SGA Senate Meeting

Thursday, September 10, 2015 – Town Hall Meeting

Began: 7:24pm

I. VP Teara Mayfield introduces herself and clarifies attendance responses

II. Senate Clerk Gatlin takes attendance
   - Absent: Jesse Garcia, Mark Kaplan, Mary Oguoma-Richards, Arinze Akomas, Quinn Kane, Jasmine Cunningham, Jeanette McFall

III. (7:30pm) President Parra introduces himself, explains what SGA does and what each branch specializes in

IV. (7:34pm) VP David Jackson Jr. speaks on his position
   - Sits on Academic Programs Committee
   - Just submitted the consolidated Core Curriculum of GSU and GPC
   - His committee meets every Tuesday at 11am in the SGA conference room

End: 7:35pm

V. VP Tobi Soyebo speaks
   - Explains what his position does: allocates funds to different organizations
   - His committee meets every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30pm

VI. VP Anthony Nguyen speaks
   - Explains his position and how he maintains communication with officials and student orgs
   - Asks audience to give him their opinions/advice
   - The Outreach Committee will place suggestion boxes around campus soon
   - His committee meets every Thursday at 6pm

VII. (7:38 pm) VP Corey Sams introduces himself
   - Student engagement and involvement → main focus: Homecoming
   - Already approved many co-sponsorships
   - His committee meets every other Wednesday from 3:30-4:30pm in the SGA conference room (week of SGA meetings)

End: 7:39 pm

VIII. VP Fortune Onwuzuruike speaks
   - Emphasizes different services around campus: dining hall, transportation, etc.
   - Thanks GSUTV for interviewing him about Panther Cash initiative

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• Highlights Go Green Mugs and their discounts → $1 on fountain drinks, $1.50 for coffee, 20% select eateries around campus, 8% off vending machines
• Month of October → First Service of the Month: highlight services GSU provides
• His committee meets every other Tuesday at 5:30pm

IX. President Pro-Tempore Nicholas Smith speaks
• Oversees liaisons and checks statuses of liaison applications → 21 freshmen apps, 5 transfer apps
• Currently working with VP Jackson Jr. on constituent days

End: 7:43 pm

X. President Parra recognizes President of Student Affairs
• Clarifies what SGA does: pay hundreds of dollars of fees per semester to ensure certain services
• Thanks Senator Brightharp for Sustainability fee
• SGA has a lot of power and we’re here to help
• There will be 5 campuses for GPC and one for GSU
• There will also be 5 students from each campus to represent for SGA
• Buzz App - access to campus newspapers
• Thanks participants for ‘Fan From Day 1’ festivities
• SGA plans on continuing to work with Athletics Department
• VP Sams will be in charge of having orgs at recognized at the basketball games
• Focus: traditions → more Panther Pride
• We are one of the biggest universities in the country: we should be proud!
• GSU also graduates the most minorities in the nation
• We recently partnered with SAA for Tradition Keeper App → download it! → you get medals and prizes for completing things on the list
• SGA paid for all students to use the app, not just SAA members
• Working on 24-hour study space: members paid $5 fee to keep library open for 24 hours → now, open until 2 am on the weekdays and 3 am on the weekends
• Last year, SGA initiated gender inclusive housing
• In the spring, SGA applications will open → apply and get involved!

End: 7:51 pm

XI. VP Teara Mayfield
• Go to sga.gsu.edu and sync the calendar to your phone

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** The next meeting will be September 17th
Best attendance from Senate in past few years
Emphasized freshman and transfer liaisons → great opportunity
The liaison application closed tonight at 11:59pm (9/10/15)

End: 7:53 pm

XII. (7:54pm) President Parra introduces Mr. Boyd Beckwith and he speaks
- ** Upcoming programs: Blue at the Zoo → $5 for students → Friday, September 25, 2015 at 5:30pm
- You can go to spotlight.gsu.edu and pay for your ticket online & for Panther Palooza
- GSU Night at Woodruff Art Center: choice between Symphony or High Museum for free with your GSU ID
- For those interested in film/media: there is a Modern Media Conference on the 25th and 26th

End: 7:56 pm

XIII. (7:56pm) President Parra introduces SGA’s second advisor, Sarah Wilcox, who speaks
- Hiring in the Student Center
- Your voice is important!
- If you don’t vote, don’t complain
- New eateries on campus: Burrito Bowl, Starbucks

End: 7:58 pm

XIV. President Parra speaks one last time
- Handed out coupons for $1 off burrito and $1 off smoothies
- Asked for any questions from the audience → no questions

End: 7:58 pm