

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

Student Government Association

59th General Body Meeting

10 April 2019



- I. Call to Order - President Keller
- II. Roll Call - Secretary Toor
- III. Approval of 59th Meeting Minutes
- IV. Officer Reports
 - A. Nwakaego Nkumeh - Division of Legal Affairs
 - i. Carly asked for me to come here and talk about a couple of policies you all were interested in learning about. So what do we do in legal affairs? We handle all legal matters related to the university's operation, that includes providing guidance to the university's administration, we work closely with a lot of administrators just to ensure that the university is compliant with laws, policies, and procedures. This is a listing of some of the departments my office works with every day: human resources, student affairs, academic affairs, public safety etc. I'm going to go through my staff, we approve approximately 2,000 contracts a year, Migos was contracted to campus for example a couple years ago and there was an issue when we reviewed the contract, we crossed some things out, that's just one of the things we do all the way to so many other matters such as student conduct issues, police matters and a whole array of different contracts. Many of which if any of you all have taken part in drafting it

probably goes to my office to approval. We represent the university with EOC charges, we assist the Attorney's office for KSU when people sue or legal KSU matters, we assist for legal advice and guidance, we conduct training, we review and approve all of the programs serving minors on campus. I head the office and we have two administrative associates and we currently have three attorneys and a senior paralegal. Most of us did not think that we were going to be university attorneys when we grew up so to the extent that if any of you are interested in law please contact us because I think we each have a pretty unique and interesting story. After law school I came to Atlanta to practice law at a large law firm, then I worked for legal aid and then I decided to go into public interest law as a career and eventually found my way to KSU. It's been very interesting work; it's great to interact with students and our administrators, our president, because everyone is centered around the mission of making KSU a better place and getting you all graduated successfully and launched into your careers. I understand that there were some questions that came up from the last SGA meeting and I wanted to comment to those questions and present an overview of something Carly brought up; that is our Freedom of Expression policy. The first amendment provides Kennesaw and you all with certain rights: freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of the press, the right to worship any entity that you choose, Georgia constitution also discusses freedom of expression and KSU has a freedom of expression policy based on the law. We recently adopted a new and comprehensive Freedom of

Expression policy; that can be found at publicforum.kennesaw.edu; it talks about our commitment to upholding first amendment rights; we also talk about that commitment even though sometimes the language or ideals may contradict those of the university or students at the university even though we may not necessarily agree with it. We can't shut down any operation or such expression in the university. If there is any obscenity defined by the law, child pornography, perjury, trying to blackmail somebody, defamation, threatening someone, fighting words, what that means if words of expression are found to be in any of these categories those are violations of the law and may be handled by the legal system. In our policy we encourage freedom of speech and promote open ideas but we want to be sure that people on campus are safe while expressing our commitment to freedom of speech. So what that means for us is we enact content or viewpoint neutral policies that make it so that we are making sure students are safe while those activities are going on. What that means is KSU students, RSOs, administrators, members of the KSU community if we all wanted to engage in a large group expression our policy has defined that as a group of 30 or more people; if folks want to have a venue to express something they have to submit a reservation request for approval. If you and your friend wanted to have a spontaneous expression and you're part of an organization no reservation is needed as long as it's deemed not to be disruptive to the environment. That is different when we are talking about a non KSU individual. Non KSU individuals have a lot more rules. Some people ask

why they get to come on campus and that is because KSU is a public university and as a unit of the state of Georgia we are open to members of the public so they can come to campus to engage in expressive activity, however we get to control the time and manner of that activity. They HAVE to submit a reservation request to the Dean of Students and it has to be at least four days in advance. They have to receive approval in writing and it can only occur in designated places. For this campus it's outside the student center by the globe, for this campus it's typically at the Green.

1. Senator Duclair: One thing that you had up on your slide was the list of freedom of speech that's not protected; one thing was defamation/slander, you just spoke about how people who are non-KSU students have to make a reservation; at a prior general body meeting I brought up a man who came to campus and had a sign with many derogatory terms towards a wide variety of people and students and used religious means to justify it. It was very upsetting and caused a lot of concern from students so seeing that we have these clear-cut rules, what was it about this person that allowed him to do what he did and continue to do the things he said and presented?
 - ii. Hate speech is not protected under this policy but it is under the first amendment. There may be people who come on our campus and apply and receive approval and they want to shout words that we may find derogatory and hateful, however the courts have said that such

terminology while hateful is still protected under the first amendment. I understand what you are saying because that's a problem, Dean Sanseviro and I want to educate students about this and institute some training so students understand the legal protections that people have when they come on campus. We are in discussion about developing some type of brochure for students and it is a mode of communication to give out to students to have available in different areas on campus and it talks briefly about what the law is and what they can do what they see such speech occurring on campus where we have resources that students can go to if they have questions, specifically why is this person on campus, is this protected, where do I go etc. Other universities have done this and have some success with this so with a lot of your feedback this is a draft that we're developing; we hope that it's widely available next semester or sooner than that if we're able to. If I could just plug one more thing; one of the things we've been doing this semester is advising campus for students, staff, faculty, you can go to concern.kennesaw.edu and make a report if you see something that you are concerned about so I wanted to encourage that before I took any questions and ended my presentation.

