“What have you done today to better the lives of students?”
Student Government Association
63rd General Body Meeting
25 September 2019

I. Call to Order - President Brand
II. Roll Call - Secretary Toor
III. Approval of 62nd Meeting Minutes
IV. Officer Reports
   A. Brenda Stopher - VP of Enrollment
      i. I’m the vice president for enrollment services and that entails admissions, the registrar, career planning and development, but I’m here tonight to talk about an initiative that’s sort of outside my line of work, and it’s a spin off of an initiative we launched back in the summer of 2018, we worked with directors of assembly to basically identify frustration points for that group of employees; we’ve worked with different groups who volunteered for this activity, anywhere from 3-4 months and they’d come in and brainstorm for the first two or three meetings about all of the things that made their jobs frustrating. The objective of that for us in the administration to try and help relieve some of those points, and we knew there would be certain cases where we couldn’t make change because of board of regent policies or government policies. In instances where there were processings that were painful we would then partner with the division or department to make things better. So I’ve brought a couple of examples to make you
guys aware. Our first one - they said we need a better visitor lot on the Marietta campus. Between architecture and engineering they bring a lot of community people in so that’s a whole other problem. Of course there were issues with HR which is a staff issue. A lot of them are more financial and administrative. So why I’m here tonight is because we’ve seen such success with that group so we want to roll it out to the students and we want to hear from you guys. So we’re looking for 4-6 volunteers, and I want you to think about this because it’s going to be a long cycle and you’ll be working with us through april. We’ll do our best to work around class schedules and other commitments because this is important to us and all the administration. Are there any questions about what this is?

ii. Senator Coakley
I did reach out to Dr. Lee White about the whole visitor lot - was there any update on that on your side?

iii. Brenda Stopher
- Design was returned by the city and state - so the good thing is you guys will learn about all the processes - so they had to get those approved by the city of marietta and the state. They had to do an RFQ because of the costs, so that’s a request for qualification or quote - they received four qualified bidders, they had to do an environmental review - anytime they put pavement down anywhere they have to make sure the water can flow and it can still handle any big storms and things like that, received seal bids from four qualified bidders, meeting with a contractor to reduce costs, and the final estimate has to go down to the board of regents for approval. I think it’s helpful to understand some
of the process and understand that not everything’s happening as fast as everyone would like them, so I’m hoping we can get a good four to six volunteers.

iv. Senator Maginnis

How do you go about volunteering? Are you looking just within SGA or the entire student body?

v. Brenda Stopher

I think for now we were wanting to look within SGA because this is a representative of so many groups on campus.

B. Directors

i. Director Watkins

Mainly come to the event tomorrow - please, bring all your friends and have fun. Other than that, I sent out the information regarding nametags so once those get ordered and arrived I’ll send them all out to you. Homecoming’s coming up - we are doing a banner and we’re doing the boat regatta so you must participate in one of those two things, I’ll drop a link in the groupme so you can sign up.

ii. Director Snell

I wanted to mention that you do have to speak once a month giving your senator report; governance committee was supposed to be formed tonight - due to unforeseen circumstances that won’t happen but the senators were Senator Abdul, Senator Robinson and Senator Whitmayer, and for the executive board it was Director Hale and Senate Lead Benitez.

iii. Director Lopez

I attended the SABAC meeting today, it was a very long and productive meeting - we got a lot done and last week I attended arnold palmers with the dean and it was very
productive, he was really focused on grievances from students from that college; one of the things that was brought to my attention is the study abroad scholarship is not going to exist and a lot of people were upset about that so we’re working on figuring that out to see how we can accommodate students. I did meet with my committee, one of the things we want to work on is getting professors to upgrade their grades more than twice a semester, I would like it to be every week because I think that would be very beneficial, right now a lot of professors I have don’t even use D2L for grades and they just use paper so we’re working on not only getting policy in place so professors are held accountable and to get them D2L training. The enrollment here at disability services is very low compared to other colleges, and a big part of it that we heard is because it is called disability services, so we thought about somehow working with disability services to get it called accommodation services so students don’t feel embarrassed or ashamed. We thought it would be a cool idea to do a book swap at the beginning of next semester - you could trade textbooks instead of having to buy them. Those are just some of them but we’re very productive in our committee and if you want to join in on that let me know. We will have fuel for midterms - I’ll be sending more information about that - it is a mandatory event.

vi. Director Billings
Constitution week is over, thank you very much to everyone who helped with that, there is a stack of letterhead and envelopes in the office, if for some reason
you want that let me know. External committee - check the groupme.

