“To lead the student body with integrity and consistency.”
Student Government Association
87th General Body Meeting
8 September 2021

I. Call to Order - President Johnson
II. Roll Call – Chief of Staff Gary
III. Approval of 86th Meeting Minutes
   • Senator Valdez moved to approve; Senator Powell seconded; passed
IV. Office Reports
   A. Karen Boettler- Student Leadership and Service
      • Reschedule
   B. Directors
      • Academic Affairs
      • Internal Affairs
         • Met with Representative from CPC to talk about partnering on events regarding sexual assault and self-defense
         • Met with Marietta caucus to talk about Covid Awareness
         • Tentative event: Showcasing art on the Kennesaw campus
         • First Internal Affairs meeting
            • Discussed info sessions or Town Halls informing students about Covid-19
      • External Affairs
      • Diversity and Inclusion
         • Reached out to senators about their roles and commission meetings
         • Will get a director soon
      • Communications
         • Met with Rachel Heller from Owl Radio
• Wanting to make SGA known across campus
• If you have a graphic that you’re posting on behalf of SGA, please share it with e-board first
• Governance
  • Sending strikes and demerits at the end of this week
  • Governance applications will be posted tonight
C. President Pro Tempore
• Sent an email regarding two documents
  • Senator Timeline
    • Fall semester and spring semester for personal projects
    • Include plans, meetings, ideas, obstacles, goals
  • Mission statement
    • Include detailed summary about your personal project
D. Chief Justice
• Setting up infrastructure of the Judicial Branch
  • Finished creating training modules
  • Ratifying bylaws again
• Need senate to be aware of Article 23 and their rights
• Senators, don’t be afraid to talk to your directors or him
E. Treasurer Pfohl
• Filled up the SABAC positions this week
• Met with CFO of the university
  • Want to make budget more transparent and easier to understand
  • Met with Treasurers from other colleges to foster collaboration across USG
• Hosting Office Hours for RSOs so they can have their presentations looked over/edited beforehand
• Submitted budget to President Johnson
F. Vice President Wittmayer
• Senate vacancies are filling up
  • Will appoint this meeting and next meeting
• Was on the Provost Athletic Oversight Council as a representative for SGA
  • Informed them that SGA can help with advertising and/or coming to events
• Ad-hoc committee for Judicial Branch must be chaired by a senator
• Intern meeting September 15th at 7pm

G. President Johnson
• Please inform her of what you’re working on
• Discussing doing a campaign partnering with university to help promote Covid vaccinations/testing and informing CDC guidelines
  • We will do our own “Halloween themed” promotional video
• Creating ad-hoc committee for Judicial Branch
  • Meetings will be frequent
• Please inform her of what you are working on so she can have insight

H. Advisor(s) Update
• Dr. Arneson
  • Huge turnout at football game
  • Will have pep rallies before the football games with the marching bands
  • Covid numbers are still high
  • As leaders, continue to role model safety
  • 9/11 Celebration on the Green on the Kennesaw campus Friday, September 10th at 12pm
    • WellBeing@KSU: Counseling is available 24/7
• Dr. Briggs
  • SABAC training is next week
    • Looking how to modify manual for next academic year
  • Just filled vacancy within SCAI: Assistant Director for Academic Affairs

