Student Government Association  
Northern Kentucky University  
Meeting Minutes  
10/26/09

I. Call to Order- 3:30pm

II. Roll Call
   A. Present- Bell, Castillo, Coy, Farris, Georgescu, Gnessin, Golden, Hazenfield, Henry, 
      Johnson, Mattingly, McCaffery, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mmereole, Phelps, Prater, 
      Robinson, Salame, Thompson, Tinsley, VonHandorf, Wagner, Weckbach, Gross, 
      Henderson, Strouss, Walls, Hawks, Swartz, Miller, Kaseke.
   B. Absent- Duckworth (e), Fulton (e), Ng, Chaney (e)

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Minutes
   A. Motion by Senator Georgescu
   B. Seconded by Senator VonHandorf

V. Open Session
   A. MyNKU Discussion
      2. Doug Wells: Discussed supported browsers.
      3. Doug Wells: Blackout to update MyNKU system will last 12 hours on either the 
         11th or 18th. Always post a message to make students aware of blackout ahead of 
         time.
      4. Senator Mattingly: Is there a way to know when a loan has been approved.
      5. Financial Aid: The System does not allow for that function.
      6. Senator Johnson: what can we do in the future to make sure loans are getting paid 
         out.
      7. Financial Aid: Loans were disbursed as soon as federal regulations allowed.
      8. Bursar: It is critical that students know to check their email. We send out emails 
         to alert students what they need to know check on their financial aid weekly until 
         it is taken care.
      9. Senator McDaniell: Is there any other way to contact students?
     10. Financial Aid: We just need to educate students on the importance of checking 
         their email.
     11. Doug Wells: We are working on email quotas going up to 10g.
     12. Senator Tinsley: Why does KEES money take so long every year?
     13. Financial Aid: As long as you have an estimated KEES amount on your account 
         you are not responsible for that balance. Also, we cannot add that money to your 
         account until we have proved your hours.
     14. Senator Mattingly: Do you have any tutorial or FAQ that answers these questions 
         like we are answering them now?
     15. Financial Aid: We have a booth in the Student Union during orientations. We 
         also have an allotted time to present to parents and students but they have the 
         option of attending another session therefore we do not get every student.
     16. President Kaseke: Chair Phelps, Could you look into making some kind of 
         presentation a part of University 101
     17. Senator McDaniel: I can attest to students choosing other options over going to 
         financial aid presentation this summer while working for Student Orientation.
     18. President Kaseke: What happened with RA’s not getting their financial aid?
19. Financial Aid: Every scholarship, as of this year, has to run through the financial aid system. Prior to this year, RA scholarships where not seen by our office. We had always known they were there, but we hadn’t had to deal with them before.

20. Bursar: We are implementing a new 7-day hold period for all refunds.

21. Senator Golden: I think letting students know there is this 7 day hold would elevate a lot of confusion.

22. Bursar: We put people on payment plans late this semester to account for the mishaps. We are now going through and evaluating situations in which the late fee needs to be lifted.

23. President Kaseke: What is being done about the students who have not paid their tuition?

24. Bursar: We are reviewing that list now and contacting those students.

25. President Kaseke: Are online timesheets possible?

26. Doug Wells: The HR and IT departments are currently working on that.

27. Justice Henderson: Is the public schedule of classes going to be updated any more that it has been?

28. Doug Wells: I can look into that

29. Registrar: We urge current students to use the student portal of MyNKU.

30. President Kaseke: Is it possible to extend your hours of operation?

31. Registrar: There is a combined service that is open late.

32. Senator VonHandorf: What happened to teachers being able to post comments with midterms?

33. Bursar: That is something that isn’t possible with new MyNKU just yet.

34. Senator Phelps: The professor can do the same thing in blackboard.

VI. Executive Board Reports
A. Vice President of Public Relations- Wade Miller
   1. Thanks to everyone that came out for “It’s All About You at the U”
   2. We are trying to put a program together with RHA within the semester
   3. Friday, October 30, 2009 Governance Summit 10-3

B. Vice President of Student Involvement- Max Swartz
   1. Next Legacy meeting is tomorrow, 10/27. We have a little over $20,000 left so this will probably be the last big disbursement.
   2. Next SGA meeting we will start having reports about the Organizations they have talked with or attended meetings with.
   3. Next Student Organization Board is Nov 12 @ 12:15 in the UC Lunch provided, remind your Orgs.

C. Vice President of Administration- Danielle Hawks
   1. Name plates have been reordered
   2. Name tags have been ordered and will be in by the end of the week
   3. Dress code reminder, if you are not within the dress code you will be marked as absent.

