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**A Bill to Create an Appointed Vacancy Committee for the Atlanta Campus  
Student Government Association**

**WHEREAS**, through an annual Election process elected candidates are chosen by the student body as their representatives, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Student Government Association is responsible for ensuring student representation, and,

**WHEREAS**, some elected SGA representatives may choose to resign due to unforeseen circumstances or may be dismissed from their respective position after the inauguration proceedings, and,

**WHEREAS**, all runner-up candidates have been exhausted for vacancies that occur after the inauguration proceedings but before the first Senate meeting in the Fall semester, and,

**WHEREAS**, the current process to fill vacancy positions on the Atlanta campus can prove to be inconsistent and inefficient, and,

**WHEREAS**, to establish a diligent and consistent method of filling Student Government Association vacancies on the Atlanta campus that occur after the first Senate meeting in the fall semester,

**THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY-WIDE SENATE OF THE  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT**

**Section 1:** This legislation shall be known as the “Vacancy Committee Act of 2017.”

**Section 2:** This legislation will form an appointed vacancy committee to provide a consistent and smooth method for filling Vacancies on the Atlanta campus that occur the end of the inauguration proceedings, in which all other candidates have been exhausted, and after the first Senate meeting in the fall semester.

**Section 3:** Article 3 of the Bylaws, regarding Vacancies in the Campus Senate, in Section 2, sub-section C. will be amended to state: “A vacancy committee made up of at least three (3) Senators will be formed for the remainder of the Academic year by the Speaker of the Senate through an appointment process during the first Atlanta campus meeting of the term of office.”

**Section 4:** Appointments to the vacancy committee are determined based on interest from the members of

the Senate and the committee will only meet to fill vacant positions.

**Section 5:** The vacancy committee must make recommendations to the Speaker of the Senate regarding candidates they've interviewed, from which the Speaker will nominate a candidate to be presented before Senate.

**Section 6:** Once Senators are appointed to the vacancy committee by the Speaker of the Senate, their appointment to the vacancy committee is for the remainder of the SGA office term.

**Section 7:** In the case of a vacancy within the committee, the Speaker of the Senate is responsible for appointing a Senator to fill the vacant position within the committee.

**Section 8:** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Student Government Association, the welfare of the students requiring it.

**Respectively Submitted By:**

Usra Mohamed  
Speaker Pro Tempore

**ACTION TAKEN BY THE STUDENT SENATE**

Seconded by

Eric Brown  
Senator

VOTE for 12 against 0 abstentions 0

**ACTION TAKEN BY THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE**

Signature Blessing A. Akomas

Date April 17, 2017

**ACTION TAKEN BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT**

Signature Shan Small

Date April 7, 2017