

Student Government Association
3rd General Session
September 23, 2015
Student Center- University Room C,D,E



Kennesaw Campus

1. Call to Order- President Roberson
2. Roll Call- Director Vadlamudi
3. Approval of the 2nd Meeting Minutes
4. Dr. Michael Sanseviro (20 min)
 - a. “Good evening. How’s the year going so far? I welcome the opportunity to talk to Student Government, to keep you guys in the loop and to update you. First and foremost, thanks to President Roberson for helping out on TurboVote. We are wrapping up Constitution Week. Constitution Day was on Thursday. There is a federal week that we must have a constitution day, but we have a week. Our job is to get students to vote. We partnered with a third party vendor to start TurboVote. You can sign up online to change addresses easily and it’ll send you text or email reminders for every upcoming election for the rest of your life. We have

important elections coming up and we must make our students sign up. We underestimate the power that young students have today to influence votes. Residents in West 22 & UClub are within the city of Kennesaw. If they all signed up and voted, they can change election polls. We can change laws that are not student friendly and we can stand up against it. Register locally and vote. Homecoming is coming up. Thank you SGA for your nonstop support. It is all for the students and we want everybody to get engaged. We have signature events coming up on the Marietta campus on Thursday with competitions and a bonfire. We have a parade on Friday on the Kennesaw campus with our own marching band. We've had two past marching bands perform here – a high school and a homeschool, but we're excited for our own marching band. Parade starts at 4 and ends at ARC amphitheater, then a pep rally, then a break and a concert. We wanted a free concert on the green. We had a successful response to Wiz Khalifa. It was a successful concert. We wanted to have a guest just as great, but we were financially bound. A homecoming committee meant many days since January. They focused on getting a band that was somewhat prominent. Secondly, they wanted it to be as affordable/free for students. Is the first priority to make it free or to get a good band that costs a little? Some adjustments were made because of that. The first group we reached out to, All-American Rejects, rejected us. We went

with Icona Pop. They agreed to \$50,000. However, after they got accepted in a few commercials, they asked us to hire their openers and it up the cost to \$75,000. We had to get creative. That's why we reached out to SGA. Two groups that were going to throw money our way are bound to the school/were in a competition with the school based on university policies, which is why we couldn't borrow money from any external partners. We signed the group, but now we lack money for production value. We were told that if we switched it from the Green to the stadium, we could make it look a little better. We will be on the rugby field for the concert. The goal is to generate enough revenue to cover production. Marty Elliot and them agreed that if we paid for the talent, they would take care of production before revenue comes in. We agreed to keep ticket sales as low as possible. We even allowed students to buy two tickets per student ID so they can invite a non-KSU student. We will not increase the student price for tickets, even up until show time. We are getting awfully close to homecoming, which is why we had to pull all of these stunts. I have six minutes so I'll take questions.

- b. **Senator Okere:** Icona Pop would have to bring their own production team, correct? So will there be an opening act?
 - i. Yes. We have two openers, but I'm not too sure who they are.

c. Senator Gargulio: When we voted, didn't we vote for the money to be allocated for free tickets?

- i. President Roberson – He sent out a follow up email saying the concert would be changed from the green to the stadium. Nobody emailed him back and said it was an issue. Tickets are on sale and we are monitoring how the sales are going. We are trying to provide free tickets to SGA as a courtesy so you guys can give them out as wished.

d. Senator Perez: Reslife purchased a lot of tickets to give out to students. Can we do that again?

- i. There is not a purchase to buy any blocks of tickets, but University Housing is hosting the events on Marietta for Thursday.

e. Senator Benjamin – Will students have to pay for parking?

