I. Call to Order: 3:31pm

II. Roll Call
   B. Absent: Bell, Prentice

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Minutes
   A. Motion by Senator Georgescu
   B. Seconded by Senator Tinsley
   C. President Kaseke solicits a motion to amend agenda switching items V and VI
      1. Motion by Tinsley
      2. Second by Fulton

V. Open Session
   A. Rich Shivener- Communications Coordinator with MyNKU presentation
      1. Quick overview of things that can be done in MyNKU
      2. MyNKU updates and new functions
      3. Senate Questions:
         i. Senator Tinsley: Compatibility?
         ii. Rich: Constantly working on updates for providers, there is a list on support page about which providers are compatible.
         iii. Senator Thompson: Degree audit, is that going to be transferred over to MyNKU?
         iv. Rich: Under information tab, adding more functionality
         v. Senator Salame: Labs and classes connected in class registration?
         vi. Rich: I can show you how to register better on the 26th. We will also talk to the people in the Registrar.
         vii. Senator Tinsley: Tutorials, is there a place online for students?
         viii. Rich: Yes, on the student page under tutorial guides
         ix. Vice President Chaney: Reason for loan delays?
         x. Rich: I do not know that answer, we are going to try to invite financial aid here on the 26th. If you are having issues you need to contact the department rather than IT first.
         xi. President Kaseke: Have all things shifted from Norse Express.
         xii. Rich: All things starting Fall 2009 are on MyNKU. Basically everything on Norse Express is view only and will be phased out once everything is transferred over to MyNKU.
         xiii. Rich: Explanation of difference between MyNKU and SAP.
xiv. President Kaseke: Financial aid is blaming the system, is there anyway you can comment on that?

xv. Rich: I cannot comment on that because I do not know exactly their issues or what is being said, I will have to contact them directly or talk with them in the session on the 26th.

xvi. Dean: You need Bursar and Financial Aid.

xvii. Senator McDaniel: Issues seem to be in a lack of training.

xviii. Rich: Yes, the lack of training is being addressed.

4. Senator Johnson moves to push Senate and Judicial Council Appointments back to after committee reports.

5. Seconded by Henry.

VI. Executive Board Reports

A. Vice President of Public Relations- Wade Miller
   1. Meet with PR Committee afterwards

B. Vice President of Student Involvement- Max Swartz
   1. Update from second Legacy Meeting
      i. Two organizations requested operational funding- Alpha Kappa Alpha, Norse Film Society
      ii. Six organizations requested travel assistance- College Entrepreneurs Organization, Pi Kappa Alpha, Black United Students, Communication Graduate Student Organization, Kiksuya, PRSSA
   2. Student organization sign-up list will be passed around, you need to sign up for one now and we will do it again in a couple weeks.
   3. President Kaseke: explain to organizations what SGA does, where we are located, answer any questions have, if you can, if you cannot write them down and bring them back.

C. Vice President of Administration- Danielle Hawks
   1. Name plates have been ordered, and shouldn’t be more than two more weeks.
   2. Excuses need to be to me by noon on Monday or you might not be excused. When you email me it would help if you put “excuse” in the subject line.

D. Executive Vice President- Dennis Chaney
   1. October 26th is the next Faculty Senate Meeting
   2. Committee Chairs have received the notes from last weeks Retreat. Try to hammer those down in Committee meetings.

E. President- Keith Kaseke
   1. BSBP: discussed the Rally which will be early February.
   2. Theme: “I am Kentucky education.”

VII. Committee Reports

A. University Improvements- Leigha Phelps
   1. Senator Phelps: How are we funding this Rally?
   2. President Kaseke: We have a set figure; Sean has it in the budget. NKU has limited budget therefore we didn’t volunteer for things.
   4. President Kaseke: We will be having dinner with the Legislature the night before.
   5. Committee meeting updates
      i. Started working on online public forum for polling and student organizations, particularly student government, Question of the Day. Make available for all organizations.
ii. Scholarship options to personalize

B. Student Rights- Amy VonHandorf
1. Committee meet afterwards
2. Constitution Committee
   i. Looking into appeals process
   ii. Moving the election to an earlier date
3. Smoking Policy- meeting with Maggie Gough & Ken Ramsey
   i. Looking at way to actual implement the current policy.
4. Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities
5. Thank you to everyone for their input from the retreat-very helpful.
6. Dean: we are working on that now, I will have a draft after tomorrow and you can review the changes once it’s all together.

