

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

Student Government Association

52nd General Body Meeting

28 November 2018



- I. Call to Order – President Hunnicutt
- II. Roll Call – Secretary Gunby
- III. Approval of 51st Meeting Minutes
- IV. Officer Reports
 - a. Chris Hutt – Assistant Vice President for Academic Advising
 - i. My scope is limited to undergraduate students. This semester, we’ve recorded around 28,000 academic advisements. A lot of rules changed in regards to waitlisting. We made them bigger so that we can study what students want and when they want it. We’re looking at about 75 new sections and 3000 seats in some of our high demand classes. We’re working to address the demand for classes. Our advisors have grown over the last three years. We’ve doubled them and incorporated new systems to meet with advisors. We’re also trying to increase efficiency. Advisors will have office hours in the Spring in residence halls starting in February.
 1. Senator Ray: I was wondering if you were looking to extend office hours for certain advisors?
 - a. I can take that feedback back to the office. Those decisions as far as office hours are made at the college level. Having more cross

training among our advisors is very important for us.

2. President Hunnicutt: I was shown to the Psychology advisor even though I changed my major to Political Science.
 - a. One of our weak points is consistency within the University when it comes to advising and academic environments.
3. Director Keller: I think a common theme that you will hear is consistency.
 - a. Getting together and digging in on some of those issues is definitely what I want to do.
4. Senator Holmes: I my college, we have great research faculty that do great work outside of teaching. When it comes to being in the classroom, it's not really working. Maybe we have advisors that allow students to do research with that faculty member so they can get the academic side as well.
 - a. That is a great conversation to have with the Dean or the Department chair. That's very much a faculty work-load thing and way outside of my link.
5. Senator Coakley: What do you see as the ultimate student to advisor ratio?
 - a. The National standard is hard to put a number on it, but 350:1 is definitely my goal for the University. We have to have the balance between faculty and advisors. That means having more classes.

b. Police Chief Stephens

i. We've got 115 positions. 64 of those are sworn police officers. 49 of those are assigned to the patrol division. Recently, we've had a little bit of restructure. Under the restructure, we went to Chief and Deputy Chief. By restructuring, we've been able to have more patrols and we have officers assigned 24 hours a day on both campuses. We have our own Office of Victim Services. This center can help you through the court system and with any other legal items. Anything reported to them is confidential. We're constantly trying to promote our livesafe app, so please keep helping me with that. Right now, we have several vacancies that we're working to fill. When we hire a police officer, we have to get them here a little bit early for police academy and paperwork. I have 8 currently in the field program which is also a drain on the field trainers. I've got three police officer vacancies. I've also got one captain's position open. For big events, we hire from around the area.

1. Treasurer Harr: What would you say are some of the top three concerns around campus?

a. I would say that the top concern are people that are on campus that don't belong here. I also wish that people would lock their doors and keep track of their stuff so that it's not stolen. The big concern is an active shooter and we continuously plan to prepare for a potential threat like that. We have a lot more supplies that will help us with emergency situations.

2. Director Delaney: The nursing program also offers the Stop the Bleeding trainings, could we have some collaboration on that?
 - a. We already do some classes with nursing students, so we'd love to bring those to you all.

C. Cheryl Hassman – Executive Director of IT Operations

- i. Student Technology Fees – see attached PowerPoint
- ii. We try to use your fee very wisely. We do a lot of the student labs with this money. We can't use the money to renew banner because those are administration systems. We do fund some student faculty that work the labs. We do some software license renewals. The money that we take in doesn't cover what we need, so the University supplements some things. We have extra money and funding so we need student input in order to spend this money wisely.
 1. Senator Brand: I had a student come to me about problems that they're having with computers in a specific room on the Marietta Campus. Is there someone that I should talk to specifically about them?
 - a. If you can send me an email, I would love to take care of it.
 2. Senator Walker-Holmes: To what extent are you involved with student upgrades with technology? We have students come and say that the technology isn't compatible with their devices.
 - a. We cannot purchase something and give it to students.

