Atlanta Campus Senate Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 28, 2017 - SCW 464/466

I. Call to Order: Speaker of the Senate Anthony Jones

II. Opening Call of the Roll & Determination of Quorum: Senate Clerk Olivia Abie

Absent  ➔ (Senator Azarkhail, Barry, Curry, Patton, Perdue)

-Senator Samuelson move to add to the agenda under new business bill An Atlanta campus support resolution to recognize the international achievements of the Georgia State University singers, senator King seconded it. Motion passed with 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abs. -

III. Reading and Approval of the minutes from the previous two meeting

Minutes from the meeting of Saturday August 24th and September 14th were read and approved.

IV. Special Orders

a. Seating bill – Senator Positions

-Speaker of the Senate Anthony Jones Point of information: Vacancies over the summer that were not filled. These vacancies were graduates positions originally, but at the beginning of the term they opened up to undergraduates.

-Senator Osilaja move to approve the seating bill for senator positions, seconded by Senator Cain. Motion passed with 19 in favor, 0 nay, 0 abs.

-Senator Devonte and Lakhani were sworn in by SJB Bosbyshell.

b. Seating bill – Transfer and Freshmen Liaison Positions

-Senator Llyod move to approve the seating bill, seconded by Senator Cruz Hernandez. The bill passed with 21 in favor, 0 nay, 0 abs.

-SJB Bosbyshell sworn in the transfer liaisons

V. Special reports

a. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate- NONE

i. Student Alumni Association: Aaron Abram

Director for Spirit and Traditions Jayla Anderson: Senior majoring in biology from Cincinnati Ohio. Here to talk about the Traditional Keeper App and the volunteering opportunities for their re-launching party.

-The TK app was created in 2001 and soon after the SGA collaborated with them to create the traditions. The mission of it is to increase the
Georgia state pride through completing the traditions on our campus and by learning Georgia State University history. In order to increase the use of the app, they’ve decided to update the traditions within. In the packet 63 new traditions updated. Originally they were 105 and they’ve cut them down and made more specific and relatable to Georgia state campus. Other updates are to include other campuses that GSU has recently consolidated with. It’s a new innovative app and has rewards for the app users. More universals photos that will age well. Their goal for the 2017-2018 school year, is to have 2000 people on the campus download app, and 1000 people on the campuses complete 50% of our traditions. In order to do that, they want to have a promotions through the re-launching party, the theme is “excite to ignite” (New Year theme party). They want to invite SGA help volunteer, with the benefits to expose SGA platform, talk more with other campus organizations, join the SAA, and learn more about the campus leadership council.

-Marketing strategies which include how they are going to get people to join to download the app. The traditions keeper ambassador program. SAA has also created a tradition keeper ambassador program. Representatives from the large organizations from all campuses come together to create more traditions and more school spirit within the school. On the packet also have the responsibilities and goals of the organization, on the last page incentive levels, which explain how people will level up and the awards that they could possibly get.

Student relations coordinator for alumni affairs and the advisor for the SAA association Aaron Abram report: Going from 105 to 63 traditions it’s not easy, requires thought, time and effort. Jayla worked really hard last couple months to get something into the app that’s useful, workable for students.

-He has been dealing with the app developer, telling them what he don’t like. Hard work came from Director Anderson and her committee.

-TK SAA started in 2011 when SAA began, then went on digital platform in 2014. SGA has been contributing financially every year. Not much work went into it before. Huge goal during their executive board retreat spring and summer to utilize this app that they’ve put significant amount of money, time and effort.

-It is a Student based app, does not belong ASA, even though ASA and SGA sponsors it financially. The idea is to have all students to have representations into creating this traditions and cultivating traditions and spirit on campus.

- With the tradition keeper program, SGA representatives can see what they like and don’t like, there are still couple weeks left to change stuff before the re-launching. Print marketing has already been created (83 %.),
videos, the bus routes, napkin routes. There are tangible items for SAA and SGA, to help pushing the mission forward.

-On the incentive levels, the idea is to think as to what makes sense, there’s capabilities for geo-fencing and pushing notifications. Discussed about this with Director May, Speaker Jones, Senator King, and advisor Ms. Gail. Will sent a copy to Director May on what’s schedule and what’s going to go out and for what reason.

-Also thoughts on what’s going to drive students to participate in the traditions and to download and use the app. The GSU senior administrations are very involved and are willing to do a dinner lunch for students who achieve student traditions level which is 45 traditions completed. Hoping that with the re-launching party, a lot of people will get on board on the TK app.

