Student Government Association  
Northern Kentucky University  
Meeting Minutes  
04/20/09

I. Call to Order – 3:32 pm
II. Roll Call
   b. Absent- Cronon (e), Ferguson (e), Linville (e), Pfingston (e), Reynolds (e)  
   c. Guests-
III. Pledge of Allegiance
IV. Approval of Minutes
   i. Senator Henry- Motion to adjust minutes. Suspended parliamentary procedure to read resolutions. Motion to approve.  
   ii. Seconded by Senator Tinsley
V. Open Session
VI. Executive Board Reports
   a. Vice President of Public Relations - Tracy Osborne  
      i. Wade Miller see me after meeting  
   b. Vice President of Student Involvement - Kevin Reynolds  
      i. No Report- Faculty Senate  
   c. Vice President of Administration - Shauna Prentice  
      i. No Report  
   d. Executive Vice President - Melissa Koppenhoefer  
      i. Congratulations to newly elected SGA  
      ii. Online evaluations- anyone in the student union saw the table. Pick up your free t-shirt!  
      iii. If you signed up for the booths please do so!  
   iv. Michael Grote has stepped down as Chief Justice. Sheree Davis has been appointed unanimously by the Judicial Council. It does not need Senate approval. She will be the interim Chief Justice.  
   v. Lender Review Committee is in need of a student. Will be meeting this Thursday. You review all of the lenders that the University uses for student loans. It’s a lot of reading and a time commitment but we really need someone to fill this so please let me know.  
   vi. Next week is our end of year banquet! Senator-of-the-year award will be presented. Ballots are coming around. Only senators can vote.  
   e. President - Gabe Cronon  
      i. No report- In Washington, D.C. advocating for Collegiate issues
VII. Committee Reports  
  a. University Improvements - Joe McGinnis  
     i. No Report  
  b. Student Rights - Chris Tinsley  
     i. We have a few resolutions coming up today.  
  c. Finance- Leigha Phelps  
     i. Ann Braden committee please get me your availability for Thursday preferably after 4:30.  
  d. Ad-Hoc Constitution – Chris Ruth  
     i. Thank you to everyone for helping us get it through. The student body seems to be interested which is great. I am so proud to have worked with you all to get this through. It put SGA’s name out in a positive manner. Congratulations to the committee and the senate for this accomplishment.  

VIII. Ex-Officio Reports  
  a. RHA - Michael Farris  
     i. RHA Newsletter in your mailbox if you are a resident.  
     ii. When is the meeting with Andy Meeks?  
     iii. Executive Vice President- Gabe has that information. I will find out.  
  b. SBA – N/A  
  c. Judicial Council – Sheree Davis- Hearing will be tomorrow from 3-5 in regards to the election appeal. If you or someone you know would like to bring pertinent information to this meeting. It will be held in the multipurpose room. I don’t know if it will be closed or not, we will discuss how it will be handled afterwards. Those who have filed appeals should have been notified.  

IX. Advisor Report(s)  
  a. Associate to the Dean of Students- Steve Meier-  
     i. Congratulations to Igor Ristic for all of the awards he received from the Presidential Ambassadors.  
  b. Dean of Students - Jeff Waple  
     i. No Report  

X. Old Business  
  a. Resolution 014  
     i. Discussion 3:45pm  
     ii. Senator Tobergta- Date will be changed  
     iii. Called o question by Senator Ruth  
     iv. Seconded by Senator S. Henry  
     v. Motion to vote by Senator Hazenfield  
     vi. Seconded by Senator Miller  
     vii. Passes unanimously  
  b. Resolution 015  
     i. Discussion 3:48  
     ii. Called to Question by Senator Miller  
     iii. Seconded by Senator Ruth
iv. Passes unanimously

XI. New Business

a. Resolution 012
   i. Discussion 3:51
   ii. Senator S. Henry- This may be more accurate to point out number of students who live on campus. Also, add the word approximately in the ratio to be more accurate.
   iii. Senator Chaney- 3rd whereas is redundant
   iv. Senator Tinsley- Isn’t the idea to show that NKU has a worse ratio than the others
   v. Senator Miller- This is an average of these 4 Universities, and the one underneath points out that our average is less than the other 4
   vi. Senator Ruth- Move to close discussion
   vii. Seconded by Senator Fulton

b. Resolution 016
   i. Discussion 3:55
   ii. Senator Chaney- Where is the other $1000 going?
   iii. Senator Phelps- Because of the recession we are expecting budget cuts so that $1000 will go back in to the SGA budget
   iv. Senator Younger- Is this from exchange or permanent residents?
   v. Senator Hawks- Can international students apply for the other grants
   vi. Senator Ristic- The 2 new $500 scholarships isn’t mentioned in any other whereas
   vii. Senator Phelps- It is in the opening paragraph, then the ‘whereas’ explains why. The closing mentions specifics. These are separate from the book grants.
   viii. Senator Kaseke- Move to continue discussion at 4:00 pm
   ix. Seconded by Senator Tinsley
   x. Senator Ruth- I don’t like that this resolution takes money away from the general population and gives it only to international students.
   xi. Senator Phelps- Yes but those grants are only for supplies not tuition.
   xii. Senator Ruth- I feel that we are doing a disservice to the rest of the student body by providing in favor of a specific group. I feel like this is unfair.
   xiii. Senator Johnson- I agree with Senator Ruth. This is pushing SGA towards being an interest group for international students. We represent 15,000 students and those are not all international students. I understand the hard times that they are facing but we are all facing them. I think it goes against the SGA mission to provide for a small group of students.
   xiv. Senator Kaseke- We are taking $2000 from the current grants. I understand where Senator Johnson is coming from, but international students do not have the opportunities that everyone
has. I think we should define international students as F1 visa holders. It seems unfair but given what they have to work with I think it is good. In the last whereas can we add the information that the last $1000 goes back into the SGA budget?

