SGA Senate Meeting
Thursday March 9, 2017, Urban Life 100

I. Call to Order: President Fortune Onwuzuruike at 7:19pm

II. Opening Call of the Roll / Determination of Quorum: Senate Clerk Wright (quorum achieved)

III. Reading & Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting
   o President Fortune motion to approve minutes. Senator Wami approves. Senator Gray seconds. Minutes approved.

IV. Special Reports
   a. Director of Marketing and Administration Support, Chris Connelly - N/A
   b. Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Doug Covey
      o Commencement arrangements for spring- will be held at Georgia Tech
      o Campus carry issues have been raised
      o Sexual misconduct on campus.
      o First year of 2 yr. session. Open for consideration next spring
      o Panthers #2 in Sunbelt Conference.
      o Do plan for the entity of next home football schedule at GSU stadium, fully functioning football stadium for the Fall.
      o Carter & Associates, initial concentration is of the retail development of the housing complexes.
      o Student housing is being thought about, no confirmation yet.
      Speaker Pro-tempore Mohamed: Is there any way to change the location for Spring ceremony?
      Dr. Covey- No. Students will be allotted 6 tickets. Graduations will be per colleges. There will no formal commencement speaker. Usual announcements like Kell awards, etc. will still be given and mentioned at each of the ceremonies. Using new software program where you see the name, photo, and major of student.
      Speaker Pro-tempore Mohamed: For students that are double majors, how does that work, in terms of ceremonies?
      Dr. Covey: You will graduate with college in which the degree is granted.
      Senator Daniels: Being that the stadium will be open for football season, will it be available for winter commencement?
      Dr. Covey: I would be surprised if a winter commencement will be outside because of outdoor conditions. It will be open for Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 commencement.
      Senator Siemer: Have there been plans to accommodate loss of parking from blue lot?
      Dr. Covey: There’s a developer planning in that space. We will open a space and make new lot available. This will take place immediately, as soon as stadium opens.

V. Executive Cabinet Reports
   a. Communication Director - Anthony Nguyen
      o Any pieces of legislation need to be emailed immediately.
      o Any info that SGA wants to be updated (ex. pictures, contact info), email him changes that need to be made.
      o Sen. Rodriguez is having a Civic Engagement program- help students with voter registration
      o Ad Hoc committee not yet met. He and Liaison Turner will present this at next ATL senate meeting
   b. Report of the Alpharetta campus - EVP Chelsea Green
      o Finished putting up committee board-for job listings
      o Promoting OrgSync and doing tabling to promote election season.
      o Speaker of Senate created QR code for students to access voting
      o Added 4 new senators
   c. Report of the Atlanta campus EVP - Shamari Southwell
      o Feb.23, ATL campus held Campus Safety forum.
      o Feb. 27, Financial Aid forum headed by Lindsey Smith, good turn out because of students’ complaints about financial aid
      o March 2, ATL senate meeting- informal meeting and shared constructive criticism
o Senator Scales led Cat Nap Initiative which was held this Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
o Student activities fee and Diversity fee committee applications have been completed for FY18
o 5-year transportation plan, meeting April 8 in GSU College of Law Conference Center. Discussion about transportation within city of Atlanta and GSU
d. Report of the Clarkston campus - EVP Alexandr Burkon
o Student activity budget committee allocated money to clubs and organizations. Each organization was allocated money.
o Participated in SGA program created by Georgia Southern University) combines campus concerns from 19 colleges/universities in GA. Discussed campus safety, college affordability, administrative transparency, etc.
o March 4 “March Madness” - health and wellness fair, student sex workshops, etc.
o Completed survey asking students their concerns on campus. Students replied with issues they are dealing with. SGA up appointments with heads to see what they can do to help students.
e. Report of the Decatur campus - EVP Briana Stanley
o Attended SAC day with President Onwuzurike
o Finished budget hearing
o Had very successful elections interest meeting
o Finished parking initiative and it is set in stone. Decals will be given to students
o Gearing up for elections. Hosting a debate watch party for students
o Feb. 28- African American discussion. Discussion on African American stereotypes, relationships, religion, etc.
o Hosted a Coffee Corner to encourage students to join SGA
o Senator of Govt. Affairs hosting book drive. Students donate books, profits go to charity
o Senator of Student Services and Academic Affairs collecting signatures for a prayer room on campus
o April 4- Spring fling , allocated funds for event
o Recently appointed 2 senators and new EVP
o Looking to appoint 2 more senators and Finance Director
g. Report of the Newton campus - EVP Daniel Detlefsen
o Issue been brought from ModelAU, member wanted stipend on card and had to cancel cellphone to pay for conference meals out of pocket. Helped student pay
o Appointed 2 new senators
o Finance Director stepped down and is now a senator
o EVP Detlefsen will be stepping down as EVP of Newton campus
VI. University Senate Committee Reports - None.
VII. Old Business
a. Ad Hoc Committee
o Opening bylaws for upcoming year. Great for starting new year and new administration. Changes things from previous administration.
b. University-Wide Bill 88001
o Live streaming on Webex
o Needed for Perimeter students who can’t physically be on Atlanta campus
o Gives them flexibility to be in their conference rooms in a more professional manner
Senator Gray: For students who have difficulties coming to conferences, makes it more accommodating to students who can’t make meetings.
EVP Southwell: This is fostering professional manner. Everyone is able to connect and build individually.
EVP Green: Is it mandatory that all UW meetings be on Atlanta campus?
President Onwuzurike: It doesn’t matter where the meeting is held. Helps people live stream wherever they are
EVP Detlefsen: Right now, there are 30 senators who could attend from Perimeter College and only 5 people are streaming at the moment. A lot of people aren’t here. Why are we putting on more requirements instead of incentivizing students to be here?
President Onwuzurike: I agree.
EVP Detlefsen: Everyone should be able to come at all circumstances. We are at 26 voting members.
Senator Wami: There should be a mandatory attendance policy. Just makes it easier for students who can’t make it to this campus.
Senator Gordon motions to continue conversation for 5 min. Speaker Pro-tempore Mohamed seconds motion.
Senator Wami: As members of SGA, each of us has a responsibility to upload. You shouldn’t take role if you can’t keep up with the time.

