Atlanta Campus Senate Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 24, 2017 - SCW 464/466

I. The meeting was called to order by Speaker Pro Tempore Anthony Jones at 7:29p.m.

II. Opening Call of the Roll & Determination of Quorum: Senate Clerk Olivia Abie
   Absent ➔ (Senator Curry, Azarkhail, Cain, Birchell, Vining)

III. Senator King moved to waive the reading of the minutes from the August 12 meeting,
     seconded by Senator Siemer. Senator Siemer move to vote, seconded by Senator Jones. All
     in favor. Minutes approved.
     - Senator Siemer move to swear in Senator Lee to be able to vote during the meeting,
       seconded by senator King. All in favor.
     - SJB Bosbyshell swore in Senators Nuni Lee, College of the Arts, and Lucas Perdue,
       College of Law.

IV. Special Orders
   a. Seating bill - Replacement of Speaker of the Senate
      - Senator Cruz-Hernandez move to swear in the speaker Tempore as the new speaker
        of the senate, seconded by senator Aibgangbee. All in favor, motion passed.
      - SJB Bosbyshell sworn in Anthony Jones as the Speaker of the senate.
   b. Seating bill - Replacement of Speaker Pro Tempore
      - Senator Siemer move to nominate Speaker Pro Tempore, seconded by Senator Cruz-
        Hernandez seconded by senator Galvis.
      - Senator Barry nominated Senator Osilaja, Senator Galvis nominated Senator Pachon Collantes.
      - Senator Osilaja nomination speech: “I’ve had great experience in Georgia State
        University, and I want everyone else to also have a great experience. I want to make
        sure the freshmen feel welcomed. I want to help create along with the transfer
        liaisons. I’m willing to go out of my way to speak to other freshmen and transfer so
        they can have an equal and great experience at GSU.”
      - Senator Pachon Collantes speech: “I have the time and availability to be part of all of
        the meetings. I’ve had a great experience with the freshmen because I was an
        orientation leader. I’m very close to freshmen, I can communicate easily with them
        and with liaison to get their point across.”
      - Senator King motion to open to discussion for 2 minutes, seconded by Senator Samuelson.
      - Senator Samuelson mote to discuss for 5 minutes.
      - Senator Cruz-Hernandez move to discuss for 2 minutes, second by Senator Barry. All
        in favor, motion passed.
      - Grand jeanPoint of inquiry Senator Siemer: Leader orientation (paid hourly) do both.
      - Senator King: grad student, dedication
      - Cruz Hernandez: built that experience, built that experience by having the position.
      Make a priority
- Senator King call the question, seconded by Senator Samuelson. The motion passed with 10 votes in favor for Senator Pachon Collantes as the new Speaker Pro Tempore, 4 votes for Senator Osilaja, and 3 abstentions.
- Senator Pachon Collantes was nominated the new speaker Pro Tempore.
- SJB Bosbyshell sworn in Pachon Collantes as the new Speaker Pro Tempore.

**c. Seating bill - Head Senator Appointments**
- Senator King moved to take a recess for 5 minutes to discuss the head senator positions, Senator Jones seconded it. All in favor, motion passed.
- Senator Aleman move to extend the discussion for 2 minutes, seconded by Senator Cruz-Hernandez seconded it. All in favor.
- Senator Barry was nominated for head senator of the College of Arts and Sciences.
- Senator Jonathan Jones was nominated head senator for the College of Business.
- Senator Samuelson was nominated head senator for the College of Arts.
- Senator Murillo was nominated head senator for the College of Education.
- Senator Aibgangbee was nominated head senator for School of Public Health.
- Senator Perdue was nominated head senator for the College of Law.
- Senator John Curry was nominated head senator for College of Nursing & Health Professions.
- Senator Aleman moved to accept the nominations, senator King seconded.
- All in favor, motion passed.

**d. Seating bill - Committee Appointments**
- Academic affairs Committee, Jessica Siemer: Will meet Wednesdays (10:00-11:30a.m.)
  Senator Aibangbee, Patton, Patterson, Siam, Lee.
- Finance committee, Zuri May: Wednesdays (10:30-1pm) will meet as needed
  Senator Patterson, Senator Patton,
- Communications Committee, Sara Moreno: Tuesdays 1-2p.m. weekly
  Senator Pachon, Barry, Patton, Galvis.
- Student Life Committee, Josh King: Wednesday 5:30-7p.m., weekly
  Senator Aleman, Barry, Patterson, Jones, Osilaja.
- Student services Committee: Friday 5:30 biweekly
  Senator Cruz-Hernandez, Samuelson, Contreras-Murillo, Patterson, Aleman.
- Senator Siemer move to vote on the committee appointments, senator Contreras seconded it. Motion passed with 18 yay, 0 nay, 2 abs.

