

“To lead the student body with integrity and consistency.”

Student Government Association

91st General Body Meeting

3 November 2021



- I. Call to Order - President Johnson
- II. Roll Call – Chief of Staff Gary
- III. Approval of 90th Meeting Minutes
  - A. No objections to the 90th meeting minutes
- IV. Office Reports
  - A. Student Advocacy- Dr. Nicole Phillips
    - Focused on helping students resolve complex problems and manage their expectations
    - Some services include:
      - KSU Behavioral Response Team
        - Multidisciplinary team that meets regularly to assess students’ problems
        - Identify and work with students in distress and provide conflict de-escalation and resolution
        - Common topics: Academic Affairs, and Title IX, and Dean of Students/SCAI
        - Mental health and students missing class are the top areas of concern
      - Educational Outreach
        - Offer workshops and presentations for various student groups
      - Themed Engagement Experiences
        - Usually offered during Week of Welcome and Creed Week
    - Creed Week Jan 31st, 2022-Feb 4th, 2022
      - Created 5 years ago by a group of students
      - Reach out if you want to be a part of it

- Contact: [creed.kennesaw.edu](mailto:creed.kennesaw.edu)
- KSU Women of Color Initiative
  - Informal meetings; Talk about personal and professional issues; provide support in personal development
- Office of Dean of Students
  - Goal: helps students overcome barriers that get in the way of academic and personal success
  - Foster a welcoming and safe environment
- Encourages SGA to tell friends about WellBeing@KSU
- Contact: <https://advocacy.kennesaws.edu/> or [ksuadvocacy@kennesaw.edu](mailto:ksuadvocacy@kennesaw.edu)

B. First Amendment and KSU Policy Presentation- Nwakaego Nkumeh Walker and Breana Ware

- Purpose is to assist with legal issues within the University and consult with cabinets, deans, and chairs
- First Amendment protects peoples' speech
  - Applies to public colleges, including KSU
  - Senate Bill 339 requires KSU to adopt policies that protect free speech
  - Even if speech is offensive, KSU has to protect it because of the First Amendment
- KSU is required to be a "Marketplace of Ideas": Everyone has to have the opportunity to express their thoughts
- **University has the right to put reasonable limitations on when, where, and how speech can ensure campus safety and to make sure that activities are not interrupted**
- Cannot limit based on content of the speech
- Non-KSU Individuals may only come on the campus by submitting a form and it must be approved by the Dean of Students
- Not all speech is protected; for example, true threats and photos depicting unlawful activity are not
- Hate speech is not illegal (it is protected speech)
- Ways to respond: create counter-programming, speaking back, don't restrict the free speech of others, partner with other students through different activities, and/or disengage
- Contact: [legal.kennesaw.edu](mailto:legal.kennesaw.edu)

Questions:

- Senator Thompson: Has there ever been an instance where

the University had to limit speech?

- Can't think of an instance at this moment; there has been a time where they had to go back and look at the form and take away objects/items (ex: amplifier) because the person did not get it approved first on the form
- President Johnson: Are the forms public knowledge?
  - Yes, you can make an open records request to the Dean of Students.
- Senator Valdez: Is there a limit on the requests? Can anyone request?
  - Anyone can request. There may be limits. Under Open Requests law, there might be a charge.
- Senator Branche: Best tactic to make them leave?
  - They are going to be here regardless. Best response is counter programming and disengaging.
- Attorney General Waits: Can we get notified if they reserve a space?
  - No, please ask instead. Legal team needs to make sure that they are engaging in contact neutral activity.

### C. Directors

- Internal Affairs
  - Meet Your SGA event on Friday 1-3pm on the Green
  - Please sign up for volunteer corps if you are interest
- Diversity and Inclusion
  - Diversity Week Nov. 8th-12th on the Green
  - CARES – Meeting on November 30th; will give update later
  - Spoke at the International Student Association (ISA) Fall fashion show on Monday and talked about SGA and D&I committee
  - Met with Press Secretary Weston to discuss Native American/Indigenous People Month and possible events
  - Internship in hospice care – reached out to volunteer coordinator; Asks SGA to make cards; due November 30th
- Communications

- Collaborating with Director Grant on Indigenous People month
- Collaborating with Director Cochran on Covid-19 event; designed presentation and IG graphic
- Working on the SGA website
- Governance
  - Working on reorganizing the office
  - If you will be late or absent, please inform 24 hours before the meeting.
  - Be engaged during the meetings
- Senate Lead
  - Not making 1:1s mandatory this month
  - Working on Fall survey with Chief of Staff Gary
  - Senator shoutout: Meredith Baldwin

#### D. Treasurer Pfohl

- Met with Interns
  - Create around 25 pages regarding financial literacy; scholarships
- Met with Career Services
- Met with Jessica Watkins to have someone come talk about how KSU has helped their career
- Met with people from Federal Reserve
- Owl Swap is having an event 12-3pm on the Green

#### E. Vice President Wittmayer

- Find ways to make sure SGA is engaged on campus
- Scheduling meeting with the President's Chief of Staff to talk about PR
- Sending reminder for Senators who are assigned to Academic and External
- CARES is having empty bowl event tomorrow

#### F. President Johnson

- Task force on race: focusing on specific tasks such as D&I statement and ways to improve student life
- Presented President Schwaig the Covid-19 Resolution that we passed
  - Federal mask mandates do not apply to KSU because we do not have federal contractors
  - Will come to first Spring General Body meeting
- Provost Athletic Council Meeting: update on the Fall sports

- 44% of student athletes are First-Gen students
- Athletic grad rate is 13% higher than campus rate

G. Advisor(s) Update

V. Open Forum (2 min/officer)

A. Senator Valdez

- Collaborating with President of KPA; creating pride coalition with schools within USG
- Attend Diversity Week events
- Contacting psychological services to see if they can have a section for pride students

B. Senator Williams

- Meet Your SGA is Friday
  - Games: Cornball from KAB, chalk for four-square
  - Be approachable

C. Senator Yaledah-Bashaar

- Created google form that will be sent out soon for BlackKSU event
- If you know any black businesses, let her know.
- Need to find a DJ and volunteers

D. Senator Wahab

- Dr. Briggs is looking at available spaces on the top floor
- Met with 2 committees and reached out to constituents that should be participating in Diversity Week

E. Senator Gordon

- Planning event Thursday, November 11th from 1-3pm
  - Operation CSM
- Met with Dean of College November 12th at 3:30
- Met with KAB and they want to partner with SGA

F. Senator Harrison

- Presented project during SAC meeting
- Creating survey so students can choose which resources they would like

G. Senator Thompson

- Encouraging everyone to come out to Diversity Week
- ASA is having an event tomorrow regarding topics about African Americans and Africans

H. Senator Quenneh

- Met with Dean of College
  - Bringing research into the classroom

- Hiring pre-med advisor
- Working on revamping the learning communities

VI. New Business

A. External and Academic Affairs Swear-ins

- Candidate for External Affairs: Daniel Coley
- Candidate for Academic Affairs: Kyla Young

B. Senator Yaledah Bashaar motions to swear them both in; Senator Gordan seconds; passed

C. President Johnson swears them both in

VII. Announcements (2 min/officer | 5 min/audience member)

A. President Johnson

- Thank you for staying engaged during presentations and technical difficulties.

B. Director Cochran

- For Meet Your SGA, dress for the weather

C. Chief of Staff Gary

- Please pick up nametags

D. Senator Valdez

- Come to Model UN Nations meeting
- D&I please check group chat

E. Senator McLendon

- Honors college town hall next week; please come out

VIII. Adjournment

A. No objections to the adjournment of the meeting