Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 19, 2013

I. Call to order; Executive Vice President Ashley Epperson

II. Roll call; Taylor Briggs

III. Officer Reports
   a. Academic Affairs- First committee meeting was held. Expectations and project ideas were discussed.
      Coming Weeks: VP Stanford will be meeting with a student about academic services related to disability services and accommodations. The AA committee will create an action plan for the year.
   b. Budget and Finance- Currently we have used 30% of the budget, which is on track with previous years’ spending. There have been 2 approved co-sponsorships and there are 5 pending. Generally the budget and planning is a head of schedule. Contact VP Lewis for budget specifics.
   c. Public Relations- The PR Committee has scheduled Sept 19, 26, Oct 1, 3 for tabling in plaza. Students will be surveyed and given other information about SGA. The committee is also planning the upcoming volunteer welcome.
      Coming Weeks: VP Bradley is ordering new shirts for SGA representatives and promo items for students. The SGA website being updated with new members and minutes.
   d. Student Life- 4 co-sponsorships have been approved by the committee. LUL was approved and their RFE was submitted for food at a program. Campus PALS also has an RFE in the system.
      Coming Weeks: VP Smith will be finalizing additional RFEs.
   e. Student Services- The committee has collected feedback from students (70 forms) on panther shuttles and 20 about other services. At the committee meeting, issues were discussed with each panther bus route. Red and Purple routes seem to be under-utilized. All of the information is being compiled and sent to the director over Panther Buses.
      Coming Weeks: The service of the month for October will be Career Services.

IV. Old Business
   a. Act (Amendment to criteria for SGA representatives)
      Revisions have made to the act since last meeting by Mr. Ronald Kato
VP Henson moved to limit discussion to one round, Lewis seconds

    Pro: Lewis- This will help transfer students apply and be involved

    Con: Keller- The Presidential requirements should be changed

    Con: Lewis- The whole constitution refers to having completed one semester at GSU, so it would have to be changed also

    Pro: Ronald Kato- Anyone who is a GSU student should be eligible because all GSU students are represented here.

Keller motions to extend discussion 5 minutes, Brightharp seconds

Lewis motions for open discussion, Luster seconds

    Clerveau: The knowledge and experience that comes from being a student at GSU is an important part of serving in GSU. Students without this experience have less understanding of how the school works.

    Natal: As a transfer student, she agrees that students need experience at GSU first. One semester is reasonable and it gives more advantage to the student involved.

    Craig: She personally filled a vacancy after one semester at GSU and thought that was a great experience- not too long to wait.

    Kado: Without letting everyone participate, the body is not being representative

    Ugwuibe: Most student leadership positions on campus have the same standard so she thinks it is fair.

Keller motions to amend the presidential GPA to 3.5, Mr Kado declines to accept friendly amendment

Altman motions to discuss for one minute longer, Henson seconds

    Altman posits that transfer students can have SGA and other experience and that we should welcome them.

    Greer agrees about transfers but not freshman.

    Clerveau asked to amend to exclude freshman from the Act.

EVP Epperson reread the amendment
President Whyte clarified that the GPA requirements would be across the board

Greer asked to amend language to “college or university”, Haldey seconded

Kado accepts the amendment

Henson clarified that freshman can be involved in SGA through committees

Brightharp suggested freshman liaison programs to involve freshman students

Sams questioned who the sponsor was; Senator Loyd

Henson motioned to approve, Lewis seconded

Motion passes

V. New Business

- No questions for Jodie-Ann
- No motions for discussion
Motion passes unanimously

b. Discussion on Improvements to the Student Center
President Whyte has talked to the new Director of the Student University center and he asked for feedback from students.
Some complaints/suggestions from students:
Luster: TVs being too loud, no way to change volume. Chairs get dirty.
Ugwuiye: Lack of variation in food. Wants to continue push for allergy info.
Hadley: Congestion around the microwaves.
Zackery: Get microwaves in Aderhold.
Lisa Archer: There is a microwave in Aderhold, 1st floor.
Craig: Charging station would be useful.
Luster: plug in for TVs?
Craig: question about the glass area on the 2nd floor- is it a quiet area?
Lafortune: question about the connection between the student center and university center.
Archer: Lack of computers
c. Homecoming Sub-committee
October 10th from 12-1pm is golfcart parade, SGA will participate.
Bradley and Smith will head subcommittee.
d. Committee Updates
Ugwuiye reported about the Student Services committee
Keller reported on Budget and Finance
Boyd reported on Student Services

VI. President’s Minute
Org United was a great turnout and thank you to all who came. An email list for presidents has been compiled to encourage collabs between orgs. He encourages all members to be professional and not use phones during the meeting. Evaluations about VPs will be going out soon to get a better idea of what is going on.
Town hall meeting is the next senate meeting. Community outreach is going to be happening once a month. Please come out to athletic events to encourage school spirit.
SGA will be meeting with officials (Oct 4th) to extend library hours and possibly fund it through SGA monies.