B. Michael Sloan - Associate Legal Counsel

i. We will be answering questions pertaining to students and the senators. Our first policy is in response to European law that gives individuals the right to control the data that is maintained by companies, institutions, the European union concentrates on the individual, they're better at protecting the individual's right to maintain the safety of

that environment; the individual has the right to know how their information is being kept, who it's being shared with, and the most interesting is asking it to be wiped clean. This law applies to anyone living within a European country so it can apply to any staff or faculty or students visiting there.

1. Treasurer Harr: Is this in regards to the European Union adoption of Article 13?

ii. I don't know what article 13 is but I do know that law has been developed over decades; we only had one contact from a person who had contact with the university and wanted their information wiped clear; they disappeared and we think it was some type of phishing. This is being suggested for the US; where it comes into conflict for us if someone came to school here and lived in Germany and contacts us and says I was there for two semesters and I didn't do so good and want my records clean, that runs into conflict with our rules, however if someone graduated from KSU and wanted it wiped clean we have to.

iii. The second one is the Service and Emotional Support Animals on Campus Policy, if you have a service animal that animal has the right to accompany you anywhere on campus; with emotional support animals those are related to housing, so if you someone walking around with a cat and trying to go into a classroom they don't have any right to go into a classroom. It is primarily dogs and in some cases miniature horses who can be trained to do that.

iv. There is one other policy I sent it and it is a change to the handbook as you can see there's representatives from the different advisory governments and members from organizations such as SGA. This brings it up to date with

current practice and is what is written here and how we've been operating since before I took over and after that so I'd be happy to answer any questions about those changes. Is it usual policy to vote on things like this?

2. Vote on all policies at once

MOTION PASSED

C. Directors

i. Director Williams

Just like last meeting we have a lot of bylaws that will be approved so stay tuned for that.

ii. Director Delaney

After the last meeting we discussed the university requirements at the UPC meeting and gave a recommendation to remove those requirements; it still has a long way to go. Some changes you'll see on owl express in the fall is to see if your classes have been covered by financial aid; Don't forget Fuel for Finals on April 25th it's going to be a lot of fun; if you can't make it please send me an Email as soon as possible with the reason why you can't.

iii. Director Lopez

I was on the academic calendar planning committee and the calendar for 2020 has officially been set; me and our vice president-elect will be meeting with representatives from CAB this coming week so if you have any questions. Treasurer Harr, President Keller and I got to sit in at a luncheon with housing and residence life; I am planning a big transition ceremony for our senate and eboard, and we want to do something and open it to the public this year and have superlatives and awards for people who have done their jobs this year. I'm working on a financial aid

event so please let me know if you'll be available in the summer. Reminder that NCUR will be this whole weekend; some of us are presenting like me and Bisma, Maylong so come support.

iv. Director Watkins

This evening I dropped two flyers in the business chat for RSOs on campus and recognition for that, there's a softball game on the 17th and there will be free bbq for students with ID, April 22nd is the baseball game with free crawfish; we'd love for you to come to all of them but especially the baseball game; reach out to students because it's free food for them with ID. The second flyer I dropped was for the Daffodil Dash and at this point all of you should have registered for that and if you can't come to that contact Emma and you need to provide a beverage donation. In regard to NCUR tomorrow for anyone presenting please let me know so I can come take your picture and recognize all of our members of the senate.

D. Senate Leads

i. Senate Lead Dykes

Please remember to complete your one-on-one this month; we're giving you the opportunity to do it on owl life because I know this is a stressful and busy month for everyone; if you'd like to meet in person with me reach out to me but please complete that.

E. Treasurer

i. Treasurer Harr

We still have a little less than \$300 left in our programming budget, the eboard has made a decision to let you guys use that; it's meant for you but if you don't use it it goes back

into the surplus budget for next year. We've spent a little over \$20k in our \$23k budget. Stipends is meeting to review eboard stipends and there is a chance for them to review that and submit any appeals. Over 10 departments and 60 RSOs amounting in FY20 requests, the total amount of student activity revenue is going down so it looks like there will be less money for next year.

F. Secretary

i. Secretary Toor

Hey guys so a while ago you may recall that I sent out some google forms for you guys to fill in what office supplies you thought we needed for each office; the request for those supplies was submitted and they were ordered and they just came in so we're going to get all of them brought over soon and I'm going to divide them up equally between the Kennesaw and Marietta offices so be on the lookout for that.

