Student Government Association
Northern Kentucky University
Meeting Minutes
04/13/09

I. Call to Order – 3:34 pm
II. Roll Call
   a. Present – Bell, Bohl Chaney, Collins, Cronon, Davis, Dickerson,
      Duckworth, Ferguson, Fulton, Georgescu, Grote, Hawks, Hazenfield, M.
      Henry, S. Henry, Johnson, Kaseke, Koppenhoefer, Linville, McGinnis,
      Miller Osborne, Pfingston Phelps, Reynolds, Ristic, Ruth, Strouss,
      Tinsley, Thompson, Tobergta, VonHandorf, Younger
   b. Absent- Coy (e), Gardner (e), Prentice (e), Wallace (e)
   c. Guests-
III. Pledge of Allegiance
IV. Approval of Minutes
   i. Senator Johnson
   ii. Seconded by Senator Thompson
V. Open Session
   a. Intellectual Properties – Celina Shoko, Associate Dean of Graduate
      Programs- working on revising intellectual properties policy. We have
      received the new and old version. Old one was passed in 2005- First one
      passed by the students. During that SAACS visit, they were told that it
      was too vague, so revisions have been made. Has to be ready for the July
      Board of Regents meeting. Here in front of us with the proposed version.
      They spell out who owns properties that come out of institutions or
      workplaces. The policy is not a new policy, but more of a detailed
      explanation of the current policy – to clarify. One substantial change –
      change to the way we handle disputes. Changed the committee of the
      faculty senate to a more detailed committee that includes Faculty, Staff,
      Students and more. Lately removed Provost from the committee list.
      Committee makes recommendations directly to the President and the
      Board of Regents. They now go through the revised version. Jay
      explains the property law. Student Ownership issues. If you use resources
      of the University to do research, the University owns the research. As a
      collaborator, you may be entitled to royalties. There is an appeal process,
      reference disputes. SGA has the right to appoint one individual to the
      dispute AdHoc committee.
   b. Executive Vice President Koppenhoefer – Thanks for them to coming.
      Wanted to let the students know that the reason why the ratio is the way it
      is, is because the issues arise more from the faculty
   c. Senator Tinsley – asks about the substantial use of university resources. If
      he uses University resources on a paper, could the university publish that
      as their own property?
   d. Jay references the document for his question. Reads Section 4, subsection
      b. Secondary section 3.
e. Jay – the real things that are valuable to the university are software developments.

f. President Cronon – this references the collaboration of TANK and IT to help develop routes.

g. Jay – correct, students were used there but could not claim ownership of TANK. Because it was “work for hire”


i. Jay – if you’re turning it in to Turnitin.com – the minute you put it on paper, it’s owned by you. When you turn it into the professor for a grade – test, paper, etc… it becomes property of the University. It’s come up before when students have tried to sell exams to others.

j. President Cronon – when we look at intellectual property, and we look at it as a senate. We are looking at requesting the university abolish the University’s use of Turnitin.com. If people turn something in as a sophomore, but then re-use some of the work as their capstone or thesis.

k. Jay – that’s a great point and should be brought up to a separate group than the IT. The whole concept stems from who owns what. Historically, there is a relationship when you turn things in for a grade you forfeit ownership of them.

l. Senator S. Henry– there was a case where a student sued his university for requiring him to use Turnitin.com. He won and received an award and a grade. “Google-scholar” is a good place to go to find that.

m. President Cronon – we appreciate all of your hard work. Thank you Melissa for working with the group. I will be charging the student rights committee to draft a resolution in support or denial of the policy.

n. Lynn Young – wish social work community organization class. (307) Our goal is to get cheaper food prices in the Student Union. They will be doing a presentation for Andy Meeks. We can take your petitions directly to Chartwells in a meeting. Senators can sign that if they want.

VI. Executive Board Reports

a. Vice President of Public Relations - Tracy Osborne
   i. Election are this week!
   ii. Sending around a new election table signup sheet. If you’re working the tables you are to wear your election t-shirt that you should be getting.

b. Vice President of Student Involvement - Kevin Reynolds
   i. Wellness Focus Group tomorrow 12:15 in room 105. Please come! Should last until close to 1:00. Thank you to those senators who participated last Tuesday.

c. Vice President of Administration - Shauna Prentice
   i. No Report

d. Executive Vice President - Melissa Koppenhoefer
   i. As you guys know were working with the committee for online evaluations, those go live next week. We will have a table in the
student union next week. Trying to promote the fact that evaluations are going online. Thanks several people for funding for T-shirts to get people to do their online evaluations.

ii. Sent an email about a conference that is going on in Frankfort – if anyone is willing to go they can meet her after the meeting. If she is swarmed, they can “Duke it out” Please have a nice clean election this week. Debate is cancelled. Lack of publicity and not wanting to rush the meeting helped us make this decision with the candidates. They received questions from students, charged them with going out and talking to the students about those things.

e. President - Gabe Cronon
   i. April 16th at 4:30 pm is the DEADLINE FOR ALL LEGISLATION. Constitution says that legislation should be sent out with 24 hours for the students. Resolutions 14, 12, 15, 16, and 10 are tabled. Constitution can be suspended.
      1. Henry moves to suspend constitution for the resolution for online evaluations and the honorary resolution (14 and 15)
      2. Tinsley – seconds.
      3. 1 nay
      4. Cronon brings 14 and 15 back to the table.
   ii. Hands out senator of the year nominations.
   iii. Senate will vote next week. William Lamb leadership award is determined by President and EVP.
   iv. Chartwells – last Monday we met with the RHA to talk about meal plans and such. We will be having a meeting with Andy Meeks and Mike from Chartwells. We talked about Hours of operation and prices. RHA and SGA are together on that. That meeting will be in the 7-10 days.
   v. I will be out of town advocating for University stuff. Melissa will be running the meeting, Kevin will be going to Faculty Senate in her place.
   vi. T-Shirts – problem came up. They will be in tomorrow! Strongly encourage Senators to wear them. It is the goal to have at least 2500 votes. SGA photo will be done in business casual on the 27th of April.
   vii. Constitution has been put into PDF format and put on the SGA website along with the executive summary. Ready to go for the elections.

