

Dunwoody Senate Meeting Minutes
Student Center, SGA Conference Room
July 01, 2016

I. Call to order

Time: 1:20pm

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	Daoudi	X			KD
Government Affairs	Alam		X		FA

III. Quorum (Yes) or (No) No from 1:20pm to 2:38pm

IV. Approval of Minutes

Senator Bonsie asked that the minutes be read to the senate. Speaker Veve read the minutes.

The minutes for the meeting of June 24 were approved with a vote of **2 ayes, 0 nay, and 0 abstain.**

The Speaker then revoked the approval of the minutes by ruling it “not in order” since there was no quorum

V. Executive Officer Reports

i. Speaker of the Senate – Lesly F. Veve

A. Business Decision Procedure Act

The Speaker introduced the Business Decision Procedure Act as a proposition of special

rule of order that if approved by the senate will be the legal procedure in the decision making of the senate on any item of business. Speaker Veve then ruled a stand-at-ease period of two (2) minutes to allow the senators to read the description of the Business Decision Procedure that was distributed to them at the beginning of the meeting. After the two (2) minutes has passed, Speaker Veve called to resume the meeting and gave a brief summary of the overall procedure.

B. Report on SGA Officer Recruitment

Speaker Veve mentioned that EVP applicant Ms. Chari Guzman has been interviewed, and that the interview record was distributed to the senate. Speaker Veve mentioned that since there was no quorum, a confirmation vote to his nomination of Ms. Chari Guzman as Executive Vice President was not in order.

C. Report on Brainstorming Sheet

Speaker Veve mentioned that version 1.3 of the brainstorming sheet is ready and has been distributed to the senate. He then mentioned he had two items taken from the brainstorming sheet under “New Business” that he would like the senate to consider as a subject of discussion.

D. Congratulate Senator Bonzie

Speaker Veve congratulated Senator Bonzie for his great effort in going to the Resource Connection Fair to talk to new students about SGA. Speaker Veve also mentioned that he would appreciate that Senator Bonzie gives some information on how the resource connection fair went.

E. Meeting with Senator Daoudi /Office Hours

Speaker Veve mentioned that he had a meeting with Senator Daoudi under the Senator’s request to discuss with him about his job description as a senator. Speaker Veve also mentioned that he was available to any Senator who needs help and advised them to visit him during his Office Hours when they want to discuss.

F. Conflictual Meeting Time for Senator Daoudi

The Speaker mentioned the meeting time’s inconvenience to Senator Daoudi due to religious purposes and suggested that the senate agrees on an earlier meeting time as requested by Senator Daoudi.

G. Report on Parliamentary Procedure Brochure

The Speaker informed the senate of a tri fold brochure that he worked on containing the most basic parliamentary procedures. The brochure if approved would be distributed to students who come to SGA meetings.

H. Report on SGA Calendar Preparation

The Speaker reported that the calendar for SGA meetings was almost ready. Speaker Veve explained that there were four (4) types of meeting that SGA would host that are Joint Campus Executive Committee (JCEC) meetings with Dunwoody and Alpharetta, Campus Executive Committee (CEC) meetings, Campus Senate (CS) meetings, and Student Government Association (SGA) meetings.

I. Sara Wilcox from Atlanta Campus

The Speaker informed the senate that he received an email from Ms. Sara Wilcox asking help from Dunwoody to interview Programming Director Applicants. Speaker Veve mentioned that the senate will receive the necessary contacts in case senators are interested in helping out. Speaker Veve also mentioned that according to Ms. Sara Wilcox, the first 20 to RSVP will get free lunch and that the deadline to RSVP was July 5th.

J. Agenda Items Format

The Speaker mentioned that he noticed that the agenda items when sent from the senators are poorly organized and that this should be fixed to help the future communications director. Speaker Veve explained that when sending agenda items, the senator must specify what goes under “Report”, “Unfinished Business”, “New Business” and “Announcement”. Speaker Veve went further to explain that “Report” items shall be only informational, “Unfinished Business” and “New Business” items shall be subjects for which the senator wishes the senate to take a final decision and “Announcement” items shall be information that do not directly relate to the senator’s duty.

