University-Wide Senate Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 17th, 2016

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

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

III. Reading & Approval from the September 29th meeting.
   - All in favor. 0 nay, 0 abstentions.

IV. Special Reports
   a. Campus Services, Mr. Chris Connelly
      - Major change happening: Auxiliary and Support Services’ name is now Campus Services
      - Panther Card, Vending Services, Bookstore, Dining Services are services we provide.
      - Parking: Bus Buzz is a new initiative where you text in concerns, information, etc.
      - Twitter account @GSUParking
      - Parking app: letting you know how many spots available in decks → we are working towards that right now.
      - Sustainability grant for parking: Grants to Green $160,000 matching grant for LED lighting in T-Deck
      - T-Deck will have 200 additional spaces for students
      - Turner Field: Planning process right now, when we have definitive information we will relay that.
      - Faculty/Staff/Student Committee: we are looking into that and this is in development now
      - Cleaning staff for decks to make them more inviting
      - Portal for purchasing has been changed and more edits are happening.
      - Apple products will be coming to the University bookstore.
      - Freight Farms: Green initiative located yards behind Piedmont North → the ultimate farm to table experience, they are growing their own veggies
      - Ray’s Pizza: new food option in Bookstore Building
      - Piedmont Central’s dining hall is the largest and the nicest so go visit
      - Campus Services is replacing all the vending machines on all 6 campuses.
      - Drink machines on other campuses will be phased out but downtown students will have new ones soon
      - Panther Cash will soon be able to be used on all campuses

Questions:
1. Senator Mohamed: There is no way to tell your Budget Card balance will the new website tell you?
   - Chris Connelly: Absolutely, we are planning on making budget cards more user-friendly.
2. Senator Batista-Vargas: As far as the vending machines will it still be the same options or will there be healthier options?
   - Same options and same prices. There will be healthier options.

3. Will prices stay the same equilaterally or will it only be central campus machines because some housing vending machines have higher prices?
   - I will take a look at the disparities at those vending machines, but we are trying to make it the same where the pricing is netting the same.

4. Will the LED parking be all over campus or just in parking decks?
   - The lights will only be changed in T-Deck.

5. Senator Batista-Vargas: Are we expecting any increase in parking? Will Turner Field still be free?
   - Advisor Beckwith: Student Mandatory Fee Committee has recommended that no fees change for FY18.
   - Chris Connelly: I wish I could have more information for you. I just cannot say this definitively. I can’t imagine not having free parking at Ted now that we own Ted. Information is forthcoming.

6. EVP Deftleson: Perimeter College was supposed to have someone to write tickets do you know when that will happen?
   - Chris Connelly: When we merged a lot of things were changed so I can get back to you on that.

7. Do you know what the name of the parking app will be?
   - Chris Connelly: There is a University app right now, and as a part of that there is a parking functionality there but it does not push the envelope. We are still in the developing process now.

8. Do you know when T-Deck will add those 200 parking spaces?
   - They told me it is coming soon. I am sure they are getting it ready to come in the spring.

b. Orientation Leaders, Ms. Amanda Emery
   - Orientation recruitment: We are currently recruiting, both two and four-year campus process leaders.
   - Justina Mason - jmason14@gsu.edu is the contact for 2 year campuses (Perimeter)
   - Amanda Emery - aemery@gsu.edu is the contact for the Atlanta campus
   - A new student orientation video was shown and SGA members were asked to please encourage people to apply.
   - Atlanta Campus application is due next Wednesday at 12 pm and it is on Orgsync.

