Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 27, 2015

Began: 7:20pm

I. Call to Order/Guest Welcome: Executive Vice President Mayfield

II. Roll Call: Senate Clerk Gatlin

Absent: Senator Albertie, Kane

III. Officer Reports

a. Academic Affairs, VP Jackson
   - Jackson discussed summer plans (SGA representation on campus)
   - Every college has to have one constituent day per 2 hours

   This week (8/24):
   - Gathered all academic orgs on OrgSync with their advisors to see if they are active, emailed all 75 of them
   - After consolidating the list, he will meet with as many as possible and cluster them to advertise SGA
   - Have orgs present at constituent days related to their purpose
   - Peer mentors: freshmen have to take GSU1010 class (once or twice a week), senators can introduce themselves and respective positions in their classes.
   - Committee of Academic Programs met Tuesday (8/25) and discussed Core Curriculum for next year
   - Academic Program Committee negotiated with GPC programs and consolidated to have one curriculum (one or two additional courses- no real changes)
   - Emphasized: senators/e-board members should introduce themselves in GSU1010 classes

b. Budget & Finance, VP Soyebo
   - Met with Mr. McDonald, Corey, and Carly to make budget (excel presentation)
   - Allocate money for news orgs on campus
   - Referenced budget snapshot

Next week:
• Going over each category, its definition, and how to attain those goals

c. **Public Relations, VP Nguyen**
   • Background: filled position July 12th
   • Trisha and Sarah taught him and helped him get acclimated
   • Guidelines will be enforced because of consolidation
   • All posts need to have SGA logo included (social media)

Next week:

• ** Paired with athletics and spotlight for paraphernalia- will be available by first football game (9/4/15)
• ** Hosting tailgate next Friday (9/4) with athletics department
• Coming out with new sticky notes for student body featuring our new logo
• Also: SGA pens
• Since Block Party: over 100 new Twitter and Instagram followers.
• Goal: gain 300 by end of December.
• Social media initiatives: “Senator of the Month” – who participates the most/overall recognition
• Winners receive prizes (maybe umbrellas like last year)
• For students: “Panther of the Month”- guidelines will be posted shortly
• SAA: taping with them. They want SGA to give out our mugs at events\n• ** Next Thursday (9/3/15): photoshoot for e-board and Senators at 7pm (tentative) → will send emails out soon

End: 7:33pm

d. **Student Life, VP Sams**
   • Got many ideas for fall over the summer
   • Tailgate starter packs w/ athletic department (collab)
   • 10 starter kits- include: grill, utensils, and tent
   • Mentioned to other orgs as well
   • Kits will be at all home games
   • Planning homecoming (marketing and branding)
   • Want students to be more interested in football and athletics
   • Got opportunity to tour football facilities which received a large amount of money for weights and facilities
   • New facility should be near players so they won’t lose time, be tired, etc
• Got a chance to see their real struggles as football players
• Student body should know then as students then as athletes
• SAA: collabed to take Panther Bucket List to another level → tradition for freshmen
• SAA has "tradition keeper" and we merged to be an app for all students on campus → boost student morale

Next week

• ** Launch: Sep 1st: download app!
• Met with his committee to involve Spotlight with homecoming- increase student awareness
• Spotlight goes on retreat during Homecoming time → SGA should help with the starter kits since no one will be available to man them → partnership growth

End: 7:41pm

e. ** Student Services, VP Onwuzuruike**

• Attended incepts to give light on SGA
• Gave out Go Green Mugs
• Partial meal plan idea – issue: already halfway into contract. Should be ready for completion next academic year
• Panther cash: upload money for discounts
• 20% off dining hall, 8% off vending machines and food courts on campus
• His committee met: 5:30-6:30pm for orgs to see what’s desired/affordable (via SurveyMonkey)
• New dean at GSU library

Next week:

• SurveyMonkey to orgs and Go Green mugs → email blast to orgs
• Another blast for “Service of the Month”: advertise services, internships, etc.

End: 7:46pm

IV. **Budget Snapshot, VP Soyebo**

• Reiterates budget
• $43,425 – all wages & stipend (budget sheet that was distributed)
• Decreased co-sponsorship category by $4,311 \rightarrow wasn't used enough
• Reworded with Corey Sams for clarity
• Wants bigger area for team building and more resources
• FY15: spent a lot of money for Blue Books \rightarrow looking into their relevance in regard to this year and next year
• Reallocate Blue Book money if it won’t be used
• Need 2 semester events: promote for OU funding

Senator Smith motions to vote for budget; Senator Southwell seconds (7:50pm)
• In favor: 21
• Opposed: 0
• Abstentions: 1
• Motion carries

End: 7:52pm

V. Oath of Office, Associate Chief Justice Richards
• Swears in Vice President of Public Relations Nguyen
• 5 additional senators are sworn in