G. Vice President

H. President

i. President Keller

I want to thank you all and recognize this will be the last full meeting as a senate. I've had a busy couple of days, on Monday I attended the shared governance meeting at 8 AM so I asked at the last meeting who's aware of what shared governance is; if anyone is aware of what that is can you raise your hand? We are a member of shared governance of the university so we share this stage with the faculty and staff senate and right now there is some confusion in how shared governance is viewed in the university's eyes, the president will be releasing a statement soon on how she

believes shared governance should work within the university. Today I talked with your president-elect and vice president-elect and addressed what their role might look like going forward. I have stressed that the students be included when it pertains to student matters; there are some things students should not vote on such as compensation for faculty. It is my hope for your new president the process is much smoother. In that meeting with Sam and Tariq was one of the best parts of my day, I started the process with getting them ready to jump in and swim successfully April 24th; we have our transition meeting with President Whitten this Friday which I'm so excited about; one thing I know Tariq is going to talk about in open forum is applications for the next administration and senate seats will open tomorrow and I encourage you all to apply for an executive board position if you're feeling it or for a seat if you didn't get the position you ran for. I went to a housing luncheon with Director Lopez and Treasurer Harr; My objective is to make the university aware that they have a new president coming; I warned Sam and Tariq that they're emails will be blowing up; in that meeting housing was more than supportive of them; I'm a part of the Chief Diversity Officer search committee and we met today for a collective two hours and the applications for more than 60 applicants; I had so much pride looking at all those applications; we went with the outside source that the university has hired to talk about what this is going to like that; we'll be doing interviews and having those candidates coming on April 22nd and 23rd so that you guys and your constituents can meet them. I will

be all up in NCUR the next couple of days so if you are bored and want to come volunteer with me, there's going to be 4,000 people here on this campus so let's show them what we're made of. On April 24th I will be speaking and your vice-president elect will be involved in the Owl Memorial on the green at 3 PM; if you'd like to come to this event please let me know; it's where we honor all of our fallen owls; it includes staff, faculty, students and alumni that we've lost over this past year. I've asked President Whitten to speak at the groundbreaking Marietta science building and want feedback from what you guys feel that will do for the Marietta campus. I will be attending the first annual cored reception; President Whitten would like us all to get together and talk about next year and that's on the 18th if you have any questions or things you'd like me to bring up. One of my favorite parts of this week was the football ticket committee; when I'm here to tell you you're going to want to go to every single football game you're going to want to go. I also have our last student technology fee committee meeting on April 25th I will no longer be your president at that meeting but I'm always here for you if you have any questions or comments.

V. Open Forum (2 min/per officer)

a. Senator Bradford

Applications will be opening tomorrow afternoon; we will have open senator spots and eboard positions so please anyone apply so we can really have a high quality of people here.

b. Senator Coakley

I've got a lot of stuff; I went to a staff senate meeting and it was very interesting. They talked about a lot of what shared governance is talking about; Maylon and I got the chance to speak as SGA and talk about the library and the parking lot that's coming here; I had the chance to speak at the COC Marietta Luncheon; I met with Director of Parking and she mentioned that parking passes will be open on April 22nd. Donuts with the Dean: I went to that this morning and had the chance to email the Dean of Libraries and something we're trying to plan is an open forum for the Marietta campus next fall.

c. President Keller

I met with Dr. K.C. White and she is such an amazing person; I presented her with some ideas that I'm not entirely sure I can disclose right now but she was doing cartwheels so I'm hoping that she'll use them and make your lives easier for the fall.

d. Senator Bradford

The football planning committee: if you guys have any ideas of what we can do to make the experience of ksu students better to boost school pride or participate in campus culture we take those very seriously and need student input.

e. Senator Rumbaugh

I'm a nursing major and I'm trying to put together an event for most of the majors in the wellstar college; I contacted the president of the student nursing association and she and I are meeting this Thursday; if you know anyone else who has a different major who I could get in contact with to have this big event I'd appreciate it.

f. Senator Duclair

The college of humanities and social sciences just had our elections for positions on the student advisory board; those ended on the 29th and we are still waiting on results. I think it's a great thing to think about implementing in other colleges to let students outside of SGA get involved and give feedback to the Deans.

g. Senator Coakley

The next dean for the Southern Poly Technical College of Software and Engineering is Dr. Ian Ferguson in place August 15th; he is a great candidate and I really like him.

VI. New Business

a. Bylaws Revisions Part II

1. Article XVII Revisions - PASSED
2. Article IV - PASSED
3. Article III - PASSED
4. Article VI - PASSED
5. Article VIII - PASSED
6. Article XVIII - PASSED

VII. Announcements (2 min/per officer)

a. Senator Coakley

The Kennesaw State Chapter of American Engineers had their conference and made it to nationals in a steel bridge and concrete canoe competition

b. Senator Bradford

April 26th and 27th KSU is hosting their very first track meet. This team's really good so you should all come to the meet.

c. Director Williams

Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity is having an interest meeting and all majors are welcome

d. Senator Rumbaugh

The mental health event is occurring on May 11th from 9pm - 1 pm in Prillaman Hall

e. Director Delaney

The student nursing association went to NSA and our chapter was recognized as a stellar chapter

f. Hello I am Abigail I am senate-elect for college of science and mathematics; I am also a campus tour guide so we had some exciting stuff for our admissions. We had a lot of students coming to visit over spring break and had a little banquet with President Whitten yesterday; we had 12,008 accepted students for Fall 2019 and our deadline is June 1st.

VIII. Adjournment

a. PASSED