Atlanta Campus Senate Meeting Agenda
Thursday, October 12, 2017 - SCW 464/466

I. Call to Order: Speaker of the Senate Anthony Jones 7:16 p.m.

II. Opening Call of the Roll & Determination of Quorum: Senate Clerk Olivia Abie
Absent ➔ (Akinola- King, D’vonte, Grand-Jean, Llyod, Roberts, Vining, Jones, Aibangbee)
# of senators present: 16 present out of 23. Quorum achieved.

III. Reading and Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting
Senator Aleman move to approve the minutes of September 28th 2017, seconded by Senator Barry. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions

IV. Special Orders
a. Swearing in of Absent Freshmen Liaisons
   Freshmen Liaison Divya Shah was sworn in by SJB Liaison White
b. Formation of Security Council
   Senator Alondra point of information:
   - Special order to form a security task force. Whereas campus security is an essential student service, whereas it is the duty of the student service committee of SGA to promote and encourage initiatives regarding the improvement of the student services, whereas it will benefit the student service committee and SGA to have a task force devoted to campus security issues. Whereas senators, t, u, v, x, y, n, z have expressed in joining the task force. Whereas Senator Patterson has already begun working with the police department, and enacted a task force may be created for the purpose to be working with the Georgia State University police department and panther ambassadors to improve campus security. Senator Patterson be designated as chair of the security task force, and senators a, b, c, d be designated as members of the security task force. Enacted the task force shall report to the student life committee and provide updates on its actions.
   - would like to form a student task force made up of students and senators.
   - The task force responsibilities will be to talk to the police department, and maintain contact with panther ambassadors, and also with the escort services.
   - The goal of this Security Council of this is to make a bridge between students and police department since a lot of students feel like Georgia State University police isn’t easily accessible or intimidating.
   - Senator Siemer made a friendly amendment to change the positions to “students” instead of senators.
   - Senator Siemer move to nominate senators and Liaisons
   - Freshmen Liaison Tilly, Maddali, and Senator Patton designated themselves to be part of the security task force.
   - Friendly amendment Advisor Beckwith: change the bill name to “Student Safety Advisory Committee”
   - Senator Galvis move to vote on the formation of the Student Safety Advisory Committee, seconded by Senator Patton. 16 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.
c. **Formation of Athletics Committee**
   - Senator Siemer Point of information: The athletics Committee is a sub-committee of the Student life committee. It is specifically an Athletic Committee created to work with athletics to help them promote different events. SGA will be working on collaborations with events and programming with Athletics. Senator Samuelson has been working with them, he’s part of the University Wide Athletics committee university wide, so he will be chairing the Athletics Committee. Athletics wants to collaborate with SGA to create new programs before their game to get further student involvement. Take over as this will take organization as a game. Friday night lights with SGA initiative.
   - Senator Siemer moved to nominate any senators and freshmen liaisons that will like to be part of the Athletics committee.
   - This committee will disband at the end of the fall semester and potentially reassess whether we need or going to reestablish it for spring semester sports.
   - Senator Patton, Lakhani, Patterson, and Contreras-Murillo designated themselves to be part of the Athletics Committee.
   - Senator Lakhani moved to vote on the Athletics committee, seconded by Senator Aleman. The formation of the Athletics Committee passed with 16 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

d. **Formation of Finals Week Committee**
   Senator Siemer Point of information: The Academic Affairs committee is planning a programming for finals week. The student center ball room will be reserved from 8a.m. to 9p.m. The ball room will be divided into three rooms and each room will have a different theme. The event title will be “review, refresh, recharge”. The review room is going to be a quiet study space for students. The refresh room will have rotating resources where tutors from different classes will be coming in. The Finals Week Committee will also email professors to inform them that the refresh room will be available if they want do a review for their classes. The recharge room will be a relaxation room dedicated to wellness and health. There will be snacks and coffee. The counselling office might come to do a guided meditation or yoga session. This event requires a lot of planning and reaching to different departments to make this event successful. This event will overlap with the Panther kit initiative. This committee will report to her committee, asking for any student volunteers that will like to help this. This committee will set up their own meeting times.
   - Senator Iyer, Barry, Curry, Aleman, Patterson, Osilaja, and Freshmen Liaison Tilly and Gideon nominated themselves to be part of the finals week committee.
   - Senator Patterson nominated Senator Patton to be the chair of the finals week committee, seconded by Senator Samuelson.
   - Senator Barry calls the question, 15 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions
   - Senator Siemer call the question to vote on the formation of the Finals Week Committee. The bill passed with 16 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

V. **Special reports**
   a. **University Representatives wishing to address the Senate**
      i. **Vote Everywhere**
         - Evan Malbrough - sophomore Public Policy major and music minor. He’s one of the Ambassadors of the Andrew Goodman Foundation on the Atlanta campus which is a non-profit voter registration organization. Their advisors are through the political science department and the office of civic engagement. They go around and find creative ways to get people to vote.
- In 1964, Andrew Goodman joined the Freedom Summer, a voter registration project aimed at registering African-Americans to vote in Mississippi. On Andy’s first day, he and two other civil rights workers, James Chaney and Michael Schwerner, were murdered by the Ku Klux Klan. The story of these three young men struck a public chord that galvanized support for the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In his memory his mother and father started the Andrew Goodman foundation which is a non-profit organization focused on getting students that are the least likely population to vote and politically engaged.

