Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 15, 2015

I. Call to order/ Guest Welcome: Executive Vice-President Sebastian Parra
   - Welcome back from break
   - Short semester
   - Removes Demarco from senate seats
   - Excused absences: doctor’s notices, death’s in family, etc.
   - Unexcused absences: school, work, extracurricular activities, etc.
   - Vacancies: 2 for college of arts and sciences
     - 1 vacancy for VP of Academic Affairs
     - Committee nominees: Fortune o.-absent, Buchi Imonugo, accepts
   - Head Senators: meet with dean of your college
   - Don’t leave without setting up meeting times for next week
   - Town hall meeting Feb 5th, location TBA
   - Asked for graduating senators, will take names down at the end of the meeting
   - Hoping to get business cards for the senators, won’t cost more than $800
   - Legislation: must be submitted 72 hours before the senate meeting. Deadline is 7pm on Monday nights the week of the senate meeting.
   - Email will be sent every Tuesday night, VPs must have their reports on Tuesday night by 7pm

II. Oath of office for EVP Parra by Chief Justice Haddy Sohna

III. Roll call: President Pro Tempore
   - President Lanier Henson: present
   - EVP Sebastian Parra: present
   - VP of Academic Affairs: vacant
   - VP of Budget and Finance Corey Sams: present
   - VP of Public Relations Camryn Bradley: present
   - VP of Student Life Jovan Paige: present
   - VP of Student Services Teara Mayfield: late

Senators, School of Arts and Sciences
- David Andriate: present
- Justin Brightharp: present
- Landon Craven: (EXCUSED)
- Hilda Dwumfour: present
- Andrea Ezelle: present
- Ky Hayes: present
- Onyebuchi Imonugo: present
- David Jackson: present
- Johnae Roberts: present, left early (EXCUSED)
- Amethyst Smith: present
- Joash Thomas: present
- Toni Le: present

Senators, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies
- Kyael Moss: absent
- Jacob Pogioli: absent

Senators, College of Education
- Alexandra Diaz: present
- Beau Evans: present

Senators, College of Public Health
- Joe Clark: (EXCUSED)
- Cristina Migles-Schmitt

Senators, Robinson College of Business
- James Clerveau: present
- Devin Griggs: present
- Jairus Jones: present
- Josiah Owens: present
- Juan David Ruiz: present
- Nicholas Smith: present
- Tobi Sobeyo: present
- RenaTiano: present

Freshman Liaisons
- Brian Abedi: absent
- Anthony Nguyen: present
- Yann Mondon: present
- Maria David: absent
- Brandon Hall: present
- Hannah Sanders: present

Transfer Student Liaisons
- Jamear Jackson: present
- Samuel Cole: present
- Kenosha Phillips: absent
IV. Approval of Minutes from last senate meeting

V. Executive Vice President’s Minutes

VI. President Pro-Tempore’s Minutes

- Will be starting committee to nominate candidates for the VP of Academic Affairs and will also be meeting with head liaisons to work on structure for reports.

VII. President’s Minutes

Jan 30th 11-1:30 UC 480/485 Organizations United
Feb 5th 6pm SGA Town Hall – Location TBA
Jan 22 6:30-8pm Diversity and Activism Forum in the Peachtree Room @ GT
Jan 24th 10-3pm UC 480/485 Constitutional review day (taking suggestions), will be confirmed by senate
Feb 12th and 13th Hosting SGA Board of Regents
Day @ the Capitol-Lanier meeting with government relations later this week

Signing up for new university committees

- Academic Programs, Jan 20th and Feb 17th Tues 3-4:40
- Admissions and Standards, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10 Tuesdays, 1 - 3 pm
- Athletics TBA
- Budgets TBA
- Commencement TBA
- Culture and Diversity TBA
- IT Thursdays 1-3pm Jan. 15th, Feb. 19th, Mar. 19th, Apr. 16th, May 21st
- Library TBA
- Planning and Development 1:00-2:30pm Jan. 20th, Feb. 16th, Mar. 10th, Apr. 13th
- Research TBA
- Student Discipline TBA
- Student Life and Development 12:00-1:00 p.m. Feb. 19th, Mar. 26th, Apr. 23rd
- Student Bylaws TBA
- Sustainability non fee related Tuesdays @ 10:30-12:00 p.m. Feb. 10th, Mar. 10th, Apr. 14th, needs 2 people
- Diversity Fee Council Feb. 27th and Mar. 6th in the afternoons needs names (after 1 before 5pm)
- Sustainability Fee Council 10:30-12:00 Jan. 23rd, Feb. 27th, Mar. 6th needs names

