
KSU Student Government Association



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. My three main priorities after hearing my peers' concerns in September have come down to student fees, student space, and communication via upper administration.

Every student at KSU has an investment to our university, and we have a responsibility as Student Government to help students understand where their money is going. My personal project is to get a better explanation of fees out to the student body. After talking to Parking & Transportation, we were guaranteed that they would be reexamining their charges so that students who do not park on campus will not have to pay for parking next year. Some of SGA's main priorities are advocating for student space and making better use of the space our university owns. SGA is returning our Senate Office so it can be turned into the multi-faith space, where different religious groups can practice their faith. Lastly, getting our upper administrators to communicate new plans is important to us. I have had the honor of working with Dr. Davis, our interim president, and our great administration. They have been thorough in ensuring they email out upcoming changes to students and will continue to do so.

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

September 2016

Every College Has Senators to Represent Their Constituents.
College Senators' September Recap:

College of Architecture & Construction Management - Senator Wise:

- Actively meeting with office administrators to make a lounge area in the college for students.

College of the Arts – Senator Carpenter-Henriquez:

- Working on creating a monthly student success platform for students in the form of archives within the college. The archives would create a sense of pride within the COTA and encourage students to strive to do the best. It will also serve as an update system of what is happening within each discipline.

Bagwell College of Education - Senator Sanchez:

- Working with the office to develop Educators Day of Football. This event is a KSU football game meant to celebrate educators, student teachers in training, and alumni who have received a certificate.
- Developing a plan to build storage spaces for K-12 students who are living in hotels around Cobb County. Teaming up with the CARE center on campus and the Cobb County Homeless Students.

Coles College of Business - Senators Bodony, Miller, & Skinner:

- Talking to Kasey Helton, Assistant VP for Operations, on bringing a new eatery to both campuses.

College of Computing & Software Engineering - Senator Jackson:

- Developed a website for all computing & software majors to visit to find advice on organizations and routes to take with their concentration. Visit <http://dejatjackson.wixsite.com/ksu-ccse> to learn more.
- Working on making the campuses more bike-friendly. Met with Aaron Fowler, Director of Transportation, to figure out where more bike racks can be installed.

College of Engineering & Engineering Technology – Senators Kirkland & Jones:

- Attempting to implement an “Open Lab” policy for students to have more time to work.
- Working with Dean Currin to get a peer development center put together. Half of the money has been raised to start the lab.
- Establishing a way for students to view what labs/study rooms are available and have access to via KSU ID cards.

Honors College - Senator Parish:

- Seeking to add more upper-level honors courses within the colleges that have the highest percentage of honors students. Currently ranking, honors students make up 20% of the College of Humanities & Social Sciences and 15% of The College of Computing & Software Engineering.

College of Humanities & Social Sciences – Senators Lynch, Monago, Ward:

- Teaming up to implement a computer lab in the college, where computer science majors assist the in-house majors with website building and creating domains.
- Developing a FAQ page for majors on the humanities website to assist with questions about specific tracks and majors.

College of Science & Mathematics – Senator Tomlinson:

- Created a student advisory board for students of the college to serve on and have a say in the direction of the college.
- 64 applications have been submitted to serve on the SAB. The applications range from students in every major within the college.
- Contacted the dean to reopen the locked outdoor patio in the science building. The dean is currently working on making it accessible to students as soon as possible.

University College - Senator Delaney:

- Promoting the different opportunities available for students within the college, such as The NEST, advising center, and CSL, and encouraging involvement in them.

WellStar College of Health & Human Services – Senators Bruce & Liu:

- Creating applications for student advisory boards.
- Contacting advisors and directors of the nursing program to see if an interview or personal statement can be used during the application process.

Different Student Populations Have Senators to Represent Their Groups. **Commission Senators' September Recap:**

American Minorities - Senator Rubio:

- Teamed up with KSU's Pride Alliance and contributed half of the fee to pay for B.O.B Transportation to take students to the Atlanta Pride Parade.
- Working with the Muslim Student Association to help them find organizational space on campus after the removal of the cubicles.
- Began working with Intergroup Dialogue, which is a closed group dedicated to learning about open dialogue in a safe space. Conversations veer towards themes of social identity.
- Helping the Organization for Latin American Students get started on campus. The club aims to promote cultural appreciation and the advancement of Latin American students.

First-Year Students – Senators Gagne & Williams:

- Focusing on adding more security measures in the parking decks, especially in North Deck. There are currently only cameras located near the stairwells, not in the stairwells. Meeting with Chief Roger Stearns, the VP of the Police Department, to also discuss adding more cameras deeper into the parking decks to account for vehicle damages.

Fraternity & Sorority Life - Senator DeLee:

- Processing a registered student organization for Greek leaders to help organize their communities across councils.

Non-Traditional Students - Senator McGinnis:

- Hosted The Adult Learner Student Organization's first game night. Game nights bring non-traditional and traditional students together to meet in a comfortable, friendly environment.
- Working on an event for adult and commuter students to learn about study abroad opportunities and debunk some of the myths to show how it is possible.
- Focusing on getting an activity hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays so that students can meet for group projects and have club meetings.

Registered Student Organizations – Senator Gibson:

- Working on creating resource accounts for student organizations. They would be email accounts with a Kennesaw domain, so organizational inquiries could be sent to a relevant email ID rather than a member's personal account.

Residential Students – Senator Gilcrease:

- Focusing on getting better visitor parking through other means, such as hang tags. This will work to alleviate concerns of visitors of residential students who have a hard time finding proper parking and receive a citation as a result.
- Reached out about the broken elevators in University Village 2000. A lightning storm fried a circuit board, making it difficult to fix. One of the elevators has been made operational, and they are currently working on fixing the other one.

Student Athletics - Senator Singleton:

- Vying to bring a food vending machine to study hall after student athletes have expressed the need for one in the building.
- Aiming to develop a monument for student athletes on campus. The monument would be a reminder of the legacy our former and current athletes are leaving behind.

Students with Disabilities - Senator Behrend:

- Ensuring that the buildings on both campuses are up to code on handicap access. Completed a thorough checkup on all of the assisted door opening buttons and submitted a list to maintenance.
- Working on bringing allergen notices in The Commons and Stingers.
- Taking the steps to open a book donation service for homeless students and students with dire financial needs. Working to install a bookshelf in the SGA office for textbook donations.

Veteran Affairs – Senator Hamm:

- Working to end the disconnect in email communication with veterans who are not using their educational benefits due to being uninformed.

More is coming Kennesaw's way. *Your way.*

Scheduled Upcoming Events:

October 9 – Seeds of Hope Service Project

12 P.M. Kennesaw Campus. Carmichael Student Center. UV Rooms.

October 12 – Fuel for Midterms

10 A.M. Kennesaw Campus. Campus Green.

12 P.M. Marietta Campus. Student Center.

October 14 – Homecoming Concert with Lupe Fiasco

8 P.M. Marietta Campus. Basketball gym.

October 19 – 5th Student Government Meeting

7 P.M. Kennesaw Campus. Carmichael Student Center, UV Rooms.

October 31 – Meet the Presidents

11-1 P.M. Kennesaw Campus. Campus Green.

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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