Atlanta Campus Senate Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 1, 2018 — Student Center West 466/468

I. Call to Order: Speaker of the Senate Anthony Jones at 7:23pm

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

(Absent: Senator Pachon, Cain, Roberts, Thompson) Quorum achieved with 19 presently Senators out of 23

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

Senator Samuelson moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Senator Galvis. The motion passed with 13 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions

IV. Special Orders
   a. Seating Bill to Appoint Liaisons

   Senator Barry moved to strike the bill to appoint liaisons since there are no liaisons to appoint, seconded by Senator Lakhani

   b. Seating Bill to Appoint Senators

      -This bill is to fill vacant senator positions for the school of Public Health, College of Nursing, and Robinson College of Business

      -Senator Lakhani moved to appoint Senators, seconded by Senator King. The bill passed with 16 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

      -Zjonte Francis was appointed as Senator for the College of Nursing and Health Professions

      -Aniyah Jones was appointed as Senator for the School of Public Health

      -Ali Mohammed was appointed Senator for the Robinson College of Business

      - Daniel Milan was appointed as Senator for the School of Public Health major

   c. Seating Bill to correct designation of schools for senators

      -Senator Siemer called the question

      -18 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions
Senator Barry, and Senator Delitz switched colleges. Senator Barry is now the Senator of College of Arts and Sciences and Senator Delitz is Senator of Andrew Young of Policy Studies.

-Senator Samuelson moved to discuss the bill for 2 minutes, seconded by senator Siemer

-The bill passed with 19 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions

V. Special reports
   a. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate -NONE
   b. Student Forum (Students wishing to address the Senate)

   -Brekwan Oliver: Freshman student majoring in business major. He informed that he's here to speak about ongoing issues occurring at Georgia State University. Students have been committing violence against other students and professors. The signal put the news of the piedmont north stabbing with a knife, which happened around this year, it could have been a disagreement between two boys, but it's important that students settle disagreement appropriately and quietly without using violence.

VI. Two-minute speeches by members of the Senate

   Senator Siemer: Some representatives of the financial aid came to the SGA office to talk about an initiative to send refund checks by paycheck to promote school responsibility. They want to know students feedback about it. The idea is to give students their refund over the semester to help students budget their money.

Communications Director Maddali: He's a finalist in the Social Entrepreneurship Mini-Grant for his Panther Career closet initiative. Open to receive advice on how to run a professional clothing drive. Also, working with Greek Housing and Patton Dining hall to create a composting program that students that live in Greek Housing can use.

   a. Election Commission – Susan Morel

   Advisor Gail: The deadline has passed in terms of applying for the ballot. The 2018-2019 election process, name of the ballot will be posted on the newspaper. The first step is the mandatory orientation. The last one will be tomorrow, if candidates don't attend one, they will be disqualified from the ballot. So far there are 3 candidates for President Position, 2 from Atlanta campus, and 1 from perimeter.

VII. Executive Cabinet Reports
   a. Report of the Communications Director, Sai Maddali

   -The last day organization can submit application is 4 weeks before events to give 2 weeks to review, and 1 week to finalize.

   -The week of woman event is coming up (March 19), packet on marketing plan for it.

   -Committee updates: Assigned a number of tasks in his committee towards completing Communications work. Some of these tasks include creating 2 newsletters, drafting a Campus
Broadcast with March events, creating price comparisons for promotional items, and a recruitment event focused on Committee-Recruitment for next Fall.

-The video project has been completed, and it will be shared on all social platforms of GSU and SGA, the video will be posted in the dining halls.

b. Report of the Finance Director, Zuri May

-Fiscal year 2018-2019 budget has been created, Director May expressed gratitude to the finance budget committee who helped her created it. She will be presenting it to the student activity fee committee tomorrow.

c. Report of the Speaker of the Senate, Anthony Jones
   i. Attendance Update

   The attendance has been updated, there are three meetings left for the semester. Today is the last meeting before elections. The inauguration will be in April

VIII. University Senate Committee Reports
a. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee Chair, Jessica Siemer

   -Her committee is focused on finals week, they're interested in doing an outdoor yoga event, still looking for a nice green space, open for suggestions. Next week committee will be meeting to discuss about the finals week event.

