Student Government Association

Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2009

I. Call to Order- 3:37pm
II. Roll Call
III. Pledge of Allegiance
IV. Approval of Minutes
   A. 03/15/2010
      1. Motion to Approve, Senator Golden
      2. Seconded by Senator Tinsley
      3. Approved
   B. 03/22/2010
      1. Motion to Approve, Senator Campbell
      2. Seconded by Senator Golden
      3. Approved
V. Open Session
   A. Campus Rec. Video/Presentation
      1. Presentation of video
      2. Recognition of Committee
      3. Explanation of Student Tours, Senator Campbell
      4. Announcement of Resolution to come next week
VI. Executive Board Reports
   A. Secretary of Public Relations, Wade Miller
      1. Elections this week, remind people to vote
      2. Flyers to pass out/hang up.
      3. Working with the Northerner on Candidate Biographies
      4. Polls are open Wednesday 7am- Thursday 10pm, results posted when polls are closed.
   B. Secretary of Student Involvement, Max Swartz
      1. Two Legacy Requests
      2. Working on Student Organization Outreach Blueprint
   C. Secretary of Administration, Danielle Hawks
      1. Ideas to give back to students
      2. Reminder that items for the agenda need to be emailed to me by Friday.
   D. Vice President, Ryan Fulton
      1. Faculty Senate Recap
      2. Dr. Votruba will be here April 19th to present
   E. President, K. Keith Kaseke
1. BSBP Update: any suggestions for next year’s rally please let know.
2. Wellness will be in on April 5th.

VII. Committee Chair Reports
   A. Student Rights Committee, Senator Howe
      1. Constitution Amendments coming up in New Business
   B. University Improvements Committee, Senator Phelps
      1. My Committee meet afterwards
   C. Finance Committee, Senator Robinson
      1. Anne Braden Scholarship Applications are out, please remind people to pick them up.
      2. Fee Board Presentation this week.
   D. Student Concerns Committee, Senator Walther
      1. No Complaints as of yet.

VIII. Ex-Officio Officer Reports
   A. RHA, President Josh Hawkins
      1. Thank you to Senators Golden and Johnson who came to the SGA Election Forum.
      2. RHA Elections are happening now, please vote at the residential village desks.
      3. Flashback Dance this Thursday from 8-10pm in Norse Commons.
   B. Judicial Council, Chief Justice Prentice
      1. Elections this week, make sure you are aware and following the guidelines.
   C. Legislative Liaison, Senator Tinsley
      1. Make sure you are looking ahead if you have a resolution you are thinking about presenting, we don’t have a lot of time left in the semester.

IX. Advisor Reports
   A. Associate to the Dean of Students, Steve Meier
      1. No resolutions on the website, make sure we are getting those signed because they void if they haven’t been signed in 10 days.
      2. Elections ballot has been tested and approved.
   B. Dean of Students, Dr. Jeff Waple
      1. Just an FYI, We can carry money forward and help out Student Orgs. for next year instead of scrambling to spend it all.

X. Old Business
   A. Fee Board Resolution
      1. Discussion:
         i. Senator Georgescu: Add the difference between .321046% and .33%
         ii. Senator Tinsley: If you wanted to add, you would had to have a motion to amend. I’m just not sure we need it though.
         iii. Senator VonHandorf: How is it formally allocated?
         iv. Dean Meier: There is no formula, it was just given.
         v. Senator VonHandorf: Wording for maybe why this is needed.
         vi. Dean Meier: Simplify this, what is tuition decreases?
         vii. Senator Tinsley: If enrollment and tuition decrease, Fee Board allocation decreases because in essence there would be less involvement.
         viii. President Kaseke: Seems as though there is some confusion around the third Whereas.
         ix. Senator Forlenza: It needs to be there to better explain.
x. Senator Georgescu: It seems we have rather redundant Whereas’s. It’s all the same just different wording.

xi. Senator Golden: We’re all trying to say the same thing. Clarification as to what everyone said. We need to know what exactly it is we want from this before we discuss the different Whereas’s.

xii. Senator Phelps: Until we decide what the foundation of this is we need to quit discussing Whereas’s.

xiii. Senator McCaffery: Motion to add an “and” to the 6th Whereas.

xiv. Senator Tinsley: Move to extend discussion.

xv. Senator Bell: Seconded.

xvi. Senator Forlenza: What if we added a base rate.

xvii. Senator Hazenfield: We can always ask for more later, could we not?

xviii. Secretary Swartz: I disagree with putting a base rate. We need to prepare for a budget cut and not expect to not be cut while other departments are facing cuts.

xix. Dean Waple: Fee board should face cuts, student life receives money from Fee Board but so does other offices on campus.

xx. Senator Bell: If the limit is added, think about how much more expensive things would be five years from now, will what we set today even be applicable five years from now?

xxi. Senator Georgescu: Agree with Secretary Swartz.

xxii. Senator Johnson: Motion to table.

xxiii. Senator Hazenfield: Seconded.

XI. New Business

A. Senator Howe: Point of Comfort, Move to take a 5 minute recess.
B. Seconded by Senator Golden.
C. Approved at 4:34
D. Call to Order at 4:39
E. Senator Hazenfield, Move to consider recommendations to alter the Constitution of the Student Government Association.
F. Seconded by Senator Tinsley.
G. Explanation of Changes, Senator Howe:

1. Senator Robinson: I disagree with changing the Executive Board.
2. Senator Tinsley: Helps to prevent stagnant behavior.
3. Senator Johnson: Not a fan of the Chief of Staff, misleading wording.
4. Senator Golden: Chief of Staff is more administrative duties and less student focused activities such as creating the agenda, completing minutes, etc.
5. Senator Tinsley: I think we should say a maximum in the Constitution for the amount of hours Executive Board can work otherwise you will not be able to solidify the budget correctly early in the year.
6. President Kaseke: I think it works the way they have it.
7. Senator Tinsley: You can still keep this wording and the Dean’s Office can stipulate the maximum amount of paid hours based on the budget.
8. Senator Tinsley: Should we add outreach programs to Vice President of Communications?
9. Senator Howe: Student Concerns Committee takes care of that.
10. Senator Georgescu: Clarification for 2 people on Fee Board. Also, take out resign because they could both be vacant without resignation.
11. Senator Johnson: Add super majority as defined as 2/3 and then majority as 50+1 in the definitions section.
12. Senator Johnson: I think committee’s should be approved by the Senate.
13. Senator Tinsley: You can add that on Committees instead of placing it here.

XII. Announcements
   A. Vice President Fulton: Dine to Donate with Theta Phi Alpha tonight at Applebees.
   B. Senator Folrenza: Anchorsplash is April 10th.
   C. Chief Justice Prentice: NLS Applications due on Wednesday and Kappa Delta is having a Pin-Wheel Sale this week.
   D. Secretary Swartz: Job Expo this Wednesday.
   E. Senator Robinson: If you haven’t gotten a polo, see me afterwards.
   F. The Northerner (Vern): Send us events to put on The Northerner calendar, hockneyf1@nku.edu.
   G. Moss: Kappa week, game night tonight. More events this week.

XIII. Adjournment- 5:22pm
   A. Motion by Senator Georgescu
   B. Seconded by Senator Hazenfield
   C. Approved