

Dunwoody Senate Meeting Minutes
Student Center, SGA Conference Room

June 24, 2016

I. Call to order

Time: 1:30 pm

Presiding Officer: Lesly F. Veve

II. Roll Call

Refer to the attached log

Executive Position	Name	Present	Absent	Tardy time	Initials
Speaker of the Senate	Veve	X			LFV
Speaker Pro Tempore	Vacant				
Communications Director	Vacant				
Finance Director	Vacant				

Senate Position	Name	Present	Absent	Tardy time	Initials
Academic Affairs	Sebastiao	X			BS
Spirit and Sustainability	Bonsie	X			KB
Clubs and Organizations	Calixte		X		JC
Student Services					
Student Relation					
Government Affairs					

III. Quorum (Yes) or (No) Yes

IV. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the meeting of June 17 were approved with a vote of 2 ayes, 0 nay, and 0 abstain.

The minutes for the meeting of May 27 were approved with a vote of 2 ayes, 0 nay, and 0 abstain

V. Executive Officer Reports

i. Speaker of the Senate – Lesly F. Veve

A. The Speaker informed the senate about the coming resource fair for new student orientation on Monday June 27 and demanded that an available senator go set up a table to introduce SGA to students.

B. The Speaker gave the update on recruitment, informing the senate that we currently have an EVP applicant that will soon be interviewed.

- C. The Speaker demanded that Senator Sebastiao give in his report some information about the SGA training of June 21, for he was the only one who attended the conference call. The Speaker himself gave some information about what was discussed in the second conference call on June 23.
 - D. The Speaker re-emphasized on the duty of the senators to make sure that they come up with at least two types of SGA events or projects per semester that they would introduce and explain in the brainstorming sheet under their respective committee title.
 - E. The Speaker informed the senate that he had a meeting with Associate Director Ms. Williams Aprille in which the deadlines to draft a calendar were made clear to him. He informed the senators of the 60 days approval period of events so that they know how to plan and date whatever is in their brainstorming list.
 - F. The Speaker emphasized on the importance of receiving weekly agendas from senators that list their items of speech for the next meeting and informed them that the deadline will be every Thursday.
 - G. The speaker announced the nomination of two applicants as senators and demanded that the senate gives a confirmation vote in open forum.
- ii. Speaker Pro Tempore- **Vacant**
 - iii. Communications Director - **Vacant**
 - iv. Finance Director - **Vacant**

VI. Senate Reports

- i. Senator of Academic Affairs – Belchor Sebastião
Senator Sebastião reported his visit to the ISAA office to discuss the F1-Fee-waiver on-hold situation. He explained that according to the information he received from Ms. Tacoma Robinson, the International Office of Georgia State University did not use to give the F1-fee waiver to every international student who applied because of the limitation of the amount of F1-fee waiver that they could grant F1 students, contrary to the Perimeter College that used to give the F1-Fee Waiver to all eligible applicant. For this reason, the Atlanta Campus has to reconsider for the whole University how the process of granting Fee-waiver to International Students will look like. Senator Sebastião also stated that he received contact information to continue further on his search to understand the ups and downs and the status of the decision making on this matter.
- ii. Senator of Spirit and Sustainability – Kwaku Bonsie
Senator Bonsie reported that he e-mailed Associate Director Ms. Aprille to receive the contact information of the club advisors in order to have them inform their club members about vacant positions in SGA. He stated that he has started emailing those advisors but has not received an answer yet.
- iii. Senator of Clubs and Organizations – Jesse Calixte - No report given

- iv. Senator of Student Services – **Vacant**
- v. Senator of Student Relation – **Vacant**
- vi. Senator of Government Affairs - **Vacant**

VII. **Advisors Report N/A**

VIII. **Unfinished Business**

- A. **Tabling to advertise SGA & vacant positions**
The speaker informed his concern on whether tabling would be the best way to advertise SGA vacant positions during the summer and demanded the subject be discussed in open forum.
- B. **Fall/Spring Calendar**
The Speaker mentioned the brainstorming sheet that the senators are supposed to fill out and explained that calendar items will be drawn from it as time goes by during the year.
- C. **Future SGA Meeting (Student Presence)**
The Speaker brought again the importance to find strategies to have significant student presence in future SGA meetings and the demanded that the subject be discussed in open forum.
- D. **GSU Game on 09/02/2016 (Advertising Strategies)**
The speaker re-mentioned that the senate should develop a plan to advertise GSU games and build the panther spirit in students.

IX. **New Business**

X. **Open Forum**

- A. Senator Sebastiao moved to recess from 2:14pm to 2:24pm and the motion passed with a vote of **2 ayes, 0 nay and 0 abstain.**
- B. The Speaker called to resume the meeting at 2:25pm
- C. **Tabling to advertise SGA & vacant positions**
The senate has decided that the best way to advertise SGA and its vacant positions in the summer is to use a “direct approach” where the senators talk to students on campus randomly to introduce SGA to them while letting them know about vacant positions.
- D. **Fall/Spring Calendar**
The Speaker decided to draft the calendar himself and to report the rough draft on the next meeting for modification and approval.
- E. **Future SGA Meeting (Student Presence)**
Associate Director Ms. Aprille mentioned the idea of asking students to attend their first SGA meeting as a challenge before they can receive their prize during the scavenger hunt coordinated by Panther Activities Council that will take place on 08/30/2016.

- F. GSU Game on 09/02/2016 (Advertising Strategies)
The senate considered the idea to also use the scavenger hunt to have students order a free GSU game ticket before they can receive their prize.
- G. Senator Bonzie moved that Senator Bonzie goes to the connection fair to present SGA to new students on Monday 06/27 and the motion passed with a vote of **2 ayes**
0 nay, 0 abstain
- H. Senator Bonzie moved that the senate vote on the confirmation of nominee Karim Daoudi as senator and nominee Faria Alam as senator. The motion passed with a vote of 2 ayes, 0 nay, 0 abstain.

XI. Announcements

- A. The Speaker announced Panther Activities Council's "Good Morning GSU" event to take place on 08/30/2016
- B. The Speaker announced Panther Activities Council's "Resource Treasure Hunt" to take place on 08/30/2016
- C. The Speaker announced Panther Activities Council's "Club Rush" event to take place on 09/06/2016 and mentioned that the SGA board needs modification.

XII. Adjournment

- A. Senator Sebastião moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:53pm. The motion passed with a vote of 2 ayes, 0 nay, 0 abstain
- B. **Time:** 3:53pm
- C. **Next Meeting:** July 1, 2016 @ 1:00pm