

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

Student Government Association

56th General Body Meeting

27 February 2019



- I. Call to Order - President Keller
- II. Roll Call - Secretary Toor
- III. Approval of 56th Meeting Minutes
- IV. Officer Reports
 - A. Veronica Trammell - Duo for Students-UITs Presentation
 - i. Beginning March 1st all students will be required to use Duo Two Factor Authentication. Beginning on March 9th we're moving Duo to Degreeworks and owl express. what that means is registration for summer and fall 2019 classes will require you to have duo two factor authentication activated. It's really important that you have this done because we don't want you guys to be delayed in registering for classes or being able to access your information. Duo D2L is going to happen on May 9th after the grades are due. After spring semester you will now have to use Duo for D2L as well.
 - B. Dr. Monica Nandan - Director of Strategic Partnerships and Social Impact
 - i. Today's presentation is on mental health. 30% of college students in the last year have been disabled emotionally and have not been able to function well. 43 million americans have mental health issues, 1 in 5 children and teenagers have mental health issues. 45,000 americans

committed suicide in 2015. Our life expectation has been going up in the last 200 years but this is making us go backwards. This is a crisis. If a quarter of our students cannot function due to mental illness in a given year, this is a problem. You are balancing more today than your grandparents did when they were in college. And technology is making this even more difficult because you're constantly bombarded. Emotional welfare of college students is very important. May 11th, we are having a big event on this campus, the first of its kind, Mental Health Awareness Day; I would encourage SGA to get the word out when the flyer is here. You will be exposed to basic assessment, are you stressed, are you depressed, what do you do next? This will happen in Prillaman Hall from 9-11 May 11th. This is right after grades are due. May is the Mental Health Awareness month. We need to do things like this on campus; enough is enough. We are losing too many kids. Today employers are screening you not just for your technical skills but for working in teams and how do you work under pressure. So if you break, which will come, and they've got very different high end tools to assess this; if you're not emotionally strong employment is becoming an issue. 4 million dollars is going into mental health for school children from Governor Kemp. After May 11th in summer and next fall we would like to partner with the SGA to do a basic assessment on this campus - how many students know about mental health? Do they know how to recognize it or what the signs are? So with your help we want to make this happen. There are 200-300 clubs on campus, how many times do you do activities that go across all clubs?

Have SGA or owlife identify five topics that all clubs align in, that impact the campus, one of them being mental health awareness. Do something about awareness, prevention, and education. Finally, there's a campus wide initiative called Exercise is Medicine; this is designed to engage universities and colleges and students and faculty and staff for ongoing physical activity on campus to prevent chronic conditions and promote physical health.

C. Directors

i. Director Delaney:

Hey guys, so first don't forget that fuel for midterms is tomorrow it's on the marietta campus it's from 11-12 and then on the kennesaw campus it's 2-3:30. Also there is a UPPC meeting tomorrow it will be in Prillaman Hall from 12:30-2. It's a great meeting I highly recommend you coming and it's right in between both Fuel for Midterms. Fuel for Finals, I'm working on the dates; we have some really great things planned for you guys so please be on the lookout. For elections we have our presidential debates coming up on monday, it will be at 7pm in social sciences 1021. Please come to learn about the people who are running to be in charge of this government body next year. It will be from 7-9 and will probably take the majority of the time.

ii. Director Lopez:

Hey guys, first I want to thank you all again for entrusting me with this new position. So I just want to stress again the retreat is going to be March 9th; if you have a job or any other prior commitments please make arrangements. If you absolutely cannot come please make sure you email

Secretary Toor with a valid excuse. It will probably now be in the Commons as the University Rooms were already scheduled. I did attend the academic calendar committee and we were trying to figure out if do we want students to have school start earlier in the fall and have more breaks and start later and have that one thanksgiving break. Moving on I met with Tracy Stafford; you've heard Treasurer Harr talk about her a good bit; she said the attendance for events is not matching the money spent, so we need to be using card readers for events. They want us to have more support for these events; you pay for them with your student fees. We need to be more informed on policies and procedures specifically with SABAC; if we are able to communicate these better; with RSOs in general, they would love that. Homecoming committee will be formed next month, if you are interested please let me know. They're going to be more strict than they previously were so President Whitten will be directly involved with that. I met today with Ju Harville; he's big on the Marietta campus which I'm not very familiar with and am trying to become more; they are having an open house on Saturday; we need to be there. If a few of you want to come with me; it's from 10:30 to 2; it's going to be us playing games with incoming freshman. I'm putting up an events dry erase board in the office so we can see what events are coming up. We are going to implement an attendance requirement; if you say you're going to that event and then cannot go you will have to find a replacement or get a demerit. The internal affairs committee has met; we will have an Andretti's retreat on March 13th after the meeting at

Marietta. There has been a hate crime bill that is being passed, they sent out an email to students' emails. This is a big deal; I know the student body has really been pushing this policy change; if you want that email forwarded to you or want more information come to me or talk to Director Weese.

