Atlanta Campus Senate Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 19 2018 – Student Center West 466/468

I. Call to Order: Speaker of the Senate Anthony Jones

II. Opening Call of the Roll & Determination of Quorum: Senate Clerk Olivia Abie

(Absent: Senator Delitz, Barry, Garcia-Velazquez, Galvis, Samuelson) Quorum achieved with 21 presently senators out of 26

III. Reading and Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting

- Senator Aleman moved to approve the minutes of the March 22 senate meeting, seconded by Senator Thompson with 15 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstentions.

- Senator Cruz-Hernandez moved to approve the minutes of April 5 Senate meeting, seconded by Senator Grand-Jean with 17 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions

IV. Special Orders-NONE

V. Special reports-NONE

a. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate-NONE

b. Student Forum (Students wishing to address the Senate)

-Brekwan Oliver: University housing don't have a specific space for buses to park, which is conflicting with cars pick up and drop off.

-Senator Thompson moved to speak on this matter for two minutes, seconded by Senator Siemer

II. Two-minute speeches by members of the Senate

-Grand-Jean: He informed that this is his last meeting as an official member, congratulations to president Patterson, and to everyone who ran for a position for next semester and won their position. Student government is not easy, he appreciates everyone who made it through the entire semester.
III. Executive Cabinet Reports

a. Report of the Communications Director, Sai Maddali
-Great year

b. Report of the Finance Director, Zuri May
-Thankful for her committee,

c. Report of the Speaker of the Senate, Anthony Jones

i. SAC Report

-He recently represented the Atlanta campus at the Student Council Summit in Jonesboro. There are two SAC meeting, one in April and one in May. Senators that might be interested to attend the next SAC meeting can send him an email. Met with the chancellor, who expressed love for the Atlanta campus, and appreciates the work the senate is doing.

-Thankful for everyone who has been part of the team since the beginning of the semester. Special congratulations to new President Patterson.

IV. University Senate Committee Reports

a. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee Chair, Jessica Siemer

-Pantherkits supplies are getting delivered tomorrow, don't have much time to assemble them. She will let senators know when the supplies physically get to the office to start assembling.

-For the Finals week, the massage chairs will be moved to student center east. On Monday, they will be doing pantherkit giveaways, as well as plan for success event which is a place where you can plan out your study schedule for the week, counselling center will be there, there will be a quick study break to d-stress, student office will be tabling, there will be an ice cream bar. Spotlight payed for half of the massage chairs, and the plan for success event was pay by the multicultural center.

-On Tuesday Chick-Fil-A will have a breakfast from 9-10:30pm, chicken biscuit. The therapy dogs will be there from 7:15-8PM in Urban life. Wednesday and Thursday, they have pre-payed coffee and voucher for students, to get a free cup of Ebrik Coffee.

-She needs volunteers to help her assemble pantherkits and table on Monday and Tuesday.

-Thankful to everyone for all the work, exited for last event of the semester

b. Report of the Student Life Committee Chair, Joshua Akinola-King

-Real pleasure working this year with everyone
c. Report of the Student Services Committee Chair, Alondra Cruz-Hernandez

- It was a pleasure to work with everyone, especially the freshmen's positive energy, and the happiness they brought into SGA. She wished everyone the best, and to do their best for the next semester.

d. Report from the Vacancy Committee

- Advisor Gail: incoming leadership has started their work. Special thanks to President Patterson, EVP Ayesha, and Speaker Barry. They have conducted 24 interviews over the last 4 days, and they will be appointing 9 positions. There are 6 positions left to be seated. The inauguration is a celebration for the officers leaving and the new ones that are coming.

e. Report from Freshmen Liaison, Kit Drummonds

- As a freshman liaison, she had an amazing time. SGA is inspiring, and everyone has worked really hard all semester.

f. Report from Head Transfer Liaison, Dominick Fabian

- Transfer Liaison Gideon: It has been a great semester. The transfer liaisons are working on the Mix and mingle event for the next incoming transfer liaison, the projected date for the event is August 29 from 3:30-5:30pm.

V. Old Business-NONE

VI. New Business-NONE

VII. Executive Vice President’s Report, Yann Mondon

   a. Transition Binders

      ● The transitions binders must be submitted by April 23

VIII. Closing Remarks

   a. Comments and announcements of the officers

      - Speaker Jones: Shared a couple of quotes that are very inspiring to finish the semester:

      "Choose your path and don't pick up someone else path"

      "Don't settle for nothing but the best for yourself"
Director Maddali: Excited to be here this semester, being part of SGA has been a fulfilling experience. Serving students has been an incredible journey to join the SGA team. As a head freshmen liaison, he was able to interview 60 people. As a member of the executive board he was able to put in work the SGA video. For this final meeting he used his stipend to buy books for the student office. The book is called Doing good better by William MacAskill

Yann Mondon: It has been a great pleasure to serve as EVP of Atlanta campus Senate. He has been in SGA for three years before serving as EVP. His advice for the upcoming generation is to put students first, hold each other and administration accountable. In his three years of being in SGA, this is the first time that freshmen and transfer liaison have accomplished the most.

-Senator of the month is senator Thompson, she has done a good amount of work and always available to table for SGA. She's part of different committee meeting such as the student committee fee, academic affairs committee and a couple university-wide committee. She's a great example of a Senator.

-He congratulated all graduate students, thanked everyone for the good times.

b. Closing Call of the Roll: Senate Clerk, Olivia Abie

(Absent: Senator Delitz, Barry, Garcia-Velazquez, Galvis, Samuelson)

IX. Adjournment

-Senator Aleman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by senator Cain at 8:34pm