University-Wide Senate Meeting
Thursday, January 26th, 2017
Urban Life 100

I. Call to Order: President Fortune Onwuzuruike at 7:23 pm

II. Opening Call of the Roll: (Quorum achieved)

III. Reading & Approval from the November 17th meeting.
- All in favor. 0 nay, 0 abstentions.

IV. Special Reports
   a. President Mark Becker (Commencement, Turner Field, University Student Entrepreneurs)
      - Commencement concerns are recognized and the university is confident that the space reserved and times schedule is the best amongst the choices
      - Phillips Arena is not available due to potential to enter the playoffs, Bobby Dodd not available,
      - McCamish Pavilion will be decorated in Blue and White
      - Expect December 2017 commencement services at McCamish, 2018 has not been determined until we have a clearer timeline of the phase two renovation of Turner Field
      - GSU owns 68 acres. The stadium proper and the blue parking lot currently used by students
      - Several other businesses purchased the other parts of the stadium through Carter & Associates
      - Two phase renovation for Turner Field scheduled to start soon
      - Upon completion of phase 1 use for football will commence in the fall. See stadium.gsu.edu for renderings of stadium
      - Stadium seats 20,000 fans
      - University and President visited Northwestern to learn more about the entrepreneurial programs
      - Student Entrepreneurs Initiatives opened Entrepreneurship & Innovation Institute
      - ENI.GSU.EDU is the new site
      - Institute will host speakers and provide information on competitions in entrepreneurship
      - 3 new academic programs: Bachelors of Media Entrepreneurship and Bachelors of Social Entrepreneurship; Biomedical Enterprise Master’s degree program
      - L.A.U.N.C.H can be found online at launch.gsu.edu. This is the university’s business incubator located off Edgewood/Park Place.
      - “Start Up Exchange Semester Kickoff” takes place on Jan 31, 2017
      - E-house set to open as a living learning Entrepreneurial facility
      - Non-credit course added to curriculum providing education on Start Ups

Questions:
1. Inaudible, out of procedure, question asked by student. Student removed for disturbance and interruption.

2. S. Moreno- Will DACA students be returning?
   Yes, after this semester DACA students will be able to enroll at GSU effective this semester. Prior to this semester per Board of Regents they were only permitted to attend at Perimeter Campuses. The two-year time requirement has been met for them to now apply and attend.

3. Joshua Scales “Chair of Student Affairs”- Will you make yourself more accessible to the student body? Yes, He is happy to work with SGA as invited
4. Director Nyugen- Has the office exhausted all efforts for a larger facility for graduation?
   Yes, the university has in its opinion selected the most suitable and available location for commencement. The model of spreading commencement over a few days works. It's very festive and fitting. Let's give it a chance. The spring graduation draws 26,000 participants. We currently do not have an option for another venue that will hold this capacity.

b. Chief Spillane, Chief of University Police
   Started in November. Retired from the Atlanta Police Department after 30 years
   - Initiative for a greener police department
   - Patrols on foot, Segway, and bicycles to start
   - Looking into starting a social media presence as a department on twitter
   - Downsizing Vehicles for lower emissions
   - Focused on 21st Century policing (Community Policing)

Questions:
1. SGA President Fortune Onwuzuruike: What is a timeline for fulfilling plans for Hurt Park as a central gathering area?
   Dr. Covey confirms that we currently have a memorandum of understanding with the City of Atlanta for the scheduling and use of Hurt Park. This gives much greater flexibility to the use the park, but since it’s not our park we are still limited. Hurt Park is a city property and a process is necessary to utilize the space for University activities; Chief Spillane explains the conditions of the park as an initial concern, Chief Spillane has begun building a relationship with local occupants of the park to seek cooperation about keeping the facility cleaner after their weekend food programs. Spillane states that department is being visible and seeking in the park a volunteer force for taking trash bags through the park for cleanup.

2. Liaison Grand-Jean: Will the escort service be extended to the local grocery stores near the campus?
   Chief Spillane states that he is aware of the limitations and explains that our campus police services are restricted to a jurisdiction of 500 yards in the perimeter of a campus property. Spillane is working with Fulton County Sheriff Departments on possibly deputizing our patrolman to enable a greater community reach.

3. Senator Corey Gray: States that during his work as a tour guide a lot of parents ask, “What are the newest initiatives for safety on campus?”
   Chief Spillane replies that we have contracted with a vendor to repair the blue boxes all around. We are in communications with Atlanta’s Zone 5 to discuss solutions to the safety concerns of Broad St.

4. What are your plans on addressing the smoking that takes place outside of Library Plaza?
   Chief Spillane replies that he has not been given notification of an issue in that area but does assure that the department and security will uphold the non-smoking policy on campus. He stated that he begins every meeting with the mention that this is a no smoking campus so that he is sure to make his staff as aware of their obligation to adhere to the procedure as well as the study body is

5. Senator Myles Brown: Will the university being seeking to utilize other parks near campus?
   Spillane replies: Yes, During the past two weeks Spillane and Dr. Covey walked through the parks for assessment. Woodruff Park is doing well in keeping up beautification. They observed graffiti, sleep, trash issues in other parks. Spillane states he desires all parks surround the campus to be student/staff friendly.

