

“To lead the student body with integrity and consistency.”

Student Government Association

87th General Body Meeting

8 September 2021



- I. Call to Order - President Johnson
- II. Roll Call – Chief of Staff Gary
- III. Approval of 86th Meeting Minutes
 - Senator Valdez moved to approve; Senator Powell seconded; passed
- IV. Office Reports
 - A. Karen Boettler- Student Leadership and Service
 - Reschedule
 - B. Directors
 - Academic Affairs
 - Internal Affairs
 - Met with Representative from CPC to talk about partnering on events regarding sexual assault and self-defense
 - Met with Marietta caucus to talk about Covid Awareness
 - Tentative event: Showcasing art on the Kennesaw campus
 - First Internal Affairs meeting
 - Discussed info sessions or Town Halls informing students about Covid-19
 - External Affairs
 - Diversity and Inclusion
 - Reached out to senators about their roles and commission meetings
 - Will get a director soon
 - Communications
 - Met with Rachel Heller from Owl Radio

- Wanting to make SGA known across campus
- If you have a graphic that you're posting on behalf of SGA, please share it with e-board first
- Governance
 - Sending strikes and demerits at the end of this week
 - Governance applications will be posted tonight

C. President Pro Tempore

- Sent an email regarding two documents
 - Senator Timeline
 - Fall semester and spring semester for personal projects
 - Include plans, meetings, ideas, obstacles, goals
 - Mission statement
 - Include detailed summary about your personal project

D. Chief Justice

- Setting up infrastructure of the Judicial Branch
 - Finished creating training modules
 - Ratifying bylaws again
- Need senate to be aware of Article 23 and their rights
- Senators, don't be afraid to talk to your directors or him

E. Treasurer Pfohl

- Filled up the SABAC positions this week
- Met with CFO of the university
 - Want to make budget more transparent and easier to understand
 - Met with Treasurers from other colleges to foster collaboration across USG
- Hosting Office Hours for RSOs so they can have their presentations looked over/edited beforehand
- Submitted budget to President Johnson

F. Vice President Wittmayer

- Senate vacancies are filling up
 - Will appoint this meeting and next meeting
- Was on the Provost Athletic Oversight Council as a representative for SGA
 - Informed them that SGA can help with advertising and/or coming to events

- Ad-hoc committee for Judicial Branch must be chaired by a senator
- Intern meeting September 15th at 7pm

G. President Johnson

- Please inform her of what you're working on
- Discussing doing a campaign partnering with university to help promote Covid vaccinations/testing and informing CDC guidelines
 - We will do our own "Halloween themed" promotional video
- Creating ad-hoc committee for Judicial Branch
 - Meetings will be frequent
- Please inform her of what you are working on so she can have insight

H. Advisor(s) Update

- Dr. Arneson
 - Huge turnout at football game
 - Will have pep rallies before the football games with the marching bands
 - Covid numbers are still high
 - As leaders, continue to role model safety
 - 9/11 Celebration on the Green on the Kennesaw campus Friday, September 10th at 12pm
 - WellBeing@KSU: Counseling is available 24/7
- Dr. Briggs
 - SABAC training is next week
 - Looking how to modify manual for next academic year
 - Just filled vacancy within SCAI: Assistant Director for Academic Affairs

V. Open Forum (2 min/officer)

- Senator Gordan
 - Sent out google survey to get better ideas of issues and experiences (275+ responses)
 - Setting up meeting with dean to discuss top issues and solutions
 - Will set up tabling event in the future
 - Contacted RSO's and will have update at the next meeting

- Senator Valdez
 - Meeting with director tomorrow at 11am
 - Project: Establish LGBTQ+ resource center on the Marietta campus
 - Planning more diversity and inclusion events
- Senator Clement
 - Met Associate Dean to discuss how students can collaborate with each other
 - Mentoring Program: 2021 Inspiring Program in STEM by Insight Magazine
 - 1 of 79 colleges in organizations picked out of the US
 - Added more areas for mentoring so now they're reaching a wider audience
 - 6 to 12
 - Issue from constituents: Lots of students are wasting materials; want to create a way to recycle materials
- Senator McLendon
 - Working on getting in contact with the dean
 - Personal project: Survival Guide for new students in Honors College
 - Creating a survey to see how students are doing and how to make the college better
- Senator Yaledah-Bashaar
 - Met with Senator Grant
 - Created a list of RSOs who fall under D&I and will get in contact with them
- Senator Grant
 - Met with J Williams who is the Diversity specialist
 - Will formulate more questions regarding D&I
 - Spoke with Dr. Briggs about task force and anything related to D&I staff
 - Personal project: Want to create resource center for African American male students
- Senator Heath
 - Had a tabling yesterday with Senator Matthews and Davis
 - Included a question box for constituents
 - Professor Raphael invited them to speak at his class and talking more about SGA and their positions