- i. All of the lots directly under KSU's control will be open. Lots that we do not have control to, we are reaching out to see if they will let us have the lots for courtesy for Friday night. We are working with transportation for shuttle services as well.
- ii. **It's not the football field?**
 1. It's on the East side.
- iii. **Is there a maximum number of tickets that you will cut off at?**

1. The maximum capacity for the field is 12,000.
We are estimating 5,000 people to come.
Alumni affairs is having an event and their tent will be allowed for us to use and all sponsors have access to VIP tent.

f. **Director Fernandez:** Marty Elliot said she would lessen the fee?

i. They said I have to raise 70,000. Marty Elliot said he would cover 5,000 and the risk based off of ticket sales.

ii. Homecoming committee starts planning in January, correct?

1. Yes, we meet once a month through the spring, a few times over the summer, and more regularly over the fall.

5. Officer Reports (2 min/ officer)

a. Secretary Prater- No report

b. Treasurer Goodson-The stipend committee started meeting last Friday. They will meet weekly until they get everything going then they will push back to bi-weekly meeting. They will have a stipend report at the end of every month for everyone to see what they have earned or lost. If you have troubles with Owl Life and getting to the "SGA Money Request" form then please email Treasurer Goodson and he will assist you. We have just over \$100,000 dollars in your

budget right now. The stipend money will be deducted from that total after all stipends are calculated.

- c. Director Brock- Thank you to everyone that attended the presidents last week it turned out really great and we had over 100 people attend. Last week she went to a homecoming meeting and they have announced that Icona pop will be performing for homecoming. Please make sure to check your emails about owl reaches and other events going on in SGA. The pumpkin lunch will be on October 29 from 2 to 4 please mark your calendar's because SGA is going to attend this event. As for homecoming, she is handing out the sheet to everyone that has all the details of homecoming. Please refer to this for any questions, if not feel free to email her. We need more people to participate in the lip sync, practices will most likely be held on weekends.
- d. Director Kramschuster- Director Kramschuster met with Dr.Omachonu senior vice provost, on September 10th, to discuss academic advisement. His main role at Kennesaw State is to improve and oversee academic advisement. The current model for the 10 advising centers on campus is semi-professional advisors and faculty; he wants to hire professional advisors as well as career advisors so students can gain insight on where to apply and the next steps after graduation. The current ratio is 700 students to one advisor when the ideal model is 400-500 students to one

advisor. He plans to achieve this ratio to increase the student-advisor relationship. They discussed the academic advisement survey and its role in helping him gauge student views before and after improvements and he looks forward to receiving the results. The dates for Fuel for Midterms and Fuel for Finals have been decided. Fuel for Midterms will be October 14th on Kennesaw campus from 12:30-1:30 and on Marietta campus from 3:00 to 4:00. Fuel for Finals will be on December 7th on Kennesaw campus from 12:30-1:30 and on Marietta campus from 3:00 to 4:00. The academic affairs committee will hand out the “goodie” bags and scantrons at these events, the rest of the senators attendance to the events would be helpful. Academic Affairs committee, don’t forget that we are meeting after the meeting.

- e. Director Vadlamudi- All of the goods are ordered and coming in. This includes jerseys, service shirts, owl towels, and polos. They will be in before homecoming events. The Feather Letter is working on being finished. It will be published in different tutoring areas, on the bulletin boards, and online. An online complaint box and calendar is working on being posted on the website.
- f. Advisor Harvill- Hello, everyone. We have delved pretty far into SGA this semester and it’s time to do a water check. Everybody put their thumbs up and tilt them upward or downward based on how you feel about SGA and how we are doing so far. (Everyone feels neutral). He is still working

on card services and getting us room access. It is taking a while but it should be resolved soon. If anyone has any complaints and wants to make a move, such as a referendum, please speak up and work on the issue for your constituents. You must stand up and take a stance to make real change and it is possible. Remind to ask yourself “what have you done lately to make the lives of KSU students better?”