VIII. Advisor Beckwith’s Minutes

- Election commission: Sebastian reads off names of election commission to be approved by the senate
- Motion to amend the agenda to move Item XA to now, motion passes by majority
- Beckwith explains interview process to the senate
- Motion to discuss by Senator Jackson, second by Senator Smith
- Jackson: Who is the chair person? Naomi Haynes answers as chairperson,
- Prospective election commission introduces themselves
- Senator Jackson: Requests good healthy environment for SGA debates and asks election commission to stay in control
- Sebastian Parra: How are you guys planning to change the ballot format of just names?
- Naomi Responds: with name, small bio, and office they are pursuing, 30 sec videos of why you should be elected, and interviews with The Signal
- Beckwith: Clarifies Naomi’s statements, senators will only be voted on by members of their college which will change campaigning strategies, mandatory orientations individuals running for election will be required
- Sebastian: Constitution requires 1 chairperson and 4 election nominees so will there be a vacancy?
- Senator Jackson motion to vote, second by Senator Sobeyo
- Motion carries by majority
- Beckwith: 10 high school students from bridge academy will be here next Thursday and have asked to meet with SGA leaders. If available see me after the meeting.

IX. Officer Reports

a. Academic Affairs: Subcommittee Head Justin Brightharp

- Brightharp: last semester VP Bradley started the panther mentorship program. It will be launched this semester. Application template will be put out for students to apply. Trying to connect grad students with undergrad students. Advisement has agreed to work to train our mentors. Will be reaching out to more student orgs (OU), and announcements at plaza.

b. Budget and Finance: Vice President Sams
Welcome. Recap of last semester. Entire budget $35,328.42. Leaving $45,282.63 remaining. Major spending in PR, just under 200 in that budget, VP Bradley used 98% of his budget. Applause. Over budget for bluebooks and scantrons. $5,966 was spent, over budget by $106.84. Cosponsorships, orgs pending. Only used 4% of budget as of now until pendingorgs come in. 14 cosponsorships approved.

Committee meeting will meet Fridays before week of senate meeting @ 1:30 p.m.

c. Public Relations: Vice President Bradley
   Welcome. New winter line including scarves and hats, sunglasses. Look out for plaza days. Thanks for taking the consolidation survey. If you haven’t taken the survey, more information will be coming soon regarding that
   EVP Parra: What will happen with the results of the consolidation survey?
   President Henson: Will take results to consolidation meeting with Pres. Becker
   Current survey results only represent less than 1% of population
   Thursdays of the senate meeting at 6:00 p.m.
   Senator Evans. POI: what steps are needed by senators to increase awareness of the survey
   VP Bradley: word of mouth, social media, plaza, email links,
   Beckwith POI: Asked Dr. Covey to use campus broadcast survey to all students. Covey’s response was that he would prefer to provide more information to students (he is willing to attend Town Hall meeting).
   VP Parra: how are we going to hand out winter giveaways to the students?
   VP Bradley: will be located in the office as freebees for students to pick up
   Beckwith: recommends to use winter handouts as incentives to get students to the town hall meeting and/or constituent meetings

d. Student Life: Vice President Paige
   Cosponsorships: low allocations, wants to go to org meetings to discuss what sponsorships are so that orgs will apply.
   Org of the game: ASA and SAA were org of the game tonight. Some orgs forgot they were org of the game over break. Will recommend to athletics to send reminders to orgs.
   CNN Operation Hope: opportunity to explore global reform and financial literacy and hear Bill Clinton
   Committee meeting: Tuesdays @ 4:30 p.m. and make up meeting on Thursdays tentatively.

e. Student Services: Vice President Mayfield
   Welcome. Committee will be focusing on programming trying to focus on senators interacting with their colleges. There will be food at these programs. Survey on Orgsync about student body concerns
   Scantrons and bluebooks were success, in the library bluebooks ran out
   Dean of libraries: want to do stress relieving activities for finals week.
   Committee meetings Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. the week before the senate meeting
   Liaison Brandon: will liaisons have program meetings with the colleges.
   Mayfield: Recommends that liaisons attend meetings with the senators
   Scales: when do meetings end
   Mayfield: 5p.m.

X. New business:
   a. Election Commission Confirmation (2/3 Vote)- approved by majority
   b. Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs Confirmation (2/3 Vote)

XI. Points of Personal Privilege
   Senators report: what’s going on with your college
   Concerns about changes of the office rules contact EVP Parra
   Senator of the Week: Christina Mingles Schmitt
   Senator Jackson: Constitutional review next Saturday please attend and provide your input. Senator Griggs mentioned doing hot chocolate for the homeless also tied in with food and clothes drive. Please also bring ideas about sustainability’s committee. 2 vacancies in college of arts and sciences, please recruit the best candidates that you know.

XII. Adjournment
   Committee for merger: Student committee, EVP Parra, SJB Chief Justice and Pres. Lanier Henson
   Motion to adjourn meeting: Sen Jackson. Seconded by several.

XIII. Committees sign up