-President of the Campus Leadership Council Hannah report: The Campus Leadership Council is a Council for all students’ leaders. One person per organizations come to represent their organization. This is open for organizations that are looking to collaborate with other organizations (SAA, ASA, and Athletics). Some organizations have great ideas but don’t have the finances to back them up so Leadership council bring it to the table. Some organizations are looking for opportunities to increase attendance. Next meeting will be Friday October 13th, alumni office at 16 Piedmont from 12:30-1:30p.m. Food will be provided.

b. Student Forum (Students wishing to address the Senate)

Gerardo: Senior student majoring in early childhood education addressed two issues

-Impact with co-sponsorship: As the member of the Latino leadership Council and the 2017-2018 heritage month chair. It’s been very difficult for a lot of Latinos and Hispanic oriented organizations to find the co-sponsorship in time for Latino heritage month to be provided extra funds to host events on campus. His organization was denied, then told different dates that didn’t match up. There’s no clarification as to when the applications are open, deadline was unfeasible. Latino heritage month it’s from September 15th to October 15th but school started august 21st, which didn’t give them enough time to plan and process. He’s asking SGA to take into consideration into pushing limit with the marketing department for flyers. Not fair for Hispanic organizations to be hindered to promote Cultural awareness and diversity on campus if the deadline is not feasible.

-Feminine hygiene products for women: honors college advisor goes out of her way to buy feminine hygiene products. Initiative to get free hygiene products in all female bathroom campus.
VI. Two-minute speeches by members of the Senate

Senator Samuelson: The Ex lab is open, it’s located in the humanities building. It is a maker space where students can create textile, video games and more. SGA representatives could bring awareness about the lab so people who might be interested go visit.

Senator King: Met with Leonore Music from Panther Dining hall who is looking forward to explore options available for dining hall. Working now on research in terms of what other schools are doing, to try to get logistics behind that. If anyone interested, they are welcome to join.

VII. Executive Cabinet Reports

a. Report of the Communications Director, Sara Moreno Duque
   - Met with her committee this week, discussed important topics and plans for this semester and next semester.
   - Tabling for panther previews, the dates are October 6th, 13th, 27th and November 10th 10:30-3:30p.m. Will need a lot of SGA representatives, senators, Transfer Liaisons are welcome to participate. Anyone that would like to participate for tabling can put their name on her signing sheet.
   - Working with her committee on a newsletter every month. For example for the month for the October, write a newsletter related to Halloween or community service. Her committee has a lot of ideas for the months of October, November and December but any ideas and inputs may be sent to her email sgacommunications@sga.edu
   - Working with her committee for DACA on collaborating with other organizations for day of action, plaza October 4th 12-1pm and will have a panel on the same day from 3:30-6p.m. anyone interested is welcome to attend.

b. Report of the Finance Director, Zuri May
   - Important for senators to have a conversation with her and/or Anthony for constituent’s day to review how much they plan to spend on constituent’s day for food so she can go over with them about the amounts spent last year. Most likely will have two amounts one for this semester and one for next semester. This will allow her to allocate how much senators are going to be spending and what are they going to spend on in terms of vendor and provider.
   - Budget update: out of operational budget of $75,934.88, we have spent $66,446.61, mandatory items are out of the way, so now there’s room to coordinate with chairs on any initiative that you would like to see.
   - Director May recommended to all senators, transfer liaisons or students who haven’t join a committee to join a committee to maximize the budget, and figure it out new ways to impact the campus.
- The Finance and Budget Committee next meeting will be on October 4th from 10:30-1p.m. will discuss any financial initiative.

- Director May informed that she’s thinking of starting her personal financial initiative in coordination with RHA. Maximize budget for this year and next year help senators and student body.

- Initiative Friday night lights with SGA. This initiative is for SGA representatives to attend athletics events as a group wearing the SGA shirts/polo, the next game will be October 21st. Will send an email with more detailed information.

c. **Report of the Speaker of the Senate, Anthony Jones**

- Encourage people to come to his office if they have any concerns or ideas.
- Been working with pastor church last Sunday, working initiative to get representatives from SGA go to the church and table there.
- Went to the 1913 society open house, and an important message that 1913 members said was “be yourself”. This message needs to shed on SGA. Even though we’re all SGA officers/representatives, we do things outside of SGA that could benefit this organization and bring each other closer as a group.
- Talked to a potential transfer liaison, about how to get involved in SGA, referred her to Vacancy Committee member King.

VIII. **University Senate Committee Reports**

a. **Report of the Academic Affairs Committee Chair, Jessica Siemer**

- Update on the faculty support resolution: Went to the faculty affairs committee, when it went to the executive committee for review they had a couple issues with it. So they send it back their suggestions for revision and Dr. Ainsworth is currently working on that. He’s working with the legal counsel to review it, they said certain things were not legal. Will give an update when we gets another draft. If interested to see the executive committee feedback can email her.

- It’s panther kit seasons, each panther kits include one blue book, one blue Scantron, two green Scantron, one bottle of water, one granola bar, two pens, one fruit snack, three mints, and one pencil.

- Representatives that sign up for Mobile panther kit, there’s a form to put the date, your name and how many you’re going to be holding on to. Also return the remaining panther kit to the office.

- Tabling only the library plaza, academic advisors will also participate on Monday and Tuesday. Will have an iPad for tabling, made a shortcut to the orgsync form at the bottom of the screen for students to take the academic survey.

