I. Call to Order at 7:25 pm: President Fortune Onwuzuruike

II. Opening Call of the Roll: absent Jose Mendez, Jacob Hill, Chanel Smith, Diamond Miller, Darryl Murray, Karim Doaudi

III. Reading & Approval of the minutes from retreat

- Point of Information – Advisor Boyd: Where question mark is shows where we didn’t get who seconded
- Senator Wami – I seconded that motion.
- Point of Information – Advisor Boyd: In the ratification of bylaws we don’t have the senator who moved to discuss article 10.
- Senator Nwoke: I was the one who moved to discuss
- Point of Information – Advisor Boyd: EVP Detlefsen do you recall what you might have said for point of inquiry
- EVP Detlefsen: I believe my question was, “Are we safe to look at amending the schedule instead of the bylaws for runoff elections?”

IV. Approval of Senate Retreat Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes from August 13, 2016 by Senator Yemi; seconded by Senator Brown;
- All in favor; Minutes Approved

V. Special Reports

a. Dean of Libraries, Mr. Jeff Steely

- 3 strategic areas we are working on to define future of research library.
- First, we are talking about one library system for all campuses, great partnership thus far
- Content is important—physical items, books, journals, electronic resources, etc... We want to make it easier to access to these contents and one of the challenges to technology in the future
- Second, a big emphasis on student success in part by providing space master planning process dealing with issues in space - how to create more, security of space (robberies in library, etc) small term changes to long term changes (i.e. cameras, visitor management system (photo id scanned and kept on record) one piece still to come (winter break turnstiles will be replaced and card-swipe access ousted to biometric handprint access).
- A good thing with the consolidation for Perimeter is the electronic resources at Atlanta campus will be accessible by everyone.
- Third is support, expertise provided—librarians can help
- Research support. (curve—2nd floor library south, IT&T and STEM on Perimeter campuses to build support for research at Perimeter, also special collections, and bringing together research data and one on one consultation and workshops available for students.
- Really value student input like the library student advisory council (also visiting Perimeter campuses to find needs there) also online forum – typical feedback and story of student success and library support in our work.
- Master planning process will have lots of opportunity for student input.
- Student fee implementation (Atlanta campus) water bottle filling stations, touched up group study rooms, reupholstered/changed furniture based on student votes, HTC vibes for virtual analysis, photo scanners (Perimeter campuses) headsets/technology added to campuses (laptops/ tablets
- Contact info: jsteely@gsu.edu

b. Director of University Police, Interim Chief Carlton Mullis

- First thing, initiated a campus crime stoppers program, reporting crime/possible crime anonymously, rewards if a conviction happens
- LiveSafe app has 2,032 individuals enrolled and GSU population is around 51,176 total students so we need to get students to enroll
- Works as social media site as well to see your walking progress from one location to another. This is implemented on all campuses as well as Georgia Tech and Georgia Southern
- Staffing upgrades by adding 75 police officers to downtown campus (9 in the next few weeks, 20-25 every year)
- Stay on cutting edge of 21st century policing like bodycam practices. Right now we want 25 and practice runs to see what we will be doing and rolling out in the next few years.
- Naloxone injectors, anti-heroin injectors to bring people back to life after overdose, hoping by end of next months to bring those in
- Prescription drug boxes installed on all campuses to get drugs out of water supply, public areas, etc.
- Participation in Chancellor Report on campus safety (because of deal negating campus carry)
- Cameras added: 200 to library, 200 around campus (Piedmont central)
- Questions:
  1. Where are the prescription pill disposal boxes located?
  2. Chief Mullins: Police headquarters on all campuses
  3. EVP Daniel commends the police chief for his dedication to hiring good police officers

VI. Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Douglass Covey

- This is a very exciting meeting, the meeting is a historic event as the first University-wide meeting of the Student Government Association
- Fall enrollment is greater than 51k making us the largest in the region, one of the largest in the country
- In concert with that the university is setting records in many ways like sponsored research ($120 million in sponsored research; this year's first quarter $53 million only)
- Major campaign to raise money for university (Burning Bright campaign $350 million wanted–met $218 to date) burning bright
- Piedmont Central is open with 1,100 in Piedmont Central and 5,200 beds for university housing total, as well as private developments 112 Courtland, 200 Edgewood w/ 7,000 students living downtown and more to come as well.
Petit Science lab expansion will be opened soon, Alpharetta campus has a $5 million lab project going under construction.

Courtland bridge project is scheduled to be replaced, starting in Spring 2017.

