I. Call to Order: President Corey Gray at 7:20 PM

II. Opening Call of the Roll / Determination of Quorum: Senate Clerk – Olivia Abie
(Absent: Pachon, Holley, Roberts, Francis, Muhammad, A. Jones, Milan, Walters, Oundo, Patel, Mansour, Davis) Quorum achieved with 33 senators present out of 45.

III. Reading & Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting
Senator Lakhani moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Senator Barry
The motion passed with 22 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstention

IV. Special Reports
   a. Dr. Mark P. Becker, University President
      - May commencement: He has been working with SGA through the University Senate Commencement Committee, to determine where to hold GSU commencements. He thanked Senator Patterson for his leadership and the survey that disseminated to ask students their preferences regarding commencement location. Most students voted that they wanted commencement to be held at the GSU Stadium. Therefore, commencement in May will be held in the GSU stadium Wednesday May 9 through Friday May 11. One ceremony each day will help avoid potential of rain or lightning.
      - Based on the weather, December commencement will probably be held at McCamish Pavilion.
      - GSU is working with the Boards of Regents (BOR) to build our own convocation center which would be used for commencement, home basketball games, and other events. The Georgia Building Authority transferred the land on the north end of the stadium to the BOR, who accepted it and has allocated it for use by Georgia State University. Georgia State plans to requested funding from the Georgia Legislature to help build the building. States don’t fund 100%, but they will fund up to 80%.
      - The process in Georgia is by three steps, design, build, and decorate the building. Hopefully one year from today, they will have approved the funding to build, they will most likely get the funds by Fall 2019, so the convocation center will be ready by December 2021.
      - In 2012, SGA did a survey for a master plan, on issues that should be addressed on campus. There was a very strong vote that Kell Hall should be renovated. The greatest concentration of students hangs out in the library plaza but it’s not an attractive place. They have decided to build a greenspace for students hang out as an alternative. The demolition of Kell Hall should start by the end of this year.
      - As far as the development of the stadium, there is more happening and to come in that area: Some of the parking lots were sold to Carter (the private development team) and they are working on a market-
multi rate multi-family homes and retail. There will be a barbecue restaurant, ice cream, tarts and bake goods, a coffee shop and much more, all locally owned. Carter will also be building a student residence hall by the Stadium, small office building, small offices for the Atlanta campus.

- One of the concerns of the neighborhood is to have more connectivity to mass transit, street car, train. Marta decided a bus rapid transit would be ideal, it is a vehicle that looks more like a car than a bus. Might have dedicated lanes to make it faster. They have to make a proposal to the federal government to get the matching money for this project.

- GSU has been in that area for one year, they have tracked data and noticed that 10% neighborhood residents are students, and the crime rate has lowered by 30%.

- New York times wrote an article about the economic diversity and student outcomes, and recognized Georgia State for the significant number of students from low-socioeconomic status that graduate each year.

b. Mr. Brian Kelly, Senior Associate Athletics Director for External Affairs

- He’s part of the commencement council, and is looking forward for the commencement to be at the Georgia State Stadium

- GSU are the Cure bowl champions (27-17 WKU: first victory)

- Sunbelt championship 2018: GSU are the reigning champions, won three games.

- The beach volleyball team: #9 in the championship

- Student tickets can be found on gsutickets.com, which allows students to access their tickets from a mobile device.

- As far as student engagement, out of 53,000 students, about 9,000 students opens their email for basketball and football games

- Upcoming events: Spring Game April 7, on that same day they will have a Panther Fan Council, there will be a youth clinic from 2-3PM, and the Blue vs White spring game will start at 3:30PM.

- The 2018 Homecoming game vs Coastal Carolina will be on Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Georgia State Stadium

- #lightitblue initiative, after any victory, they light the room blue to celebrate and have gained support from Atlanta teams like the Braves.

- GSU= Get State United, Georgia state wants you!

- Contact information Brian Kelly, email bkelley@gsu.edu, phone 404-413-4152

V. Executive Cabinet Reports

a. Communication Director – Sai Maddali

- “Since the last University-Wide Meeting, he has actively been working to ensure that our social networks are busy with posts advertising our events. These events were Atlanta-Campus Week of Women events, Senate meetings on ALL campuses, Community Day and the Basketball signups involved also, Atlanta-Campus constituents’ days, and SGA Representative of the Month. Overall, these posts
combined have had more impressions than the whole last year combined and have brought back activity across all social media platforms rather than just Instagram.

- His committee has published their first newsletter highlighting the mid-year report and is currently published on GSU website. His committee is working on a new newsletter for showing that SGA listens and highlighting initiatives that have come out of students bringing us concerns. This newsletter was one of six in the last four years making the publishing an achievement.

- Since the last university-wide meeting, they have also gotten their promotional video completed and it can be found here: https://vimeo.com/256430169

- They will have one last meeting as a committee to publish the new newsletter and plan a recruitment event in fall on the Atlanta campus towards getting students to join committees and getting more involvement in committees.”


c. **Report of the Atlanta campus – EVP Yann Mondon**

- “Since the last University-Wide Senate meeting the Atlanta campus SGA has hosted a few different events. These events are SGA Constituency Days (College of Arts, College of Education, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies & Human Development) and another for the remaining colleges, Freshman Outreach, Transfer Mix N’ Mingle, Community Day and Week of Women. Our main topics during our past three meetings were sustainability at university housing, bus tracking, campus safety and a potential career closet. We recently hosted a weeklong of events coined “Week of Women.” This idea came about when a student took the time to come to a senate meeting last semester and discuss how most restrooms at GSU do not have feminine products available in the bathrooms. Senator Cruz took it upon herself to raise the awareness of social problems that women face. She and her committee worked diligently with other campus organizations to create a week of events with the aid of multiple student organizations.

