Meeting Agenda
Thursday, October 16, 2014

I. Call to order/ Guest Welcome: Executive Vice- President Uzamere
   Motions to vote for minute approval by Senator Brightharp
   Seconded by Senator Moss

II. Roll call: Senate Clerk Grant

III. Officer Reports
   a. Academic Affairs: Vice President Parra
      Last Week—
      • Senator Brightharp is the new head of the Panther Mentorship Sub-committee
      • First meeting with advisor October 27, in SGA Conference room
      • Working to establish mentees, VP Bradley is designing logo
      This Week—
      • Started committees to work on mid-semester reports for students
      • Create sheet for advisors with all the information necessary about HOPE, common issues students face about common Academic problems

      Next Week
   b. Budget and Finance: Vice President Sams
      Last Week
      • Signed off on 8 RFEs for office supplies
      • Bluebooks, scantrons, pens
      • Spoke with Office of the Dean about getting RFEs to make it easier, more like Dean’s office
      This Week
      • Met to discuss legislation
      • Approved new organization
      • Appropriated Organizations United fund
      Next Week
      • Hope to continue approving RFEs
   c. Public Relations: Vice President Bradley
      Last Week
      • Updated website front page
• Working on remainder of website
• Screens in student center have SGA meetings
• Out of promotional items, getting new ones. Scarves, hats, t-shirts, pens, sunglasses

Next Week
• Working with VP Mayfield about new program
  Senator Thomas asks about Senator’s photos on website
  VP Bradley responds that they are working on layout, look forward to seeing that within two to three weeks
• Working on a new photo shoot, perhaps October 30th

d. Student Life: Vice President Paige

Last Week
• Approved 3 cosponsorships
• Disapproved one
• Work on Bucket list, discussed incentivizing the bucket list
• Either the beginning of next semester, or this summer

This Week
• Tuesday, October 21 at 5pm is deadline to apply for Student Organization of the Game

Next Week
• Work with committee to begin selecting organizations
• Work with homecoming committee to collect cans
• Work with LEAD team to build a tree for Christmas, get people involved
• Going over Organization of the Game application, no more halftime performance, but instead a promotional video explaining your organization

e. Student Services: Vice President Mayfield

Last Week
• PAWS on Program is the new title of the Student Service of the Month,
• Schedule planned for the year, all services have been decided upon
• Rebranding, flyers for PAWS on
• Campus Safety Walk
  Senator Moss asks for run-down of monthly services
  VP Mayfield obliges

IV. Old Business
  a. Reiteration of Legislation presented by Senator Jackson

  Osato explains that since Senators were not in attendance last week, going over Legislation again because it is important
  Senator Jackson goes over bill again

V. New Business
  a. Legislation presented by Senator Brightharp

  Bill grants authority to the Senate to hold a referendum for student body to vote upon amendments to the Constitution
  Senator Moss motions to make a friendly amendment to correct a typo on the amendment
Point of information from Advisor Boyd plural of referendum is referenda

Motion to discuss for 5 minutes by VP Parra
Seconded by VP Mayfield

Asks to change 2/3 vote to simple majority in order to speed along the process

VP Parra asks why the President cannot just handle it, why does it need to be changed

Senator Brightharp, in order to move process along more quickly

Advisor Boyd encouraged the appointment of a Constitutional Committee working with Judicial Board to bring up the Constitution to where it wants to be

Senator Brightharp says that liaison program was supposed to be in the constitution, and he never heard about it

Advisor Boyd says that it is not necessary to have liaison program in the constitution

VP Parra suggests limiting the amount of times you can add referendums

VP Parra motions to end discussion

Senator Moss seconds

Senator Moss motions to table to bill until next meeting

Senator Imonugo seconds

Senator Birghtarp says if bill is tabled he will host a committee to discuss the bill specifically

Motion to table the bill passes

b. Legislation presented by Senator Pogioni

An Act to Ensure Checks on SGA Power

Takes away voting power from SGA Executive board except for President Pro Tempore

Senator Thomas states that this is nothing against current executive board, just trying to prevent power from falling into the wrong hands

Motions to discuss bill for 5 minutes from President Henson

Seconded by Senator Imonugo

President Henson discusses that he is concerned that the budget restrictions in the bill do not allow to plan for the retreat/anything before the senators officially start in August

Suggests that the financial obligations and restrictions should be moved into a new bill, removing sections 2, 4, & 6.

VP Uzamere says that they need a budget to plan summer activities

Senator Thomas clarifies that the fiscal points need to be taken out

President Henson confirms

Motion to remove sections 2,4, and 6.
Seconded by Senator Soyebo

Motion passes

VP Mayfield does not understand why the executive board should have their vote taken away

Senator Brightharp motions to extend time by 5 more minutes
Seconded

Senator Thomas explains that this is more of a checks and balances thing, not a personal attack, that the executive board could potentially have a deciding factor.
Senator Brightharp says that President Pro Tempore must be removed as well, as she should not be allowed to vote.