EVP Detlfsen: UW meets twice a semester. You get dates 2 times in advance and people can plan out if there able to come 4 times a year. They should be able to meet in conference room.

Senator Loi: I see from both viewpoints. A lot of students who go to Atlanta campus live close enough to come here. In regards to obligations, I can understand. But in what ways are participating online, disruptive?

President Onwuzuruike: Conference calls have a sense of professionalism. If you signed up for it, you should have no problem being on your campus serving your student body

Speaker Pro-Tempore Mohamed motions to continue conversation for 5 min. Senator Scales seconds motion.

Senator Wami: It needs to be amended that students need to be in the same room.

Senator Siemer: It needs to be clarified.

Senator Verkiel: Most students don’t live on campus. It should be made easier for students to attend meetings. Might want to consider students who are pressed for time.

EVP Nelson: It sounds like this could be seen as causing more of a rift with students who are trying to get here. If students are somewhere where they can call in, they will have the ability to participate. All 3 students calling in, I know to be very passionate about SGA and being here.

Senator Scales moves to extend the conversation for 5 min. Senator Owens seconds motion.

Senator Jackson: This bill has nothing to do with students who don’t show up. This is for students who are in the room right now.

Senator Owens: Do you have a count for how many people are accounted for this?

EVP Detfelsen: if parking is not available, I can be here if need be. Currently none of my senators are logged on right now. If this is made available, doesn’t mean any of them will be here. Webex is available at all Perimeter campuses. This is not making it new, just requiring students to make it a norm.

Senator Siemer: Would it make sense to have a conference room available for students at satellite campuses and allow students to attend to see how much attendance is available? Make it easier for everyone.

EVP Detfelsen: Trying it as a trail would make sense.

Senator Wami moves to extend the time to 10 min. Senator Gray seconds motion.

EVP Detfelsen: Add in a clause to accommodate students’ living situations and made an exception to those students.

Senator Owens: So you would approve of this bill if it had those exceptions?

EVP Detfelsen: As it currently stands, there were complications with students coming here and no one is currently here.

Senator Gray: Last UW senate meeting, recommend to this change to the next administration.

Communications Director Nguyen: We should vote today or move to Ad Hoc committee.

Senator Wami: It would make more sense for us to come to consensus now because the election is coming and new senators would be held to higher standard so UW senate can be more productive. This should be passed.

EVP Southwell: What’s the difference from not being able to make meeting at all or calling in at a convenient location?

Senator Siemer: Leave to discretion of each campus’ EVP.

Senator Siemer moves to amend bill to ask for a clause at discretion of each EVP of each campus.

Votes on amendment. 18 in favor. 1 no’s. 5 abstentions.

Senator Wami wants to amend to “I move to keep outside of central meeting rooms”. Senator Scales seconds motion.

