekend at home
  + Take care of yourself going into finals weeks

10. Old Business

11. New Business

a.) Swear-in New Members

* + Senator Rasberry motioned to move New Business to the top of the agenda. Senator Stokes seconded.
  + Senators
    - Katie Grothaus
      * Pronouns: he/she/they
      * Hometown: Cincinatti
      * Major: Political Science and History
      * Fun Fact: youngest of 3
    - Tavion Taylor
      * Pronouns: he/him
      * Hometown: Louisville, KY
      * Major: Sports Business & Event Management
      * Fun Fact: oldest of 4 siblings
  + Questions: What makes you feel that you are qualified for this role? Asked by Senator Stokes.
    - Katie: Is a freshman and feels they will have a newer and unique perspective to bring.
    - Tavion: Believes he is well qualified for this role because he has been involved in many organizations on campus. He is also the President of his fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated here on campus.
  + Senator Balcaitis motioned to accept all candidates as a slate. Senator Mays seconded.
  + Justice
    - Sam Alloway:
      * Pronouns: she/her
      * Hometown: Cincinnati
      * Major: Law
      * Fun Fact: Drives a racecar
    - Lacie Ollberding:
      * Pronouns: she/her
      * Hometown: Campbell County
      * Major: Law
      * Fun Fact: has 3 brothers
  + Questions: What interested you about SGA the most? Asked by Senator Cowan.
    - Sam: The community and being able to make new friends and connections here on campus.
    - Lacie: The feel of community and strengthening that community.
  + Senator Stokes motioned to accept all candidates as a slate. Senator Rasberry seconded.

12. Announcements

* + BFA Student exhibition show opening today
  + Thursday, December 1st, World Aids Day activities from 10 am-3 pm in the Student Ballroom and second floor of the SU
  + Tomorrow at 5 pm, SGA and RHA will be holding a forum to discuss dorms on campus. It’s located in Callahan
  + Campus Outreach is having a Trivia Night tonight at 8pm in the Multipurpose room
  + Dungeons and Dragons event tonight in Callahan from 7-10pm

13. Adjournment

* + Senator Stokes motioned to adjourn the meeting and Senator Taylor seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:13pm.