

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

Student Government Association

55th General Body Meeting

13 February 2018



- I. Call to Order - President Keller
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of 53rd Meeting Minutes
- IV. Officer Reports
 - A. Department of Leadership and Service – Dr. Thomas Yannuzi
 - I. I want to quickly give you some information about the Day of Service and how to get involved. It is happening March 29th, a Saturday, 8:30, we're normally back by noon. It's about half a day. Registration starts at 7:45 and then goes to 8:30. 8:30 is when buses or transportation will leave. We're not going to have as much transportation this year because a lot of people like to drive themselves. This year we have 20 community partners that you can register to. You can select what activity you want to be involved in. You can select individual sites for yourself; you show up as a member; when you register you can sign in as a member of SGA so you and SGA get credit for your participation. One of the advantages of doing it that way, one of the interns presentations last fall mentioned a lot of people aren't aware of SGA. So this allows you to network a little bit; get yourself out there and introduce yourself and get students involved in SGA. If you want to participate as

group you can let us know that you want a site as a group. It can be a kind of team building. You have to make sure you have the number of participants allows for the site and make sure you have the commitment. We don't want to tell the site people are going to be there and then have them not show up. A third way is if you want, if you have a particular community partner that you want to select on your own, all you have to do is let us know so we can get that community partner registered for an event and then you as a group can go to that site. The online registration is open at this point; it's just a matter if you want to do that individually or as a group and we can arrange that. There should be a registration site; I went and registered; I can send you the link so you can share it with everybody. Does anyone else have a question? I like to do that - when you ask a question you should wait six seconds to allow for people to respond. It takes 1/9 of a second for people to decide to start talking again. This is a really great way to give back to the community; one of the things we do to add value to our institution and degrees is giving that community and networking. It's really good for you as an organization; the only way you get people to know you as an organization is getting out there and interacting people and doing these kind of activities. Not just day of service - we have service activities all throughout the year. You can get out there and let people know you're doing wonderful work; I know you're doing wonderful work but not everyone knows that and you have to get out there and let them know so they want to get involved. Thank you.

-If you have your own transportation and have a commitment you can leave early. Registration IS on owl life.

B. KSU Miracle

- I. Before the school year started you guys set a goal to raise \$1500 and just last week you met that goal to raise I believe \$1503 so give yourself a round of applause. We are the largest on campus student philanthropy. Right now we have 953 students involved. We have our annual event in 17 days called Dance Marathon; it's an awesome even to celebrate the work we've done all year. We get to hear about all the wonderful families who have been impacted by Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. We could go on to give you more details about Dance Marathon but we thought showing you this video would be better. I've handed Carly some personal invitations for KSU Miracle. If you are not currently involved yet that is okay. We have a discount code for \$12.50; you get into Dance Marathon, we feed you, you get a t-shirt, and it's an awesome day to just celebrate all the wonderful things KSU Miracle has done and will continue to do. Are there any questions?
- II. Director Delaney - If someone registered as a ghost dance can they still show up to the event?
- III. KSU Miracle - Yes you are more than welcome to come.

B. Directors

- i. Director Weese: I went to a core-ed meeting the beginning of last week; it was pretty uneventful but

something may be coming up in the next couple of weeks. Additionally, like Dr. Yanuzzi said, I had a Day of Service meeting planned but that did not happen. We are actually making it a mandatory event for SGA. We're here for students; KSU is in our community. Those applications are open; please go and sign up as soon as you can. We are looking to have a group preferably we're still talking about that on the executive board. Ideally we'd all go with you. We should have a sign up sheet with SGA members. Continuing, a lot of bills are being passed in the Capitol right now; a lot are still in the hopper still; I'll update you all when they become relevant to us. In our last meeting we passed the resolution for the Intern Reform Committee so if you're interested in joining that please let me know. Vanessa and I's event with the Cultural Community Centers is going to happen next Wednesday 7 pm; the flyer is in the groupme so please look at that.

ii. Director Burleson-Williams: Hey guys, so since I was appointed for DPO I've been very busy; I hope everyone got the emails for the appropriate attire that the secretary sent out. I had interviews for the governance committee; those went very well. We had a good turnout for Meet the President; I am involved with Communications committee; I want everyone helping us with our social media presence outside of the SGA instagram meeting. I met with the Senate Leads to come up with how we're going to track the demerits and strikes on both campuses. I met with SGA Advisor Ron and he helped me out with just understanding my duties and responsibilities so I'll go into that with the governance committee; I'll meet with you guys. I met with