C. Finance- Sean Henry
1. Researching compensation packets in comparison with other Student Governments to make it more competitive.
2. Meet with Committee after the meeting

VIII. Ex-Officio Reports
A. RHA- Michael Farris
1. University Housing came to last weeks RHA meeting
   i. Handicap accessibility to pavilion and volleyball courts.
2. Parking Services at meeting this Thursday in Norse Commons, must submit questions before they begin the session.
3. Haunted House coming up on the 21st, interested contact me at farrism1@nku.edu
4. Senator Castillo: Will you be providing funding?
5. Michael: We are low on money as well therefore we are asking if you want to participate you will have to finance yourself.

B. SBA- N/A

C. Judicial Council- Stanley Strouss
1. Justice Henderson: I have tried to contact both Senator Donovan and Collins about resignation and have not received any response.
2. President Kaseke: Both individuals have resigned.

D. Legislative Liaison- Chris Tinsley

E. President Kaseke solicits a motion to move Appointment Applications to New Business
1. Motion by Tinsley
2. Seconded by Hoffman

IX. Advisor Report(s)
A. Associate to the Dean of Students- Steve Meier
1. Campus Safety Walk needs to be done before time change.
2. SGA Book Grants & Special Needs Grants: applications need to be developed. Usually process starts by the end of October.
3. SGA Elections for Fall, a decision needs to be made. If we decide to have a Fall election packets will need to be out in the next couple of weeks.

B. Dean of Students- Dr. Jeff Waple
1. First ever, Veteran’s Day Luncheon/Celebration. We will be asking for volunteers to help on Tuesday November 10th.
2. Steve Meier: traditionally Student Government sponsors the Veteran’s Day Celebration.
3. President Kaseke: Can Committee Chairs work with Wade to see what Student Government can do to help?

X. Old Business
XI. New Business

A. Senator Johnson: There was a discrepancy with the minutes from last week; it states that the applications were due by 4:30pm when the actual applications say 3pm.

1. Vice President Hawks: Applications were due by 3:00pm because no one was in the SGA office to collect an application after 3:30pm.
2. Senator Johnson: Motion to revise minutes from September 21st, 2009 to change the announcement time to 3pm.
3. Seconded by Fulton
4. Dean: This stuff needs to be brought up at the beginning of the meeting. Read your minutes prior to the meeting so these things can be brought up at the appropriate time.

B. Senate and Judicial Council Review of Applications and Appointments

i. President Kaseke: Can I ask all students who applied to be on Senate to step out of the room?
ii. Senator McDaniel: Ebonique Moss just stepped out of the room, was her application passed around?
iii. President Kaseke: Her application was late.
iv. Senator Castillo: Like how late? 4:30 late?
v. Vice President Miller: Tuesday, the next day.
vi. President Kaseke: We turned down other applications for the same reasons. She did have somewhat of an excuse because there was a discrepancy on the applications. So with her case, her application came in a whole day late. Did she have a valid reason for bringing it in on the Tuesday?

vii. Senator Tinsley: She explained the discrepancy of Friday September 28th and there was no such thing as a Friday the 28th, it should have read the 25th.
viii. Senator Johnson: What was passed around, is that the entire applicant field or just your personal recommendations?
ix. President Kaseke: This is my list of recommendations. Some were denied because of late applications, some didn’t qualify. I looked at the areas in the University that we need representation from and I picked my recommendations based on that and qualifications and a few minor details.

x. Senator Johnson: In the situation that one of your recommendations is not approved, what do we do?
xii. Dean: This is the process, he will make recommendations, you all will vote. This is why we asked people to step out of the room. We have folks here that are not on the recommendation list and that’s awkward. Only those that are being recommended should be here and I’d rather us vote for with them out and talk to them afterwards. It’s your process.

xiii. Vice President Chaney: In the Constitution, it says under filing vacancies that applications shall be sent to all Senators for review, and shall have the opportunity to interview applicants on the date of recommendation. So should they be in here to be interviewed?
xiv. Senator Johnson: I am under the understanding that an issue came up with applications being submitted late however, I know of at least one situation where one applicant was granted an interview with the President. How is that?