C. Senate Leads
i. Senate Lead Veeder
For your reports at the end of the month, get those done - if you need help please reach out to me and Vanessa and if you need help with event requests next month please reach out to e-board, we are happy to help with that. It’s fine if you go to each others events but have your own.

ii. Senate Lead Benitez
Just to reiterate officer reports will be due September 30th at midnight - the form is open so you can complete that. Just make sure you get that in and talk about your campus engagements for the month because that’s how we will be checking. We as an e-board will try to find a way to do a crash course on how to do event requests. Also vacancy committee can you see me after the meeting.

D. Treasurer Harr
Shoutout to Senator Coley and Whitmayer and Director Lopez for a successful first SABAC meeting. The deadline to submit any supplemental requests is October 6th. Thank you to the senators for science and mathematics and the senators for humanities and social sciences and many others who have been really making me proud this month and doing a lot for their constituents

E. Secretary Toor
I just wanted to give everyone an update on scantrons - we had to get a form and go through the bookstore so we will have more soon. Also just a reminder that if you did not do a campus engagement this month then it is too late to
submit an event request form and you will get a strike, so if that’s the case I encourage everyone to make sure that you’re on top of your engagement for next month and submit that request earlier. Also when you are speaking please make sure to not hold the microphone far away from your mouth and to enunciate. Even though you have a mic you still need to speak up and project so that we can hear you.

F. Vice President Bradford
I had a meeting with the KSU athletic association with President Whitten and Dr. K.C. and we discussed the budget for athletics to make sure grant identity is more available. I will be bringing along Senator Whitaker and Senator Jones for the next meeting on October 3rd and we want to help bring out more students for the community service project so all the senators can help bring out people in their constituencies. Touching on the campus engagement confusion - I do know at the retreat that my group specifically we did provide a couple of opportunities to assist with campus engagements since they were coming up so soon, if you need help please reach out to us but do not reach out last minute - we are here to help you.

G. President Brand
The search committee for the vp of student affairs is underway, we are very hopeful to have the new vp by the spring - in regards to what director lopez spoke about with the global learning fee - I am speaking with several faculty members and students involved in international organizations and that faculty senate is actually drafting a resolution at the moment in regards to this fee and I am
going to talk to them about it; having just returned from a study abroad I know how useful that is - it is very much needed for the high fees because study abroad isn’t dirt cheap and I know that better than anyone, so I’ll bring back what I learn to you guys. We had a meeting with president Whitten - first of all for marietta senators howell hall is being renovated. I was not allowed to know the location but they are also looking for new housing on the kennesaw campus but they are going to renovate the existing housing first. In the kennesaw student center it is confirmed that they are hoping to get a Moe’s there. They’re planning on bringing late night dining to Marietta campus soon, and we talked about late night dining on the Kennesaw campus as well and that’s something they’ll be looking into as well. They did say that the budget isn’t as big as it used to be due to making school more affordable by not having students have to have a meal plan. We’re working in collaboration with greek life - they were interested in getting plots and having some sort of recognition on campus - so look for large representation of greek life on campus soon. Once the contract is up with the News Stand in north housing they’re going to bring something else there that isn’t as pricey. They’re looking to bring a new starbucks to kennesaw and marietta - not a proudly served by a full starbucks.

V. Open Forum (2 min/per officer)

i. Senator Martin

I’m meeting with my dean; I actually had a student who was a president of one of the RSOs in my college lie to my face and say she wasn’t the president because she did not want to speak at my event, but moving forward I have requests in that were
actually put in today in partnership with Ladies of Distinction and some sororities, it will be a breast cancer awareness event - there will be a tabling in the morning and later that day we’ll be having an info session. The day is October 7th.

ii. Senator Vance
I attended open house last Saturday and I’m waiting on the official RSO list of all the RSOs and their eboards, I’m also working on two campus engagements coming up.

iii. Senator Whitaker
I have a luncheon with the chief diversity officer tomorrow and a meeting next week; I had a tabling event this past weekend for open house with Senator Vance and Senator Rhodes.

iv. Senator Rhodes
Special thanks to Ron, I’m apart of an unofficial organization but we’ve been working with RSOs on campus to get more campus involvement - my upcoming event for october is a general idea of freedom of expression. If you have an event you want people to show up to let me know because I’m trying to get more involvement.

v. Senator Maurer
I met with my dean, we talked about our student advisory board. Art classes were very surprised this summer with the enrollment status of classes; we talked about some things we want to work on further in the semester.

vi. Senator Wright
I just wanted to reiterate Jess’s event, Jess has been working very hard on this, Day, Tariq and myself will be on the panel. Coles College- senators will be having an event on september 30th just getting some feedback from our constituents.

