

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

Student Government Association

90th General Body Meeting

20 October 2021



- I. Call to Order - President Johnson
- II. Roll Call – Chief of Staff Gary
- III. Approval of 88th Meeting Minutes
 - A. No objections to the 88th Meeting Minutes
- IV. Office Reports
 - A. Jessica Watkins- BAS/The New Generation Project
 - Mission: To support and educate students within the USG and AUC on topics such as Social Movements and methods of relational organizing
 - Building a delegation between KSU, Ga Tech, UGA and other colleges
 - Ga Organizers Institute
 - 4 Day Event (Oct. 29th-Nov.1st)
 - Will give President Johnson the information so those interested can register
 - Direct Action Night Ticket Packages
 - Discounted tickets will also come with \$10 meal credit
 - Also, will serve as a fundraiser to help New Gen contribute to helping higher education students
 - Anyone can come, but it's first 75; first come first served
 - Game starts at 7 pm vs the Wizards
 - Black Alumni Society (BAS)
 - Founded in 2000
 - Spent a lot of time last term trying to engage undergraduate students and will continue that this year

- Planning Graduation Party in partnership with Forks and Flavors
- Encourages SGA to follow BAS' IG page so we can keep up with what they are doing (ksublackalumnisociety)

B. Directors

- Internal Affairs
 - Created subcommittees: General issues, Covid-19 awareness, Programming for events, Student labor
 - Vaccine outreach tentative date: November 18th 6-7pm
 - Will start advertising for that soon
 - Audrey and Bethany will reach out to professors to see if students can get extra credit
 - Partnering with Shemeka Wells and NPHC for upcoming Sexual Awareness events
 - Will be under General issues subcommittee lead by Senator Edgar
 - Talked with Senator Harrison about mental health of athletes
 - “Meet your SGA” event will be delayed for now
 - Shoutout to Senator Quenneh and Senator Edgar for doing great work in the Internal Affairs committee
- Diversity and Inclusion
 - Met with Marcia from CARES to talk about initiatives for the first gen students
 - Sent an excel sheet of initiatives that are already in place and will put in the SGA chat
 - You are considered a First Gen student if parents/guardians do not have bachelor's degree
 - Emergency Fund Assistance Course
 - Students can request emergency funds
 - Diversity Week – Nov. 8th-12th
 - Will be on the Campus Green
 - Met with Director Cochran about reaching out to racial and cultural orgs to help foster a relationship between them and SGA and to help them get more

exposure

- Will reach out to organizations to ask questions and get feedback
- Met with Dr. Philips about Q&A panel for the Spring semester
 - She recommended doing a series of IG live videos to answer questions
 - Gave great medical advice
- Communications
 - Met with Parker about putting the Judicial Branch on the SGA website
 - Finishing up headshots
 - Designing SGA T-shirts
- Governance
 - Governance application closed yesterday, but no one applied
 - Will reach out to people who have personal problems and can't attend meetings/events
- Senate Lead
 - Had a meeting on Monday with FSL and will update at the next meeting
 - Make sure you sign up for the October 1:1
 - Will send another google doc for the November 1:1
 - Senator Shoutout: Senator Mathew

C. Chief Justice Thompson

- The Preamble will be changed to the Mission Statement
 - Want to hold everyone accountable
- Checks and Balances
- Structure of the Court
 - Oversee cases in Trial Procedures
 - 7 Justices
 - 1 Chief Justice and 6 Associate Justices
 - 1 Deputy Chief Justice
 - 1 Clerk of the Court
- Justices cannot discuss hypothetical court cases
- Four Areas of Jurisdiction
 - Judicial Interpretation, Original Jurisdiction, Infraction Appeals, and Election Appeals
- All appeals will be made on the SGA website

- They must be made as a “Writ of Certiorari”
- Must be sent to judicialbranch.sga@kennesaw.edu
- Sessions that are not executive sessions will be public

D. Treasurer Pfohl

- Meeting with treasurers from USG
 - Meeting on Dec. 2nd at GA Tech
 - Federal Reserve will be attending; invites SGA to come
 - Presenting how the treasurer’s position works at their college and issues they are facing
- Presenting budget and how senators can request money
 - Senators have \$100 to spend
 - Process: Senator submits SGA Money Request Form. Treasurer Pfohl will review request, and if she accepts, it will go to President Johnson for approval. President Johnson signs off and then it will go to Dr. Briggs for staff approval. After approval, Treasurer Pfohl works with Tracee Safford to purchase any necessary items

E. Vice President Wittmayer

- Presidential Search Committee
 - Process will remain closed; don’t want to put candidates at risk of getting fired from their job
 - Will be transparent about the process and the questions
- Senators, make sure you get in contact with your interns
- KSU Policies - If anyone has concerns, let him know.