xv. President Kaseke: She actually came in the day before we had decided what to do with late applicants. She had told me that she tried to get an application during the Student Government meeting and that means that she tried after the deadline anyway.

xvi. Senator Johnson: I just don’t think for the integrity of the process that if an application is going to be denied an interview should have been granted.

xvii. President Kaseke: That’s true, that was an error on my part. We hadn’t discussed how we were going to handle late applicants.

xviii. Senator Johnson: Keeping with the Dean’s comments, if Constitution says that all applications should be reviewed by the Senate prior to voting…

xix. Vice President Chaney: It doesn’t say all.


xxi. President Kaseke: It says that, “applications shall be sent to all Senators.”

xxii. Steve Meier: Past practice has been for the President and Executive Board to review the applications and present the recommendations to the Senate.

xxiii. Senator Tinsley: It sounded like earlier that all applicants are supposed to be interviewed by the Senate on the day of appointments.

xxiv. President Kaseke: They can, they do not have to. It says shall.

xxv. Steve Meier: Shall is should be.

xxvi. President Kaseke: I think shall is 50-50.

xxvii. Steve Meier: Traditionally the candidates came in on the day, they did their spill, they went out, we voted and they were told if they were in or out.

xxviii. Senator Tinsley: Shouldn’t we suspend this until next week and ask all of the candidates to come back?

xxix. Motion by Senator Robinson.

xxx. Second by Fulton

xxxi. 19-ya, 1-na, 1-obstintion

xxxii. Motion passed.

xxxiii. Discussion opened at 4:29pm

xxxiv. Senator Phelps: We have already taken time out of their days to ask them to come here. We need to get out stuff together and figure this out now.

xxxv. President Kaseke: I think out of all those people out there, only one of them is not getting appointed. This means all but one will be required to be here next week anyway.

xxxvi. Senator Phelps: Therefore we will delay this process back another week?

xxxvii. President Kaseke: If they come back next week, we can appoint and swear them in all in the same day.

xxxviii. Senator Phelps: If the Senate approves all of them.
xxxix. President Kaseke: Yes. Hopefully the discussion will aid us.
xl. Senator Tinsley: If they were appointed this week they would have to be back next week anyway because they would be Senators next week and if they have something else on their schedules at 3:30pm on Mondays they cannot serve.
xli. Senator Phelps: It could be a one time thing.
xlii. Steve Meier: If the candidates are here...
xliii. Senator Tinsley: All of the candidates are not here. Eight out of maybe 11 candidates. Some are here that have not been recommended.
xliv. Senator Georgescu: I would interview them now to get it over with.
xlv. Justice Henderson: If we delay the process a week, who is to say that we will have this large of a group to come back next week. Some might drop out. I would recommend those we have here today.
xlvi. Senator Hoffman: It would make sense to do what we have today and lighten the load for next week.
xlvii. Senator Johnson: I think it hurts the integrity of the process if we appoint people we have yet to speak with.
xlviii. President Kaseke: To my understanding we will talk to those we have today.
xlix. Senator Johnson: So we will push confirmation and voting back until next week?
li. President Kaseke: Yes
lii. Senator McCaffery: I think it is only fair to interview those that are here that will be recommended. Make sure that we are clear on those that are rejected so they do not waste time.
lii. Senator Thompson: Are we allowing every candidate that applied to speak in front of the Senate or just those that are recommended?
liii. President Kaseke: Just the recommendations.
liv. Senator Tinsley: If we have people speak next week, all of the people that are here today will have to come back next week. To my knowledge that is the most proper way to handle this situation.
lv. Senator Henry: The only applicants we get to go over are those that the President is recommending, on that day we get to look over their applications and interview them. If I was one of them, and I was told we were moving it until next week, I wouldn’t come back because of the bad planning on SGA’s part.
lvi. Justice Strouss: In Article V, there are no application requirements in the Constitution.
lvii. Senator Tinsley: Move to extend discussion
lviii. Second by Senator Hoffman, 4:36pm.
lix. Steve Meier: You have to have deadlines or you could take applications for a long time. You can keep applications on file.
lx. Senator Georgescu: Where the candidates informed to be here today?
lx. President Kaseke: Yes, some of them where informed to be here today.
lx. Senator Tinsley: Would you care to elaborate on that?
lxii. President Kaseke: I know an email was sent out and one of the Justices did not respond.
lxiii. Senator Georgescu: When was this email sent out?
lxv. President Kaseke: It was sent out last week. After the deadline.
lxvi. Senator Georgescu: Was everyone that submitted an application notified?
lxvii. President Kaseke: No, just the ones that were going to be recommended.
lxviii. Senator Tinsley: But had you not made all of your recommendation decisions until today?
lxix. President Kaseke: I knew the ones that were definite. Just the ones that I was questioning those are the ones that I personally talked to today. And they are actually here.
lx. McDaniel: There needs to be a clause in the Constitution stating when vacancies need to be filled by.
lxx. Senator Robinson: We need to figure out what we are doing.
lxxi. Steve Meier: We candidates given the opportunity to turn the application in to the Dean of Students office?
lxxii. Vice President Miller: When I sent out the N3 announcement it said you could pick up and drop off applications in the Dean of Students office or the Student Government Applications.
lxxiii. Senator Tinsley: I don’t think we are discussing deadlines; the problem is we have people here today and we need to figure out what we are going to do with them. So, we need to both interview them today and have the rest of the people come in next week. Or, interview them all next week and appoint from there. The second option allows Senators to see the entire picture and who is recommended. The fact that some people were not told to be here is a bit unfair.
lxxiv. President Kaseke: On the application it says you must be available Monday’s at 3:30pm.
lxxv. Dean: We need to get this stuff together. We shouldn’t be spending 15-20 minutes of our meeting talking about processes that should have been taken care of last week. Executive Board, we need to get this together. We should have had this procedure all ready lined out and ready to go. We have wasted this time. We need to remember to do what is best for the students, what’s best for the students is to be fair and have all the candidates come in next week. We need to get this stuff together.
lxxvi. Senator Johnson: Move to extend discussion for two minutes.
lxxvii. Second by Senator Phelps 4:42pm
lxviii. Senator Georgescu: In the future can we set up a packet?
lxxix. Senator Fulton: I move to follow the policies recommended by Dean Waple
lxxx. Seconded by Senator Phelps.
lxxxii. Senator Hazenfield: Wait. We are actually in the middle of a motion. We need to rescind the first motion or follow through with it.