- a. Senator Maginnis: In regards to people attending the events you were talking about would this be on a volunteer basis
- b. Yes it would just be so if you make the commitment you have to go or you get a demerit.

ii. Director Burleson-Williams:

I will be sending emails for demerits and strikes; so if you do get an email from me I'm here to hold you guys accountable and give you a warning. We are going to be voting on governance later.

iii. Director Watkins:

Hey everyone so my communications committee had a meeting yesterday it was really productive. We're moving forward with our GOVOTE campaign; we'll be getting a lot of the footage for that video tomorrow. Our plan is to have it finished by the end of the week so we can start the editing process and release the video on March 11th when voting opens. Our poetry night is going to be March 11th from 7-9 in the. Submissions are due March 3rd. Auditions will be held March 4th-6th. There will be a live band and we have a headliner. On March 7th there's an event titled KSU Unity Experience; as Director Delaney Fuel for Midterms is tomorrow. Please post the flyer for that on your social media for your constituents.

D. Senate Leads

i. Senate Lead Dykes:

Officer reports are due tomorrow night on Owl Life by midnight; for our new senators if you are having any problems getting on there let us know. We have made some changes to the form; the biggest change is you have to include a description of your campus engagement this month that explains everything you've done so we can manage where everyone is and you can get credit for doing your event. You also need to include any meetings you've attended or projects you're working on; that's all included on the form. One-on-ones for next month the sign up will be out in the groupme soon.

ii. Senate Lead Henry:

I want to say thank you to the Marietta senators that I've met with in the past two weeks for the ideas we've distinguished in the student centers and allowing me to get an eye on your projects.

E. Treasurer

Treasurer Harr:

The first order of business was getting all new members of the executive board getting updated on their paperwork so they can get hired by the university and receive their stipends. We put together a stipends committee; we sent an application and got a lot of applicants so thank you for that. The committee includes Senators Sam Lefebvre, Bailey Veeder, Bisma Hussain, Vanessa Benitez and President Keller. On a SABAC note annual budget requests for RSOs are due March 29th at 12pm. SABAC will be hosting discussion sessions to help RSOs help plan and create their

budgets; those sessions will be Monday March 4 5-7pm on the Marietta Campus Wilson Student Center.....I've got a presentation right here for you guys on the budget. So our FY19 request we received \$29,590. Macy planned the retreat last Fall; the total came out to \$1,623.80. Fuel for Finals we don't have the second one so we only spent \$250 on the one for Fall semester. We were under budget for Fuel for Midterms and we've got some things planned for Fuel for Finals. As of now from this moment forward there will be no Polos or uniforms provided by SABAC so we need to come up with a plan to get polos that members can afford or say goodbye to them. Stipends last semester total was \$4,660.45; stipends for this semester is TBD. Our current budget is \$12,229.40. President Keller and I are working with Ron to discuss the budget for the FY20 year. We're going to start looking at annual budget requests, if you'd like to attend these meetings you can look at the dates I listed earlier. I want to see some Senator events and forums that use money to do so; go to owl life and fill out the sga money event request form at least two weeks before your event. You will go to the third floor and talk to Tracy; you will get reimbursed for your purchase or agree on an alternative means of getting the money.

F. Secretary

Secretary Toor:

Hey guys, so I have a couple of things I want to just quickly mention. First off is just a reminder to please do not throw away any food waste in the SGA office. We've had an issue with ants in the past so if you're eating in the office that's perfectly fine, just make sure you throw it away outside.

Second is if you haven't already please make sure you fill out the office supply forms that I sent out in the groupme and via email. I want to make sure we get everything we need and that these offices are looking good so your guys' feedback is really important. Lastly is I've had a lot of instances lately where people have been messaging me or other people about being absent for events, and if you cannot attend a meeting or event or have any questions regarding attendance, office hours, campus engagements and stuff like that, please make sure you email me at ksusecretary@gmail.com. I'm responsible for keeping records of all of that so I'm the one you need to talk to.