Campus master plan: continuous green space from Woodruff Park to Decatur and Piedmont, possible with demolition of Kell Hall and library plaza.

Within a few years campus will be dramatically transformed.

Plaza where SunTrust is located is currently being transformed to Creative Media Institute (given donations by Woodruff Foundation).

Turner Field, we are moving forward, nothing is settled until the ink is dry but closing in a few months (athletic facilities - football will play there, baseball stadium), mixed-use retail and housing will be implemented by our partners and housing [some geared to student market and middle to upper income housing] even some talk to extending street car out there.

Issues wise: Atlanta campus student health center has been a contracted service but now insourced (for better bang for buck), good reports coming forward.

Improvements on use of technology there, electronic medical system.

Free speech on Atlanta campus will be moved - Unity Plaza and Urban Life Plaza are now free speech areas which take away Library Plaza (due to SGA decision last semester); no longer good idea because of traffic, this is a safety issue. We are not controlling content or point of view, just the control of space for safety.

Legislature will be wrestling with campus carry: legislation passed to carry taser devices (no issues thus far, guns will continue to be discussed though. look out for it in the spring).

Trying to eliminate increase in student fees, reallocation maybe but no increase!

Tuition may change (the university doesn’t set tuition the system sets it).

What to expect for spring commencement: due to demolition of Georgia Dome we will not be having spring commencement there we will be having commencement at Georgia Tech in their basketball field house throughout this transition.

President Onwuzuruike: Will Fall 2017 happen at Turner field or Mercedes?

Dr. Covey: I hate to make the assumption so I really can’t tell you.

Questions:

Senator Wami: What is the university’s response to Turner field expanse and the community around it?

Dr. Covey: several groups representing community there have insisted on representatives being in communication; we have always been in communication with them. We want to be good neighbors.

Senator Lesly: The U.S. News reported GSU as number 5 in the most innovative universities what major achievements got us that?

Dr. Covey: Primarily contribution to student success initiatives, using data to advise students academically, support mechanisms, graduation rates, it also doesn’t hurt that the President rated as one of the most innovative so it doesn’t hurt. We are a part of a consortium of institutions to implement student success initiatives.

Director Nguyen: Can you summarize Becker’s letter talking to community groups?
Dr. Covey: It is hard to summarize better than what was reported in The Signal because The Signal has done it well (no copy has been seen except for what was reported in The Signal).

What is happening with parking at Turner Field?

Dr. Covey: This is very important to us as property is developed we plan to have offsite parking with buses to shuttle.

Senator Lavallee: Do you foresee any changes for mandatory student fees for college of law because students don’t utilize campus resources as much as other students?

Dr. Covey: You can’t go to user based fee payment, it is like taxes, you have to support quality of academic life and quality. You still enable ability to take advantage

What is being told to residents about Turner Field?

Dr. Covey: Formally contacted residents through President’s office which was covered in The Signal. We are trying to be sensitive to resident’s emotions, so we will always keep them in mind. We don’t want to disappoint them again.

Dr. Covey: Feel free to contact me, Boyd has contact info

VII. Executive Cabinet Reports

a. Report of the Atlanta campus EVP - Shamari Southwell

- We have had two senate meetings thus far most recent included representatives from the secretary state who informed us on how to register to vote, how to get students to vote
- Tabling events: Good Morning Commuters with lunchbox promotions, coffee mugs, we also had GSU Night at Aquarium as well
- Student Life Chair is doing a great job with her workshops, give them (Lindsey and Gabriela Batista-Vargas) a round of applause
- Josh Scales is doing great job with grocery shuttles
- Speaker Pro-Temp is doing a great job with interviews for transfer/freshman liaison and senators
- Upcoming Senate meeting is October 13, at the last Senate meeting Daniel Detlefsen came, so come if you are free.
- Atlanta campus mandatory fee committee meeting tomorrow at 2 pm, look forward to seeing you then.

b. Report of the Clarkston campus - EVP Alexandr Burkon

- We filled all vacancies so we have a full staff in Clarkston
- We are still in the process of hiring the Assistant Director of Student Life
- We did voter registration drives this week
- Next Friday I will meet with the liaison between SGA and disability services to find solutions for issues pertaining to disabled students.
- Our SGA survey turned out 200+ answers (functions, what we do, etc.)
- Learning and Tutoring Center issues: solution is that students will need to fill out survey/feedback form after utilizing services.
- Clarkston campus is working on housing initiatives
- Shuttles between campuses have issues with wait time being too long and are dangerous


