Atlanta Senate Meeting Minutes  
12 August, 2017

I. Call to Order: Senator Siemer, (Chair of Academic Affairs Committee presiding in the absence of the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tempore) at 3:45pm

II. Opening Call of the Roll / Determination of Quorum: Senate Clerk Abie (Quorum achieved)

Attendance: absent  (Speaker of the Senate Hill, Senator/Speaker Pro Tempore Anthony Jones, Senator Birchell, Senator Ari Jones, Senator Lee, Senator Perdue) – the previous students had RSVP’d as planning to attend the retreat, however were not present during the campus senate meeting; other senators were absent from the retreat beyond this list.

III. Reading & Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting

Senator Aleman move to go on to special reports to see nominated senators, seconded by Senator Patton. Minutes for the campus senate meeting held following inauguration were not available for review digitally at this meeting.

IV. Special Reports

   a. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate - None
   b. Student Forum (Students wishing to address the Senate) - None
   c. Two minute speeches by members of the Senate - None

V. Special order

- This is a special order to approve the nominated senators that have been selected by the vacancy committee (Senators King, Osilaja, Siam).
- Atlanta campus vacancy committee has successfully interviewed the number of candidates to fill current vacant senator seats, and whereas the committee has submitted their nominations, and whereas college wide representatives, and whereas candidates have been interviewed for the senate clerk position, and where as the speaker of the senate has nominated a senate clerk.

   Section 1. John Curry, Undergraduate Senator of the College of Nursing and Health Professions,
   Section 2. Nuni Lee, Graduate & Professional Senator of the College of the Arts
   Section 3. Franklin Patterson, Undergraduate Senator for the College of Business,
   Section 4. Raina Azarkhail, Senator for the College of Law,
   Section 5. Luke Perdue, Senator for the College of Law,
   Section 7. Olivia Abie shall be appointed as senate clerk.

- Senator Barry moved to discuss the bill for 5 minutes, seconded by Senator King
- Friendly amendment EVP Mondon: Senator Raina’s name spelling needs to be corrected on the bill.
- Point of inquiry EVP Mondon: Special orders to confirm the senators is new? - Yes
- Senator Lloyd: what are special orders? - New formal way to confirm senators, it’s a record for everyone to see the senators.
- Senator Aleman calls the question, the senators were appointed with 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

VI. Executive Cabinet Reports

   a. Report of the Communications Director - Sara Moreno Duque
      - Three tabling events this semester open for SGA officers to sign up, made an excel spreadsheet.
      - The first event is the multicultural open house on August 23 from 1-3 p.m.
The second event is the fall 2017 student org. September 5 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Constitution Day with Spotlight (SGA will do trivia on constitution) on September 14 from 12-1 p.m.
- Creating a newsletter, sent a letter to Senator King and President Corey.

b. Report of the Finance Director – Zuri May
- Just amended some of the rules, before we amend some of the budget from last year, will have another discussion for this year.

VII. University Senate Committee Reports

a. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee- Committee Chair Siemer
- Point of information Senator Siemer: Each senator is required to sign up in a committee. There will be a signup sheet circulated for each senator to sign up.
- One of her goals this semester is to improve advising
- Also, find solutions for professor issues who complained about the lack of diversity among faculty
- Working on formulating a dead week policy (students would not be allowed to have test or major assignments the week before your final exams).
- Flexible schedules for meeting times with her committee (passed a sheet for senators that are interested to sign up)

b. Report of the Student Life Committee- Committee Chair Akinola-King
- Student Life chair is responsible for the co-sponsorship with different organizations, fund events, handle students affairs and anything related to social activities on campus.
- Current issue: Dilemma with housing, will meet with Director of Housing to discuss it.
- Last year worked with the committee on providing advocacy for DACA, also gender neutral bathrooms
- This year plan on working with Athletics, student GAA department of GA State, forming better traditions.
- Meeting times are Wednesday (flexible schedule)

c. Report of the Student Services Committee- Committee Chair Cruz-Hernandez
- Student Services committee is responsible of all the services that the school provides for example parking, financial aid, buses.
- For this semester hoping to help students understand how Financial aid works (process, length, qualifications)
- Work on finding parking solutions, alternative parking options, research and other resources.
- Increase awareness of Financial aid to students (loans, full time), establish a program for students to learn about financial aid.
- Point of inquiry Senator Patton: Turner field Georgia State Stadium has lots of space to park but it’s very far. Suggest that Georgia State buy the lots across from Langdale Hall because they’re closer to the campus.
- Point of information Senator Akinola-King: Last year financial aid event was organized by SGA and the Director of Financial Aid participated. It was very informational, but had a terrible turn out because not enough people attended. It’s a good idea to contact the people who organized the event to try to organize it better this year.
- Point of inquiry May: Would like to collaborate on the financial aid awareness with Senator Cruz-Hernandez.
- Point of information Advisor Gail: Georgia State stadium is not called Turner Field but is now Petit field.

d. Swearing in of senators and appointees.
- Senator Patterson, Senator Azarkhail, Senator Purdue, Senator Curry, Senate Clerk Olivia Abie were sworn in by Student Judicial Board Bosbyshell.

VIII. Old business- None

IX. New business
a. Head Senator seating reminder
- Senator Samuelson moved to table the seating order discussion for the next senate meeting, seconded by Senator Patterson. All in favor, motion passed.

X. Closing Remarks
a. Comments and announcements of the officers
i. Finance Director May informed the group that the meetings for her committee will be Thursday from 1:30p.m. to 3p.m.
ii. Communications Director informed that she will inform about her committee meeting times and days later on.

b. Executive Vice President’s Report - EVP Mondon
- Carry out the vision that Corey laid out “enhance student experience, restructuring of our organization to add accountability, expanding senate engagement, increasing student engagement, the inclusion of all campuses, and mobility over remoteness to add transparency.”
- Office hours will be on Tuesdays 1:15-4:00p.m. And Thursday 1:15-4:30 p.m.
- Still has a couple seats to fill on the student activity fee committee. Work on allocating funds, already have several voting members but needs four more students to fill vacancies.

Point of inquiry senator Cruz Hernandez: When are the meetings date and time?
Point of information EVP Mondon: The meetings for the student activity fee committee will be twice a month on Fridays from 2-5 p.m. or 2-6 p.m.

c. Closing Call of the Roll, Senate Clerk Abie


XI. Adjournment at 4:24pm