VI. Confirmation of President Pro Tempore, Executive Vice President Mayfield
a. Candidates give one minute speeches
   (Joshua Scales, Adrian Carnegie, Nicholas Smith, respectively)
   b. Executive Vice President Mayfield asks for any motions
   • Senator Brightharp motions to discuss candidates for 5 minutes, Senator Duhart seconds
   • Vice President Onwuzuruike suggests Smith is a great candidate based off his experience, President Parra concurs.
   • Vice President Nguyen clarifies the position: president pro-tempore will be lead senator
   • Senator Gray motions to close discussion early
   • Scales: 0
   • Carnegie: 0
   • Smith: unanimous
   • Senator Smith wins, denies speech (8:00pm)

VII. Confirmation of Head Senators, Executive Vice President Mayfield
a. College of Arts & Sciences
   - Candidates give one minute speeches
     Head senator candidates: Brightharp, Southwell, Akomas (respectively)
   - Executive Vice President Mayfield asks for any motions
   - Senator Smith motions to discuss nominees for 3 minutes, Senator Gray seconds
   - Senator Smith recommends Brightharp
   - Senator Gray recommends Akomas

   - Parliamentarian Janae Williams clarifies “motion” jargon
   - Smith motions to vote
     - Brightharp: 6
     - Southwell: 1
     - Akomas: 3
   - Senator Brightharp wins the nomination

b. J. Mack Robinson College of Business
   - Senator Ruiz speech for Head Senate of RCB (8:12pm)
   - Executive Vice President Mayfield asks for motions
     - Senator Griggs motions to vote, Senator Kebede seconds
   - In favor: 6
   - Opposed: 0
   - Senator Ruiz wins the nomination

c. Andrew Young School of Policy Studies
   - Senator Smith nominates Senator Roberson
   - Senator Roberson gives one minute speech
   - Senator Smith motions to vote, Senator Southwell seconds
   - In favor: one (Senator Smith)
   - Opposed: 0
   - Senator Roberson wins the nomination

d. School of Public Health
   - Senator McFall nominates Senator Cunningham for head senator
   - Senator Cunningham accepts
   - Senator Cunningham nominates Senator McFall for head senator
   - Senator McFall declines
   - Senator Cunningham gives one minute speech
   - Senator Smith motions to vote, Senator Brightharp seconds
In favor: 1  
Opposed: 0  
Senator Cunningham wins the nomination

e. College of Nursing & Health Professions
   • Senator Gilbert gives one minute speech for Head Senator  
   • (No recording of who motioned to vote or seconded) 
   • Senator Gilbert wins

f. College of Education nominations & Human Development (8:21pm)
   • Senator Martinez nominated by Senator Diaz  
   • Senator Martinez accepts  
   • Senator Martinez gives one minute speech for Head Senator  
   • Senator Roberson motions to vote, Senator Duhart seconds 
   • In favor: 1  
   • Opposed: 0  
   • Senator Martinez wins the nomination

VIII. Executive Vice President Mayfield’s Minutes
a. Standing Committee Updates
   • Committee on Academic Affairs, Tuesdays (as needed) = 11:00am  
   • Committee on Student Life, every other Wednesday (week of senate meetings) = 3:30 – 4:30pm  
   • Committee on Public Relations, every other Thursday (week of senate meetings) = 6:00 – 7:00pm  
   • Committee on Student Services, every Tuesday → 5:30 – 6:30pm  
   • Committee of Budget/Finance, every Tuesday → 3:30-4:30pm
b. Senators are put on probation if 2 mandatory events are missed  
c. University committees are mandatory

IX. President Parra’s Minutes (8:26pm)

Next week:

- Will open applications for student liaisons on Monday  
- Please come out to first football game Friday (9/4) → meet at 1pm (wear SGA polos → will send email)
Photoshoot next Thursday (9/3) at 7pm → formal attire → will send emails (tentative)

In 2 weeks:

- ** Invited to do Leadership Expo on Wednesday, September 16th, 2015 from 4-6pm
- Will need at least 5 senators in attendance handing out paraphernalia → Volunteers: Senators Jones, Gilbert, Her, and Brightharp
- ** Town Hall meeting in Veterans Hall on September 10th
- ** Student activity meeting on Sep. 11th
- ** OU Funding Informational → Open House September 26th

Info:

- Need to be out in plaza with table and giveaways → 2 people per table → sign-up sheet coming soon
- “Mobile” SGA all over campus
- $40,000 in OU fund will go to → Black & Gold Pageant, Greatest Minds, Hispanic Heritage
- Before January, we need new election rules and a new constitution
- Met with white house officials over the summer → stop sexual harassment (It’s On Us) → facts about sexual assault and its prominence for college women
- One week in November to take pledge to stop sexual assault → big social media campaign

Senator Jones asks question: “What time is the OU meeting this week?”
Answer: 12-1pm
- All events are online → sync your calendars
- Push app downloads

End: 8:38pm

X. **Executive Vice President Mayfield** recognizes Senator of the Week: **Senator Gilbert**
- S. Gilbert reached out to Advisor to charter GSU’s first pre-nursing organization
Healthy State Committee: every month will feature a new topic → good committee to sit on

XI. Executive Vice President Mayfield adjourns meeting: 8:42pm