- ii. Speaker Pro Tempore- **Vacant**
- iii. Communications Director - **Vacant**
- iv. Finance Director - **Vacant**

VI. **Senate Reports**

i. Senator of Academic Affairs – Belchor Sebastião - No Report Given

ii. Senator of Spirit and Sustainability – Kwaku Bonsie

Senator Bonsie informed the senate of a student named Kehinde Folarin that is working on his SGA application. The senator believes that the student has already submitted his application to Ms. Williams Aprille. The senator went on to inform that he had completed the homework assigned by Ms. Marshontri concerning the reading of the constitution. Senator Bonsie also reported on his visit at the new student orientation of 06/27 to talk to new students about SGA. He mentioned that the students were mostly new and thus not eligible to apply for SGA but he let them know of our efforts to serve the student body.

iii. Senator of Clubs and Organizations – Jesse Calixte - No report given

iv. Senator Karim Daoudi

a. Meeting with Speaker Veve

Senator Daoudi reported that last Monday, he had a meeting with Speaker Veve. According to the senator, this gathering helped him a lot not only to understand the concept of a senate meeting based on “Robert Rules of Order”, but also it gave him a clear image with a better understanding of the goals that we want to achieve based on the Brainstorming Sheet.

b. Self-Nomination Notice

Senator Daoudi reported that during the meeting, he would nominate himself as Senator of Student Relations. He claimed that he chose this position because he wants to be the link and the voice between students and SGA and be aware of student’s point of view about the problems they face, and the improvements needed in their college-life so that we can work on it all together as a team.

- c. F1 Fee-Waiver “Removal”
Senator Daoudi, announced that he would love to discuss with SGA the problem of “the removal of the fee waiver.” Moreover, its impact on international students, and a possible plan to get it back as soon as possible.
- d. Weekly tours over campus for SGA-Student Relationship
Senator Daoudi claimed that it is important to start doing weekly tours all over the campus to improve our relationships with students, let them be aware that we are here for them, and of course promote a great image of the SGA.
- v. Senator Faria Alam - No Report Given

VII. Advisors Report N/A

VIII. Unfinished Business

i. Fall/Spring Calendar

The Speaker introduced the item of business by re-stating what he mentioned in his report concerning that subject and the deadline to submit the final meeting agenda. No motion was made to further discuss on this business.

ii. Future SGA Meeting/ Efforts for student presence

Senator Daoudi moved to open the floor for discussion on the item of business “Future SGA Meeting/ Efforts for student presence” Senator Bonsie seconded the motion and the Speaker stated the motion to put it on the floor.

Senator Bonsie expressed the belief that teachers should encourage students in going to SGA meetings with extra credits.

Senator Daoudi responded that many teachers won’t give extra credit at all but it’s worth trying to convince professors to do that.

Senator Bonsie explained that we should tell teachers why it’s important for students to go to SGA meetings by reminding them that their Student Activity Fee is being used and that they should have a say in how it’s used. Students should hold SGA accountable to the management of the Student Activity Fee that they pay according to Senator Bonsie.

Senator Daoudi expressed the belief that if SGA does weekly tours on campus in which officers go talking to students randomly inviting them to come to SGA meetings, it could have a significant impact in the number of students that come to SGA meetings.

Senator Bonsie stated that officers should have customized SGA suits to appeal students.

Senator Bonsie moved to postpone the discussion to the next meeting, motion seconded by Senator Daoudi and passed with a vote of 2 ayes, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

iii. GSU Game on September 02

The Speaker introduced the item of business consisting of finding creative ways to advertise the coming GSU game to students. He re-stated the idea of using Panther Activities Council’s scavenger hunt that the senate retained in the last meeting. The idea was to have students order a free ticket as a challenge before they can receive their prizes. No motion was made to further discuss this business.

iv. Summer Connection Fair

The Speaker introduced the business by reminding the senate that in spite of Senator Bonsie's great job in the previous session, there are several other sessions coming and that preparations shall be made early for the next one.

Senator Daoudi moved to recess at 2:33pm, motion seconded by Senator Bonsie, and passed with a vote of 2 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain

Speaker Veve called the meeting to resume at 2:37pm

Senator Bonzie moved to adjourn at 2:38 and the Speaker ruled the meeting "adjourned" because the senate received the message that the University was closing its doors earlier for the Independence Day holiday. All remaining businesses were thus automatically postponed to the next meeting.

v. Speaker Pro Tempore Nomination & Confirmation - **Postponed**

IX. New Business

- i. Meeting Time Adjustment - **Postponed**
- ii. Business Decision Procedure Act - **Postponed**
- iii. Government Affairs Committee Chairman Nomination & Confirmation - **Postponed**
- iv. Student Relations Committee Chairman Nomination & Confirmation - **Postponed**
- v. Executive Vice President Nomination & Confirmation - **Postponed**
- vi. Potential impact of a "removal of the F1 Fee Waiver" on International Students - **Postponed**
- vii. Weekly tours on campus to improve SGA-Student Relationship - **Postponed**
- viii. Bylaw proposition in regards of "short term" SGA applicant - **Postponed**
- ix. "Shake My Hand" Event - **Postponed**
- x. Steelcase Personal Study Pod for the Library - **Postponed**

X. Open Forum

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjournment

- a. **Time: 2:38pm**
- b. **Next Meeting: July 8th, 2016**