

Atlanta Senate Meeting Thursday, February 16, 2017

- I. Call to Order: Committee Chair Joshua Scales**
- II. Opening Call of the Roll / Determination of Quorum: SJB Liaison Akomas**
Absent ->(Speaker Akomas, Senator Akomas, Senator Myles Brown, Senator Erin Gardner, Speaker Mohamed, Senator Bening, Senator Rodriguez, Senator Martinez, Senator Richardson, Senator Davies, Liaison Tiffany, Liaison Hall, Liaison Wragg)
- III. Minutes from the meeting on Thursday, February 2 were approved.**
- IV. Old Business**
 - a. Graduate Seat Apportionment Act of 2017 – Senator Tejal Vashi
 - Senator Vashi presented a second reading of her bill to allocate certain number of seats to grad students.
 - 14 votes for yes, 0 no’s, and 2’s abstentions
- V. New Business**
 - a. New senators confirmed.
 - i. Roberto Contreras-Murillo (College of Education) - Contreras-Murillo wishes to build awareness for students in college of education. 70% of females feel unsafe on Georgia State University’s campus. He wishes to have more Panther ambassadors around campus to be an extra set of eyes.
 - ii. Saskia Verkiel (Arts and Sciences) – is a doctoral student in Neuroscience and although she doesn’t really have the time to do it, she thinks it is vitally important to have graduate student representation in SGA
 - iii. A motion to confirm the senator candidates was made and seconded with 12 votes for yes, 0 no’s, and 2 abstentions. Both senators were sworn in by Justice Akomas.
- VI. Special Reports**
 - a. **University Representatives wishing to address the Senate**
 - i. Quality Enhancement Plan Committee
 - John Duffield spoke on Georgia State’s Quality Enhancement Plan (5 yr. plan) and ways to help develop a great Quality Enhancement Plan.
 - This is important to the reaffirmation of GSU’s accreditation.
 - This is the same department that instituted CTW programs in all majors across GSU.
 - ii. USAS – Tyler Flynn
 - Spoke about CBA.
 - A motion was made to create an ad hoc committee of SGA to work with USAS to create a resolution
 - S. Gray, S. Moreno, S. King, S. Maxwell, S. Wami, S. Scales, L. Walker all decided to serve on the committee.
 - b. **Student Forum (Students wishing to address the Senate)**
 - c. **Two minute speeches by members of the Senate**
- VII. Executive Cabinet Reports**
 - a. **Report of the Communications Director, Director Nguyen**
 - Tri-fold redone.
 - Looking back into the “No Smoking” policy and hope to reinforce it
 - o S. Hall, S. Nguyen, S. Walker, S. Loi
 - Forming committee to gather information to draft a letter to the governor regarding Campus Carry

VIII. University Senate Committee Reports

a. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee, Committee Chair Wami

- Started passing out panther kits.
- Started ordering new equipment to prepare new panther kits for finals.
- True Colors program posed by Liaison Walker, which is a career testing program for undeclared freshman, is set to kick off. Would like to invite career services, advisement, and any professors.
- Construction will be taken place to expand the library. This will include teleconference rooms rather than WebEx that can fit up to 50 people for potential SGA meetings.

b. Report of the Student Life Committee, Committee Chair Batista – Vargas

- Grocery shuttles are a success. They have taken the notice of administration and they would like to fund them weekly.
- CATNAP to commence during March 6, 8, and 9th from 12-7pm.
 - Volunteers needed to oversee the event.

c. Report of the Liaison Committee

i. Head Freshman Liaison Walker

1. Liaisons will be tabling at housing.
2. Plans to utilize volunteers to table at housing.
3. True Colors test will be ran before or after Spring Break before it is implemented into New Student Orientation.
4. Tabling to offer OrgSync tutorials.

ii. Transfer Liaison Wragg

1. Working to solidify an INCEPT program for transfer students
2. Working to implement transition programs for Perimeter campus students

d. Report of the Student Life Committee (Senator Moreno)

i. Planning DACA Education Week

1. March 2nd- workshop
2. March 6th- Open Panel with a few lawyers
3. March 7th- Tabling centered towards DACA
4. March 9th- Social Media Campaign (senate meeting)
5. March 4th- Org. of the game for State vs. Southern basketball game

IX. Closing Remarks

a. Comments and announcements of the officers

- i. S. Vashi asked whether DACA students will pay in-state tuition – it has gone to Supreme Court
- ii. Why can't commencement be held at Panther Stadium? - Renovations on the Turner Field property will soon commence to be ready for upcoming 2017 football season
- iii. Commencement will be at Georgia Tech, it will be split into 4 ceremonies
- iv. Bill to cap tuition increase is being looked at.

b. Executive Vice President's Report, EVP Southwell

- i. February 23th- Campus Safety forum Urban Life 220, 7:15 pm
- ii. Liaison Walker and Liaison Wragg were selected as Senators of the Month
- iii. Chief of Police- Randy Brown and Dean Holloman of Victim Assistance will be speaking at next week's Campus Safety forum.in Urban Life 220.
- iv. Encouraged senators to apply for reelection.

c. Closing Call of the Roll, SJB Liaison

Absent -> (Senator Rodriguez, Senator Martinez, Senator Davies)

X. Meeting Adjourned.