

Student Government Association

Minutes

12/5/2022

Agenda

A. Order of Business

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

a. Justices Present: Alloway, Ollberding, Pfalz, Price, and Young

b. Justices Absent: none

c. Justices Excused: none

d. Senators Present: Grothaus, KC, Landis, Mays, Mozea, Nworah, Onodu, Rasberry, Valladares, Ward, and Wydman

e. Senators Absent: Chekanao, Cowan, Davis, Harris, Stokes,

f. Senators Excused: Balcaitis, Collins, McMasters, Taylor,

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

h. Executive Cabinet Absent: none

i. Executive Cabinet Excused: none

3. Reading Minutes

* + Senator Rasberry motioned to approve meeting minutes to be electronically distributed. Senator Mays seconded.

4. Open Session

a.) Guest Speaker: President Vaidya – Academic Commons

* + Will be leaving his position after commencement
  + Has been in this position for 4 ½ years and has enjoyed those years
  + Student success has always been goal number one and will stay that way
  + It was very important to him that he serves his students
  + The biggest thing is that we cross the stage at the end and graduate
  + He looks forward to being a part of commencement for one last time
  + He truly thanks all of us for being leaders within the Student Government Association
  + Wishes for everyone to have a wonderful holiday season

b.) Guest Speaker: Jessica Brooks – Installment Plan

* + She is the Associate Director of Student Account Services
  + With the new installment plan, it will be broken up into 4 payments for the spring semester
    - Was originally done in 3 payments
  + As long as students are up to date on the plan, students are able to participate in things such as registrations
  + If a date of payment is missed, a late fee of 1.5% will be added to the total
    - There is a grace period of 2 days
  + Want to continue this plan moving forward
  + They take the date that the payment was initiated
    - If your account takes days to wire the money, it will not be counted late
  + Located in the Lucas Administration 235

d.) Liaison Reports

* + Will be finalizing interviews for her last article regarding international students and their merit-based scholarships

5. Ice Breaker

* + Activity: Warm and Fuzzies
    - Write a note to the person to the left of you and to the right of you
    - With the third note, write a note to the person of your choice

6. Executive Board Reports

a.) Secretary of Public Relations

* + Happy last meeting!
  + Please check your emails and Group Mes
  + Senator Spotlight will be going out during exam week
  + Need a volunteer for Nugget of Knowledge
  + This Thursday at 7pm the Women’s Basketball team is playing
  + The Valhalla account is almost at 300 followers

b.) Secretary of Student Involvement

* + Having a meeting tomorrow for funding committee

c.) Secretary of Administration

* + 1 interview last week
  + I will be sending out an email regarding your return status for next semester, please look out for it
  + New members, please stay back for a brief presentation. And anyone else who hasn’t received the New Member Orientation

d.) Vice President

* + For anyone who is on the Book Awards committee, received an email with rubrics and applications
    - Please rank those and send them back by Thursday
  + Want to send an email out to the 20 winners on Friday

e.) President

* + The merit-based scholarships for international students have been pulled back but those students are still eligible for Edge Award
    - Not NKU saying we don’t care, NKU was given rules by the state of Kentucky
    - NKU is figuring out new ways to help our international students
    - Will have a guest to attend a meeting to give us more information
  + Wants us as a general body to continue to look out for one another and to encourage each other which is why we did “Warm and Fuzzies”
  + Ski Trip
    - College nights:
      * 6th and 7th of January
      * 3rd and 4th of February
    - Tickets:
      * $50 for lift
      * $25 for rental

7. Committee Reports

a.) Academic Excellence

* + Double checking that everyone in the committee is in the GroupMe

b.) Student Advocacy

* + Needs committee members to stay back after meeting to figure out a date to meet

c.) University Improvements

* + First resolution reading is today
  + Need members to check GroupMe
  + Members of the committee need to send back resolution letters

8. Ex-Officio Reports

a.) Chief of Staff

* + No report

b.) Chief Justice

* + Final J-Council meeting of the semester was today
  + Will change their meeting days to Wednesdays next semester

9. Advisor Reports

* + Tomorrow at 7pm Josh Sneed will be in the SU Ballroom
  + Wednesday Exam Jam event in the Rec
  + Thursday is the women’s basketball game and Feast for Finals
  + The Student Union will be closed from December 16th-January 8th
  + Take the time to study for finals, get rest, and enjoy your break

10. Old Business

11. New Business

a.) Swear-in New Members

* + Senators
    - Shelby Baker
      * Pronouns: she/her
      * Hometown: Greenup County, KY
      * Major: Psychology
      * Fun Fact: likes rescuing cats
    - Christian Brown
      * Pronouns: he/him
      * Hometown: Cincinatti, Ohio
      * Major: Marketing
      * Fun Fact: Hates cheese
  + Question: Why NKU? Asked by Secretary of Public Relations Copfer
    - Shelby: Her sister attended NKU, and it was the first college campus that she has ever been on.
    - Christian: He chose NKU because he felt it was right and as if he could fit in very well here.
  + Senator Wydman motioned to accept all candidates as a slate. Senator Landis seconded.
  + Chief of Staff
    - Amanda Dodge
  + Question: What made you want to become Chief of Staff? Asked by Senator Wydman
    - Amanda: Given she is a Human Resource major; she will be applying her skills that she has learned in this role such as managing a group of people. Feels that she has very positive energy and will be able to help get everyone involved.
  + Senator Landis motioned to accept the candidate. Senator Onodu seconded.

b.) Norse Boulevard Resolution – First Reading

* + Last year Senator Balcaitis and others were working on this resolution to solve the issue of a back road owned by the state not having lights
  + This reading will consist of suggestions and changes that should be made to the resolution
  + The second reading will be the first meeting back
  + Secretary Copfer suggested noting how the lights will decrease the number of deer in the area
  + Justice Young suggested changing the wording from “to get lighting” to the wording “to have lighting”
  + Senator KC suggested removing the phrase “we believe”

12. Announcements

* + Pancakes event will be next Monday in the BCM
  + Next Semester Wydman will be starting up her own dance team
  + Wednesday in Greaves Hall at 7pm there will be a ticketed concert
    - Tickets cost $5

13. Adjournment

* + Senator Mays motioned to adjourn the meeting and Senator Rasberry seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:07pm.