Meeting Agenda
Thursday February 12, 2015

I. Call to order/Guest Welcome: Executive Vice-President Sebastian Parra

II. Roll call: Senate Clerk Grant

III. Approval of Minutes from last senate meeting

IV. Officer Reports
   a. Budget and Finance: Vice President Sams
      - 3 new organizations have been awarded
   b. Public Relations: Vice President Bradley
      - Plaza days being booked
      - Committee working to come up with surveys to gain students perspective
   c. Student Life: Vice President Paige
   d. Student Services: Vice President Mayfield
      - Resolution 1501—ISAC will be discussed later
      - Meeting volunteers from colleges later
   e. Head Senators and Liaison Report
      New head liaison must be elected
      - Brandon Hall nominated for head liaison by Brandon Hall, Nick Smith seconded
      - Yann nominated by Senator Onzureke, seconded by Mayfield
      - Motioned to vote by Senator Smith, seconded by Senator Ezell
      - Motion to discussed by Senator Ezell, seconded by Senator Smith
      - VP Mayfield says she has worked with Yann, he accepts critiques, is open minded
      - Senator Onzureke says Yann has a passion for SGA, is his mentor
      - Pro Tempore says Hall has good initiative, is hard worker
      - Senator Ezell says he is active, already worked on legislation
      - Motion to vote by Senator Ezell, seconded by Senator Ezell
      - Hall-16, Mondon-5
      - Brandon Hall is elected as new liaison
      Head Senators
      Senator Brightharp
      - Went to Georgia Tech to discuss sustainability initiatives and constitution adjustments
      - Were very collaborative and supportive
      - Major differences in structure
- Want to create sub-committees under standing committees
- Wants to give more leadership positions, and create opportunities for volunteers to work more closely
  Senator Jackson
- Tech has a bicameral legislation with graduate and undergraduate students
- Appreciated that idea, but is not practical for GSU SGA, less students willing to work
  SJB Oguama Richards asks if they have been in contact with SJB at Tech, Jackson says that have
- Committees are extremely structured, with subcommittee chairs and members
  Senator Brightharp
- Subcommittees don’t have to be an immediate thing, can do Alpha Test or Beta test
- Would create more leadership roles
  Senator Thomas
- Tech is full of passionate students, we could incorporate to increase student involvement
  Senator Brightharp
- Showed great hospitality, want to invite them here in order to build an Atlanta-wide group

f. University Committee Report

V. Old Business

a. SGA Resolution #1501
   ISAC/ Multiculturalism Resolution
   - Only minor changes made
   - Indicates that they will use Sodexo when able according to budget
   - Will give report to University Committee
   - ISAC will be able to bring in food as long as they take a food-safety class and pass test, must sign over liability
   - Point of Clarification from Advisor Boyd, can simply read pamphlet, ISAC is happy with resolution made
   - Question from Senator Smith: With the test, it only gives certification for two years. Must have 2 representatives, must get 80% to pass
   - Motion to vote, VP Sams seconded by Jackson
   - Motion passes unanimously

VI. New Business:

a. Swearing in of new Senators
b. Confirmation of candidates for Liaison Positions
   Blessing Akomas – junior, transfer from Mercer
   Juan Galvis- freshman, admires leaders in SGA, wants to be involved
   Siu “Maggie”- freshman Kong- desires a voice in the student body, learning to be a student leader
   - Motion to discuss by Senator Smith for 3 minutes
   - Seconded by Brightharp, spoke eloquently, would be great additions
   - Motion to vote as slate by Senator Ezell, seconded by Brigharp
   - Passes unanimously
c. **Confirmation of candidate for VP of Academic Affairs Vacancy**

Karim Minkara - senior Geology major

Senator Ezell asked why he became inactive, Minkara stated that he became inactive. Senator Ezell asked why he waited until now, Minkara said he just felt that the timing was right.

Senator Thomas asked what he plans to do with a finite time less, Minkara says he plans to lay a strong foundation to build on

Motion to discuss by Senator Jackson, Seconded by Andretti

3 minutes by VP Sams, Seconded by Brightharp

Pro Tempore says he has been in the office, left a great impression

Senator Ezell asks why he hasn’t come to talk to Parra, that’s her hesitation

Freshman liaison Hall asks what foundation he’ll be able to lay with only one meeting left

VP Sams says there are still opportunities for him to make decisions without a committee

VP Mayfield says they are confirming liaisons with only one meeting left, we need to extend the same opportunities

Motion to extend conversation from Senator Thomas for one minute, seconded by Brightharp

Senator Andretti says he will be way more productive than an empty seat, has been a great leader

Advisor Boyd says committee meetings extend until April, will have opportunity and time to make changes