Dr. Monica Nandan she works in the Wellstar College; she brought to our health mental health in our college and was very passionate about all the mental health college students face. She's trying to plan a big event in April.

iii. Director Delaney: Hey guys so last week Senator Benitez and Senator Rahman and I met with (?) and talked about summer enrollment strategies; It kind of goes with Dr. Whitten's strategy to decrease the time it takes to graduate. You should take summer classes it'll get you out of here quicker. We talked about a lot of misconceptions with summer classes; You CAN get financial aid over the summer; if you're confused about that you can come and talk to us. UPCC there's a meeting tomorrow if someone could please go with me or please go that would be amazing it's in Prillaman Hall 1105 from 12:30 to 2; there's a lot on our agenda this semester so I think we've added an extra meeting every single month. They do ask for student input a good amount of the time. Elections committee we're going strong applications close Friday; if you're a senator and want to continue you do still have to apply. Fuel for Midterms if February 28th on the Marietta Campus from 11 AM to 12 PM and then on the Kennesaw Campus that's from 2:30 to 3:30. It is a mandatory event so if you can't go you need to send me an email at least 24 hours in advance.

iii. Director Watkins: My committee met for the first time on Tuesday February 5th; a major thing I'm trying to do is push our media; we're trying to have it where it's an expectation that every time someone posts something in the group chat that needs to be posted on social media

everyone posts it. We are now focusing our attention on the Poetry Night on March 25th pending the approval of the date and location. We're aiming for Prillaman; look out for that. Auditions will close sometime the week of 25th so if they're interested send me your work or sign up to audition for me and my committee members. We're trying to do this go-vote campaign for elections; we had in mind a minute long promotional video involving random students talking about voting and the different things they have problems with and getting SGA's name out there. Voting opens on the 11th; I created an Excel sheet that has everything a person's missing so you should have told me by now. I'll also be updating the website within a week from now; don't leave after the meeting we'll be taking a family picture. We're also doing senator highlights to do a photo with each senator in representing their constituency so everyone knows who they are.

C. Senate Leads

i. Senate Lead Dykes: If you have not signed up for a one-on-one please do that February's coming to a close. I'll send it out again in the groupme. Officer Reports are due last day of the month; last day of the month the turnout for turning in Officer Reports was not great but we are really cracking down on that so if you don't turn one in that is a demerit; we're also using them as a way to track campus engagements so you need to talk about that in your report or it won't be counted. We updated the form on Owl Life to include a list of things that should be there. If you need help figuring out what to talk about check it out or talk to us. There's also a template on there for you guys to use for

your headers so it can all look nice and uniform. We have gotten everything organized in terms of keeping track of one on ones and officer reports so if those are not done you're gonna get strikes and demerits.

ii. Senate Lead Henry: Let me know how I can help you I know there's a lot of ambiguity with the Marietta team but I want to change that and make sure that everyone knows I am here for you.

D. Treasurer

i. Treasurer Harr: Hey guys so first things first as of the 6th of February I had a Stipends Committee set up; we tried to promote it get more involvement; the people who applied were the same people who originally expressed interest. They were going to close today but now they're going to close tomorrow night at midnight. The mid-semester budget report will be next meeting to talk about where we're at and what we need to do to make sure funds are being used efficiently. We had two Meet the President events; Vice President Abdul-Salaam purchased two gavels for us so we will have those forever and Senator Rahman helped purchased scantrons so we will have those for both offices. There should be the name tag and polo orders Director Watkins puts in. We're going to talk about SABAC a little bit; we had a lot of discussion; that discussion first included submissions from the French club, the Italian club, the Muslim student association, the biology student association; staying on the topic of SABAC annual budgets for all RSOs including ours will be due March 27th to see what next year and next semester will look like for us.

March 4th from 5-7 PM, this building room A214 we're going to have our first budget information session, March 5th 5-7 Kennesaw campus, Friday March 8th we're going to be in the Burress building. Essentially those meetings are going to help guide RSOs in the ever changing process that is still changing. I sent in the business chat the funding form and the limits set and what rules we can follow when using the money; most of those limits are subject to change right now; there's still certain things such as the classification of RSOs that are affecting our progress; we'll see what the end result will be. Dr. Sanseviro said we worked really hard today and put a lot on paper, but we may come back in a month and see that has a lot has changed from administration. We are looking for one more member of SABAC; Carly and I are in charge of that the availability of that is one Wednesday a month from 3:30-5:30 PM; you're helping allocating almost 2 million dollars of your student activities fee.