3. Senator Walker-Holmes: With sharepoint, we're moving back from a different version. If we move versions, how does that work and affect students?
 - a. What we try to do is minimize the appearance usability. Most people welcome enhancements.
4. Treasurer Harr: With the 3.9 million dollars that almost doubles your budget, what are some things that you would want to spend it on?
 - a. Computers

d. Directors

- i. Director of External Affairs: As you all know, we had Coffee with Cops. We went to another Presidential commission. I met with Dr. Sanseviro on ways to increase involvement with SGA. We do have a run off election for Secretary of State. I sent you all an email about the new RSO policy. Please read that. It will impact us and other organizations that you're a part of. Lastly, I have a meeting with President Whitten tomorrow.
- ii. Director of Internal Affairs: One thing that I want to express is that Alex McGee is more than enthusiastic about working with the student body. If you want to learn more about that conversation, please come ask me. Apart from that, I've still been accepting wonderful committee ideas. We'll have a doodle sent out to get the strategic planning stuff figured out.
- iii. Director of Academic Affairs: I want to thank everyone who came to Fuel for Finals. There's a UPCC meeting tomorrow. If you missed Fuel for Finals, come talk to me about making that up by going to the meeting.

- iv. Director of Procedural Operations: No report.
- v. Director of Communications: Today, I posted the election results on the SGA website. If you guys have any more ideas on how to be more transparent, let me know!

e. Senate Leads

- i. Kennesaw Senate Lead: Our feedback forms are available in the Kennesaw and Marietta Campus offices. If any of you would like to meet with me one on one in person, please let me know. Officer reports are due this Friday. There is an opportunity for you guys to get a campus engagement done in January for Week of Welcome.
- ii. Marietta Senate Lead: Everyone agrees that the Marietta Campus office is already small. Does anyone have any suggestions on how to make the Marietta Campus office more appealing to be in.

f. Treasurer

- i. Early today, we had the pleasure of attending the Student Technology Fee Committee. There will be a decrease in the Global Learning Fee and an increase in the Rec fee by 5 dollars.

g. Secretary

- i. No report

h. Vice President

- i. President Hunnicutt and I had a meeting with Dr. Whitten yesterday. She wanted us to work on getting down the fee of textbooks. I'm going to be talking with all of you during the break. We're currently trying to work on having Spring break free of work for students so that it's an actual break. We have 70 to 80 more classes being offered next semester.

i. President

- i. For the elections committee that Senator Ellington will be my Vice-chair for, we want to look at the results and possibly look at a change in the by-laws. Senator Steltzer informed me that he's resigned from the SGA. As you know, we're getting close to finals, so if any of you are on the Kennesaw Campus, come find me for food.

V. Open Forum (2 min/per officer)

- a. Senator Coakley: The library on the Marietta campus will be closing at 12 now. I went and talked to our Dean. They agreed to email people when they change teachers for a course that students are already enrolled in.
- b. Daniel Griffin: I don't have a car, so I feel like it would have been a better experience my first semester for there to be a late-night dining option for students on campus.
- c. Director Moges: I need to see Derek and Vincent after the meeting.

VI. New Business

- a. Constitution Revisions
- i 1st revision passes: (22 for/2 against/5 abstentions)
- ii 2nd revision passes: (23 for/1 against/5 abstentions)

VII. Announcements (2 min/per officer)

- a. Senator Brand: They're rezoning Kennesaw and planning on building multiplex being build in Kennesaw. This is a big project that will greatly improve the area. Building is going to begin early 2019.
- b. Treasurer Harr: I hope to see everyone this Saturday at the football game at 2:00pm.

- C. President Hunnicutt: If anyone is interested in making an Eagle Scout organization, please let me know.
- d. Senator Holmes: If you know anyone interested in Engineering, please direct them to me.
- e. Director Moges: If your person isn't here for Secret Santa, you can keep your present. You guys are going to give your presents to each other. I made some brownies as well.

VIII. Adjournment