

**SGA Senate Meeting**

**Thursday, September 1, 2016**

- I. Roll call (Quorum achieved)
- II. Attendance→absent: Zenaida Torres, Jose Mendez, Jacob Benson, Jacob Hill, Kevin Martinez, Chanel Smith, Joya Davies, Viviana Santana
- III. Communication Director Minutes
  - Commemorated fallen Panther Charles Richardson
    1. Donations to
      - 10 boxes of mugs were given to students at org fair earlier that day.
      - Spotlight commuters' day coming up as well as commuters' day where SGA teams up with Spotlight to help with election registration.
      - 3pm on Mondays are PR committee meeting days
- IV. Finance Director minutes
  - Introduced herself
  - Committee meeting will either be Wednesdays at 10am or Mondays at 1pm
- V. Speaker of the Senate reports
  - Voiced dissatisfaction with attendance especially with the retreat.
  - Reiterated attendance policy.
- VI. Academic Affairs Reports
  - Work on her committee has not commenced yet
  - Meeting times are Tuesdays at 6:45
- VII. Student Life Reports
  - Goal is to have at least two senators in each event that SGA co-sponsors
  - Working with EVP Southwell to review all applications received and emails will be sent out soon
  - Carts will be available so volunteers will be needed to decorate it
  - Mondays at 4:30 or Wednesdays at noon will be her meeting times depending on which works with the majority of her committee members
- VIII. Student Services Reports
  - Worked with RHA over the summer to bring back grocery shuttles and expand panther pantry.
  - Panther Pantry has seen an almost 200% increase so volunteers and donations will be needed.
- IX. Old Business
  - None
- X. New Business

- Nominations and Confirmation of Head Senators
    1. Senator Mohamed nominated Senator Nwoke for head senator of Arts and Sciences
    2. Nwoke Accepted
    3. Senator Huynh nominated Senator Nguyen for head senator for RCB.
    4. Nguyen accepted.
  - Senator Moore (College of Law) voiced opinion on changing the by-laws
    5. Senator Rodriguez nominated himself for Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.
    6. Rodriguez accepted.
- XI. All Senators are required to give a speech on experience and what exactly they plan to accomplish if given this new position.
- XII. Motions and Voting
- Rodriguez ran unopposed
  - 0-infavor, 0-opposition, 0-Abstentions
  - Senator Nwoke
  - 11-In favor, 0-opposition, 0-Abstentions
  - Senator Nguyen
  - 3-In favor, 0-opposition, 0-Abstentions
- XIII. Nomination of Speaker Pro-tempore
- Senator Batista-Vargas nominated Senator Mohamed.
  - Mohamed accepted.
  - Senator Scales nominated Senator Okanlawon.
  - She respectfully declined.
- XIV. Senator Mohamed gave a speech on her experience and what exactly she plans to accomplish if given this new position.
- XV. Motions and voting
- 22 – In favor, 0-opposition, 0-Abstentions
- XVI. Review of Committee meeting times
- XVII. See Officers reports for times
- Senator Nwoke – Academic Affairs
  - Senator Moreno – Student Life (4:30)
  - Senator Okonlawon – Student Services (5:30)
  - Senator Mohamed – Student Services
  - Senator Brown – Academic Affairs
  - Senator Affairs – Student Life
  - Senator Gardner – Student Services

- Senator Gordon – PR
  - Senator Harper – Student Services and Student Life
  - Senator Rodriguez – Student Life (4:30) and Finance (10am)
  - Senator Krauss – PR
  - Senator Richardson – PR
  - Senator Roby – Academic Affairs
  - Senator Liu – Academic Affairs
  - Senator Kebede – Student life (Noon)
  - Senator Hyunh – PR
  - Senator Miller – Student Life
  - Senator Nguyen – PR
- XVIII. Closing Remarks (EVP Southwell)
- stressed Attendance and voiced opinions in retreat
  - Reviewed LiveSafe app and its benefits and how to achieve better transparency
  - Senators learned the steps to writing a proper legislation and made smart goals for the year
  - Senators reviewed code of conduct as they are now agents of the university
  - Senators carried out a mock senate meeting
  - EVP Southwell and President Onwuzuruike met with Dr. Covey
  - Commencement will most likely be held at Georgia Tech
  - To combat campus safety issues in the library, biometric finger scans will be set up in the library
  - University wide senate meeting will September 29th at 7:15pm. Location TBD
  - Guest Speakers will be expected
  - SGA will be the org of the game tomorrow so EVP Southwell advised senators to pick up their shirt and come show their panther pride
- XIX. Senator Muhamed moved to adjourn meeting
- Senator Nwoke Seconded
  - Unanimous vote to adjourn meeting
  - Meeting adjourned
- XX. Meeting End