xv. Senator Fulton- Motion to continue discussion

xvi. Seconded by Senator Tinsley

xvii. Senator Tobergta- I have been involved with the International Student Union. I think this is something SGA can do to help students who can’t find help anyone else. It is only $500. SGA should make the effort to make a service available to those who have no other option.

xviii. Senator Georgescu- I agree with Senator Tobergta. F1 visa students have no opportunity for employment and don’t have access to financial aid that we take for granted. They are here to study and don’t have other monetary sources.

xix. Senator Chaney- I would just like to support this resolution. I believe that helping international students is in the best interest of the University because they bring their own culture and ideas, and it broadens the perspective of students. This won’t cover their increase in tuition.

xx. Senator Hazenfield- I think Senator Chaney has a good point. The diverse population at your university benefits your degree. The 3rd whereas discusses the exchange rate, but no specifics.

xxi. Move to continue discussion by Senator Ruth

xxii. Seconded by Senator Thompson

xxiii. Senator Phelps- Are you wanting actual examples?

xxiv. Senator Hazenfield- Should there be specific examples included?

xxv. Senator Kaseke- Exchange rates change every day. Putting specific examples may not be accurate.

xxvi. Senator Ristic- I just wanted to say Senator Hazenfield you do have a good point because students in Europe get more money here. Maybe just include a note about students from specific areas. I do support this scholarship. My only concern is that extra $1000. We could use that cover their tuition increase.

xxvii. Senator VonHandorf- International students came directly to us to ask for help so I think it’s a great idea. However, I have to agree that it’s kind of wrong to delegate 50% of these scholarships exclusively to international students. Could we change the language to include students who have special needs instead of International students.

xxviii. Senator Phelps- I understand the argument that singling out isn’t always the best choice. But in some problems I think it’s important to step back and think about how we can fix this problem directly. The scholarship opportunities for them are virtually non-existent. They can’t work to try and pay the difference. That being said, SGA is not financial aid. But if we
have the money why are we only putting it into book grants when we are getting applications that aren’t that great. But I think it’s wasteful to hand out money for book grants when you have people who desperately need it. We are just shifting around our money to try and impact more students. They pay the highest rate of tuition so financially speaking they are of great value to the university.

xxix. Executive Vice President- We have hit the end of discussion again.
xxx. Move to continue discussion by Senator Johnson
xxxi. Seconded by Senator Tinsley
xxxii. Clear Division. Handvote
xxxiii. 8 in favor; 18 opposed; 0 Abstentions
xxxiv. Discussion ended at 4:17pm

c. Resolution 017
   i. Discussion 4:20 pm
   ii. Senator Tinsley- 4th whereas- I’m assuming that is about the fire. Maybe that could use some clarification.
   iii. Senator Miller –moved to close discussion
   iv. Seconded by Senator Kaseke

d. Resolution 018
   i. Discussion at 4:23
   ii. Senator Younger- Clarify F1 Visas in he 1st whereas
   iii. Senator Chaney- Exchange rates mostly affect developing countries. These are countries that rely heavily on natural resources.
   iv. Senator Ristic- If the F1 visa prohibits you from working; does that allow them to work on campus?
   v. Senator Kaseke- Yes they can work on campus.
   vi. Senator Hazenfield- the 4th whereas is what I would suggest to include in Resolition 016. Friendly amendment to Senator Coy.
   vii. Senator Bohl- Are they restricted for any certain positions?
   viii. Senator Kaseke- They have equal opportunities, but sometimes it takes longer to employ them.
   ix. Steve Meier- International students are only eligible for institutional student employment, no federal. Their opportunities are less than the general population.
   x. Senator Wallace- Can we reference that we want more of those specific positions so that they are eligible?
   xi. Senator Gardner- I think it should be mentioned that there are a lot of students who can’t be employed because of a parents’ fafsa.
   xii. Steve Meier- It depends on their financial aid package. It usually is in regards to loans. Someone from financial aid would have to come in and explain. Almost all students are eligible for institutional positions.
   xiii. Executive Vice President- There are 2 different types of work study positions.
   xiv. Senator Bohl- So the idea is the increase institutional positions?
xv. Senator Tinsley-Yes.
xvi. Senator Kaseke- Move to end discussion
xvii. Seconded by Senator Ruth
e. Resolution 019
   i. Discussion 4:31pm
   ii. Senator Wallace- Awkward phrasing for the 4th whereas
   iii. Senator McGinnis- Move to close discussion
   iv. Seconded by Senator Johnson
f. Resolution 020
   i. Discussion 4:33pm
   ii. Senator Tinsley- I don’t understand the relevance of the 5th whereas
   iii. Executive Vice President- We wanted to demonstrate that students take part.
   iv. Vice President Osborne- She sat on the committee
   v. Senator Wallace- I do agree, but grammar correction in the 5th whereas.
   vi. Senator Ristic- Clarify 4th whereas
   vii. Senator Tinsley- I can condense the 3rd & 5th whereas
   viii. Senator Ruth- Move to end discussion
   ix. Seconded by Senator Tobergta

XII. Announcements
   a. Senator Duckworth- Delta Zeta cornhole tournament is this Saturday. $15 to play, lunch & t-shirt.
   b. Senator Chaney- F1 student documentary screening is on April 23rd. Check facebook and it will give you more specifics. BEP 200 at 3pm.
   c. Senator Tobergta- Pictures next week

XIII. Adjournment – 4:38 p.m.
   a. Motion by Senator Miller
   b. Seconded by Ruth