VII. Committee Reports
   a. University Improvements - Joe McGinnis
      i. Manpower will be next week. Has the new wireless resolution today. Meet afterwards
   b. Student Rights - Chris Tinsley
      i. Second reading of resolution today and a new one today. Meet afterwards.
c. Finance - Leigha Phelps
   i. No report

d. Ad-Hoc Constitution – Chris Ruth (Senator Ristic gave report)
   i. Vote for the new constitution. Preferrably yay and not nay. And have a nice day!

VIII. Ex-Officio Reports
   a. RHA - Michael Farris
      i. Programming plug – Archie Bunkers neighborhood. Thursday 1:00 NC 114 and 115. Should be a lot of fun
      ii. Thursday RHA passed legislation for VP Records and VP Finance. Creating website.
   b. SBA – N/A
   c. Judicial Council – Mike Grote- check with Steve on the election website. Make sure you have a good clean election. Get all the votes out.

IX. Advisor Report(s)
   a. Associate to the Dean of Students- Steve Meier-
      i. We had to make some changes to the ballot. Tested the ballot a lot and things checked out fine.
      ii. Emailed everyone an email about the posting policy and a copy of the ballot and the rules and guidelines. SU is allowing space in the Lobby for banners 66 x 96 banners – willing to put banners on the backside. SU folks are trying to work with us on that.
      iii. Constitution – several people read it – no changes made except grammer and capitalizations
   b. Dean of Students - Jeff Waple
      i. Like you to put this date on your calendars Friday May 1st 10:15 – 11:15. CPE is here and hosting an open forum for students. Talking about tuition, affordability and all those things that students care about. Room 104. If you can attend email “the rock” meiers@nku.edu Highly encourage us to come.
      ii. Chaney – asks about Banners. Do they have to be endorsed by a student org?
      iii. S. Meier – no. One banner per candidate or slate preferred.

X. Old Business
   a. Resolution 13 – student rights committee, senator Dickerson. Changed in the first whereas to “as a” and in the 4th whereas to “may”
      i. Second reading done by Senator Dickerson.
      ii. Call to Question: Senator Tinsley
      iii. Second: Senator Ristic
      iv. Vote passes unanimously
   b. Tobergta moves to remove resolution 10 from table
   c. Second by senator Ruth
   d. Read by Senator M. Henry
      i. Senator Ristic – is Callahan a member of that village
      ii. Vice President Reynolds – calls on Michael Farris
      iii. Farris – Callahan in not a part of the village
iv. Senator Tobergta – moves to strike Callahan from the whereas
v. President Cronon – it is stricken
vi. Dean Waple asks that we keep it in
vii. Senator Tinsley – moves to strike “in the leon e booth residential village”
viii. Senator Ruth – seconds
ix. So Stricken
x. Senator Tinsely – moves that in the 8th whereas – strikes the second “in their rooms”
xi. Senator S. Henry – seconds
xii. Motion passes
xiii. Senator S. Henry- motions to add on whereas 11 – to add the past resolution
xiv. Senator Kaseke – seconds
xv. Motion passes
xvi. Senator Kaseke – why it has not been implemented
xvii. President Cronon – RHA and SGA have been asking them, this is reinforcement to IT. Might give levy to the Dean’s office to provide encouragement to IT.
xviii. Dean Waple – is meeting with them Wednesday.
xix. Senator Ristic– Capitalization issue in Whereas 11 – that’s the only part where Internet is capitalized, let’s be consistent.
xx. Senator Hawks – closes discussion
xxi. Senator Thompson – seconds
xxii. Vote to pass resolution – passes unanimously

XI. New Business
   a. Resolution 14 is read by Senator Tinsley
      i. Senator S. Henry- were missing the date
      ii. Senator Georgescu – wants to add on the fact that there are computers on campus
      iii. Senator Tinsley moves to close discussion
      iv. Senator Ruth seconds
   b. Resolution .015- Honorary resolution brought forth by the Executive Board. Read by President Cronon
      i. President Cronon- we will strike the signature line as normal.
      ii. Senator Georgescu – closes discussion
      iii. Second by Senator Tinsley

XII. Announcements
   a. Melissa – would like us to make sure our inbox is cleared of excessive emails
   b. Miller – just received a flier from BWO – Black and white dialogue/party today in UC ballroom. $1 entry.
   c. Henry M – wants the minutes to reflect a Happy Birthday to senator Chaney!
d. VP Osborne – NLS and Mentors have deadlines for applications
   Wednesday

XIII. Adjournment – 4:20 p.m.
   a. Motion by Dickerson
   b. Seconded by Thompson