- Senator Davis
 - Created a meeting with dean to discuss feedback and personal projects
- Senator Mathew
 - Met with interim dean on Aug 27th
 - Discussed how SGA can bridge the gap between nontraditional student life and “college” life
 - Personal project: Speaker Series
 - Hopefully students will have access to more jobs and internships
- Senator Powell
 - Reached out to Sustainability Coordinator, Environmental and Safety Department,
 - Have a meeting with Owl Swap this Friday
 - Will reach out to all orgs that associate with sustainability
- Senator Edgar
 - Met with Dr. Briggs
 - Personal project: Want students with disabilities to have a permanent seat on Diversity Ambassadors program
- Senator Quenneh
 - Scheduled meetings with student orgs
 - Constituents want more diversity training for professors
- Senator Onuzulike
 - Constituents want their identity to be easily seen on emails and want more feminine products in the Student Center
 - Survey (200+ responses)
 - Setting up table and posting fliers

VI. New Business

A. Swear-ins

- Darquis Grant for Diversity and Inclusion
- RJ Norman for Senator for Veteran Students
- Meredith Baldwin for Senator for Non-Traditional Students
- Bethany Fortson for Senator of WellStar College of Health and Human Sciences

- Anthony for Senator of Student Athletics
 - Senator Yaledah-Bashaar moved to vote them all as one and Senator Mathew seconded

B. COVID-19 Discussion

- Senator Valdez
 - Covid hit family
 - Wants to remind everyone to practice safe measures regarding Covid
- Senator Johnson
 - Gets worried when people are around her in class and not wearing masks
 - Personally, wants a mask mandate from USG
- Senator Onuzulike
 - Take advantage of your privilege of being able to get vaccine
 - Family from Nigeria had to pay thousands of dollars to come to here and get the vaccine
- Senator Powell
 - Thinks everyone should receive the vaccine
 - She had Covid and is still feeling the effects
- Senator Harrison
 - Remind everyone to pay attention to the current trends of Covid as we are approaching the flu season
- President Pro Tempore McCroskey
 - Pro masks, but vaccine is your choice
- Press Secretary Weston
 - Be mindful and respectful of other people in your class
- Senator Edgar
 - Haven't seen many family members and grandma in years due to Covid
- Senator Norman
 - He saw 200+ people catch Covid at the same time
 - Be safe and mindful of who you are around
- Senator Fortson
 - Even if you are vaccinated, closely monitor yourself because many vaccinated people are catching and spreading Covid

C. First Read Support for COVID-19 Vaccine and Mask Mandates Act

- Written by Director Cochran and co-sponsored by Senator Edgar and Senator Clement
- We are not voting on the resolution at the meeting tonight
- Ask constituents about their experiences and concerns with Covid-19 because we are representing them
- Resolution Resolves:
 - Wants SGA to endorse a mandate for all students, faculty, and staff who attend or work at KSU to submit a proof of vaccination to be able to work or attend the school
 - If someone does not want to receive a vaccine, students must submit regular proof (weekly) of testing negative for Covid
 - If someone does not want to do the above, professors at KSU should be allowed to make their courses available online
 - Wants people who have medical and religious exemptions to be accommodated for
 - Wants KSU SGA to stand with orgs such as the United Campus Workers to bring awareness the masks and vaccine mandate

D. Establishing ad-hoc committee for Judiciary committee

- Revising bylaws for the Judicial Branch
- Senator Valdez wants to chair the committee
- Senator Yaledah-Bashaar motions to approve and Senator Gordan seconds
- Passed

VII. Announcements (2 min/officer | 5 min/audience member)

- Senator Valdez
 - Model United Nations are hosting their Interest Meeting tomorrow from 8pm-10pm in Social Science building
- Senator Edgar
 - Pi Phi Chapter of AKA Sorority, Inc is having community service event
 - Collecting school supply donations

VIII. Adjournment

- Senator Valdez moves to adjourn meeting and Senator Quenneh seconds