- g. AVP Roberts- Forums are now being planned, and a few have even occurred already this month. AVP Roberts created an officer report form to make for easier submission. She will be conducting climate assessment within the next two weeks of 1:1s with the Senators. This assessment will include questions about requirements and obligations within SGA and how Senators are internalizing those.
- h. VP Delaney- Vice President Delaney has been receiving reports from the Executive Board about their Internal Committees. He would like to remind other Chairs of committees to send him their report by the end of this week, so that he can put a master report together that encompasses all SGA internal committees. Also, Vice President Delaney needs to speak to all Interns and Senators in the Intern program after the meeting today. You must see Vice President Delaney before your dismissal from the meeting, since the information he will be talking about

is pertinent to the start of next weeks training sessions with the Center for Student Leadership amongst other SGA jobs. Vice President Delaney also needed to mention a few house keeping items. The first being that every needs to be reading, and responding to emails that are being sent out. It has come to his attention as well as Eboard as a whole that some information is being lost in communication to Senators. This is most likely due to a failure of Senators to read and understand the emails that are being sent to them. If Senators do not read their emails, then they will surely miss out on information that could be pertinent to their stipend. If Senators and Eboard members continue to not read and respond to emails, then those people will be taken aside and talk to personally. Secondly, Vice President Delaney wanted to remind everyone that to be successful within SGA, it will require personal responsibility on everyone's part. If for some reason a SGA Officer is unsure or something, lacks information, or did not receive an adequate response, then it is on them to reach back out and find the correct information. Just because a SGA officer does not know what to do, does not warrant an excuse from their duties or expectations. Next, Vice President Delaney wanted to remind everyone about the appropriate action for excuses. If an SGA Officer cannot attend a mandatory SGA event, then an excuse must be given to Secretary Prater at latest 24 hours before that event. It is not acceptable,

professional, or fair to give Secretary Prater an excuse the day of the event and expect to be excused without penalty. This was a an expectation set months ago, and at new Senator Training, so for SGA Officers to be doing this now is simply unacceptable. Please know that in the future, if this is to happen again, the corresponding SGA Officers will not receive an excused absence and will have a stipend deduction, unless there are extreme circumstances, which will be left to interpretation by the Eboard. It is better to be upfront and honest about your availability, rather than give an excuse at the last minute. Also, Vice President Delaney would like to remind everyone that the use of cellphones are prohibited to be used within the meeting time, except for AVP Roberts, since she is our time keeper. If anyone has any questions at all about anything that Vice President Delaney has mentioned, please feel free to contact him.

- i. President Roberson- Last week, SGA finally helped Club and intramural sports and The Sports and Rec park come to an agreement about field usage at the park during home football games. Moving forward in this process, those students will work with Marty Elliott and her team to prevent scheduling conflicts in the future. President Roberson met with the Title IX Coordinator Erika Gravett. She told him about several programs the office of Diversity and Inclusion will roll out soon. Some of those programs include Bystander Intervention training, Tell KSU, and a

new app they plan to roll out called Live Safe. President Roberson is getting ready for the board of Regents visit on the 13th and 14th of October. He asks that any senators that would like to learn more about the university on a system wide level and a chance to meet the Board of Regents please let me know after the meeting today. He would love to have your support as he addresses the Board of Regents. The cubes committee will be meeting on October 1st at 2pm in the Student Center staff lounge. At this meeting we will discuss the two town halls we had on September 1st and 2nd. Last night, there was a Greek life town hall, so we got a lot of feedback from that as well. We will be narrowing down a plan for the cubicles. We hope to be able to vote on this at one of our October meetings.

6. Director Brock (10 min)

- a. She knows there are a lot of questions about homecoming. Everybody got a handout. It's not mandatory, but if you complete 4/7 events for homecoming, you can be in the VIP area for SGA.
- b. Window decoration – It won't be as long as three hours. If we're all signed up
- c. Team Trivia – only have five people signed up
- d. We need more people lip sync. Practices will be on the weekend. JP is helping choreograph. 6-7 people in the Senate are allowed to do it.