vii. Senator Taylor
The month of September has been a really good month for me, I’ve participated in constitution week - that was fun talking to students about policies. I attended a luncheon with the chief diversity officer, we had a great conversation and we talked about issues and concerns facing marietta campus and how we can get more engagement on that campus. I reached out to my dean but unfortunately he is having some person issues so I won’t be able to meet with him for a few more weeks.

viii. Senator Abdul
I emailed my dean and she didn’t respond to me and that kind of hurt my feelings but I did get in contact with her representative to work out how I can get in contact with her, october 14th I will be attending a luncheon with the dean and my senators so more information to come.

ix. Senator Mobley
I attended the first SAC meeting, we discuss the issues for goals for athletics and athletes brought up any concerns they had, I met with Milton Overton and discussed things like theme nights and things we could do for the athletic department. Parking at athletic facilities is pretty difficult for the athletes so we’re going to figure out ways to fix those issues. Friday we have volleyball and Saturday we have football so come out and support.

x. Senator Maginnis
Today we have our first adult learning committee of the semester, it was very productive - we have a better definition of adult learners - it is 24 and up or 23 and under if you are filing independently on your financial aid - in spring 2020 registration for fall 2020 they will show all prior learning assessment opportunities which are taking an exam or portfolio or getting credit for class or life experience you have, so prior learning
assessment is really useful for that and you can look that up to see it. Starting in registration for fall 2020 they will have those options listed there and the goal is to have that listed with registration when you look at the classes.

xi. Senator Jones
It’s been a busy month for me - last week I went to the core-ed meeting - it’s the first meeting of the year so we talked about how we could get more student engagement there, they’re often 2-4pm so it can be inconvenient due to class. I met with the chief diversity officer a couple times this month - I’ve reached out to have a couple more meetings with her in the coming months and if you can I’m going to a luncheon with her as well. I went to the town hall last Friday and I was a little disappointed in the representation for SGA there so please keep that in mind because it would be really good to have everyone there representing their constituents. I am discussing having myself and Senator Whitaker table on behalf of sga and am attending the MLK week meeting with Vice President Bradford and just to reiterate that we have the breast cancer awareness event coming up October 7th and we’re going to be incorporating a lot of other organizations as well as the PRESS event tomorrow and the panel event I will be speaking on so come listen to me talk. In constant effort with reaching out to minorities that don’t fall under the same minorities as myself I’m reaching out the chief diversity officer so that I can represent more than just black students and women. We’re also working on having gender neutral icons on maps.

xii. Senator Jackson
I just want to let everyone know that we have our first advisory meeting with our dean tomorrow.
xiii. Senator Coley
Constitution week was really great and I had a really great time talking to people and getting everyone to register to vote; our wonderful interns are over here - we had our first intern meeting last Wednesday and I want to say thank you to a lot of the exec board for coming in. We are also doing a retreat this weekend with student leadership and we’ll have a lot of fun, we did have an Arnold Palmer with the dean, he’s pretty amazing and is open to meeting with anyone and going off of what Sarah said we are meeting tomorrow for the advisory meeting so if anyone has any questions or anything you would like us to bring up just contact one of us.

xiv. Senator Robinson
In regards to September, I reached out to get a full list of my constituents and emailed all of them a survey of a google doc form in regards to what they want on campus like more campus engagements or a bigger presence, so far not a lot of people have responded so I’m trying to find a better way to reach out to more than just those 10 people; campus engagement wise - I would like to have all four councils come together and do a get to know you for the October 7th breast cancer awareness event - I was talking with senator Mobley about possibly having a meet the greeks olympic games event.

xv. Senator Trantham
I had a tabling event and got a bunch of feedback from my constituents and sent out a google form in as many groupmes as possible and next month I’m going to work on that with some of the suggestions for resume building and interview skills.

xvi. Senator Ingrando
My favorite meeting was the masters of attendance meeting and it’s always good to get feedback from our constituents.

xvii. Senator Bing
For the college of cse, you have to take an entry level programming class regardless of what major you are, but we have a python class and another one with lack of seats in these entry level classes and if you don’t take these you can’t move on, like senator taylor said we were supposed to meet with the dean but he can’t for a couple of weeks so we’re reaching out to the department heads as well.

xviii. Senator Coakley
I had that chance to have that lunch with the president - not much to report from that - I had the chance to meet with the dean again and we’re trying to get a student advisory board established in our college - I want to thank to everyone that responded that I reached out to about how their advisory boards work, that hero scholarship thing I was talking about a few weeks ago - not as big of an issue as I thought it would be and they said only 13 or 18 students received the scholarship last year so I’m not sure how big of an impact it had in regards to the student population. I wanted to remind you guys of that resolution I had that’s still pending on governance. One of the professors in the mechanical engineering department passed away in a tragic accident so that was very sad.