F. President Johnson

- Homecoming was fun; thank you for all the support
- Attended KSU Library Advisory committee meeting
 - Discussed budget and concerns/issues
- Met with SGA presidents from USG and the Academic Affairs person for USG
- Jan 10th is deadline to apply for the KSU President position
- Senators, make sure you do your Office Hours and respond back to the emails
- Senator Spotlight: Senator Baldwin
- Halloween party next Wednesday during the Intern meeting
 - Potluck style: Bring your favorite Halloween treat

G. Advisor(s) Update

- Dr. Eric Arneson
 - In 2018, there were two separate lawsuits brought by RSOs
 - Lawsuit 1: An RSO requested permission to put a pro-life/anti-abortion graphic up and thought the graphic was put in a place that was not visible; so, they believe they were being discriminated against
 - Settlement: Policies were changed so now any RSO can reserve spaces on either campus
 - Lawsuit 2: (Part 1) An RSO said that if they brought in a speaker that KSU didn't like or thought was controversial, KSU would make them pay multiple fees to persuade them from getting the speaker (Part 2) RSOs were funded differently based on favoritism
 - There were tiers based on how much activity an RSO did over the years. So, if your RSO hosted more programs, they were on a different (higher) funding level
 - Settlement: (Part 1) An org who hosts an event with a speaker is responsible for security, but they can request through SABAC to pay for that (Part 2) Gave all RSOs the same funding opportunities and anyone can apply to SABAC in the same manner
- Dr. Ronald Briggs
 - Need SGA's assistance on connecting with peers
 - Everyone has the right to free speech; Simply don't engage
 - Student activities has reached out to help give information about the SABAC process
 - SABAC wants to do a video
 - Homeless Awareness Week – Oct 30th-Nov. 6th
 - Ethics Awareness Week Nov 8th-12th
 - Student Ethics Breakfast and Giveaways on Nov. 9th (Marietta Student Center) and Nov.

10th (Kennesaw Student Center) from 9-10
am

- Revising Academic Grievance Process
 - Finalizing document
- Creed Week: Jan 31st-Feb 4th, 2022

V. Unfinished Business

A. Bagwell College of Education Senator Swear-in

- Candidate: Hannah Hyder
- Questioning: What are some things that you want to implement for the students who are currently in that process?
 - It is a hard transition from the classroom into the field of student teaching, want to create ways to support students and help with their mental state
- Senator Valdez moves to bring swear-in to a vote; Senator Gordan seconds; Passed
- Senator Fortson moves to swear the candidate in; Senator Edgar seconds; Passed
- Candidate is sworn in by President Johnson as the Senator for Bagwell College of Education

B. Judicial Branch Swear-ins

- Candidates: Katie Kojali, Zae Brewer, Mia Hutchinson, Justice Thomas, Kamissha Miles, Radha Patel
- Senator Valdez moves to interview the candidates 1 by 1; Senator Fortson seconds; Not passed
- Questions Radha Patel, Justice Thomas, and Kamissha Miles
- Senator Williams motions to vote them all in at once; Senator Powell seconds; 18 voted yes; passed
- Senator Fortson moves to swear them in; Senator Branche seconds; Passed
- Chief Justice Thompson and President Johnson swears all the candidates in as Associate Justices

VI. Open Forum (2 min/officer)

- A. Fill out the Officer Report form sent out by Chief of Staff Gary

VII. New Business

A. First Year Senator Swear-ins

- Candidates: Kennedy Broner and Nadirah Ali
 - Questioning
- Senator Valdez: What are some aspects that you can bring

from Model UN?

- She did a lot of debates and represented her country; can represent SGA as well
- Attorney General Waits: How do plan on making sure you have time for the position and research?
 - She is productive with her time; dual-enrolled in high school
- Senator Stephens: How do you plan on reaching constituents as you're a junior and most first year students are freshman?
 - Now that she is allowed to be on campus, she goes to events with first-year friends; able to grow into role
- Senator Valdez moves to vote on the two candidates; Senator Gordan seconds; Passed
- Both candidates are sworn in by President Johnson as First-Year Senators

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

A. Treasurer Pfohl

- If you have any questions about where your money goes or anything that has to do with SABAC, let her know.

B. Press Secretary Weston

- We are taking a picture outside for breast cancer awareness
- Comms committee, check GroupMe

C. Senator Valdez

- Ad hoc committee, please check your GroupMe
- Model United Nations is having meeting tomorrow from 8-10 pm, looking for members for the Spring semester

D. Senator Gordan

- Pi Phi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is having Skee-Week events tomorrow in person and Friday virtually

E. Senator Powell – Ball is happening in February, sending link for volunteering opportunity in the group chat

F. VP Wittmayer

- Be a part of MUN this year

G. President Johnson

- Sigma Alpha Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho, Inc. is having a clothing drive; the box is in FSL Office all month long; please donate winter clothes
- The former President, Vice President, and President Pro

Tempore are present

H. Tariq Bradford

- He says that we are all in separate branches, but we underline each other. Try not to go tit for tat. He likes how SGA is growing. He congratulates the Judicial Branch for continuing to grow and swearing in justices.

I. PJ Brown

- He says that SGA is in a great spot. Leverage this opportunity and take advantage of being in the midst of leaders. There is always room for improvement; Everything is a work in progress. Make sure you're on LinkedIn and are documenting what you're doing in SGA.

J. Jessica Watkins

- She is so proud of SGA. She has been a member of SGA for a long time and is seeing so much growth. She is a fan of the diversity of this year's Senate. She wants everyone to keep working hard. She is very proud of the E-Board.

IX. Adjournment

- A. No objections to the adjournment of the meeting.