E. Secretary

i. Secretary Toor: I want to say that if you have not attended one of the "Meet the President Events" or are not planning on presenting the Elections Powerpoint then you NEED to submit an Event Request Form this week as you need to submit it at least two weeks in advance; if you do not do a campus engagement you will receive a strike. Also I know that with campus engagements it's sometimes hard to be passionate about it because there aren't a lot of options and I know how boring tabling can be, so I highly encourage you all to be creative and think of other options. If you have an idea for a campus engagement that'd you'd

like to do please let me know and I'll be more than happy to talk to you about it and get that arranged. Lastly, I know that both the Kennesaw and Marietta campus are in need of office supplies, so I plan on fixing that soon. I'm going to send out some type of form, one for the Marietta office and one for the Kennesaw office so that people can fill out what supplies we need in each office so please be on the lookout for that.

F. Vice President:

i. Vice President Abdul Salam: There was a deeper dream project I had in the beginning of the semester; I discussed it with President Whitten and she was really supportive of it but she actually asked me to involve SGA more in this so right now the book costs for students is pretty high; especially for the STEM students it's even higher; we can't change the price because it's set by the publishers; we can find alternatives to provide cheaper options to students such as suggesting different editions or ebooks. Dr. Whitten is really busy until the end of February or March but after that she'll be putting together a committee and she needs a report from SGA so we can know what other things need to be implemented so we can change the price of books for students. I'll be having five or six meetings so we have a solid 20 days; if we could get a good report we will be setting a precedent for future students so it will be really beneficial for them. Our Marietta Senate Lead Henry and I will be meeting with Dean Preston next week but the date hasn't been fixed yet. I'll let the SGA members know about it; this was a dream thing Dean Preston and I started my first year as a Computer Science senator; he planned on

involving SGA but other major clubs around the Computer Science college to give him ideas to bring out issues students face and to have understanding of how to get more companies and job offers for students. This will be even bigger and we have seen the good results that have come out of it. Our new DPO Bri and I are apart of the Academy Career planning committee; I'm not really sure what the actual committee's power of changing the calendar is at this point but I believe we'll be able to implement some of the major goals we've had at this point such as syncing spring break with other major schools around Georgia; I'll be inquiring about it this week and understanding what their aim is and as soon as I know more about it I'll update you. The first meeting is on February 19th from 1 pm to 3 pm; there will be a follow up meeting on February 25th. The new senators are assigned to their committees and official emails will be sent out tonight; this will be their primary committees; these senators have the option of choosing another committee if they want to and this will be their second committee.

Marietta Office - I'm officially submitting the cleaning form we're planning to move the big desk in the far corner and I'll be talking to Dr. Brittany and she'll be talking to us about that tomorrow. We met with Dr. Ray and she will be providing more details about that. Our DPO has nominated new people for the Governance Committee and I'll be working closely with them to implement the new bylaws we desperately need at this point by April 24th.

G. President

i. President Keller: One of my most exciting moments i met with President Whitten; the objective for that meeting was for her to just get to know me as your new president and vice versa; she did ask me about you guys and what you were up to; I meet with her once a month so before March 1st send me an email about what you'd like me to bring up to her and I'll be more than happy to do that. Tonight you'll be seeing some new appointments - Senator Lopez for Director of Internal Affairs and Sam Lefebvre for Senator for the Honors College so we'll be voting on that later. I'm part of the Chief Diversity Officer search committee; we had our meeting last week to begin using an outside source to find candidates of that position. I met with the provost for her strategic planning for the Coles College of Business; we also had two executive board meetings; one last week and one about an hour ago; I asked them to begin writing what I see as a little packet or pamphlet for those that are going to take their place in the next administration. We focused on what the budget should look like for this upcoming year so I've asked the executive members what they think their portion of the budget should look like; I met with Dr. White on the 4th; she is the Vice President of Student Affairs; she is extremely supportive of all of us and wanted to let you guys know that she is here for you all in any way shape or form. We met with Dr. Ray who is the Associative Vice President of Student Affairs; I asked how we could better benefit the students of the Marietta campus; she gave me some pointers on how the Marietta students respond in different ways and how we can cater to them. I've been meeting with The Sentinel; I'm looking to get an SGA