Liaison Turner motions to amend the bill to include the meeting room. 19 in favor. 0 against. 4 abstentions.

EVP Detfelsen: I would like to entertain a motion to say “a respective campus” instead of “their respective campus”

Senator Gordon moves to entertain motion by EVP Detfelsen. Senator Siemer seconds. 8 in favor. 1 against. 5 abstentions.

President Onwuzurike: I would to entertain a motion to pass the bill. Senator Rodriguez motions to pass bill. Senator Wami seconds. 18 in favor. 4 against. 2 abstentions.

VIII. New Business

a. University-Wide Microwave Resolution (Sen. Corey Gray)

Senator Scales moves to discuss bill for 5 min. Senator Owens seconds motion.

Every 10 years, bidders will be able to bid. This is the 10th year so we have a new vendor and new vending machines/microwaves on campus. Contracts start December 1. Have microwaves but haven’t placed them on campus yet.

This bill is to determine where microwaves should be placed around campus.

Senator scales moves to vote on amendments: “for an increase, bill, EVP of Dunwoody campus”

Votes on amendment: 22 in favor. 0 against. 3 abstentions.
b. **Campus Carry University-Wide Resolution (Communications Director Nguyen)**
- Still being decided amongst Georgia senate.
- There’s an obligation for students to speak on directly. Even though it’s likely to pass the senate, if they hear from GSU are against this bill, we can make a difference.
Communications Director Nguyen entertains a motion to discuss this bill.
Senator Scales motions to discuss bill for 10 min. Speaker Pro-tempore Mohamed seconds motion.
- If resolution passes, contact govt. affairs and set up “Activism Day” to speak against bill.
  Senator Verkiel: Resolution should be made clearer by saying there should be no guns on campus
- Adds section: “section: the student government association will engage in an activism event to oppose HB280”
Senator Gray moves to amend the motion of HB280. Senator King seconds motion. 24 in favor. 1 against. 0 abstentions.
President Onwuzuruike entertains a motion to amend this bill. Senator King motions to amend bill. Senator Davies seconds. Senator Wami motions to amend bill. Senator Gray seconds that motion. 22 in favor. 1 against. 1 abstention.

c. **2017 Election Code Legislation (Speaker Pro-Temp Usra Mohamed)**
- If planning to run for Atlanta campus SGA, have to be student for another full year.
- Perimeter campuses will count summer semesters as one of the academic terms (summer & fall semester count as academic term)
- Campaign finances: Candidates have to disclose any type of spending for campaign. To prevent non-GSU organizations endorsing candidates, legislation prohibits this.
- Vacancy issues: Figure out more effective ways to fill vacancies at diff. campuses
- Commission chair will call next person on ballot to fill vacancy, when candidates run out, go back to regular appointment process
- If vacancies occur, Speaker of Senate calls the next candidate on the ballot to see if they are still interested
- If any vacancies are filled before election but before inauguration, will still be able to be sworn in with regular appointed officials
- If filled vacancy after inauguration, can be sworn in at SGA summer retreat or first meeting of semester
President Onwuzuruike entertains a motion to open a discussion. Senator Loi moves to discuss for 5 min. Senator Gray seconds. President Onwuzuruike entertains motion to amend the bill. Senator Gray moves vote on amended UW Bill 87002. Senator Owens seconds: 21 in favor. 0 against. 0 abstentions.

d. **University Wide Senate Appointments (Perimeter Students)**
- People filled perimeter seats and President Onwuzurike will talk to each EVP.

**IX. Closing Remarks**
- Senator Moreno-Duque: Thanks everyone who supported DACA week. Students wrote notes to support DACA students. Takes a moment of silence for undocumented students who don’t have rights.


**XI. President’s Report, Fortune Onwuzurike**
- President Becker attending administrative council meeting
- NY TIMES featuring Georgia State University on student success.
- Fall 2017 students have set new records with GPA and ACT/SAT scores
- No guest speaker or student walk in at Spring 2017 commencement
- Starting next year, there will be a Senator of the Year on each campus and Executive Board Member of the Year.
- Surveys sent out to emails.
- President Onwuzuruike will be attending Board of Regents next week
- SAC conference next week at Coastal Georgia
- Encourages everyone to attend committee meetings, campus meetings, and finish year strong
- Wishes luck to upcoming president and other officers
President Onwuzuruike entertains motion to adjourn meeting. Senator King moves to adjourn meeting.

**XII. Adjournment at 9:35 pm**