- e. Banner prep – Tiffany is working on the design – it’s super awesome. If you can’t come the entire time, it’s fine.
- f. Parade – Meet in west lot at 2:30.
- g. Governance committee – We are going over the bylines and working on changing some items, such as meeting times. My committee and I have come to the conclusion that the meetings will be on Fridays at 2pm. If you don’t like that, please email me. The reasoning behind that is because there are not that many classes on Friday at 2pm. Traffic wouldn’t be that bad because our meetings would end at 4pm latest. These meetings will be biweekly and will not take up every Friday.
- h. Cameron Gibson – Are we supposed to bring our own materials to the banner making?
 - i. No, my committee will provide – if you would like to bring paint or any supplies, we would truly appreciate it.

7. Open Forum

- a. Senator Perez – The pumpkin launch is a go. I encourage everyone to come out. You can enter a team through owlife.
- b. Senator Walley - The honors college are still in process of consolidation, there I will be hosting two forums. They took professors off the list. Met with the director of the Marietta campus to discuss problems.
- c. President Roberson – Where are the meetings?
 - i. In the honors college lounge. Everybody please come.

- d. Senator Anaeki – We wanted an advisory board for our college, like the business students have. Student leaders are going to meet up with advisors and discuss what they would like to bring on and any issues. We are having our forum next week on Sept 29th at 5pm in the social sciences.
- e. Senator Powell-Harris: Congrats to our football team for winning the game in the last 8 seconds. Still undefeated! I met with SAC to introduce myself as their senator and get some questions. Their biggest concern is the wifi shutting off at arc on 8. We have 3,000 students in the student section. It is uncommon for football games in general. They are looking into that because they want more students in the student section. Forum at the Sports and Rec gym.
- f. Senator Tuan – He had a general body meeting on Monday concerning wifi. We are having a monster ball. It is being changed 30th of October. We are having a haunted house in Howell.

8. Announcements (1 min per officer/guest) (5 min)

- a. Senator Okere – Sept 30th, 7-9. Clendenin Building, 1009 Delta Sigma Pi
- b. Senator Orizu – Oct 1st – Nigeria Independence Day on the Green. Nigerian Student Association (he's the president)
- c. Senator Ward – Hispanic Week. Monday, 11-3, Papi's, La Bamba. On the Green. food, dancing.
- d. Senator Powell-Harris – Running for Homecoming King.

- e. Senator Anaeki – Model African Union debate team. If you like African issues, come out. Social Science room. 8 pm, Tuesday Thursday
- f. Senator Perez – Compass Service Trip – looking for service leaders. Go to a community that needs outreach. 3 trips – different locations. Trip leader can focus on what they are interested in.
- g. Director Fernandez – College Republicans hosting the NRAs. In University Room B. Free pizza, free NRA membership. Working on pushing guns on campus.
- h. Advisor Harvill – Participate in spirit week. Sign up to be in the parade. You can come in the parade as whatever you want. Push gurneys if you're a nurse.
- i. Does SGA want to endorse Dorian for homecoming king?
 - i. Senator Anaeki moves.
 - ii. Senator Gargulio seconds it.
 - iii. Points of Discussion
 - 1. Senator Forero – He's running for king. Is he running for king as SGA?
 - 2. President Roberson – No, he 's just running but SGA would be endorsing it.
 - 3. Senator Forero – I might be running for king as well.
 - 4. President Roberson – We can support both of you on behalf of SGA.

5. Advisor Harvil – Applications are due Sunday. Interviews are next Thursday and Friday. If we have more than one person from SGA, that's great, but until we have the court picked out, we can't endorse them.
6. President Roberson – Shall we table the vote?
7. Senator Tuan moves to table the vote, Senator Knapp seconds it.

9. Adjournment

- a. Senator Stewart moves to adjourn the meeting
- b. Second by Senator Mobolaji
- c. All in favor, motion carries