- Freshman Liaison Dominick Fabian was announced as the Senate Member of the Month for January. Liaison Fabian was extremely active on the planning and execution of the Transfer Mix N’ Mingle. He and the other transfer liaisons began planning this event late last year and the work showed in the event. His dedication is always present as he always signs up to work events and has a detailed report at each senate meeting.

- Senator Fatoumata Barry was the Senate Member of the Month for February. She led the Constituency Day event for the College Arts & Sciences, J. Mack Robinson College of Business and School of Public Health. She sits on multiple University Committees and is always very involved in any SGA program or event.

- Our campus senate is now in the process of determining how to best serve our constituents with the remainder of our budget. We are continuing work on a potential career closet and the logistics planning for another finals event is underway.
- My goals for the remainder of the semester are to respond to emails at least within two hours of receiving it, ensure that all of the head senators, head liaison and executive board transition binders are complete by April 16th and do everything that I can do to possibly due to help create the career closet.”

d. Report of the Clarkston campus - EVP Christin Smith
   - "This month was very productive for the Clarkston campus. However, as they wrap up their election process, they are reminded that their work is yet to be completed. Although they had two-election information sessions previously, they are still in need of recruiting more senators for the upcoming senate.
   - She attended the AIPAC conference in Washington, DC with a few of other SGA officials and they were exposed to the necessary bipartisan relationship that is need for the security of Israel. It was when we came back that our preparations for voting were kicked into high gear. She feels very confident in our methods and cannot wait to hear its results!!"


   - “March has been an amazing month. The Dunwoody senate has been working on the election events.
   - They also had Dunwoody Talks.
   - For now, they’re emphasizing on the Genocide Awareness events which will be their biggest events of this semester. It will be held through the second week of April from the 9 to the 12.
   - During our office hours they went outside of the office to make the students complete the SGA survey.”

g. Report of the Newton campus – EVP Leah Oundo - Not submitted by the assigned deadline.

VI. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports – no report was given.

VII. University Senate Committee Reports – no report was given.

VIII. Old Business - none

IX. New Business

   a. 88-UWB-10: A Bill to Amend the Order of Business for Senate Meetings
      - Senator Brashear moved to discuss the bill for 5 minutes, seconded by Senator Netere
      - Senator Lakhani called the question. The bill passed with 25 in favor, 2 against, 1 abstentions

   b. 88-UWB-11: A Bill to Amend the Names and Descriptions of SGA Senate Committees
      - Senator Samuelson called the question. The motion passed with 27 in favor, 2 against, 2 abstentions

   c. 88-UWB-12: A Bill to Create a Points System to Enhance Accountability in SGA
      - Senator Garcia Velazquez motion to recess for 5 minutes, seconded by Senator Lakhani
      - Senator Siemer moved to approve the bill to create a Points System to Enhance Accountability in SGA, seconded by Senator Garcia Velazquez.
      - The motion failed with 7 yay, 16 nay, 3 abstentions

   d. 88-UWB-13: A Bill to Define Transition and Summer Expectations for All Positions
      - Senator Aleman moved to discuss the bill for 2 minutes, seconded by Senator Akinola-King
- Senator Lakhani moved to discuss the bill for 15 minutes, seconded by Senator Samuelson
- Seconded Samuelson moved to end the discussion early, seconded by senator Galvis
- Senator Samuelson called the question. The motion passed with 22 yay, 1, nay 5 abstentions

e. **88-UWB-14: A Bill to Amend the Operating Procedures of Campus Vacancy Committees**
   - Senator Aleman called the question to approve the Bill to Amend the Operating Procedures of Campus Vacancy. The motion passed with 19 in favor, 0 against and 3 abstentions

X. **President’s Report, Corey Gray**
   - He is very excited that the bylaw updates have been completed! They have been working on the bylaws since May, and though there are still more edits to be made, much of the work has been fulfilled.
   - A great foundation for the next administration and we are excited to pass the torch to the incoming officers.
   - Congratulated everyone who has been running for election, and the people who are graduating this spring.
   - Encouraged everyone to continue to be a light, not for themselves but to light the path for others.
   - Motivated the senate to think about their next life steps, not just student leadership, but career paths as we are only here for 4 or so years.
   - Moment of silence for the shooting that happened in Marjory Stoneman Douglas High in Parkland, FL
   - Senators of the quarter are Jessica Siemer from Atlanta, she has been working really hard on academic affairs and writing bylaws and Aarjavi Patel from Newton, she has been very diligent on her initiatives with the bookstore, athletics, and spirit work on Newton campus.

XI. **Closing Remarks**
   President Gray: Ballots for outstanding awards will be sent next week, this is a great opportunity to congratulate peers for their great work
   a. **Closing Call of the Roll, Senate Clerk**
      (Absent: Pachon, Holley, Roberts, Francis, Muhammad, A. Jones, Milan, Walters, Oundo, Patel)

XII. **Adjournment**
   Senator Samuelson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Senator Delitz at 9:40PM