V. Open Forum (2 min/officer)
• Senator Gordan
  • Sent out google survey to get better ideas of issues and experiences (275+ responses)
  • Setting up meeting with dean to discuss top issues and solutions
  • Will set up tabling event in the future
  • Contacted RSO’s and will have update at the next meeting
• Senator Valdez
  • Meeting with director tomorrow at 11am
  • Project: Establish LGBTQ+ resource center on the Marietta campus
  • Planning more diversity and inclusion events
• Senator Clement
  • Met Associate Dean to discuss how students can collaborate with each other
  • Mentoring Program: 2021 Inspiring Program in STEM by Insight Magazine
    • 1 of 79 colleges in organizations picked out of the US
    • Added more areas for mentoring so now they’re reaching a wider audience
      • 6 to 12
  • Issue from constituents: Lots of students are wasting materials; want to create a way to recycle materials
• Senator McLendon
  • Working on getting in contact with the dean
  • Personal project: Survival Guide for new students in Honors College
    • Creating a survey to see how students are doing and how to make the college better
• Senator Yaledah-Bashaar
  • Met with Senator Grant
    • Created a list of RSOs who fall under D&I and will get in contact with them
• Senator Grant
  • Met with J Williams who is the Diversity specialist
  • Will formulate more questions regarding D&I
  • Spoke with Dr. Briggs about task force and anything related to D&I staff
  • Personal project: Want to create resource center for African American male students
• Senator Heath
  • Had a tabling yesterday with Senator Matthews and Davis
    • Included a question box for constituents
  • Professor Raphael invited them to speak at his class and talking more about SGA and their positions
• Senator Davis
  • Created a meeting with dean to discuss feedback and personal projects
• Senator Mathew
  • Met with interim dean on Aug 27th
    • Discussed how SGA can bridge the gap between nontraditional student life and “college” life
  • Personal project: Speaker Series
    • Hopefully students will have access to more jobs and internships
• Senator Powell
  • Reached out to Sustainability Coordinator, Environmental and Safety Department,
  • Have a meeting with Owl Swap this Friday
  • Will reach out to all orgs that associate with sustainability
• Senator Edgar
  • Met with Dr. Briggs
  • Personal project: Want students with disabilities to have a permanent seat on Diversity Ambassadors program
• Senator Quenneh
  • Scheduled meetings with student orgs
  • Constituents want more diversity training for professors
• Senator Onuzulike
  • Constituents want their identity to be easily seen on emails and want more feminine products in the Student Center
  • Survey (200+ responses)
  • Setting up table and posting fliers

VI. New Business
   A. Swear-ins
   • Darquis Grant for Diversity and Inclusion
   • RJ Norman for Senator for Veteran Students
   • Meredith Baldwin for Senator for Non-Traditional Students
   • Bethany Fortson for Senator of WellStar College of Health and Human Sciences
Anthony for Senator of Student Athletics

Senator Yaledah-Bashaar moved to vote them all as one and Senator Mathew seconded

B. COVID-19 Discussion

Senator Valdez
- Covid hit family
- Wants to remind everyone to practice safe measures regarding Covid

Senator Johnson
- Gets worried when people are around her in class and not wearing masks
- Personally, wants a mask mandate from USG

Senator Onuzulike
- Take advantage of your privilege of being able to get vaccine
- Family from Nigeria had to pay thousands of dollars to come to here and get the vaccine

Senator Powell
- Thinks everyone should receive the vaccine
- She had Covid and is still feeling the effects

Senator Harrison
- Remind everyone to pay attention to the current trends of Covid as we are approaching the flu season

President Pro Tempore McCroskey
- Pro masks, but vaccine is your choice

Press Secretary Weston
- Be mindful and respectful of other people in your class

Senator Edgar
- Haven’t seen many family members and grandma in years due to Covid

Senator Norman
- He saw 200+ people catch Covid at the same time
- Be safe and mindful of who you are around

Senator Fortson
- Even if you are vaccinated, closely monitor yourself because many vaccinated people are catching and spreading Covid

C. First Read Support for COVID-19 Vaccine and Mask Mandates Act
• Written by Director Cochran and co-sponsored by Senator Edgar and Senator Clement
• We are not voting on the resolution at the meeting tonight
• Ask constituents about their experiences and concerns with Covid-19 because we are representing them
• Resolution Resolves:
  • Wants SGA to endorse a mandate for all students, faculty, and staff who attend or work at KSU to submit a proof of vaccination to be able to work or attend the school
  • If someone does not want to receive a vaccine, students must submit regular proof (weekly) of testing negative for Covid
  • If someone does not want to do the above, professors at KSU should be allowed to make their courses available online
  • Wants people who have medical and religious exemptions to be accommodated for
  • Wants KSU SGA to stand with orgs such as the United Campus Workers to bring awareness the masks and vaccine mandate

D. Establishing ad-hoc committee for Judiciary committee
• Revising bylaws for the Judicial Branch
• Senator Valdez wants to chair the committee
• Senator Yaledah-Bashaar motions to approve and Senator Gordon seconds
• Passed

VII. Announcements (2 min/officer | 5 min/audience member)
• Senator Valdez
  • Model United Nations are hosting their Interest Meeting tomorrow from 8pm-10pm in Social Science building
• Senator Edgar
  • Pi Phi Chapter of AKA Sorority, Inc is having community service event
    • Collecting school supply donations

VIII. Adjournment
• Senator Valdez moves to adjourn meeting and Senator Quenneh seconds