

**SGA Senate Meeting**

**Thursday, September 15, 2016**

**Began: 7:18 pm**

- I. Roll call (Quorum achieved)
- II. Attendance → absent: Blessing Akomas, Lindsey Smith, Anthony Nguyen, Arinzechukwu Akomas, Chelsea Gordon, Jacob Hill, Chanel Smith, Gelila Kebede, Brian Nguyen
- III. Mohamed entertains motions to approve minutes
  - Senator Galvis moves to approve minutes
  - Senator Gemi seconds
  - 0 nays-0 abstentions
  - Minutes Approved
- IV. Nick Buford – a representative from the Secretary of State provides a presentation on voting in Georgia.
  - Voting registration (deadline, absentee ballot, voter ID, voting locations)
  - GASOS app (you can use to register to vote, find voting locations in your area, advanced voting, view a ballot, and find registration information)
- V. Elizabeth Hardwood, Cosby Johnson, Lindsey Jacobs: Chamber of Commerce
  - Georgia Chamber of Commerce familiarity → what they do: Non-profit member organization that provides resources/network for members, bring jobs to Georgia, advocacy.
  - GA2030 Initiative → examines trends, what to do to lead to success, talking to wide range both old and young about what Georgia needs.
  - “What Millennials Want” poll (group responses to questions)
- VI. Student Forum
  - Signal representative questions SGA position on lawsuit filed on Friday on behalf of DACA students allowance to attend GSU.
    1. Shamari Southwell: SGA is a representative of both the students and the university so we stand behind both.
    2. Signal Representative: So to clarify you are for the University’s rules against allowing DACA students to attend the university.
    3. Boyd: Point of information - DACA students or undocumented students?
    4. Signal representative: DACA students
    5. Boyd: SGA supported DACA students last year.
    6. Gabriela Batista-Vargas: SGA passed legislation in Fall 2016 in support of DACA students however as representatives of the university we have to be respectful.
    7. Boyd Beckwith: wants to table the issue pending poll of student body

8. Gabriela Batista-Vargas: Question to Boyd- should legislation be updated?
  9. Boyd Beckwith: Yes
    - Usra Mohamed moves to vote
    - Yemi votes to move
    - Harper seconds
    - 0 nay – 0 Abstention
    - Issue tabled
- VII. Senate Forum
- Mohamed: Any senators want to address
  - Yemi addresses
    1. Yesterday met with advisor Louis Scott about financial aid problems. Scott brought up an app that allows students to upload documents online in order to meet the deadlines in the Spring. RHA collaboration in order to help students who need to pay fees with financial aid
    2. Contact with any ideas.
- VIII. Executive Cabinet Reports
- Senator Nguyen for Anthony
    1. How to make tabling more effective/reliable: binder for documents, accountability and giveaways
    2. PR discussing SGA hashtag in branding
    3. My101 to come next week
- IX. Speaker of Senate Report
- Speaker Pro-tempore Mohamed for Speaker of the Senate Akomas
    1. Be on time for all meetings (committee or otherwise)
    2. Come to SGA office more, great way to find out interesting things, serves as personal space.
- X. University Senate Committee Reports
- Senator Neka Wami – Academic Affairs
    1. Tuesday Meeting to find out how to go about establishing advising program
    2. Senator Brown Idea: More SI for upper level courses; need to have not only internship but job applications in newsletter too
    3. Senator Liu: speed mentor events with professors for advice
  - Senator Gabriela Batista-Vargas – Student Life Committee
    1. Monday was 1<sup>st</sup> meeting
    2. Lots of co-sponsorship organizations now just waiting to meet with or inform groups.

3. Financial Director Smith and Batista-Vargas will meet with organizations to give more information for co-sponsorships: Tuesday 9/27/16 1100 am, Wednesday 9/28/16 4:00 pm, Thursday 9/29/16 12:00 pm—the location is to be announced
4. Work on Homecoming golf cart to begin, volunteers needed, email will be sent out
- Senator Josh Scales – Student Services
  1. Tuesday is first meeting
  2. Grocery Shuttles – 2 confirmed
  3. Bolbi/Sarah first volunteers
  4. Discount Cards for businesses around Atlanta
  5. Panther Pantry in need of volunteers and donations, bin and flyer is coming

#### XI. Old Business

- Nominations and Confirmations of Head Senators
  1. College of Education
    - Senator Martinez nominates himself
    - Senator Martinez becomes head
  2. College of Law
    - Sean Moore nominated
    - Senator Moore accepts
  3. College of Public Health
    - Senator Bolbi nominates Senator Vashi
    - Senator Vashi accepts
  4. School of Nursing
    - Senator Krause nominated
    - Senator Krause accepts
- Usra Mohamed entertains to accept all
  - Wami moves to vote
  - Harper seconds
  - 0 nay – 0 abstentions
- Standing Committees
  1. Finance: no finalization of time because they are split (either Wednesday at 10 am or Monday at 1 pm)
  2. PR: Every other Monday at 3pm
  3. Student Services: Tuesdays at 5:30 pm
  4. Student Life: Monday at 4:30 pm
  5. Academic Affairs: Tuesday at 6:45 pm
  6. For senators not on standing committees you have to be on one

7. Law School representatives speak about changing bylaws and will send information to Blessing regarding issues
8. Any other senators:
  - Martinez → Academic Affairs

XII. Closing Remarks

- EVP Southwell
  1. Student Activity Fee Committee is 2 pm tomorrow in SCE 217
    - Students needed
  2. Asks Batista – Vargas if she can commit
    - Batista-Vargas can if she can remove herself from IS&T committee
    - Boyd says yes
  3. Boyd clarifies difference between Student Fee Committee (full) Mandatory Fee Committee (needs volunteers)
  4. Senator Brown asked to commit
    - can but has work at 5 pm
    - assured it won't take so long
  5. Senator Nwoke asked to commit
    - cannot because dance coordinator
  6. Senator Vashi asked to commit
    - yes, maybe
  7. Any more senators?
  8. EVP Southwell and Speaker of Senate Blessing are pushing for SGA Now (bi-weekly publication detailing legislation, did you know section); will begin work on it with Anthony and PR Committee. October 1<sup>st</sup> is a tentative date
  9. EVP Southwell reiterates housekeeping rules for office: Please keep in mind that when you're sitting in the officer desk area (behind Carly's desk), you can't see who is upfront being serviced so be sure to monitor your language and the volume of your electronic devices. The only place you cannot eat in the office is up front in the reception area. You can eat elsewhere but please put any food containers in the outside trash bins after 3:00 p.m. Leaving food containers in the trash leave a smell in the office overnight and is overwhelming when the office is opened in the morning. The gray chairs in the reception area are only for guests awaiting services. If you have an appointment with someone, please make the admin staff aware and be sure to alert them if you're going to be late or not make the appointment. Committee chairs remember to lock SGA office back up after meetings.

- XIII. Attendance taken: absent → Blessing Akomas, Lindsey Smith, Anthony Nguyen, Arinzechukwu Akomas, Chelsea Gordon, Jacob Hill, Chanel Smith, Gelila Kebede, Brian Nguyen
- XIV. Speaker Pro-tempore Usra entertains motion to end meeting
- Batista-Vargas votes to adjourn
  - Nwoke seconds
- XV. Meeting closed