Motion to vote Senator Lafortune, Seconded by Senator Clearveau

Minkara has been confirmed

d. **SGA Resolution #1502**

Senator Ezell

- Wanted to originally create a free space but is complicated due to legalities, now wants to reduce noise and congestion and protestors in library plaza, Unity Plaza is now available for student organizations to do plaza activities
- Senator Jones asks if it will completely eliminate plaza activity, Senator Ezell says that is the intention
- Senator Ezell clarifies that she merely aims to move the plaza activities to Unity Plaza to create a happy medium
- Senator Nguyen asks if it will allow other organizations to use the stage and plaza area for tours and other organizations
- Senator Moss says that this will create more congestion in another area
- Senator Tiano says the way to reach the most students is through Library Plaza, less people travel in Unity Plaza, Senator Thomas seconds this
- Senator Ezell says that it is a game of ways and means, is worth it to clear up congestion
- Senator Brightharp sees it conducting a reservation problem, the plaza is able to be bypassed, doesn’t feel that the legislation is necessary
- Senator Ezell doesn’t foresee reservations being an issue, Ezell is saying that students must inconvenience themselves
- Pro Tempore Harris sees pros to this, the groups that come to Library Plaza will move to Unity Plaza, it would be beneficial to everyone to move somewhere else
- Senator Jackson agrees with Pro Tempore Harris, student organizations will still be able to utilize library plaza for tabling, this resolution will merely change the free speech area, thinks it is a good initiative
- This is merely a resolution, could be passed from SGA but involves legal matters
- Liason Hall asks if DJs will be able to reserve, Ezell says that it will remove everyone entirely, wants to check about posting policy and passing out flyers.
- Senator Ezell says that this will no longer be an issue
- Motion to extend conversation by Senator Jones, Seconded by Senator Imonigo
- Senator Jones asks if we can change the time, but Ezell says she is attempting to discuss with Ga Tech to see about changing free speech areas
- Senator Thomas says he agrees with his solutions, a middle ground would be to change the rules to sound regulations
- Senator Smith motions to move to Student Life committee, Seconded by Senator Jones
- Motion passes

e. **Bylaws Review**

Senator Jackson

- Constitution is supposed to serve as fundamental document that establishes principles we rely on
- Bylaws should be longer, and establish procedural
- Title I, establishes Senate regulations
- Section 4, Article 2, adds constituent meetings that must be two hours at least once a semester
- Senator Ezell motions to eliminate a required amount of time,
- VP Mayfield says the time limit is designed to allow as many students to attend as possible for school schedules
- Senator Ezell suggests changing “duration” to “window”
- Liason Hall suggests like our first town hall, which is a walk-in, walk-out situation
- Pro Tempore says that it can get repetitive, and this would allow the most students to attend
- Senator Jackson says that President has the authority to appoint you, VP Parra says it will create unnecessary power, Pro Tempore says it can create a fair population to each committee meeting
- Attendance policy: President or EVP are not required to send a termination, position is considered vacant after three absences
- EVP shall also be called Speaker of the Senate
- Place time restrictions on Speaker of the Senate
- VP Parra says they want to combine Senate Clerk and Parliamentarian to Chief of Staff and Secretary of the Senate, will serve 5 office hours. Appointed by President or Vice President and affirmed by the Senate.
- VP Bradley says they have also discussed photographer for the Senate, can create appointed position in Bylaws, not constitutions
- Pro Tempore is not stipend, wants to create that for Pro Tempore
- More training for EVP to learn for Robert’s Rules
- Increase in stipend depending on discussion later
- Student Assistants were also not removed according to VP Mayfield
- If dispute on motion, move to Pro Tempore, but Parliamentarian should be unbiased
- Robert’s Rules are not currently being followed, to combine positions, there must be a change in pace of Robert’s Rules
- Speaker of the Senate would now be allowed to participate in all Senate committee meetings, but could not vote
- Legislation can now be sent to a committee, per the Speaker of the Senate (as legislation is currently being practiced)
- There are now 4 methods of classification for legislation in order to better make clear the intentions and jurisdictions of a piece of legislation
- E board can no longer introduce legislation, but can work with it. E Board can also not vote on legislation.
- Introduce Executive Orders to SGA
- Some Senators are not comfortable with the potential abuse of power
- Senator Clerveau says should only be used in case of emergency, lack of quorum, or to commend a student
- There will be a committee meeting next week to go over in more detail
- States all specific duties and responsibilities of all VPs
- Article 3: request to specify the powers of the EVP to just control of the Senate
- Discrepancies in stipend policy, gives power to President and allows for accountability
- Election Commission is also reviewing the Election regulations, subject to change
- Is a code of ethics for what is expected of all SGA members
- VP Mayfield says they will attempt to regulate the schedule, potential for food

VII. Executive Vice President’s Minutes
- Reminder: conference room is open for students to utilize
- Attendance to committee: try to remind members, there will be a party for the college with the best attendance

VIII. President Pro-Tempore’s Minutes

IX. President’s Minutes

X. Advisor Beckwith’s Minutes
- Lanier is not here because of a meeting with the Georgia Regents, to discuss issues facing the entire University

XI. Points of Personal Privilege

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Ezell, Seconded by Moss