weekly column in the Sentinel; we've gotten a lot of positive feedback from the couple of articles we've had in the past. If you'd like to be apart of that let me know; I'd love to pass that off to someone who's passionate about writing. I met with Jordyn Clark and talked about Owl Life accessibility and how we can better serve you guys. I'd like to thank everyone who came to the Meet the President Events; we had over 200 people collectively on both campuses. The entire police team was there to support us; I met a lot of faculty and staff; thank you all for advertising it and supporting it; please look out for another event like that but more focused on you guys. One thing I learned from that was the importance of having a suggestion box for SGA. Director Weese alluded to the Board of Regents; I got to go to that meeting and it was awesome; I can tell you a few highlights; the biggest takeaway was President Whitten was there and we also had a KSU student that was there who was honored for her Academic Excellence in front of the entire board. Our biggest takeaway was KSU was commended for our financial locations on 2018. There is a new baseball field being built; I attended the SABAC meeting and I learned a lot; I want to keep you guys updated on what is coming in my schedule in the next week: this friday Director Weese and I will be at the capitol to meet our legislators; it's going to be amazing to be a fly on the wall; if you have any questions on how that works let me know. On the 20th I have a couple of meetings so if you're interested please reach out to me. That is the end of my report.

V. Open Forum (2 min/per officer)

i. Senator Coakley; Just a couple of updates of what Maylon and I have been doing; we had that meeting to discuss funding with SABAC; on Monday I went to this faculty senate meeting; we met with Dr. Sansivero to discuss how the RSO policy is going to affect us and how we can work around that; today I met with our dean and there are some committees that have been set up for each college that's going to affect certain aspects specifically graduate programs; students are not apart of those committees so I went to the dean and asked if we could get that and he said yes.

SABAC Meeting - I was there virtually and we got to hear a chance of what's happening with SABAC; there's a lot of cool stuff if you guys care about money at all. We had video interviews the next two days; we have a pool of candidates who are kind of decent. We'll know who we want to be on the campus within the next week.

ii. Senate Lead Dykes: The SGA Google Calendar is officially updated; if you want to utilize that all our meetings and due dates are on that; if you have a meeting or event you want on there just reach out to me and I'll get that on there.

iii. Senator Coakley: March 4th there's going to be a bunch of candidates on campus so if you want to be a part of that please reach out.

iv. Senator Rahman: I normally don't put these in open forum; I want to thank Treasure Harr for getting us the scantrons we need; I'm really glad there's going to be initiative to get financial compensation for lowering book prices; if there's anything I can do to help please let me know. The College of Science and Mathematics is going to be searching for a Dean soon; President Keller and I learned the Dean is moving for a position in

Colorado; with interim Dean we'll be meeting in mid March to discuss what more we can do. One last thing - there was a student from advisory board council that met with us at this meeting; we'll be working with them to make sure the mental health event in april is bigger and has a lot of attendance. You guys can all come out and that'd be an awesome thing to do.

v. Senator Lopez: I will be having a meeting at 2 on Friday to discuss dining on both campuses so if you have anything just come out it's not just for SGA; invite your friends; a lot for people are very passionate about food; I've gotten more responses on this issue than anything else.

VI. Old Business

I. Executive Board Evaluation Resolution

A. Senator Maginnis: I would very much like to discuss this resolution not because the specific lack of faith but because of the question that presents the fact that this was brought up; this was one of the big issues I had with SGA before I left last administration. Whether or not they are removed there needs to be some discussion on following through with the proceedings as it seems to be the best way to move forward and resolve any issues people might have.

B. Senator Rahman: I feel like a resolution to bring impeachments to the floor isn't the best way to go about things; we now have a DPO who can go about this in the correct way and we don't necessarily need to use the resolution to circumvent her powers and authority of DPO.

C. Senator Coakley: So I guess my feelings on this now fall somewhere with....looking back on that last

semester I still do think that the filing of this resolution had its merits and I do think that voting on it today or something like that is necessary.

D. Senator Maginnis: I'd like to move to vote on this resolution.

E. President Keller: If this is voted on motions with go through with the DPO

F. Ron: The motion is to override your veto; that's what the motion is really about.

G. Senator Maginnis: Restating I move to vote on overriding the veto of the resolution.

-Seconded by Senator Ray

-No discussion

-DOES NOT PASS

VII. New Business

I. Honors College Senator - Sam Lefebvre

-Approved

II. Director of Internal Affairs - Juvoni (JJ) Lopez

-Approved

III. Governance Committee/Ad-Hoc Committee

a. Director Weese, Senator Brand, Senator Snell, Senator Benitez

i. Senator Brand and Senator Benitez **APPROVED**

ii. Director Weese and Senator Snell - **Does not pass**

b. Senator Rahman, Senator Ray, Treasurer Harr

-Approved

IV. Stipends Committee

DELAYED

VIII. Announcements (2 min/per officer)

i. Senator Ray; we're raising money to buy a military veteran to buy a really cool wheelchair; on Tuesday we're going to be on the green and you can throw a pie in my face for like \$3

IX. Adjournment

-APPROVED