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## NKU students list goals

### Student senate wants more money for studying abroad

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The NKU student senate has developed five goals for the coming year.

Improving student access to technology, enhancing academic quality, increasing study-abroad opportunities and funding, increasing student programming funds and renovating the campus's recreation area are the goals they have set.

"This is a very strong student government association," said NKU President James C. Votruba. "The students are diverse in their perspective and very thoughtful. I'm looking forward to a great year with student government at NKU."

The senate wants to expand the hours the computer labs are open and increase the number of printers and prints allowed in the labs. Labs are currently open from 8 a.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday, but close at 4:30 p.m. on Friday and are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The senate says swipe card access to the labs will help expand hours.

The students want to enhance academic opportunities by starting an "Introduction to Asian Business" course. They also are seeking an increase in scholarship money to study abroad.

"As a Spanish major and student that has studied abroad, I can only imagine the positive impact succeeding in that goal will have on NKU's campus," said Senator Liz Osborne. "Studying abroad is one of the best ways to grow as a student."

NKU has an advantage in helping students learn in foreign countries. The Cooperative Center for Study Abroad has its headquarters at NKU. The center is a consortium of 24 schools across the country that develops study-abroad programs for college credit.

The senate is also looking for more dollars for student programming.

"SGA receives an allocation for study program," said Votruba. "They'd like to see the budget for their programming increased to reflect the increase in the number of students on campus. They're asking for an increase of \$150,000 in the programming budget."

The student programming budget helps pay for a variety of things related to student organizations through several grant programs, said Steve Meier, associate to the dean of students. NKU has 133 student organizations.

Votruba did not commit to providing the funds, but offered encouragement.

"I've agreed with them on both of these - we're going to try to find additional dollars," said Votruba.

The goals were formed at a retreat last weekend. Another purpose of the gathering was to help senators get acquainted.

"I think our greatest success during our retreat was bonding as a group," said Osborne.

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