lxxxiii. Senator Robinson: I made the motion to move the process to next week.

lxxxiv. Senator Henry: Call to Question

lxxxv. Seconded by Senator Phelps

lxxxvi. 19-ya, 1-obstintion

lxxxvii. Senator McCaffery: Can you inform the candidates that they will receive an email detailing whether to return next week or not.

lxxxviii. Senator Thompson: Can I request they be contacted by phone as well.

lxxxix. Senator VonHandorf: Can we more closely review the applications?

xc. Dean: We can scan them and send them out to the distribution list. Give all the applications to Julie.

C. Chief Justice Appointment

i. Senator Henry: The appointment of a Chief Justice is supposed to happen within the second meeting of Student Government. This was supposed to be taken care of.

ii. Senator Tinsley: We can appoint the Chief Justice.

iii. Dean: The person that will be appointed is here, correct? So you can do it this week.

iv. Senator Tinsley: Move to appoint a Chief Justice

v. Seconded by Senator Hazenfield.

vi. Dean: The Justices recommend who they think the Justice shall be and then the President appoints.

vii. Vice President Chaney: Part B of Membership under Judicial Council. “The Student Government President, with the consultation of the Executive Board and the concurrence of the majority of the Judicial Council shall appoint a representative to be the Chief Justice.”

viii. Dean: Have we done all of that?

ix. President Kaseke: Yes, Executive Board has contemplated and chosen.

x. Dean: Do it.

xi. President Kaseke: It is the Executive Board’s recommendation to appoint Stanley Strouss as the Chief Justice.

xii. Justice Strouss: I accept.

xiii. Senator Tinsley: I move to confirm Stanley Strouss as Chief Justice.

xiv. Seconded by Senator Phelps.

xv. Call to Question by Senator Fulton.

xvi. Seconded by Senator Tinsley.

xvii. Unanimously approved

xviii. Dean: Stanley, you will be sworn in next week.

XII. Announcements

XIII. Adjournment- 4:53pm

A. Motion by Fulton

B. Seconded by Tinsley