G. Vice President

Absent - No report

H. President

President Keller:

I've had a fun week and a half since I've seen you. February 15th Director Weese and I attended the SGA day at the Capitol where all the presidents of SGA at universities come and meet with each other. I have the agenda I can share with you if that sparks your interest. I will be attending the President's SAC's conference in March; the agenda is to be announced. I attended the athletics association meeting to discuss the current budget and standings of the athletic department of what we've accomplished and have planned in the future. I've been asked along with Tariq to join the committee for Football Student Attendance. This committee is designated specifically on how to increase ticket sales. Our first meeting is March 4th so if you have any ideas for me let me know. I met with the campus's

leadership which is all of the department heads on Kennesaw and Marietta; the objective for the meeting was for me to meet with the panel and show my face and receive feedback from them; they want to know how we can better reach out to your constituents. Go out and ask people how they'd like to receive information and let me know. I attended the SABAC and Stipends committee meetings; I attended Senator Benitez and Director Weese's event that took place last week. I was so proud of how it turned out and hope we can do that again. I've met with Ron several times in the last couple of weeks to discuss multiple things. Several students have asked us to support them in this cultural time on our campus. In the groupme I put that we are co-sponsoring an event next week with other student organizations. If you know of a student organization that would like to be a part of this please let me know. There are going to be two events; one on the Kennesaw campus and one on the Marietta campus. This is called KSU Unity Experience: A Night of Healing. The objective for this event is everyone is welcome. It's an opportunity for us to come together as a community and as humans first to heal together and talk about some of the cultural stress that has affected our university particularly in these past couple weeks but also for a long time now. In light of that, last Friday I spent time with Dr. Koger and I wanted to interview the Marietta students in how they are interpreting what they have heard and how the cultural stress has affected their campus as well; what I learned is the Marietta students want to be included. Both campuses have different needs and we as SGA need to learn how to

cater to those needs. I met with Judy Kreeven who is going to come in on our retreat. I met with Amanda Long who is also going to be speaking to us at our retreat; I want to reiterate that these speakers are coming for your development. This is really important in establishing a good leadership profile for you and teaching how to be more confident in reaching out and talking to your constituents. Today I was interviewed by the Board of Regents; they were doing an assessment of the police department on campus. Every year they come and make sure the police department is serving you. They asked me some pretty tough questions on how they are doing and what they can do better so they care about you and what's important to your safety. I'm meeting with President Whitten on Friday too so if you have anything you'd like me to bring to her please let me know and email me. We have KSU Miracle this Saturday from 12-12; there will be food there and dancing and really cute kids so I'm excited to be there with you all. We've got the Presidential Debates Monday and our retreat on the 9th so I'm excited to bond with you guys.

V. Open Forum (2 min/per officer)

a. Senator Ray

So tomorrow in the Greek Life Office I'm having my campus-out engagement event and I'm going to have snacks it's from 1-3 but we may cut it up early so everyone can go to Fuel for Midterms so we're going from 1-2:30 now. We're going to talk about Greek Life a little bit and have a suggestion box.

b. Senator Maginnis

There was a recent adult committee meeting we were talking about the price points for adult learning assessment; prior learning assessment is often what you think of when you did AP exams or can test out of something because you have the experience. It also has to do with life experience and work experience; it's especially relevant for adult learners but not just adult learners. The current thought process that is not finalized yet is we're currently thinking that credit by portfolio would be the most expensive; it's based on the amount of time people have to spend on evaluating your portfolio.

c. Senator Coakley

8-5 Thursday and Friday 10 candidates for the Coles College of Business came in; 4 came out. The next Tuesday I was on an Aerospace lab on the Marietta campus with people celebrating the industry and veterans who've worked in the industry; interim committee meeting we went into more detail on what we're going to do with that committee. There are eight new classes that may be in the Southern Poly College of Engineering and Technology.

d. Senator Hussain

Director Weese and I set a meeting with Jennifer Test who is the manager of Student Operations on the Marietta campus; after we are hoping to be one step closer to a quiet reflection room on the Marietta campus. We represented SGA at the town hall meeting last week and heard all the students' concerns and tried to address them to the best of our ability and let everyone know we're all here to help.