Senator Jackson clarifies about the language in the bill, the word power should be changed to authority, be specific when writing legislation.

Senator Thomas accepts as a friendly amendment.

VP Parra wants to amend section 2 by ridding the bill of it, we are not the Federal Government, taking votes away from Executive board takes away expertise.

Seconded by Senator Evans.

All in favor of removing section 2.

Motion passes, section 2 is removed.

Motion to extend time for 1 minute.

President Henson says bill should be voted on as a whole discussing Pro/Con/Con/Pro.

VP Parra seconds motion to extend time.

Senator Poigioli says that this gives more power to the body, power to the senate.

Senator Imonugo says that bill is now irrelevant without section 2.

Senator Poigioli says that Section 5 is still in place.

Senator Brightharp says that certain committees are only held by executive branch, their vote is necessary, and he wants their vote to be kept.

Senator Thomas says that this does not take away power from the board, because their opinion can be shared, just their voting power can be taken away.

Senator Thomas suggests to table discussion.

Motion to vote by Senator Jones.

Senator Onzureke seconded.

Motion fails, bill does not pass.

An Ammendment to Protect Student Interests in Filling Vacancies.

Senator Ezell motions to discuss for 5 minutes.

Seconded by President Pro Tempore Harris.

Pro Tempore Harris says that this means that vacancies would not be filled until 3 weeks until the semester because that is when the President Pro Tempore.

VP Parra asks why we are changing things that are completely fine.

Senator Poigioli says that more people are being represented through the Pro Tempore.

Liason Hall is confused as to how they hold power through nominating because all the senators still vote.

Senator Moss motions to vote.

Seconded by Senator Scales.

Motions does not pass.

Fair and Effective Elections.

Motion to table before presented by Senator Poigioli.

Seconded by Senator.

A Resolution to Protect Student’s Rights to Free Speech.
Senator Poigioli wants more free speech on campus

President Henson Point of Information

According to University Attorney, we are in compliance with federal laws

RHA Association President is against the bill and potential changes to the policy

VP Sams says that Section 2 cannot be passed because it is outside of our jurisdiction, deals with RHA

Senator Jones wants to remove Section two

Seconded by Senator Clark

Point of Information, what is section three? From VP Sams

Senator Poigioli says that there are new rules for late night events and that isn’t fair

Point of Information from VP UZamere says that those regulations are done by the fire marshall

Senator Ezell says that these policies are there to ensure that these policies are not liable, and for student’s best interest

Senator Poigioli says that these limitations are still on behalf of the students

VP Sams says that GSU PD is a part of APD, this is outside jurisdiction, they are looking out for student’s best interest

Motion to remove section three by Senator Soyebo

Motion passes

Motion to remove section two

Motion passes

VP Parra says that section 4 should also be gotten rid of because of state and federal laws

Motion to extend discussion for three minutes by VP Bradley

Seconded by VP Mayfield

VP Parra asks what is the intention for section 4?

Senator Poigioli says that this is meant to protect students from what has happened elsewhere

Senator Andriette asks what his response would be if the infringements discussed in section 4 infer on another students freedoms

Senator Poigioli says that this is pushing for this because he wants to protect those who feel threatened

Liason Hall says that this should be decided on at a much higher level

Senator Poigilli does not see as an overreach of power

Senator Brightharp asks what the point is? Do not feel my rights are infringed upon

Motion to vote by Senator Andritee

Seconded by Onzureke

Motion does not pass

c. Legislation presented by Senator Jackson

Friendly Amendment to move section 12 to committee for Volunteer and Tabling Management

Friendly amendment motion to move to Pro-Tempore

Senator Jackson met with Dean Long to confirm that every student is represented, many feel that freshmen and transfers are not holistically represented

Head liaisons for transfers and freshmen can submit reports
Friendly amendment by Senator Evans to put a cap on the amount of people to be allowed to work with Senators
President Henson says that there is already a cap at 6
Senator Brightharp asks why the Senate Clerk is reading legislation
Friendly amendment to change to head liaison reads that reports
Friendly amendment to contain rubric to contain what the reports should be held by Senator Evans
Motion to vote by Senator Evans
Seconded by Senator Hayes
Motion Passes
d. Announcement given by Senator Brightharp
   Wants to discuss religious pastors that are on campus, asks to address students. Students are on campus
   combatting this, please tell students to be smart, and avoid confrontation.
e. Pro-Tempore Harris Minutes
   Orientation in the next two weeks, look out for email

VI. Executive Vice President’s Minutes
   a. Attendance & Probation—went over VP committee, will get probation letters
   b. Senator of the week—David Jackson
   c. Head Senators—
      Education—Beau Evans
      Robinson College—James Clearveau
      Public Health—Christina Migles-Schmitt
      Arts and Sciences—David Jackson
      AYSPS—Kyael Moss
      Nursing—Greg LaFortune
d. Announcement—VP Uzamere will be graduating in December, would love if the transition stayed in SGA.

VII. President’s Minutes
   Thanks to everyone who submitted bills, look into those that did not pass, research your bills further