- We recruited a finance director and 2 senator seats
- Senator Smith organized a “Get on Board Day” where students are encouraged to get involved in organizations.
- We invited Amelia (Secretary of State representative) to train students to vote
- We encouraged students to visit the Atlanta and Dunwoody campuses for the State Farm mentorship program
- On September 21 we held “Peace in the Quad”
- September 27 thru October 11th is our voter registration drive
- We still need a Speaker Pro-Tempore and are working on creating a career and academic advisement fair in October

d. Report of the Dunwoody campus - EVP Chari Guzman
- SGA officers working on recruitment for a Communications Director
- One senator resignation
- We have a new Finance Director (Talia)
- We have a new Chief Justice (Darby)
- We had training for voter registration (Amelia – Secretary of State representative)
- Sept 27 voter registration drive we will do it again on October 3
- We had a great turn-out for our inter-club meeting. 16 clubs were in attendance
- Student Activity Fee training was completed
- Senator Bonsi and Livingston are currently working/brainstorming on incentivizes for students to attend meetings (professors/extra credit)
- Pounce pictures (another incentive program) was not as effective so it helped a little
- School spirit is being honed by pushing students towards attending football games as well as letting them know that they can reserve shuttle rides to and from games.
- Dunwoody using this information regarding shuttles to improve GSU’s fan base

e. Report of the Newton campus - EVP Daniel Detlefsen
- Panther Welcome, Ice Cream Social and Panther party had great turnouts
- PAC recruitment: managed to fill 3 positions and applications for more positions filled
- One new SGA application
- September 27 was our voter registration
- September 21 SGA hosted Public Safety lunch to promote National Campus Safety month
- Vincent Beebe held voter registration drive on Tuesday
- Prenith Adu achieve joint effort between honors department and dean of students
- Currently working on community partnership/outreach
- Securing reserved spaces for student of month and student honors, SGA members and possibly some volunteers

VIII. University Senate Committee Reports - NONE
IX. Old Business - NONE
X. New Business
  a. All In – University Wide SGA Adviser Mr. Boyd Beckwith
     - Georgia State has joined 169 other campuses committed towards civic engagement, tracking all of our implementations with voter registration (voter registration 2012-2016 comparison to see if increasing)
     - Because Perimeter wasn’t there, we are going to try to see if we can get those documents from the past to see what percent of our student body registered/voted.
- Reminder to EVPs: please submit all of the election related events that have happened thus far
- Also Spotlight Programs Board is hosting a debate between Donna Brazile and Margaret Hoover on October 11
- We apologize about Bennet Omalu’s failed screening to Perimeter campuses. For the debate it will be available.

b. Atlanta Campus Communications Director, Anthony Nguyen
- Lapel Pins and SGA Polos: Everyone official/elected will receive a polo as well as a pin.
- Goal to unify and signify SGA to students
- Polo will be a Nike royal blue with logo, everyone in SGA will receive one as well as a lapel pin with the GSU flame and SGA around it.
- Need to contact all Communications directors to purchase these
- Lapels and Polos (general approval)
- Senator Nwoke: What material?
- Director Nguyen: Similar to Atlanta campus but higher quality men’s cut and women’s

c. Many Rivers to Cross Concert Festival
- We received 2000 free wristbands, Good for both days, packet with significant info will be with EVPs as well
- Harry Belafonte project lineup includes Carlos Santana, Common, John Legend, Macklemore, etc.
- 2-day festival this weekend 200 for each campus, the wristband has to be activated online email address and credit card will be needed.

XI. Closing Remarks
a. Closing Call of the Roll: absent → Chandler Harper, Jose Mendez, Jacob Hill, Chanel Smith, Diamond Miller, Darryl Murray, Todd Livingston, Karim Daoudi,

b. President Report, Fortune Onwuzuruike
- Thanks for coming out
- Visibility/Transparency: Fortune has travelled to all campuses, at the Clarkston campus EVP Burkon hosted a “Talk with the President” and EVP Burkon got to see students, EVP Southwell and President Onwuzuruike tabled the GSU Night at the Aquarium
- Voter registration is happening on every campus
- Financial Aid Issues: Senator Yemi and President Onwuzuruike had the opportunity to talk to financial aid director to figure out changes (text message alerts for smooth fall transition
- Security: In the process of selecting a new Chief of Police
- Athletics: Come support football team as conference games begin
- Mandatory fee committee meeting tomorrow at 2 pm
- October 22 Homecoming football game
- November 10 next University Senate Meeting
- Motion to adjourn by Senator Nwoke; second by Senator Wami
- 1 nay – 0 abstention
- Meeting adjourned