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

   -There are 8 co-sponsorship applications going on. The deadline to apply is March 30\textsuperscript{th}

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

   -The week of woman event is coming up on March 19th, it's a week focused on raising awareness on issues that woman faces. This event was brought up because a student came to address SGA about the lack of feminine hygiene products around campus for women. There will be food at all the events. The first day will be SGA day game show, menstruation, lies about women and period. Tuesday will be hygiene, Wednesday will be domestic abuse, Thursday sex trafficking, Friday, let's talk about sex, and sexual harassment. Students are welcome to come to any of the events, they're going to be interactive sessions. SGA day will be Monday and Friday.

   -Committee will be meeting tomorrow at 1pm in the financial aid office with the financial aid director, Ms. James. They will be addressing students concerns to financial aid, she came up with questions to ask to financial aid in regards to the extension of hours, accessibility, timeline to certain topics.

d. Report from the Vacancy Committee, Ana Pachon

   Vacancies are filled, and the vacancy committee are not taking any more applications

   -Senator Siemer moved to discuss for 3 minutes, seconded by Senator Barry
-Senator Lakhani has been elected the new head Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences

e. **Report from Freshmen Liaison, Kit Drummonds**

- Participated at the GSU community event that Senator Patterson had going on, and got 50 responses for their survey, now ready to move on with other initiatives.

The young democrat of GSU would like to know how interested SGA would be in joining a debate. It will be late April, college of republicans, 3 on 3, very strict college related topics/policies

Senator Galvis move to discuss for 2 minutes, seconded by Senator Lakhani

f. **Report from Head Transfer Liaison, Dominick Fabian**

- Created an outline for the panther welcoming week, orientation leader meeting. Looking sponsors for example the Georgia credit union, budgeting panther welcoming students

IX. **Old Business**-NONE

X. **New Business**

a. **Fiscal Year 2019 Budget**

Financial Director May Proposed personnel budget for the next fiscal year:

- Academic Affairs Programming: Decreased to reflect only programming designed for the Academic Affairs Chair & Committee. ($4,500)

- Academic Affairs Supplies: New category created to for all student supplies purchased by Academic Affairs for Panther Kits & SGA office testing supplies ($7,000)

- Public relation budget decreased to exclude the purchase of Hootsuite

- Student Life: created for the Student Life Chair & Student Life Committee

Co-sponsorship: decreased by $2,000 for the creation of additional categories

Election Commission: Increased by $1,200 to include the additional expenses spent in FY18

- Executive conference support: Renamed from 'NACA' budget to include all conferences for the Excecutive Board

Created three new categories, two transfer liaison budget, and one freshmen liaison budget.

- Transfer Liason Welcome Supplies: Created for supplies offered by Transfer Liasions to incoming transfer students. ($2,346)

Transfer liason programming: Created for Transfer Liasions Programming ($500).

Freshman liaison programming: Created for Freshman Liaison Programming ($550)
-Student conference Grant: Transformed from 'Traditions Keeper App' category to service SGA's new Student Conference Grant Students can apply up to $300 to go to any conference that will support academic endeavor. ($5,500)

Travel budget was increased by $500 to balance budget. ($1,785)

-Student Services, special events, fixed expenses, office expenses, Senate budget, Senate retreat, Student Judicial Board budget have No Adjustment for FY19

-The budget has increased from 131,000 to $139,281

-Senator AKinola-King call the question, 19 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions

d. Bill to Exchange Positions

-Senator Siemer moved to strike the bill to exchange Positions, seconded by Senator Osilaja

XI. Executive Vice President’s Report, Yann Mondon
a. Transition Binder Update

-The Student Activity Fee Committee will be meeting tomorrow to hear College representatives to process allocating, which will be approved next meeting.

-The diversity fee will be meeting by the end of March,

-Event reflection of Senator Franklin and Freshmen Liaison Kit, as well as Senator Barry and Samuelson must be sent to him to make a report.

-The transition binder is a vital part, to help the upcoming representatives know what they’re doing. He made a formal document and will be mailing to everybody. The successful officer transition sheets are due on April 16th. Some positions require in person meeting, such as President, EVP, Speaker of the Senate, and all chair positions to help people do better their job next semester.

XII. Closing Remarks
a. Comments and announcements of the officers

Senator Patterson: The SGA community event was a success, a lot of student showed up at the recreation center 2nd floor. Senator Siemer helped plan it very well.

Speaker Jones: There has been great initiative amongst everyone, a lot of events have been a success, exited to see how the next administration lives up to the bar this administration has set.

b. Closing Call of the Roll: Senate Clerk, Olivia Abie

(Absent: Senator Pachon, Cain, Roberts, Thompson)

XIII. Adjournment
Senator Lakhani moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by senator Alondra at 8:36PM