- This organization is focused on going to college campuses to form a culture of civic engagement. They have partnered with the African American studies and political science department. They go to classroom to get people registered to vote, they have been to 15 classrooms so far.

- They are looking for ways to expand, and put voter registration polls at events, orientations. This is their first year on campus.

- The President of this organization is Ari Jones, and the ambassadors are Senator Akinola-King, Executive Vice President Stanley, and Executive Vice President Calixtè.

- They want to educate people on voting, for example a lot of people don’t know that the Georgia State student I.D is valid for voter registration. There are polling places on campus. For any concerns, he can be reached at gsu.agf@gsu.com

**ii. QEP Selection Process**

Point of information Senator Siam:

- The Quality Enhancement Planning committee, it is a faculty run committee that sets five-year guidelines on how to improve the quality of higher education at Georgia State. Since the end of June, they’ve had a lot of applicants putting up applications about their plans to advance their education at Georgia State. Last week, they had a meeting for a presentation for the final three proposals. The final three proposals that the committee came up with are college to career readiness, which is firsthand experience with the organizations that are closely associated to Georgia State once students graduate. The second one is my experience at Georgia State, which is a spinoff of college to career, it starts on your freshmen year, (firsthand experience with organizations) all the way up to your senior year. The third proposal is the Global pathways to student success, this is a way for Georgia state student to interact with other international student around the world, and learn how to tackle economic, politic and global issues that are going there and things that are going in Georgia state to see how they can collaborate.

- QEP organization has a commitment to enhance the quality of higher education, and improve education for the students. The deadline to vote is October 15th on the QEP website.

**b. Student Forum (Students wishing to address the Senate)- None**

**VI. Two-minute speeches by members of the Senate**

Senator Barry: Constituents day is coming up, she has been speaking with the Dean of colleges arts and sciences, Dean Medlock sent her a strategic plan they have for 2018-2023, it hasn’t been finalized but he will like to have some feedback from the senators of Arts and Sciences. She will sent an email with times to see when the senators of arts and sciences could meet and review the strategic plans since they are voting on pretty soon. They’re also having the undergraduates’ student body report, they will have a
meeting on October 26th from 12-1p.m., since she won’t be able to go, so she would like to send a senator on her behalf.

Senator Osilaja: SGA is having a program on November 15th from 6-9p.m. at the court salon in the student center east. It’s a circle for people who have been through mental health issues or traumatic experience, to come and talk about how they made it through. There’s also going to be people from the council center, victim assistance center, and other counselors. Anyone is interested in helping him with the event can contact him.

Senator Samuelson: Set up a meeting with ISS, working on planning to enhance the quality for international students. This meeting will be to go over the entire process of how international come study to Georgia State. College of Arts is working diligently to find solutions to engage students. The students who sign up for the athletics committee might see him after the meeting to talk about more details.

Senator Cain: He is on homecoming court, homecoming court start Monday, October 12th and will end up on Thursday October 19th at midnight. As Senators it is important to participate on campus activities. Voting can be done through Orgsync.

Senator Pachon: Delta Beta chapter is having an annual pageant, cause to donate for charity. Senator Aleman is running, group me there’s, more points will get. Post the link fundraising, save a girl, save a world. Will allow a girl in Kenya to go to college.

VII. Executive Cabinet Reports
   a. Report of the Communications Director, Sara Moreno Duque
      - Silicanting packets, they have the hashtag panthers, put it on phones to represent SGA.
      - Three more tabling for panther preview. Anyone interested can sign up for tabling. It is from 1:30-3:30p.m. on Fridays. Few communications committee coming up, need more people
      - Committees meeting are Thursdays from 1-1:30p.m. And Fridays 4-4:30p.m.
      - Creating a video “What is SGA?” that highlights what we do on campus.
      - Senator Osilaja move to open the floor for discussion for 2 minutes, seconded by Senator Patterson
      - Working on a story board, should be ready by the end of the October. She would like to present it to Advisors Beckwith and Sutton, and receive opinion from the Senate, on what should include on this video, for example footage about different things on campus (homecoming, golf cart)
      - Senator Samuelson move to open the floor for 5 minutes, seconded by Senator Barry.
      - Contacted all EVP and communications directors of all campuses, to talk about the newsletter initiative with her committee that will highlight everything SGA is doing. She will be writing the first news stories, and her committee will be doing the next ones. Any senator or freshmen liaison can get involved if interested.