**V. Special reports - none**

**VI. Two-minute speeches by members of the Senate**
- Noah Samuelson: Writing legislations for a summer event. GSU participated in a grand competition in Germany with 10 countries around the entire world. GSU won the competition.
- Senator Grand Jean: Plan over the summer to write a legislation to create a liaison SGA and spotlight. This will allow SGA to be more involved with spotlight, and getting to know more constituents. SGA will be able to influence events, and spotlight can help market SGA. Anyone interested in helping and being involved can contact him.
- Senator Barry: A lot of students, especially freshmen don’t have good studying skills. Working to create a workshop to help students to learn how to study, anyone is welcome to contribute to help her with that.
VII. Executive Cabinet Reports
   a. Report of the Communications Director, Sara Moreno Duque
      i. Sara thanked everyone who helped her at tabling event, especially Senators Jones and King.
      ii. Another tabling event for student Org fair on September 5th from 11-2p.m. She asked any officers to sign up if they interested to help.
      iii. Creating a trivia game for constitutional day event, and will need help to present it. An email will be sent with more information, and any senator that’s interested can meet her after the senate meeting.
   b. Report of the Finance Director, Zuri May
      i. Nice quality materials lunch bags and mugs in the office that were ordered last year. Looking to find an initiative/event to give them away.
      ii. There have been budget updates, PR budget increased by $12,000, student services is now $2000, academic affairs $7000, co-sponsorship budget is $14,900 increased by $1900. Plenty of room to do things this year.
      iii. The next meeting of her committee will be discussing everything SGA has spent since last time they’ve met.
      iv. Planning finance related initiative and programming for SGA and specifically Atlanta campus, and will make relocation for this year’s budget.
   c. Report of the Speaker of the Senate, Anthony Jones
      i. Anthony Jones expressed that he’s expecting a great year, and will like more constituent’s involvement.
      ii. He expressed that SGA officers job is to be able to know our constituents and for them to know us.
      iii. Students need to recognize our faces, and come to us if they have any questions.

VIII. University Senate Committee Reports
   a. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee Chair, Jessica Siemer
      i. First meeting is on the 30th 10:15-11:30p.m. Open to adjust the meeting times. Next meetings will be sept 13, sept 27th.
      ii. Main focus for this year is to improve advising.
      iii. Semester dead week policy has been drafted, it is the policy of no exam, papers due on the week before finals.
      iv. Working on faculty diversity, looking at the statistics.
      v. Drafted resolutions with faculty senate. The idea is to get SGA involved to show that SGA do care about diversity.
      vi. Looking into bringing Dr. Ainsworth to come to one of Atlanta senate meeting to talk about the faculty diversity if SGA officers are interested.
   b. Report of the Student Life Committee Chair, Joshua Akinola-King
      i. Had a town hall meeting with director of housing Randy Brown on august 24th. Director Brown talk to students about the housing situation, and how long is going to last, the event had a good turnout.
      ii. Presidents brunch for the leaders of each organization to get to know each other, and discuss funding, co-sponsorship.
      iii. If interested in Student life committee but can’t meet on the dates and times, let him know to make arrangements for you.
      iv. Senator Jessica Siemer point of inquiry: summary of the housing meeting?
         - Senator Akinola-King: Essentially, it benefits students housing to be full capacity, 3% increase. The more empty spaces, the higher the prices get. Waiting on the
c. Report of the Student Services Committee Chair, Alondra Cruz-Hernandez
   i. Working with RHA to provide shuttles for students to buy groceries.
   ii. SGA and RHA will fund half and half for the shuttles, it will cost $384 dollars for SGA. RHA will cover the full price for the spring semester.
   iii. President RHA already set up what’s going to happen, logistics.
   iv. Senator Alondra will need SGA representatives to be part of the shuttle experience, so SGA can explain how this service was made possible.
   v. The shuttle will run during 2 months shuttle run, the exact dates will be confirmed later on.
   vi. Working with Financial aid to fix issues with wait time, overcapacity, and not enough advisors.
   vii. Talked with ISAC (International Association Student Council) president,
   viii. To work on international student’s voice their concerns.
   ix. Her first meeting will be September 8th 5:30p.m.

d. Report from the Vacancy Committee
   i. Senator King informed that the vacancy committee has been working throughout the summer to fill out vacancies. They’ve filled out 5 vacancies so far.
   ii. Applications for undergrad senator and transfer liaison positions are available to apply until next Wednesday. Freshmen Liaison position closes tomorrow.
   iii. Senator Ari Jones resigned, already interviewed someone for his position, will be attending next senate meeting, strong applicants for the arts sciences.

IX. Old Business -None
X. New Business- None
XI. Closing Remarks
   - Speaker Jones: Office hours will be posted next week, 10 hours, meetings will always be business professional attire.
   - Director Moreno Duque: Thanked officers to come to the meetings, and being part of SGA. If you commit to SGA make sure you get the job done. Put in work, because it does pays off.
   - Director Zuri May: Next Wednesday august 30th first committee meeting, will send a friendly reminder, anyone is welcome to join.
   - EVP Mondon: Office hours will be posted in the display case, there’s no reason for people to not come to meetings because the calendars is online. If any officers need work space he’s.
   a. Closing Call of the Roll: Senate Clerk, Abie.

XII. Executive Vice President’s Report, Yann Mondon
Orientation, first meeting for the Activity fee committee will be on September 15th, will be meeting per month.

XIII. Adjournment
Senator King move to adjourn, seconded by Senator Barry, all in favor motion passed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03p.m.