Hello, Owl Nation!

My name is Victoria Brock and I am the Student Government Association President for KSU. The past September was a very busy month for SGA. Our senators have been working hard with their constituents and personal campus projects. We have had a few general body meetings, where students actively joined to express their concerns. Thank you for everyone who has spoken with us to bring issues to light; we are working diligently to foster change.

Our university is making strides to provide the best education and enhance our student experience while we are at the school. I attended the Comprehensive Administrative Review Committee, where I was introduced to the analyst company that will help review administrators’ jobs at Kennesaw.

September has been a busy month with many changes seeing the light. SGA is very excited to see the palpable differences in the coming months!

Blessings, Victoria Brock
Every College Has Senators to Represent Their Constituents.  
**College Senators’ September Recap:**

**College of the Arts – Senator Steltzer**
- Met with Dean Poulter and discussed the options for creating a more social environment for art students i.e. musicians to play chamber music and artists to showcase their work.  
- Gauging the price to create a student-led KSU Owl Mural on campus with the art department.  
- Had art peers submit project proposals for changes they would like to see around their college and university.

**Bagwell College of Education – Senator Jones**
- Dean Eaton is looking to add earlier orientations for students who are interested in receiving an education certification. This gives students who are considering on applying to Bagwell insight into expectations, courses, and the edTPA.  
- Getting permissions to create social media accounts for the college to keep students updated on upcoming events and news in a simple way for changes they would like to see around their college and university.

**Coles College of Business – Senators Armbrister, Greene, & Sisavath**
- The fourth floor of the Burruss Building has been redone so it is more student-centric so there are less students constantly waiting in line.  
- More advisors have been hired and advising appointments can now be made on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings as well. In-person appointments can be scheduled online, and now they offer email and phone meetings.  
- In terms of registration, students can not automatically enroll in some upper division courses if they have a “B” in lower courses.  
- Students can only retake business courses two times now.  
- Senator Armbrister helped in hosting “High Note,” a music competition between Kennesaw State and Georgia State. Over 500 individuals attended, 4 campus departments and organizations participated, and all $1000 raised will be donated to the nonprofit UNICEF.  
- As a result of the music competition, 4 business students from KSU have been selected to attend a singer/songwriter retreat in late October.

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College of Computing & Software Engineering – Senators Abudul Salam & Tsaku

- Met with the dean regarding college issues such as the limited availability of lecturers for many core free elective subjects. Certain classes are only available during one term or the other, which is restrictive on students that are about to graduate.
- Looking to make the prerequisites for other colleges simpler in order to obtain a minor in any desired field within CCSE.

College of Engineering & Engineering Technology – Senators Maletz & Ulrich

- Creating a list of clubs and extracurricular that are in need of different types of engineers to disseminate to students.

WellStar College of Health & Human Services – Senator Stevenback

- Organizing an event with all of the presidents of organizations affiliated with WellStar College for interested students to engage and ask questions.

Honors College – Senator Ligman

- Met with Dean Bailey, who gave an overview of planned events and special opportunities to share with students.
- New administrative changes, such as the hiring of a Honors College Marketing Director, have occurred.
- Working with the Honors Club President to plan and execute more events for the students.

Graduate College – Senator Jain

- Met with the President of the Graduate Student Association to find avenues for collaboration. Will be co-hosting events, such as tabling and forums, with them for students.
College of Humanities and Social Sciences – Senators Boddie, DuClaire, & Kanada

- Worked with the college’s advisory board to host Open House, an event where students can go out to meet the directors of each major department.
- Looking to redesign the college’s homepage in order to make it easier for navigation, as students are often missing information they are trying to find.

College of Science & Mathematics – Senators Sukumar and Rahman

- Issued applications and found new members for the college’s advisory board.
- Senator Sukumar is joining in on a workshop on “Human Centered Design,” which is a method used for solving complex, multidimensional problems. It will be an information gathering session for faculty to get an idea of the challenges and obstacles students are facing in their courses.
- Looking to install a research wall project, which would enable students that are seeking research opportunities to connect with professors that are advertising open research positions.
Different Student Populations Have Senators to Represent Their Groups.

Commission Senators’ September Recap:

**American Minorities – Senator Garcia**
- Working with Jessica Duvall for GLBTIQ Student Programs to come up with new events and community programs.
- Looking into developing a training similar to Safe Space, but ensuring that it also encompasses race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic classes.

**Fraternity and Sorority Life – Senator Edmonds**
- Planning a town hall with administrators for issues to be voiced within the community.
- Met with presidents of various Panhellenic organizations over a concern with the disciplinary process.
- Meeting with Director Bre Harris to discuss expectations within Fraternity and Sorority Life.

**Non-Traditional Students – Senator Maginnis**
- Working on hosting first event in the ACSA center on the Marietta Campus.
- Looking into expanding hours for counseling services and WellStar Health Clinic’s services.

**Student Athletics – Senator Singleton**
- Met with Joshua Baker, Marketing Director for the Athletic Department, to discuss initiatives for raising attendance in games.
- Working on Student Athlete Appreciation Week, which will be later this fall.

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Students with Disabilities – Senator Behrend

- Meeting with the new Chief of Police to work on campus safety issues.
- Working on fixing broken disability access doors.
- Collecting Books for Care, PDFs and hardback textbooks for students who cannot afford to purchase them.

Veteran Affairs – Senator Jackson

- Working on a clothing drive for students who need warm clothes for the upcoming winter.
- Looking into helping with getting swipes donated for students without meal plans.
September’s Senator of the Month

Joshua Sukumar, *Senator of the College of Science and Mathematics*

Joshua Sukumar, a first-time senator for the College of Science and Mathematics, has won Senator of the Month. Joshua is a third-year, majoring in chemistry and minoring in biology. Since the start of the school year, Senator Sukumar issued applications and found new members for the college’s advisory board to help weigh in on key decisions with the dean. Due to the college’s high number of students (about 3,100), Senator Sukumar interviewed and added a second SGA senator to the college in order to better serve his constituents. His future hopes as a senator include finding more networking opportunities for STEM majors due to the limited number of opportunities on campus, especially for science majors.

Senator Sukumar chose to run for the senate because he wanted to make a positive impact on his peers by advocating on their behalves. He hopes to make a great college experiences for students in the maths and sciences by bettering the college. Working with the dean, various department heads, and numerous professors has been valuable to him from all of the insight he has gained on the college and he hopes to not only disseminate that information, but to engage his peers with the college’s higher ups.

Outside of school, Joshua is an aspiring screenwriter. He has loved to write all of his life and typically spends weekends brainstorming ideas for new stories. His key to success in life is by holding himself accountable because as his mom always said, “the most important things are the things you do when no one is looking.”

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Questions? Concerns?  
Inquiries about the SGA Feather Letter:

The Communications Committee of Student Government Association works to circulate university-wide changes and college-based decisions.

Our team will answer any questions that stem from the provided information.

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