   b. Report of the Finance Director, Zuri May
      - Budget update: recently ordered blue books, polos and badges, that will reflected on the budget coming up for this month.
      - Also working to fix regular payroll schedule for all chairs.
      - TK APP has been fixed and is accessible to all students.
      - Senator Siemer move to discuss for 3 minutes about the TK APP, seconded by Senator Patton
      - Will be setting up meetings with Senators to talk about constituents’ day and discuss about the food budget.
c. Report of the Speaker of the Senate, Anthony Jones
- Working on setting up one on one meetings with the senators to do a semester check up on what they been working on and discuss their attendance to the meetings. He will be sending the emails after the meeting, 15 min intervals
- All committees’ information have been updated. All senators that haven’t joined a committee must join one as soon as possible
- Update group me with the new senators and transfer liaisons
- Initiative to take members of SGA around different areas in Georgia to talk about SGA and what we do for the school and the community. Talk to his church to bring already to bring senators to his church to talk about SGA.
- Lance walker, who is the staff for the empowerment movement faith E2 forum that will take place on October 17th at 6:30p.m. Andre’ Kennebrew who is the talent acquisition consultant for chick-fil-a will be talking about his successes, failures, and his leadership. There are seven spots for SGA officers to attend. The attire for the event is business casual.

VIII. University Senate Committee Reports
a. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee Chair, Jessica Siemer
- Thanked Dominique for being the only Senator that sign up to do mobile panther kits
- Finals week, will be making 1000 Panther kits.
- Finals week is the biggest event that she has going on
- the two initiatives for this semester are improving advising, there’s a survey available to all students available on Orgsync.
- Working on establishing a dead week policy, in which students will not have any major assignment or paper due the week of finals.

b. Report of the Student Life Committee Chair, Joshua Akinola-King
- Senator Aleman point of information: Student Life committee has finalized all details for the general assembly that will be on Tuesday October 31st at 5:30p.m. at the student center west 464, they will have a speaker for transportation, and a speaker from the police department. Senators may wear their SGA polos and names tags to represent SGA.
- Working on the swap meal plan.
- On Thursday October 19 there will be a golf parade, if anyone would like to participate in the golf parade and help decorate the SGA golf car they can contact him or senator Akinola-King
- With the co-sponsorship form, SGA has been receiving a lot of complaints about the time length. Thus, they have decided to allow organizations to make their own flyers so they won’t have to wait for creative services, this will cut off that 4-5 week, however SGA logo can’t appear on the flyer.

c. Report of the Student Services Committee Chair, Alondra Cruz-Hernandez
Mandatory fee committee report: Discussed the fees that each student pays. This year 53 dollars needs to be reallocated. Recreation will get $18, library will get $15, and activity $9. The rest of the funds will be distributed to health, international, sustainability. The library asked for 15 dollar increase, to fund their renovation, they will be adding new study spaces for students.
- The mandatory fee committee believes that transportation should ask for an increase, since the library will have renovations, and Courtland Street Bridge will be taking down, there will be a lot of traffic. Some of the money should go to transportation to buy more buses and shuttles or to help facilitate traffic.
- The mandatory fee committee is open to every student and senators to participate. Next meeting will be on Friday 29th 2-5 at the Student Center West, room 464.
- Any organization, (Atlanta, community, or church based organization), that needs fundraising can participate in the sports games selling concessions. Whatever amount of concessions they sell, 12% of what they make will go to their organizations. The concessions will be provided, just need people to be there to sell during the football and basketball games.

d. Report from the Vacancy Committee - NONE

IX. Old Business - NONE

X. New Business
   a. Work Session Related to Constituent Days
      - Speaker Jones informed that constituents’ day which is an initiative to help break the bridge between administration and students is coming up.
      - Speaker Jones allowed senators 25 minutes to group into their respective colleges to discuss together. Transfer Liaisons can group into to the smaller colleges.

XI. Closing Remarks - NONE
   a. Comments and announcements of the officers
      Director Zuri: Thanked the new transfer liaisons that joined her committee, the next meeting will be on November 1st
   b. Closing Call of the Roll: Senate Clerk, Olivia Abie
      Absent ➔ (Akinola- King, D’vonte, Grand-Jean, Llyod, Roberts, Vining, Jones, Aibangbee)
      # of senators present: 16 present out of 23.

XII. Executive Vice President’s Report, Yann Mondon
      The University Wide Initiative about the student drive donations for people that have been affected by the hurricanes will be from October 14th through November 14th.

XIII. Adjournment
      The meeting was adjourned by Senator Aleman and seconded by Senator Patton at 9:43 p.m.