

# **“What have you done today to better the lives of students?”**

## **Student Government Association**

### **45th General Body Meeting**

**22 August 2018**



- I. Call to Order – President Hunnicutt
- II. Roll Call – Secretary Gunby
- III. Approval of 44th Meeting Minutes
- IV. Officer Reports
  - a. Dr. Pamela Whitten – President of Kennesaw State University
    - i. I had hopes and expectations for being President of KSU. I will tell you that in my first weeks, it has not been a disappointment. KSU is a wonderful university and has had significant growth over the past years. Now, we’re ready to charge up to the top of the mountain and up our game in terms of your success. That means that students come here and they stay and graduate. It means that we create experiences for you as a college graduate. When you approach people about jobs, they know that Kennesaw State is a reliable place for education and experience. The challenge that I pose to everyone of the University is that every decision that you make, you always stop and ask yourself “how will this benefit the students of Kennesaw State University?” I would love to hear what you all have to say.
      1. Senator DuClair: In the past, students have expressed difficulty in reaching the president. Is

there a way to make yourself available to listen to all of us?

a. My way is reaching out to different organizations to listen to the students. I do this to learn more about the University and about the needs of students. I encourage you to remember that there are other great leaders across the University that you should be close with.

2. Director Delaney: What do you wish from SGA to help KSU's potential?

a. It's most important to recognize that you are here to represent the student body of the University. Sometimes you may have your own agenda, but you can't let that get in the way of your duty. It's your role as a representative to come and talk about the issues. I would ask that you not have to wait until a formal setting to bring something to my attention.

b. Senator for American Minorities: I know with some of the RSOs on campus, they're not fully aware with the budgeting.

i. Treasurer Harr: I actually serve as the co-chair of SABAC. We would love to have you at our meetings to give you more information.

c. Senator Holmes: How do you see diversity improving among our faculty and staff?

i. I am a big proponent of using data to predict trends and to help make

decisions. One thing that I've asked the provost to do is to make sure that we're offering the right number of courses that students need. From that, we'll see where we are and the faculty that we will need based on that. I still have so much to figure out here. I had the fortune to work with the most talented person at UGA to start new projects having to do with diversity. I'm going to be very interested to see what we've done and where we need to do more.

- d. Senator Rahman: Thank you for coming to our meeting. What are your thoughts on how to further improve students beyond graduation?
  - i. I will be interested to hear about advising in the next coming months.
- e. Senator Bradford: How do you plan on helping build a stronger culture with student athletics?
  - i. There's a certain aspect that we want student athletes want to understand that class comes first. The culture that's created in terms of all of the sports will be driven in large by Milton and his team and the students.
- f. Senator Keller: What is the motivation for you behind your work?
  - i. I've been in higher education for a long time. For a lot of years, I was a regular college professor. I was transitioning

from my college professor position and started to take on larger and larger roles. You wake up one day and realize that you get so much gratification by solving other people's problems.

- g. Senator Magginis: How would you cater to nontraditional students?
  - i. We see more nontraditional students. Transfer students are very important in this University. I don't know what advising looks like at this University, but if we don't have proper advising for them, we're not doing them any service.
- h. Senate Lead Bapat: Five years down the line, where do you see the Marietta Campus in the future?
  - i. I'm not able to answer that question from being here a month. I don't tend to hear anything from students about that consolidation, but I do hear it from the faculty. There might be some opportunities about diversifying both campuses. It's not easy to bring together two great Universities, but it's really impressive that Kennesaw State has sort of embraced both campuses.
- i. Vice President Abdul-Salam: I've heard from students that were here that a lot of the professors that were here left the Marietta campus.



1. Senator Holmes: How would you like the Marietta campus to spread the word about NCUR and research?
  - a. I think students on the Marietta campus are doing things in class that meet the definition of undergraduate research but are not thinking about it that way. I would encourage the Marietta campus people to ask their constituents about the projects that they are doing and encourage them to submit them to NCUR. Also invite me to come to classes and RSOs to talk to the Marietta campus.

