SGA Senate Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2015

Began: 7:18pm

I. VP Teara Mayfield- Call to Order → introduces Senate Clerk Gatlin to take attendance

II. Senate Clerk takes attendance

III. President Pro-Tempore motions to approve minutes from previous meeting, Senator Southwell seconds → 21 votes in favor, 0 abstentions, 0 opposed

IV. (7:23pm) VP Jackson Jr. speaks
   ● His officer report has a few errors, but the dates are correct
   ● On Sept. 10th: Executive Board and senators are able to speak to GSU 1010 classes from 1:40-2:45
   ● Panther Kits: 100 of them
   ● Discussed constituent days on Monday → senators will be getting information from Head Senator about that
   ● Bylaws Committee made changes to bylaws because of GPC → making sure they are well-represented → solidified on Oct. 1st

End: 7:25pm

V. VP Tobi Soyebo speaks
   ● Cancelled his meeting two weeks ago because of lack of funds
   ● Discussed new budget revision

End: 7:27pm

VI. VP Anthony Nguyen speaks
   ● Committee meetings are now weekly instead of biweekly
   ● Achieved 1500 Instagram followers
   ● His committee can make flyers for co-sponsorships
   ● Next Tuesday (9/22/15): National Voter Registration Day → advertise in Plaza
   ● Suggestion boxes are successful around campus
   ● Social media initiative: #ManCandyMonday for Senators on Instagram

End: 7:29pm

VII. VP Corey Sams speaks
• Last week: met with Sarah Wilcox → discussed more student involvement during Homecoming
• Golf Cart Parade co-sponsorships: only 3 slots left → sponsoring 20 orgs total
• Already approved 2 co-sponsorships for month of October ≈ $900
• Continue to promote co-sponsorships!
• ** For month of November: apply for co-sponsorships by October 1st
• Met with Spotlight for Homecoming week → Friday and Saturday are up to us (2 events): Homecoming Game (Oct. 3rd) → tailgate starter kits, need about 10 SGA members from 9:30am-3:15pm. Woodruff Arts Center (10/2/15) → need 4-6 SGA members to serve as greeters
• Oct. 3rd: after the football game, 4-6 greeters/ushers needed for Comedy Show
• He will send an email to Spotlight tomorrow (9/18/15) to solidify partnership for tailgate

End: 7:38pm

VIII. VP Fortune Onwuzuruike speaks
• Updated flyers for Go Green Mugs
• Next week: survey for what services students know/don’t know about
• Service of the Month for October
• Partnered with RHA for grocery shuttles to come 2 or 3 times a month
• Asks for any questions → none

End: 7:40pm

IX. President Pro-Tempore Nicholas Smith speaks
• Reviewed all applications for liaisons
• Interviews were held Tuesday (9/15/15)
• Working with VP Jackson Jr. on Constituent days

End: 7:42pm

X. VP Teara Mayfield introduces Senator Brightharp for Homeless Student Initiative
XI. (7:43pm) Senator Brightharp speaks
• Partnered with Embark Network because they look into issues such as this
• Writing legislation by end of Fall Semester to help these students to start a framework → looking for sponsors

End: 7:45pm

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XII. VP Teara Mayfield introduces President Pro-Tempore Nicholas Smith to discuss Cancer Awareness.

XIII. President Pro-Tempore Smith speaks
   - Looking into flash mob for October → faculty involvement
   - Legislation for that will come about soon

End: 7:46pm

XIV. VP Mayfield proposes to make an editorial change to the Constitution
   - Article 4, Section 2, Clause 5
   - Instead of 6 freshmen and 3 transfer liaisons → 6 freshmen and 6 transfer liaisons
   - President Pro-Tempore Smith motions to change → Senator Scales seconds
   - In favor: 23, 0 abstentions, 0 opposed

XV. (7:48pm) President Pro-Tempore announces liaison candidates
   - Liaisons can help draft legislation
   - Each candidate will speak for 30 seconds- 1 minute
   - Freshmen candidates go first → speeches
   - Senator Southwell motions to discuss for 5 minutes, Senator Kebede seconds
   - Senator Gray moves to end discussion early, Senator Craven seconds
   - In favor: 24, 0 abstentions, 0 opposed

End: 7:59pm

XVI. President Pro-Tempore Smith introduces transfer liaison candidates → speeches

End: 8:05pm

XVII. Senator Kebede motions to vote on candidates, Senator Gray seconds → votes
   - In favor: 24, 0 abstentions, 0 opposed

XVIII. President Pro-Tempore Smith thanks all candidates and all Senators who helped with interview process

XIX. VP Teara Mayfield speaks
   - There is a vacancy for College of Education Senators
   - Looking into another retreat/gathering for SGA members to increase cohesion → email about that coming soon
   - Senator of the Week: Senator Carnegie: very helpful around the office and is on the PR Committee

End: 8:10pm

XX. President Sebastian Parra speaks

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• Acknowledges Executive Board for their amazing work
• ** Next Friday (9/25/15): Consolidation Committee → 5 GPC representatives and 5 GSU representatives to go over bylaws
• Every Tuesday and Thursday SGA will be in Plaza → handing out mugs and volunteer sign-up sheets
• ** Next Tuesday (9/22/15): Voter Registration in Plaza
• Also, next Tuesday: Open House for co-sponsorships → will be lots of food!
• Strategic Planning Committee: doubling amount of scholarships available to students

End: 8:16pm

XXI. VP Teara Mayfield introduces Senate Clerk Gatlin for a final roll call → absent: Jesse Garcia, Mark Kaplan, Blessing Akomas, Hilda Dwumfour, Jovan Galvis, Alexsandra Diaz, Quinn Kane

XXII. Senator Scales motions to adjourn meeting, Senator Smith seconds+

Meeting Adjourned: 8:19pm