c. Dean of Students, Dr. Holloman
   - Turner Field: Major issue with protesting orgs we met with the university lead counsel to address student concerns. Pleased for transparency.
   - The Board of Regents approved Turner Field but that was paid with Foundation money and raised money not student fees or anything.
   - The Foundation is purchasing all of the acres there and splitting it between GSU and Carter Group.
   - President Onwuzuruike: Please clarify, we aren’t taking anyone’s home right?
   - It is a suppressed area. We only purchased the field. The University is a state entity, it does not determine the taxes on those homes, however the city does. They dictate the taxes in that area. So we don’t know if they will be displaced but there will be things added to benefit the community.
   - The University has been working with Achieve Atlanta to help APS students going to college.
- For senior citizens in that area we should connect them to the legal services in our Law school as well as introducing them to the 62-and over program.
- The university is NOT signing the CBA.
- Transgender Restrooms: Legislation is coming, however, we do have these restrooms already. This year we did an audit to ensure we are in compliance with regulations. We found out that the restrooms were in odd areas. We are meeting on Friday to look at that list of available bathrooms. We are going to make it more effective.
- Facilities has committed to ensuring that all new buildings will have a restroom that will have a bathroom for transgender or unisex people.
- T-Deck lounge has two restrooms there.
- Gender inclusive housing: some transgender students felt it was too complicated (i.e. a waiver apart from the application made it difficult).
- Teach the Dean: Series where we talk about pressing issues. Hosted monthly through Multicultural Center.
- Consolidation: We have identified free speech zones on all campuses.
- In response to the suicide on our campus the Counseling and Multicultural center has really been on that. The students’ parents and peers were identified.
- Please express to your constituents that at any time where you are feeling alone or stressed or helpless please come to the Dean of Students office and we can help.
- CDC is addressing faculty sensitivity.
- Questions?
  1. Will Perimeter SGA be involved in the placement of free speech information, letting them know?
     - Advisor Beckwith – Point of Information: They were already in place this is just about letting people know where they are at and allow visibility.
  2. If it is seen to not be working will there be alterations?
     - The facilities people met with SGA advisors on those campuses to determine the workability of those spaces. If you do have feedback, we will listen.

V. Executive Cabinet Reports
   a. Communication Director - Anthony Nguyen
      - All campus Communications Directors got to connect. We spoke about unifying our image and working together.
      - Set up a monthly meetings to connect and exchange ideas.
      - How to facilitate our social media: Each campus has their own accounts but we want to streamline them to the main campus so we are talking about a Hoot Suite account.
      - Polos came In: Wear them where you like.
      - Pins are coming soon.
      - Atlanta campus has encouraged tabling.
      - Newton has been working on recognition of spirit on campus.
      - Decatur has been working with Auxiliary services to get reserved parking on the Perimeter campuses as well as DOT communications to change the signage around the campuses from Perimeter to GSU.
      - Alpharetta: Mass texts to students about everything happening on the campus.
b. Report of the Alpharetta campus - EVP Chelsea Green
   - Pretty successful voter registration drive.
   - Debate rerun party on Election Day.
   - Recruitment has been happening and we are close to filling our SGA positions in spring.
   - Food discount cards are in the works.
   - Passive recruitment strategies with applications for SGA positions and mobile office hours.

   c. Report of the Atlanta campus EVP - Shamari Southwell
   - Passed two pieces of legislation including DACA and Law Student Resolution
   - DACA: Passed resolution in support of the DACA students and against the Board of Regents
   - Law Students now have the option of being senators or liaisons
   - Spotlight Election Night watch party went well
   - Freshman and Transfer Liaison positions have been filled as well as a few vacant positions in our senate
   - Homecoming: One of our senators won Ms. Blue and White (Bolbi)
   - Yemi and Sarah were our Senator of the Month
   - Mandatory fee committee has allocated funds
   - Tomorrow is deadline for the Atlanta Election Commission Board application

   d. Report of the Clarkston campus - EVP Alexandr Burkon
   - Finally hired a student Life Advisor who will be in by the end of the month (hopefully)
   - Hosted a student mandatory fee committee meeting and it went well
   - $2 was reallocated to allow Perimeter students to join Marching Band
   - Multicultural Center will be added through the GSU center.
   - Meetings with Disability services are happening to improve experience on campus
   - EVP’s had a meeting with President Becker about campus travel and his option was to stream

