Senate Meeting
Thursday, October 8th, 2015

Began: 7:20pm

I. Call to order by VP Teara Mayfield

II. Senate Clerk Gatlin takes the attendance → absent: Naveed Virji, Janae Williams, Jesse Garcia, Mark Kaplan, Mary Richards, Landon Craven, Quinn Kane, Jasmine Cunningham, Jeanette McFall

III. President Pro-Tempore moves last meeting’s minutes get approved, Senator Smith seconds → minutes approved

IV. VP David Jackson Jr. speaks
  • Panther Kit budget → give out to student body
  • Constituent Days: every senator should contact their Head Senators
  • University Statutes and Bylaws: discuss changes because of GPC coming in
  • ** Next Meeting: October 20th

End: 7:25pm

V. VP Tobi Soyebo speaks
  • Received 3 applications for student funding: each for $500 got approved
  • If our funding decreases by 5%, we will redo the budget
  • References budget report snapshot

End: 7:27pm

VI. VP Anthony Nguyen speaks
  • PR Plan: overview of all PR does → outline
  • Plaza: SGA members should ask one essential question each week about things around campus for feedback
  • #TakeoverTuesday → Instagram
  • Utilize Suggestion Boxes for feedback
  • “Viva GSU” → Hispanic Heritage Month → shirts

End: 7:31pm

VII. VP Corey Sams speaks
  • Last week: successful golf cart parade co-sponsorships → 21 including FLCs
  • SGA help set up tailgate tents for Homecoming

End: 7:34pm

VIII. VP Fortune Onwuzuruike speaks
Service of the Month: Career Services
Help students learn about services GSU provides
Partial meal plans: Spring 2016
RHA and SGA teamed up to implement the grocery shuttles → twice a month

End: 7:36pm

IX. PPT Nicholas Smith speaks
- Liaisons met today for the first time
- Next week: constructing structured tests for bylaws and constitution

End: 7:37pm

X. “Up ‘Til Dawn” Presentation
- Partnered with St. Jude Hospital → shows video
- Goal: raise: $20,000 by February 20th, 2016
- Email: GSUUTD@gmail.com
- Q&A

End: 7:50pm

XI. VP Mayfield introduces President Parra to speak on bill
XII. President Sebastian Parra speaks: Bill to Allow the President of the SGA to Appoint a Chief of Staff
XIII. Senate Clerk Gatlin reads the bill
XIV. PPT Nicholas Smith motions to delete Section 5 → in favor: 21, opposed: 0, abstentions: 0 → motion carries
XV. Senator Corey Gray motions to change section 6, Senator Gilbert seconds. Change: “conduct interviews for 5 business days” → in favor: 5, opposed:0, abstentions: 1 → motion carries
XVI. PPT Smith motions to discuss for 3.5 minutes, Senator Southwell seconds → in favor: 21, opposed:0, abstentions: 0
XVII. VP Jackson Jr. agrees the President next year will need a Chief of Staff because of GPC/GSU consolidation
- There should be specificity for Chief of Staff
- Senator Blessing Akomas suggests a trial run for this year, stipend position for next year
- PPT Smith motions to extend discussion for 1 minute, Senator Roberson seconds
- PPT Smith motions to extend discussion for 3 minutes, Senator Gilbert seconds
- Senator Brightharp motions to move this to committee and end discussion, PPT Nicholas Smith seconds → in favor: 21, opposed:0, abstentions: 0
- Senator Gray nominates to sit on committee, Senator Southwell seconds, PPT Smith nominates Senator Southwell to sit on committee, Senator Kebede seconds, PPT nominates Senator Blessing Akomas to sit on committee → she accepts
XVIII. Senate Clerk Gatlin reads the Commencement Resolution Bill
   • President Parra emphasizes Section 5
XIX. Senator Scales motions to discuss for 5 minutes, PPT Smith seconds
   • Confirms that students should nominate themselves
   • Senator Brightharp: add Section to say application should be on OrgSync (add Section 7)
   • Section 5: specify which committee ➔ commencement committee
   • Senator Kevin Martinez approves amendments
   • VP Soyebo: senators of committee should prepare application
   • PPT Smith motions to extend for 6 minutes, Senator Kebede seconds
   • Senator Akomas: strike out Section 3, Senator Martinez seconds
   • Mr. Beckwith suggests Section 3 be inclusive to all graduating students
   • Senator Martinez motions to change it, PPT Smith seconds
   • Senator Martinez motions to strike out “undergraduate students” and extend time for 1 minute, Senator Carnegie seconds
   • PPT Smith moves to table until next week, Senator Duhart seconds ➔ in favor: 2, opposed: 17, abstentions: 5 ➔ motion doesn’t carry
   • Senator Scales motions to give it to Student Life Committee, PPT Smith seconds ➔ in favor: 21, opposed: 2, abstentions: 3 ➔ carries
   • PPT Smith motions to change Student Life Committee and put “challenge” instead of “contest” ➔ in favor 21, opposed: 2, abstentions: 3
   • Senator Scales motions to discuss for 5 minutes, PPT Smith seconds

XX. Senator Akomas motions to extend discussion for 3 minutes, Senator Roberson seconds
XXI. Senator Gray motions to end discussion early, Senator Galvis seconds ➔ in favor: 18, opposed: 0, abstentions: 0
XXII. Senator Brightharp motions to table resolution, PPT Smith seconds ➔ in favor: 25, opposed: 0, abstentions: 0
XXIII. Senator Brightharp introduces Polling Station Resolution
XXIV. 8:47pm - Senate Clerk Gatlin reads
XXV. Senator Brightharp mentions he needs to amend Section 2 due to a typo ➔ add Senator Roberson as a Sponsor on the resolution
XXVI. PPT Smith motions amend Section 4, Senator Brightharp seconds
XXVII. Senator Scales motions to discuss for 5 minutes, Senator Kebede seconds
XXVIII. Senator Gray motions to end discussion early, Senator Carnegie seconds ➔ in favor: 25, opposed: 1, abstention: 2
XXIX. Senator Southwell introduces Suggestions Box Bill
XXX. 8:56pm – Senate Clerk Gatlin reads
   • PPT Smith motions to discuss, Senator Gilbert seconds
• VP Nguyen recommends Section 3 be removed, and Section 5 to get an add-on because it’s redundant
• Senator Martinez motions to delete Section 3, PPT Smith seconds → in favor: 23. Opposed: 0, abstentions: 1 → motion carries
• Senator Gray motions to end discussion early, Senator Scales seconds → in favor: 2 1, opposed: 0, abstentions: 1

XXXI. Senator Gray introduces Valley Fire Initiative → encourages people to join

End: 9:03pm

XXXII. VP Teara Mayfield speaks
• January 16th or 23rd → SGA Winter retreat (mandatory)
• ** Date changed to January 23rd
• Senators of the Week: Yann Mondon and Aquillah Roberson
• Electronic polling: effective at next meeting → Oct. 22nd

End: 9:12pm

XXXIII. President Parra speaks
• Wednesday, October 14th→ vote for new dean of GPC
• Mandatory fees: will remain the same
• Next Friday: Oct. 16th → rewriting Constitution and Bylaws at GPC
• Traditions Keeper App will be coming soon

End: 9:15pm

Meeting Adjourned: 9:20pm