#### C. Directors

- i. Director of External Affairs: I've been doing work for Constitution Week. If anyone has connections for possible prizes, I'm looking for some for my events. With that, there is Constitution planning tomorrow morning and I'm also meeting with Police Chief Stephens later that day. I'm also meeting with Alex McGee. We hope to get some updates on legislation policy wise. Recently, a Fulton county judge denied the request from 6 professors to abolish campus carry. There's a Kennesaw City Council meeting.
- ii. Director of Internal Affairs: Most of my report has to do with Homecoming. These are the official homecoming teams. Some people had to be moved around. The only difference in this list is that Macy Dykes is back on team trivia. Another addition is boat racing. That is October 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm. Trivia moved to October 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you're unhappy with where you are with the Homecoming team, please see me after the meeting. If you were not at the retreat,

that means that I don't have a waiver from you, so you're not on the slide. Swinging for the kids is kind of failing right now, and I've already made SGA's commitment to KSU Miracle. The date is September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. To register for a donor drive is 25 dollars currently. I would really like all of us to be as involved as we can be. For lip sync, I would like us all to have uniforms or t-shirts. Because of this, you will have to pay a small fee. If you have any financial issues with any of this, please come talk to me.

- iii. Director of Academic Affairs: I'm going to be meeting with Chris Hutt soon for the pre-health advising. If you guys have any issues at all with advising, please let me know so that I can get those concerns to the right people. Fuel for Midterms is going to be October 1<sup>st</sup>. Fuel for Finals is November 28<sup>th</sup> on the Marietta Campus from 11:30am to 12:30pm in the J Building Lobby and on the Kennesaw Campus from 1:30pm to 2:30pm in UV room B in the student center.
- iv. Director of Procedural Operations: If you have any questions about procedure or dress code, please ask me. The rules will be enforced this year. We will be confirming members of the governance committee.
- v. Director of Communications: One thing that I'm trying to do is increase our follower account on social media so that we can get the word out about what we're doing in SGA. I'm also trying to bring back feather letters which are newsletters of what senators are doing every month. The officer reports are what senators write every two weeks. We will start publishing officer reports online now to prevent any shenanigans. Since I'm in charge of social

media now, I will not post anything political on our social media.

**d. Senate Leads**

- i. Kennesaw Senate Lead: If you were not at the retreat and you don't know who your senate lead is yet, please look at the PowerPoint that was sent to you. Thank you for coming out to the retreat. I have a thank you card to go to our event planner that helped us at bolero.
- ii. Marietta Senate Lead: If you don't know who your senate lead is, please go over the slides that were sent to you. We will read officer reports this year, so please don't goof off for them.

**e. Treasurer**

- i. Today we had our first SABAC meeting of the semester. The next one is August 29<sup>th</sup>. I invite all of you to come out to that. In the business chat, there will be a google doc to apply for the stipends SACBAC.

**f. Secretary**

- i. The following people have not accepted my invite to join OwlLife. Make sure you're signing in for office hours. The Career Planning and Development Department came and dropped off some swag for you all. Please remember to keep the offices clean especially the Kennesaw Campus. No food in the trashcans in the SGA offices. Potential interns and first year senators, come up here to sign in with me.

**g. Vice President**

- i. Thank you all for coming here to the meeting. I've received all of your emails and your resumes. We'll be splitting up your interviews between me and President



Hunnicutt. We'll be having 4 to 5 members in each committee. Committees are mandatory for everyone. I'll be sending out an email to all of you to which you will have to send me back an email saying what committee you would like to be in. For the Directors, if you want specific members on your team, send me an email about it. Be on the lookout for the email. Once you receive it, please respond as quickly as you can.

#### h. President

- i. I got the chance to meet with Dr. Whitten. If you have any questions that you want asked, forward them to me and I will ask her every month when we meet. As you all know, we're trying to be stricter on professionalism, so if you have any questions about that, let us know.

Unfortunately, two senators stepped down from their positions. If you're in the audience and looking to join the intern program, you now have a potential new opportunity. We also have a vacancy for the College of Computing and Software Engineering. We're going to start for social media purposes, getting a picture of us signing a resolution.

#### V. Open Forum (2 min/per officer)

- a. Director Gagne: To add, one thing that I'm working on to add to the homecoming event list, I'm trying to put together a tailgate for the homecoming game. If you are a homecoming event captain, please expect an email with the packet.
- b. Senator Coakley: If your senate lead is based on Marietta, please come see me after the meeting.

#### VI. New Business

- a. Governance committee confirmations
- b. Senator of the Honors College Swear-ins

## VII. Announcements (2 min/per officer)

- a. Senator Steltzer: 6:30pm outside the Music Building lawn, there's going to be free food on Monday at 6:30pm.
- b. Senator Holmes: CCSE has some events. Tomorrow we have the welcome cookout. There's also a hacking event and an organization town hall meeting.
- c. Senator Whitehead: We're going to have a voter registration drive someday. We also have a social media campaign coming up soon, so look out for that.
- d. Senator Ray: Fraternities will be having events next week, so if you want to get involved, look out for those.

## VIII. Adjournment