6. Senator Batista-Vargas: Are there plans to expand the escort service from the planned apartments over near Turner Field.
   Spillane: Absolutely, we intend on having cameras, foot patrol. Greater police visibility. All intentions to make area safer.

c. Dr. Douglass Covey
   - How to get more students engaged with Student Government on the Perimeter campuses
     Full-Time Professional Staff has been hired at Alpharetta and Clarkston campuses. Orgsync is a way to track civic engagement, co-curricular activities, and SGA elections. Used by over 400 student organizations on the Atlanta campus. Perimeter will begin to utilize OrgSync in the next 2 weeks.
   - Concerning the questions regarding whether the Alpharetta campus will have a food court, Dr. Covey informs SGA that over $4.6 million was funded from the General Assembly to expand the wet labs. The expansion will provide Chemistry/biology labs and decrease the need for students to travel between campuses for the courses. There are no plans to create food services. Perimeter does have a vendor contract. This concern will be revisited as student population increases
   - Regarding Financial Aid, they have been working with students regarding their stay on campus
     Students have been informed of policy that if a student has not yet completed Financial Aid
Package by the drop date they are in jeopardy of not having housing. This year some extension has been allotted and students whose applications are still in class. Documents have a Feb. 3, 2017 deadline.

- Regarding a general question about what kind of value does Student Affairs bring to student services Dr. Covey provided a brief historical description of the changes the past decade has brought to GSU. Student Affairs covers virtually every area outside of classroom life. 10 years ago, this school did not have over 450 student organizations, no arena scale concerts, no buying out entire venues and no student housing 50 years ago.

Questions:
1. Director Cherry: Asked about the parking lot and supervision at Perimeter?
   Spillane- Ensures that the solution to parking lot is near. Expect to see GSUPD on sight in the next week or two.
2. Liaison: Inquires about the status of the timeline for the Kell Hall/Library Plaza demolition?
   The timeline is between 12-18 months pending cooperation from all parties involved. Funding will need to be granted.
3. Senator Batista-Vargas: Inquiries if there will be any student affairs programs tailored towards the DACA students to help ease their transition?
   Dr. Covey replied, "no".

V. Executive Cabinet Reports
   a. Communications Director - Anthony Nguyen
      - Revamping SGA Website, updating with meeting information and member contact info
      - Proposing more educational programs to let students know that we are here for them
      - Working to get polos for all members of the senate.
   b. Report of the Alpharetta campus – Chelsea Green
      - Welcome new Student Life Advisor, John Paul “JP” Peters
      - Focusing on utilizing office hours, walking into classes, tabling, and open house forums
      - Creating Educational pamphlets to let students know how to participate in the upcoming election
   c. Report of the Atlanta campus EVP - Shamari Southwell
      - Financial Aid Forum Monday, Feb 27. 2017 in Student Ballroom
      - Student Government Association Presents: Open Forum meeting scheduled for March
      - CatNap initiative scheduled for Feb.27-March 3 -location TBA
      - Senator Corey Gray is working initiative to increase microwaves on campus
   d. Report of the Clarkston campus - EVP Alexander Burkon
      - Welcomed new Student Life Advisor, Willie Mickell
      - Initiatives for campus to include a lawyer resource
      - Hosting programs catered to their students such as LinkedIn workshop and Black History Month tribute.
      - Student Activity Fee training to prepare for inauguration
      - The Student Life office will be housing a staff member of the Multicultural Center which will be a tremendous resource given the diversity of the Clarkston campus.
      - Working on mediation room/game/study room
   e. Report of the Decatur campus – Communications Director, Chris Cherry
      - On Jan. 20 they plan on attending the Perimeter Campus budget hearing
      - Made appointments to the budget committee
      - Interviewing applicant for senator position
      - EVP Burkon says Feb 17 and 27 we will be in attendance to the college wide budget hearing
      - Spoke about realizing the promotion for student organization was lacking…resulting in low participation
      - Attempting new marketing means to attract more students for the organizations
      - University SGA President Fortune will attend a meeting at Dunwoody
      - Book drive Feb 27 – May 5 for students who are unsure of what to do with books
      - Live Chat venue with the SGA members, Specific schedules
      - Increase Kiosks in the library
   g. Report of the Newton campus - EVP Daniel Detlefsen
      - Senator will be working with our military outreach group
      - Senator will be working during world hunger week for a clothing drive
      - Campus working on student recreation space on space
      - Alex Ortega working to inform students of Orgsync and to spread awareness of the exercise facility
      - Interviewing two students
      - Planning Black History Month
VI. University Senate Committee Reports
   a. No reports (All Committees)
   b. Vacancies in many of the committees.
   c. Senate.gsu.edu is a source for the calendar for the dates of the committee meetings.
   d. Meetings are mandatory attendance

VII. Old Business – None

VIII. New Business
   a. Bill UWB88001 – First reading. (Bill to stream all senate wide meetings to all campuses)
      i. Senator Batista-Vargas moves to extend discussion to 5 minutes, Gardner seconds
      ii. Discussion as to whether the live stream should be limited to the campus of the member.
      iii. Senator Mohamed moves to extend discussion 5 minutes, Senator Nwoke seconds
      iv. Senator Nwoke moves to extend for 5 mins, Vargas second
      v. Senator Natalia Davis moves to table it to exec board committee, Senator Batista-Vargas seconds
      vi. Seconded and approved for tabling

IX. Closing Remarks
   a. Closing Call of the Roll, Senate Akomas
      Absent→ Anthony Nguyen, Chelsea Gordon, Antrell Vinning, Jose Mendez, Joshua Scales, 
      Nweneakanma Wami, Corey Gray, Kevin Martinez, Julie Lavellee, Tejal Vashi, Livingston Getty, Lala 
      Barka Mint Zahabi, Sabrina Jamil, Betty Joseph, Ariana Roberts, Walid Aou Boudarga, Karim Daoudi, 
      Myles Nelson

X. Adjournment.
   a. Advisor Sutton provides the recently ratified SGA Constitution for signatures from the Senate 
      and Executive Board
   b. Senator J. Scales moves to adjourn the meeting. Senator Gray seconds.
   c. All in favor. 0 nay, 0 abstentions