D. Executive Vice President- Dennis Chaney
   1. No Report, at Faculty Senate Meeting

E. President- Keith Kaseke
   1. Welcome the new Senators
   2. Meet with the manager of parking services
   3. BSBP conference call last night
   4. Still need a good story about KY education

VII. Committee Reports
A. University Improvements- Leigha Phelps
   1. Campus Safety Walk
i. Today, 7pm outside of Student Union
ii. Have specific areas to be looked at
iii. RHA will be walking with us

2. Committee Meet Afterwards

B. Student Rights- Amy VonHandorf
   1. Should have something by the next meeting to bring to you about the Constitution
   2. Smoking Policy Meeting
   3. Book Bundling
   4. Resolutions coming soon
   5. Committee Meets Afterwards

C. Finance- Sean Henry
   1. Applications for book grants and special needs scholarship are ready and will be available in the SGA and Dean of Students office starting Wednesday at 12pm.
   2. Will have a committee meet to review applications to determine the awardees in early December
   3. Resolution coming up today from our committee
   4. Committee Meets Afterwards

VIII. Ex-Officio Reports
A. RHA- Michael Farris
   1. Haunted House was moved to this Wednesday, 8pm in Callahan. Asking for non-perishables to donate.
   2. Parking Services came to the last RHA meeting. Claimed that prices go up gradually every year because they have to build more garages every year.

B. SBA-N/A

C. Judicial Council- Chief Justice Strouss
   1. Keep the election packets coming in.
   2. We will be having a Constitution study day after the Board of Regents approves the new Constitution.

D. Legislative Liaison- Chris Tinsley
   1. Working on an honorary resolution for Votruba.
   2. If you need help with any legislation let me know.

IX. Advisor Reports
A. Associate to the Dean of Students- Steve Meier
   1. Only have three election packets, have about 45 out in circulation. Deadline is next Monday
   2. Senator Mattingly: If we won in the special election do we have to run again?
   3. Meier: No. Sean, do you want me to print out what you sent to me for those scholarships?
   4. Senator Henry: Yes, and I would like to make it a PDF so that students can download it from the SGA website.

B. Dean of Students- Dr. Jeff Waple
   1. I appreciate that we are going paperless, but we need to concentrate on the meeting and not on Facebook and email. Cell phones go away. We are getting away from the business at hand. We need to keep order in here and get back to the business at hand.
   2. Wednesday is Halloween Hoopla, meet the teams. Free food, shirts, games. @ 7pm in the BOK
   3. Thursday night is Norse-O-Ween from 6-8pm at the suites.
   4. VP Miller: We still need more volunteers.

X. Old Business
XI. New Business
   A. SGA 09-10 Budget Approval
      1. Meier: We will need to make sure there is money set aside to pay for the
         Kentucky Leadership Academy.
      2. Senator Georgescu: I move to approve the budget.
      3. Dean Waple: Fee board allocated you $44,000 and that is all you can use.
      4. Dean Waple: The committee needs to review this and come back with a different
         proposal.
      5. Senator Tinsley: I move to table the budget.
      6. Senator Georgescu: I rescind my motion to approve the budget and second
         Tinsley’s motion to table.
      7. Approved by Senate.
   B. Resolution 09-10.001
      1. Reading of resolution by Senator Henry
      2. Senator Tinsley: Could someone explain what all of this means?
      3. Senator Georgescu: pointed out a couple of grammatical errors. Explanation of
         open office.
      4. Senator Tinsley: Can we figure out how much it costs the university to have
         Microsoft office on all of the computers?
      6. Senator Bell: A lot of private schools are converting to this as a means to save
         costs.
      7. Senator Thompson: Is this something that IT will have to go to every computer to
         install?
      8. Senator Henry: They should have update scripts.
      9. Senator Thompson: Is this something that would replace Microsoft office?
     10. Senator Henry: No, it’s a supplement.
     11. Senator Phelps: This has got to be put into laymen’s terms. This needs to be
         shortened down to one page.
     12. Senator Henry: It is one page.
     13. Senator Phelps: There needs to be meetings set up and communication between
         SGA, Administration and IT. They need to know we have done our homework.
     14. Senator Hazenfield: How is this helping the students?
     15. Senator Henry: A lot of companies are switching over to this system. Mac users,
         us it. It is compatible and allows more options.
     16. Senator Johnson: This really needs to be simplified.
     17. Senator Georgescu: Every year they go around to all the computers to re-image
         them.
     18. Senator Phelps: Move to table this resolution until the Committee has the kinks
         worked out.
     20. Approved by Senate. (1 abstention)

XII. Announcements
   A. VP Hawks: Max & Erma’s Dining with DeeGee’s on Wednesday. Delta Gamma gets
      20% for our philanthropy, Service for Sight.
   B. Senator Weckbach: New package system being used in University Housing.

XIII. Adjournment- 5:08pm
   A. Motion by Senator
   B. Seconded by Senator