Student Government Association
Northern Kentucky University
Meeting Minutes
09/28/09

I. Call to Order - 3:30pm

II. Roll Call
   B. Absent - Donovan, Collins, Fulton

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Minutes
   A. Motion by Senator Tinsley
   B. Second by Senator Georgescu
   C. Approved

V. Open Session
   A. Jeff Weckbach - Senate appointment applicant. Junior Political Science major. Wants to help with acknowledgement of student athletes and with the universities connection with the community.
   B. Chad Howe - Senate appointment applicant. Sophomore, Entrepreneurship major. Want to see NKU connect with the community.
   C. Jude Mmereloe - Senate appointment applicant. Freshman, Economic major. Want to see progressive change. Lead by serve.
   D. Curtis White - Suggestion for a General Education Requirements info session.
      1. Senator Ruth - What exactly do you mean about Gen Ed Requirements changing?
   E. Senator Phelps - The Academic Concerns Committee is working on that.
      1. President Kaseke - VP Chaney will be talking about this in his report on Faculty Senate.

VI. Executive Board Reports
   A. Vice President of Public Relations - Wade Miller
      1. ICS Roster - make sure you fill out the info card if you haven’t already.
      2. Meet with PR Committee after Retreat to discuss upcoming events.
   B. Vice President of Student Involvement - Max Swartz
      1. Legacy Meeting Tomorrow, Tuesday 29th
      2. List of active organizations SGA members are not currently involved in will be assigned at the next meeting for Senate to make visits.
   C. Vice President of Administration - Danielle Hawks
      1. Committee Chairs - Agenda Items need to be to me by Friday
2. SGA is now sending agenda’s through email, if you want a hard copy you must print it out.

D. Executive Vice President- Dennis Chaney
   1. Faculty Senate Report
      i. General Education requirement proposal. Foundation of Education General Education Program, proposal submitted to the University Curriculum Committee. Reduce general education from 49-51 hours to 37 hours. University Improvement Committee, write a resolution in support or amending the proposal. Suggestions to bring someone from the committee to further explain the proposal ahead of resolution being written.
      ii. Faculty Senate approved online course evaluation through summer of 2010. Discussions to encourage or mandate students to participate in online course evaluation. Last semester 45% participation, Paper 65%-70% participation.

2. Retreat

E. President- Keith Kaseke
   1. BSBP Updates
      i. If anyone has ideas about lobbying for post-secondary education let me know. If you know of politicians or business people that may have idea and want to come to speak with us, let me know.

VII. Committee Reports
A. University Improvements- Senator Leigha Phelps
   1. Add more cash to card machines
   2. Lighting in back parking lots
   3. Turn lights off in unused parking lots on weekends
   4. Improving Campus Recreation facilities
   5. Looking into per-credit hour tuition
   6. Addressing General Education requirement proposal
   7. Enforcement of smoking policies
   8. Adding bike racks under coverage

B. Student Rights- Senator Amy VonHandorf
   1. Established sub-committee for Constitution implementation and transition.
   2. Examining Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities

C. Finance- Senator Sean Henry
   1. Reviewed SGA’s budget from the last three years and revised budget for next year.
   2. Looking over scholarships to maybe offer more.
   3. Students are having issues with the disbursement of funds, looking into that.
4. Senator McDaniel- Can we look into offering separate applications for NKU scholarships?
5. Senator Castillo- I think it works best with one application because some students do not know which scholarships they qualify for.

VIII. Legislative Liaison Report
   A. Senator Chris Tinsley
      1. New Resolution format in office
      2. Do’s and Don’ts of resolution writing presentation
      3. Senator VonHandorf- Can we make sure this is posted on the SGA website?
      4. Senator Tinsley- It is identical to the one already posted.

IX. Ex-Officio Reports
   A. RHA- Michael Farris
      1. Thursday Oct 1st, RHA is hosting Director of Housing Pete Trentacoste and Ann Pitni in Callahan’s Multi-Purpose room at 8pm.
      2. Talking with Parking Services and Chartwells to come to RHA meetings.
      3. RHA Haunted House in Callahan: Wednesday Oct. 21st, 8pm. Looking for organizations that would like to help. Contact farrism1@nku.edu if you or an organization is interested in helping.
   B. SBA-
   C. Judicial Council- Justice Henderson
      1. Will have a Chief Justice next week.

X. Advisor Reports
   A. Associate to the Dean of student- Steve Meier
      1. Remember you need to appoint two students to the Transportation Advisory Committee
   B. Dean of Students- Dr. Jeff Waple
      1. Appoint one student to the Library Advisory Committee

XI. Old Business

XII. New Business
   A. Approval of Public Relations Ad-Hoc Committee
   B. Called to question by Henry
   C. Seconded by Senator Tinsley
   D. Approved Unanimously
   E. Senator Ruth- Is Wade allowed to be the committee chair since he is not a Senator?
   F. Senator Tinsley- because it is an Ad-Hoc committee any student in the university can serve as the chair or within the committee.
   G. PR Committee Members- Wade as Chair, McDaniel, Coy, Salame, Fulton.
   H. Kaseke solicits motion to approve committee members.
   I. So moved by Senator Hazenfield
   J. Seconded by Senator Henry
K. Approved Unanimously
L. Wade- The Committee will be working together to create events to get
SGA’s name out there. Help to make sure students know where to find
their voice.
M. Transportation Advisory Committee: Hazenfield, Coy.
N. Senator Phelps- I have served on the Transportation Advisory Committee
prior and it focuses on parking permits, parking tickets, parking garages
and traffic flow issues.
O. Steve- I will submit the names.
P. Library Committee: Georgescu
Q. Resignations- Chris Wallace, Mike Gardner. Total of five open Senate
seats.
R. Impeachment of Senator Donovan, motion by Senator Henry.
S. Senator Tinsley- I would like to solicit an opinion from the Judicial
Council because I thought there was more to an impeachment than this?
T. Senator Hoffman- I think we should let him know first so that he can
resign.
U. Justice Henderson- Senator Donovan must be notified.
V. Senator Thompson- Too my knowledge he hasn’t been sworn in, does that
change this ruling?
W. Steve- we need to get a letter of resignation.
X. Senator Henry rescinds motion.

XIII. Announcements
A. -VP Hawks-KY/CW Hall Staff are having a Spotlight speaker series
tonight. Dr. Wacsisko will be the speaker.
B. -Senator Castillo- Latino Student Organization is celebrating Hispanic
heritage Month on Oct. 4th
C. -VP Miller- Friday Oct 30th, Governance Summit. 10am-3pm. 50 High
School students learn parliamentary procedures etc. Let me know if you
are interested in helping.
D. -Senator Phelps- Is the PR Committee going to be doing anything to help
solicit interest in our Student Government?
E. -VP Miller- I’ll discuss that with my committee.
F. -EVP Chaney- Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce Japanese American
Society Event. Date: TBA Must be 21+ starts at 5:30-8:30 Contact info:
ctopel@gccc.com, 513-579-3114. Also, you may eat and socialize once
the meeting is adjourned, we will start the Retreat in about 15-20 minutes.

XIV. Adjournment- 4:16pm
A. Motion by Senator Ruth
B. Seconded by Senator Phelps

XV. Retreat