   e. Report of the Decatur campus - EVP Briana Stanley
   - Speaker Pro-tempore elected
   - Attended Parliamentary Event and learned how to effectively hold meetings
   - Child Care initiatives are moving forward.
   - Senator Enijoke has taken charge of a pantry on our campus as well as crosswalk changes

   f. Report of the Dunwoody campus - EVP Chari Guzman
   - We are trying to maintain a strong retention and recruitment force.
   - Trying to increase SGA awareness on campus through GSU 1010 classes and
   - Testing materials are trying to be implemented
   - Student education of Orgsync is happening. They got lots of feedback
   - Club competition to support student involvement

   g. Report of the Newton campus - EVP Daniel Detlefsen
   - Finance director met with students at local high schools for outreach, he was asked back
   - Senator Ologbosere has a clothing drive that is working (donations still needed) this is ending on December 1st.
   - Senator Eddu is setting up Math and English seminars for next semester
   - Senator Eddu is updating his initiatives for academic options.
Senator Nelson is working on sending out extra credit to get student involvement in SGA

Senator Price→ SGA training binders

VI. University Senate Committee Reports
   a. Academic Programs Committee - No report
   b. Administrative Counsel Meeting Committee
      - Turner field has been approved
      - May 2017 graduation updates and changes are being talked about.
      - Information will be sent out after Thanksgiving break about graduation
      - Enrollment is increasing
   c. Admissions and Standards Committee - No report
   d. Athletic Committee
      - New solutions to raise athletes’ GPA’s are in the works
      - Dunwoody campus: Led Dunwoody students to football games on Atlanta campus, rising attendees.
        One concern: lack of interactions between Panther football players and patrons.
      - November 30th meeting
   e. Budget Committee - No report
   f. Commencement Committee - No report
   g. Culture & Diversity Committee - No report
   h. II&T Committee
      - Atlanta Campus Updates: Consolidated Wi-Fi “GSU” for all campuses, Technology services rolled our Webex, D2L is now ICollege after merger of two colleges it isn’t a brand new learning system it is just building off of D2L.
      - Perimeter Updates: Separate tech fee committees so they are working on forming that committee.
   i. FACB Committee - No report
   j. Library Committee - No report
   k. Planning and Development Committee - No report
   l. Research Committee - No Report
   m. Student Discipline Committee - No report
   n. Student Life Committee
      - Approved 24 new organization charters
      - Free speech zones in Unity and Urban Life Plaza
      - Insourced Health clinic and electronic medical records
      - Perimeter: $10 student fee for Panther Cards will be allocated to international initiatives
      - Advisor Beckwith – Point of Information: They are trying to mirror the Atlanta campus but they will be allocated to several areas (i.e. Perimeter students will be able to apply for study abroad, be a part of the marching band, etc.)
   o. Sustainability Committee - No report
   p. University Senate Committee - No report
   q. University Senate Bylaws Committee - No report
VII. Old Business - None

VIII. New Business - None

IX. Closing Remarks

a. Closing Call of the Roll, Senate Clerk Torres

X. President Report, Fortune Onwuzuruike
   - Completed Mandatory fee allocation
   - Perimeter students have gained more opportunities as aforementioned such as the ability to join the marching band and study abroad
   - Chief of Police Search is over → Joseph Spillane was hired
   - Fall Student Advisory Council event was great.
   - Met with Turner Field protestors and that went well, we are not submitting to the CBA.
   - Spoke with President Becker and the University Lawyer they have gone over the requests and statements have been made
   - Extended an invitation to meet with protestors and those protestors have yet to get back in touch with EVP’s to talk more
   - Financial Aid surveys are going around for aid office improvements (Congrats Yemi)
   - Transparency is important so invite President to campus events.
   - Georgia Southern game is at 2pm this Saturday at the Georgia Dome → get out and show your spirit!
   - Election Commission Applications close tomorrow

XI. Adjournment.
   - Senator Batista-Vargas moves to adjourn the meeting. Senator Gray seconds.
   - All in favor. 0 nay, 0 abstentions