VI. New Business

VII. Announcements (2 min/per officer, 5 min/per audience member)
i. Ron Lunk
Dining has created a more casual opportunity for students to sit down with the folks from the dining team to chat (ask a chef) in stingers september 26th from 5-7 pm, also in stingers november 7th from 1-2pm, and then commons friday october 4th from 1-2pm and friday december 6th from 5-6pm. I will send these to Emma so she can distribute these all to you but they alternate between commons and stingers but it is an opportunity for you all to have your voices heard about dining and operations or nutrition facts or any of those things.

ii. Senator Coley
I’ve been working with the department of student leadership services, as well as I’ve been working with that office for voter registration so if you have any questions come see me after the meeting.

iii. Ginny Boss
I am the faculty senate liaison to student government so I know some of the concerns brought up earlier around issues that were on faculty/senate’s radar but just like your meetings are our meetings are open so I encourage you all to attend those meetings - there are some interesting possibilities when you’re aware of what different senates are talking about around campus. My role is to bring concerns you all are having to the faculty/senate.

iv. Senator Whitmayer
JCPenney suit up event it will be on october 14th and you can get 40% off on business attire; SABAC meeting was fun and very productive please submit your funding requests by the October deadline mentioned previously; we’re having our student advisory meeting tomorrow and I will bring the idea of creating a new major of interior design; I have a tba project with the
department of history; tabling event next month to meet you social sciences senators.
v. Senator Maurer
We had a fantastic open house last Saturday - if you would like to open at the next one on october 12th please get in contact with me; with that tabling starts at 8 so that means you need to setup before 8 and it goes until 10 so that means you come from 8-10. I have a sci-fi movie night event coming up in October, my movie idea was E.T. but if you have a better idea I’d like to hear that but I would love to see E.T.
vi. Senator Wright
Miracle at KSU is having an event Swing for Kids it’s like a baseball tournament and they really want to see student government make a team. We need 8 people for a team and it’s $10 a person to join and do it.
vii. Senator Martin
Tomorrow is college night at the north georgia state fair it’s $5, homecoming is coming up quickly, campaigning starts on monday so be on the lookout for your 2019 homecoming court.
viii. Senator Whitaker
My movie idea is Twitches, Halloween Town
ix. Director Watkins
In addition to what Jayla said about SAC we’re doing a toiletry drive so grab stuff from your hotel rooms and give them to Jayla or Tariq or I, continue donating to the donor drive, even if i’s a dollar a day I appreciate everyone who’s donated, I’m so proud of the senate; make sure you send me events you have planned - shoutout to Abigail and Ayara - your event yesterday looked amazing. Shoutout to Daniel because constitution week was really Daniel week and got us all registered to vote. The tshirt
design for homecoming is actually going to be cute this year, make sure you come out monday we’re doing tailgate games and popsicles on the green, tuesday we’re doing yard games, one thing we’re trying to push is song suggestions - the theme is “greatest hits” friday is the luau so the commons went all out for the themed food; make sure you guys aren’t reading you reports off of phones, come prepared with them on paper in advance.
x. Senate Lead Benitez
I did work for the orientation office for the past 2 years and application for an orientation leader are now open and are live until october 31st at noon, it’s a really great experience and looks great on a resume.
xi. Senator Jones
I didn’t say it in my report but if you have any questions about anything I said please ask me. Homecoming week is coming up so if your outfits aren’t cute don’t sit next to me I’m taking pictures
xii. Senator Robinson
If you guys like to dance or don’t know how to dance at all on october 3rd at 6:30 there is a dance class at the KSU dance center.
xiii. Senator Coley
I forgot about this but if you guys are looking for alumni information and how global diplomacy works out hs model united nations is looking for people to help us out in march where we’ll be facilitating a conference for high schoolers, if you are interested in volunteering and helping me out come see me.
xiv. Vice President Bradford
Just to echo Senator Wright with KSU miracle; I participated in it last year and it was a really fun event; those sororities are really good at softball; also for KSU miracle donor drive no it’s not
mandatory please support your kids we only ask for one dollar a week just for the kids. A dollar. One.
xv. Director Billings
Next friday is relay for life 7 on the green, there’s gonna be tabling, feel free to come on out.
xvi. Senator Abdul
The football game is Saturday and we will be tailgating - free BBQ for the first 100 guests
xvii. Senator Coakley
I want to take a moment to plus nation society of black engineers if you’re black and an engineer and want to join that do that.
xviii. Senator Taylor
Going off of that we have a general body meeting next Wednesday.
xix. President Brand
For those of you who may have had questions about the incidents regarding the social and business chats those are being addressed personally and inside sga so you’re aware of that.

VIII. Adjournment