Meeting Agenda
Thursday February 26, 2015

Attendance:
Absent: Senators Andriate, Hayes and Roberts.
Liaison Sanders.
Tardy: Senator Scales, Thomas, Moss and Clerveau
Liaisons Akomas and Jackson.

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

II. Roll call: Senate Clerk Grant

III. Approval of Minutes from last senate meetings
Motion to approve Senator Ezell
Seconded by Senator Jackson
Motion Passes
Motion to approve Senator Ezell
Seconded by Senator Soyebo
Motion Passes

IV. Officer Reports
a. Academic Affairs: Vice President Minkara
   Committee is in data collection phase for different academic programs available for students
   Committee meetings will be Thursdays at 4 pm, every Thursday for now
   Senator Jackson asks when it will be completed
   VP Minkara says beginning to mid-April
b. Budget and Finance: Vice President Sams
   Waiting on Office of Dean to reply with potential meeting dates
   Will get back next meeting with budget information
   University-wide budget meeting resulted in lots of new budgets for many organizations
c. Public Relations: Vice President Bradley
   Discussed shifting gears, new focus on social media
   Live tweeting Senate meetings
   Developing survey, focused on plaza to get student feedback about Senator Ezell’s bill
d. Student Life: Vice President Paige
   Met with Parker Hendricks to discuss organization of the game
   Can’t step at games because it could damage floor
   Meeting with Dean Holloman next week about Senator Ezell’s bill
   GSU Bucket list will be in all new Incept bags
Met with committee on Tuesday, discussed Senator Ezell’s bill
Discussed co-sponsorships for trips and retreats, will have to report how retreat would affect campus
Advisor Boyd asks about SGA and Organization of the Game, will pass around flyer, students have to have tickets to get into the game
Wear SGA polos

e. **Student Services: Vice President Mayfield**
   No committee meeting due to snow day
   Statement of work done for library meeting

f. **Head Senators and Liaison Report**

g. **University Committee Report**
   Senator LaFortune met with Student Life and Development Committee last week, 4 new organizations were founded
   Recommendations for Student Code of Conduct were accepted, Misty McDonald presented new Code
   As far as smoking police goes, met with Benita Patel who is with the school of Public Health to attempt to enforce the smoking ban
   Apologizes for not being able to form an entire committee dedicated to the smoking policy
   March 11 will be “Kick Butts” Day at Plaza to discuss smoking cessation methods
   Senator Cole asks about penalties for smoking
   Senator LaFortune says no, there is not due to Atlanta’s smoking policy
   Senator Ezell reminds everyone about Diversity Committee Meeting tomorrow from 2-6
   Senator Brightharp says that Panther Mentorship is going well, kind of stalled at the moment to work with organizations, working with VP Bradley to advertise

V. **Old Business**

a. **SGA Resolution #1502**
   Main changes—wanted to remove Library Plaza, now Library Plaza is still that space, but no noise amplification devices are permitted
   Adding Hurt Park is another change, and they want to add a stage and amplification devices
   Allows for transition for the green space since Library Plaza will be demolished soon anyway, gets rid of congestion as well
   Questions
   VP Paige asks: in reference to Hurt Park, would disturb local businesses similar to the disturbance in the Library for Students
   Senator Ezell says that ordinance issues are still in place, if anything it can take advantage of an underutilized space, may even boost businesses
   Senator Ezell says that this also still allows students to utilize Library Plaza
   Will go into effect as soon as President Becker can approve it
   Advisor Boyd says it depends if things are moved before the change in Hurt Park
   Senator Ezell says that does mean that protestors will be allowed to be there, but it will quiet them down
   VP Paige asks how this will be enforced
Advisor Boyd says that there is a new meeting discussing how this will be enforced happening this week
Senator Jackson asks if we are issuing a survey to gauge student support
Senator Ezell says that this is the goal, so she can present this information to President Becker
Senator Smith says that this is an issue his friends have spoken about, Senator Brightharp and Moss agree
VP Paige says that this creates Panther Pride, doesn’t want to take this away
Senator Ezell says that this isn’t taking anything away, it is just moving it
Advisor Boyd says it should wait to survey students and then pass the resolution
VP Mayfield asks what happens if we don’t get the response we need from survey takers
Senator Ezell says she would still pursue it as she does indeed represent the student body
Senator Jackson says that we should try to promote it to encourage student to take the survey to get a good report
Senator Thomas says that his only concern is with the Code
Senator Ezell clarifies that she changed nothing except adding Hurt Park
Pro-Temp Harris says that we have the responsibility to get this out there
Senator Cole asks if this includes musical instruments
Senator Ezell says yes, that is typically included
Senator Cole says this is taking someone’s way to display talent
Senator Ezell stresses that there are other places where they could showcase this
Senator Evans says that this is an underutilized area, this could allow students the opportunity to take advantage of the space we already have
Senator LaFortune asks if we can add “during library hours”
Senator Ezell says the hours of 8 am – 9 pm are already in the code of conduct
President Henson says that this also effects offices and departments in the plaza
Senator Sobyeo asks if we can wait to pass until after survey
Senator Ezell says if students are completely unresponsive and not-excited she will pull the bill
Advisor Boyd says that surveys conducted by the University never ever achieve 10%
Senator Soyebo motioned to vote
Seconded by VP Paige
Motion passes

VI. New Business:
   a. SGA Resolution #1503
      Motion to consolidate the two bills by Senator Smith
   b. Swearing in new liaisons
      Maggie Kong, Juan Galvis, and Blessing Akomas are sworn in
   c. Bylaws/Constitutional review
      President Henson said there were no changes to the bylaws since the last meeting
      Motion to vote Senator Smith
      Seconded by Senator Brightharp
      Motion passes

VII. Executive Vice President’s Minutes
Keep on top of committees and University committees

VIII. President Pro-Tempore’s Minutes

IX. President’s Minutes

Approved 3 new cosponsorships, brings us up to 2
Program is working well
Working with Dr. Covey to consolidate, have over 900 tasks
Looking at which tasks student input is needed on, which it isn’t
Applications are in for elections, lots of new faces
Signal article about fee limit, encourage all groups that don’t feel like they have enough funding to look into cosponsorships, we can help facilitate funding processes and other opportunities
Lots of opportunities to save money, etc. Can help clarify

X. Advisor Beckwith’s Minutes

Her Campus was mentioned but not approved by Media fee Council
Highly contested Senator Applications, nothing from College of Education, or School of Public Health
Campus Events and Spotlight are merging, anyone who applied for Spotlight will have to reapply, lots more committees
Ex. Panther connections, programming for graduate and nontraditional students
Applications are due the Tuesday after Spring Break
Senator Smith asks what the cutoff date is for the new applications
Advisor Boyd says tomorrow 1st at 5 ideally, need time for judicial checks and grades
VP Mayfield asks about campaigning dates
Begins March 23rd, Candidate Debate 26, April 2, voting begins April 6-10
Senator Jackson asks do all positions have 2 people
Advisor Boyd says no, but there are very highly contested senate seats

XI. Points of Personal Privilege

Conference room is open

XII. Roll call: Senate Clerk Grant

XIII. Adjournment