SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 25, 2016

Began: 7:17pm

I. EVP Nicholas Smith calls meeting to order

II. Senate Clerk Gatlin takes attendance → absent: Toni Le, Alexandra Diaz, Jacob Hill, Ama Kessie, Michael Murray, Reiley Holohan, Ariel Ortega

III. Justice Arinze Akomas swears in President Teara Mayfield and EVP Nicholas Smith

IV. Senator Kebede moves to approve last meeting’s minutes, Senator Martinez seconds → in favor: unanimous

V. David Jackson Jr. speaks
   • Contact Senator Vanessa Gilbert for Panther Kit info
   • Goal next week: finish making buttons for Panther Kits
   • Looking into extending voting day times

End: 7:27pm

VI. Tobi Soyebo speaks
   • References his budget snapshot sheets
   • $11,820 allocated for student orgs this year
   • $8,800 left over might go to Organizations United

End: 7:28pm

VII. Anthony Nguyen speaks
   • Finalized Panther of the Month applications
   • There is a 5 week wait to get branding from GSU
   • New initiative: tabling to get students to vote
   • Will implement a twitter poll regarding Campus Carry Bill

End: 7:36pm

VIII. Corey Sams speaks
   • Advertising student organizations funding
   • Encourages members to tell others about Student Co-sponsorships

End: 7:38pm

IX. Fortune Onwuzuruike
   • Panther Pantry: bring one non-perishable item each senate meeting
   • March 29th from 12-2pm there will be a program educating students about health
End: 7:40pm

X. Senator Gabriela Batista- Vargas speaks
   • Campus Safety Committee meets Monday at 9am
   • Wants student feedback before presenting resolution

End: 7:41pm

XI. President Pro-Tempore candidates give their speeches
   • Senator Vargas moves to discuss for 5 minutes, Senator Southwell seconds
   • Senator Southwell moves to extend time for 3 minutes, Senator Martinez seconds
   • Senator Southwell moves to vote for Senator Brightharp, Senator Carnegie seconds
     → in favor for Brightharp: 14, in favor for Roberson: 4, in favor for Gray: 0 →
     Senator Brightharp is the new President Pro-Tempore

XII. EVP Nicholas Smith speaks
     • Confirmation of new transfer liaison candidates
     • Speeches

XIII. Senator Batista-Vargas moves to confirm both candidates, Senator Martin → in favor:14, abstentions: 0, opposed: 0

XIV. Guest Lawrence Carter speaks about ATL Rise Up
     • Wants to help increase minimum wage to $15/hour
     • Encourages members to support his initiative

End: 8:15pm

XV. EVP Smith speaks
     • Discussed goals with his cabinet
     • Wants to form strong relationships with faculty
     • Encourages members to join one of the committees
     • Senator of the Week: Gabriela Batista-Vargas

End: 8:20pm

XVI. President Teara Mayfield speaks
     • Senate meetings will be held up until April 21st
     • Almost out of money for Organizations United funding → approved 10 orgs
     • Recommend to update technology for campus safety: metal detectors, cameras, etc.
     • Accommodations for parking, housing, etc. due to population increase
     • There needs to be student-staff ratio increases → advisement isn’t up to par
     • Takes questions
End: 8:31pm

XVII. Final Roll Call by Senate Clerk Gatlin

XVIII. Senator Jones moves to adjourn meeting, Senator Gray seconds → all in favor

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:35pm**