VI. Old Business

NONE

VII. New Business

I. Governance Committee

a. Treasurer Harr, Senator Snell, Senator Hale

i. Motion to vote on all individually

1. Treasurer Harr - passed
2. Senator Hale - passed
3. Senator Snell - passed

II. Coles College of Business Senators

a. Dalton Ingrando, Ohme (?)

i. Motion to vote individually

1. Dalton Ingrando - passed
2. Omi Magar- passed

VIII. Announcements (2 min/per officer)

a. Senator Hussain

The Muslim Student Association is holding a “Ask A Muslim a Question get a Donut Event” this is going to be held net Thursday March 7th from 12:30-2pm in the Social Sciences atrium. We’re going to be doing free henna - those are the temporary tattoos.

b. Senator Benitez

The orientation office is accepting school supplies for the habitat of humanity; they’re going to a conference on March 14th; it would be really cool if we had some SGA involvement with that so if you want to donate you can bring that to them or give supplies directly to me and I’ll make sure it gets there. We’re looking for school supplies; I can drop the list of what we’re asking for in the groupme.

c. Director Watkins

About this suit-up event, if a lot of people don't go and it's not successful they'll stop doing it. It's a great opportunity for students to get business professional or business casual attire at a discount.

d. Senator Alfalih

There is an organization called American Institute for architecture students they'll be having a silent auction for sketches on napkins; we get really awesome artists to these sketches it will be in Ponce City market.

f. Senator Rahman

The Atlanta Science Festival starts next week and runs through March. There will be professors hosting panels at the event. There's one called Science Ride; it's stand-up comedy for scientists who want to come around from the state; I also think it's at Ponce City Market.

g. Senator Coakley

we're looking to host an event in which the dean will come out and professors for students to ask questions on March 19th and March 21st.

h. KSUnited

The anti-racist education center was promised over 10 years ago and still has not happened. We know that these are solutions and are demanding that the university implement these; this racist environment continues because no one is held accountable. There are no policies for students who commit racist acts. The university administration is not being transparent about the incident with Elijah John who is feeling very unprotected by the

university; we as KSUnited we are telling you we have these solutions and demands to fix these problems. In 2015 Pricilla and I came before SGA and asked for their support on these demands and they did not support us. For years now students have been allowed to use hate speech and perform in acts with racism, homophobia, prejudice against the LGTBQ community etc. There are no sanctions against this; it is imperative that we work together on this because we have been fighting for these issues for years. Every time one of these incidents of discrimination comes out and we hosts forms and meetings we have to follow that up with policy change and reform. KSUnited is an anonymous voice for faculty and staff and alumni so I think it's extremely important that you understand that we consist of students, faculty, staff; if you all are not willing to help us we're going to push for these anyway but as members of SGA it is in your best interest that we put these policies in place. We would also like that if SGA wants to do something and act as a group of people who are here to represent the students and to fight against this climate we are asking that SGA comes together and puts a statement saying that you all don't condone the hate that's going on on campus and I think this would be a way to show that you really are in solidarity with the students in protecting the climate. This is something that we have been working of for years and considering these demands were created in 2015 and here we are in 2019 shows that Kennesaw has not taken any responsibility. It's imperative that you consider ALL of your students; there are students from different intersections who feel concerned and don't feel comfortable and it's

your job representing those students to put their concerns at the forefront. Thank you all so much.

1. Senator Ray

What repercussions are you wanting to see because it is different because Kennesaw is a public university and not a private university.

i. Hate speech isn't free speech. There's a difference between being able to state your opinion but that shouldn't affect other people in their safety on campus. We're not necessarily we want people to be punished it's more so we want people to create policy; there needs to be action to show this behavior is not tolerated and will not be accepted. If the university were to adopt a policy that defined what hate speech is and what kind of speech incites violence I think that would be a good starting point. I think it's important that we note how interesting it is how there's more repercussions for people who cheat or anything like that than people who threaten someone's life and threatens to kill them like what happened with Elijah John. We don't want to be the school that punishes people who cheat but let people who threatens other people's lives go unpunished.

j. Audience member

With financial aid and scholarships everyone fills out one form for KSU for scholarships and they give out a list of scholarships but not necessarily requirements; there's not enough guidelines for who gets the scholarship; for example I'm a computer science major but I'm not sure if I'm eligible for STEM scholarships because technically I'm undeclared. So I'm missing out on scholarships that pertain to my major but I'm not able to get funds for it until I am officially in the major.

IX. Adjournment