- Will be tabling tomorrow library plaza 10-12p.m. Officers that will be attending must wear their SGA polo. Officers can also hand panther kits inside the library.

- On top of the boxes of the SGA offices there’s some flyers, put these in the pantherkits as you give them out. The flyer has the last dates to withdrawal from
classes, the library hours, iCollege maintenance days, all of Atlanta executive, chairs, and head senators of the colleges contact information for students to know who to contact.

- Student programming event for final week initiatives, also doing panther kits for that. Will have student center ballroom booked, it will be divided into three separate rooms. One room will be a dedicated study room. Another one will have more academic programming, and probably tutors to help students and the last room will be a relax recharge room, with food, coffee, yoga, maybe massages. There’s a lot of event planning, and will need help. Anyone interested in helping is welcome.

b. Report of the Student Life Committee Chair, Joshua Akinola-King

- Campus leadership council, in collaboration with them, Erin, working with organizations. Sometimes organizations are trying to do same events or similar events and they could collaborate with other organizations and they just don’t know. Last year fashion show needed to purchase clothes, fashion designer, organization self that make clothes, collaborate. Saved money. Bring organizations together and the opportunities to network. SAA has enough funds and they are open to work with people.

- Planning general assemble, committee met to finalize that. They have set an agenda that reflects how the event will be set up. Will be at plaza October 31st from 12:15-1:15p.m. and then at student center west 464 starts at 5:30p.m. wear blue polo plus name tag.

- Looking forward to work with the transfer liaison.

c. Report of the Student Services Committee Chair, Alondra Cruz-Hernandez

- Updates on her committee: senator Patterson (member of her committee) will be meeting with the chief depute of the police department next week, to talk about the relationship between GSU police and the students, and ask questions for the people who work on the police department.

- RHA groceries shuttles will start running next semester. The groceries shuttles initiative is to offer students who resides on the campus dorms that may not have a car. The shuttles will pick them up and take them to the nearest Kroger or Publix.

- Senator Aleman update on transportation: Met with the director of transportation last Friday. They are willing to extend the hours that shuttle runs, however they need data, to support why they are going to extend the hours to be able to get the funds necessary to make it possible. Senator Aleman informed that he contacted the library to get some data. The director of transportation also encourages students to use Marta passes, it was an initiative for a long time, and not enough students use. They are also looking into updating new software for better accuracy for where the buses are, will be purchasing something by spring 2018. They are also looking for ways to better their communication since they only use twitter,
Senator King suggested for text alerts. Looking also at decks around the campus to see if they could get discounts for students.

- Financial aid update: The head of financial aid advisor decided and her host a panel. Discussed with other advisors, and there’s a possibility to assign advisors to students based on last name. That way advisors stay with the same students for four years, so students can meet the same persons that already knows about their financial aid so it will be more organized and easier for students.

- Next committee meeting will be October 6th at 5:30p.m. in the SGA office,

- Very interested in Gerardo initiative to provide free feminine hygiene products in all the female bathrooms on campus. Anyone else interested is welcome to come to her next meeting.

d. Report from the Vacancy Committee

- Senator King: Still have college of Business, college of Education, college of Public Health, and college of Nursing vacant positions. If you know anyone that might be interested let them know how to apply.

- Transfer liaisons talk might be interested on working to create programs for transfer students. There was a bill that was introduced last year for transfer students, but didn’t make it. Anyone interested in creating programs for transfer students can talk to him after the meeting.

IX. Old Business-None

X. New Business

a. Bill 88-CSR-ATL-01

- Senator Samuelson point of information: The Choral Department won first place at the Marktboderdorf International Chamber Choir competition on June 2-7, 2017. This bill is to recognize this achievement.

- Senator Samuelson move to vote seconded by Senator Aleman. The bill passed with 21 yay, 0 nay, 0 abs.

XI. Closing Remarks

a. Comments and announcements of the officers

Director Moreno Duque: If any officer, transfer liaison or student interested in DACA let her know.

Director May: There’s only three people in her committee, she would like to see some new people join.

Speaker Jones: Absentees report, and absences from retreat. Some officers will be called to his office to commend those who have missed things. Will also add to the group me all the missing SGA representatives that are missing. Also senators need to be appointed in a committee.
b. Closing Call of the Roll: Senate Clerk, Olivia Abie
    Absent (Senator Azarkhail, Barry, Curry, Patton, Perdue)

XII. Executive Vice President’s Report, Yann Mondon
    - The student drive for donations for the hurricane initiative has been expanded. SGA, Housing, office of civic engagement are also involved.
    - Planning an event to invite all organizations to participate in the initiative, to make it a Georgia state initiative instead of just SGA. The donations will be from October 14th through 14th November.
    - Look out on Thursday 4p.m. will have something going on.

XIII. Adjournment
    - Senator Aleman move to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Senator Jones. All in favor, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54p.m.