Student Government Association

Meeting Minutes 8/29/2016

I. Call to order

President Will Weber called to order the regular meeting of the NKU Student Government Association at 3:32 p.m. on Aug. 29th, 2016 in Governance Room (SU 104).

II. Roll call

Secretary of Administration Taylor Gagne conducted a roll call.

Executive Team Present: Chase Britt, Sami Dada, Miriam Davis, Taylor Gagne, Ethan Losier, Cindy Mentrup, Amanda Rogers, Emma Vincent, Will Weber, and Ellen Wilshire


Justices Present: Jacob Englert, Haley Madden, and Walker Mettens

Executive Members Absent:

Senators Absent: Benjamin Sanning

Justices Absent:

Guests Present: The Northerner and Dan Nadler

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Reading of Minutes

A. President Will Weber entertained a motion for the minutes to be approved. Senator Iain Applebee sub-moves the motion and Senator Spencer Sutton seconds. Vote taken, passes unanimously.

V. Open Session

A. Kim Scranage, VP of Enrollment and Degree Management

⇒ Accompanied by Kaitlyn Schaefer, Idna Corbett, Alan Cole, Becky Porterfield

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• Have been looking into the structure of the University’s summer classes
• We have had a loss in summer class enrollment over the past five years. Under enrollment = NKU loses money
• The group has recommended to change to a 14-week (may change, but will be between 12-14) summer classes and 2 six-week summer sessions. There is a week between the two six week sessions to give professors time to grade and students a little time for a break.
• The average summer school student takes 6 credit hours.
• No word yet on summer financial aid for fall/spring scholarship recipients

President Will Weber entertains a motion to vote on the proposal. Senator Iain Applebee sub-moves the motion and Senator Dasia Bartlett seconds. Vote taken, passes unanimously.

President Will Weber entertains a motion to move new business to the top of the agenda. Senator Ben Anderson sub-moves the motion and Senator Spencer Sutton seconds. Vote taken, passes unanimously.

VI. New Business
   A. Justice Appointment Recommendation
      ⇒ Gabe Kirk
      • Also involved in NKLI and Theta Chi
      • Employee at the Student Union

President Will Weber opens floor for comments or questions. No questions were asked.

President Will Weber entertains a motion to vote on Gabe Kirk as the new justice. Senator Iain Applebee sub-moves the motion and Senator Isaac Dailey seconds the motion. Vote taken, passes unanimous.

Justice Gabe Kirk is sworn in

   B. Budget Proposal Presentation
      • $35,000 allotted from the University
      • Budget available upon request from Secretary of Administration Taylor Gagne

President Will Weber entertains a motion to vote on the budget. Senator Maggie Smith sub-moves the motion and Senator Ryan Gray seconds the motion. Vote taken, passes unanimously.

VII. Executive Board Reports

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A. Secretary of Public Relations, Sami Dada
   • Please rate us on our Facebook page
   • We have 16 applications so far for the First Year Student spots
   • We have 3 applications for the appointment
   • Step In Speak Up went pretty well. Many freshmen came up to our table and talked to each other.

B. Secretary of Student Involvement, Miriam Davis
   • Legacy Fund is going
   • Sending email tonight with more information for PAG for those interested

C. Secretary of Administration, Taylor Gagne
   • Thanks for approving the budget

D. Vice President, Ellen Wilshire
   • Attending faculty senate meeting

E. President, Will Weber
   • Council of Post-Secondary Education appointed a student from EKU to represent the college students of the Commonwealth.
   • Two students have been proposed to serve on the Student Athlete Advisory Council.
   • The Health and Wellness Center is looking for a representative for the Student Wellness Advisory Team
   • NKU is forming a group called NKU Sustainability to create a new Sustainability Strategy. Caroline Winstel is going to be the student representative.
   • FUEL NKU is looking for donations for their pantry, and have a t-shirt available for a donation of 15 dollars
   • We have a suggestion from the student body to have a doggy daycare and a kitty corner to help stressed students
   • Looking into getting a more direct TANK route from Cincinnati to NKU
   • Student has expressed concerns over having to pay rec expansion fee while studying abroad.

VIII. Committee Reports
A. Student Rights Committee, Emma Vincent
   • Meeting today after meeting
   • Starting to work on ideas for Town Halls

B. University Improvements Committee, Chase Britt
   • Monday, October 10th 2016 is the SGA Internal Safety Walk
   • We will be meeting after this

C. Academic Affairs Committee, Cindy Mentrup

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• Meeting in same place as last week

IX. Ex-Officio Reports
   A. Chief of Staff, Amanda Rogers
      • Office Hour Sheet is ready. We will have a sign in sheet every day. Please try to focus this hour on doing SGA related work.
      • Please clean up the office when you leave
      • During elections, you will be doing an hour of tabling instead of an office hour
   B. Chief Justice, Ethan Losier
      • Happy Monday y’all
      • I suck at math
      • Elections are due on Wednesday! Our elections will be September 7th and 8th.

X. Liaison Reports
   A. ACR Liaison Dana Jetter
      • Not Present
   B. VRS Liaison Holly Smith
      • First meeting is Wednesday at Tavern
      • Purple Heart parking is coming to campus

XI. Advisors Reports
   A. Head Advisor Sarah Aikman
      • Committee to review food exemption requests
   B. Advisor Ann James
      • No report
   C. Advisor Dannie Moore
      • Ready to take pictures

XII. Old Business
   A. NONE

XIII. Announcements
   1. No meeting next week, Monday September 5th for Labor Day
   2. SU is closed next Monday
   3. AAP&S is hosting Welcome Black Week this week

XIV. Adjournment

Senator Ben Anderson motions to adjourn and has a second from Senator Becca Hepner. Vote taken, passes unanimously. Meeting is adjourned at 4:47 pm.

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