I. Call to Order: Speaker of the Senate Anthony Jones at 7:23PM
II. Opening Call of the Roll & Determination of Quorum: Freshman Liaison Khan

Absent (Senator Pachon, Osilaja, Curry, Siam), quorum achieved with 21 presently senators out of 25

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

-Senator Siemer moved to amend that there will be a finals week event

-Senator Barry moved to approve the minutes of January 25 meeting 2018, seconded by Senator Siemer. The motion passed with 20 senators in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions

IV. Special Orders
   a. Swearing in of New Officers

-Communications Director Maddali and Senator Velazquez were sworn in by Student Judicial Board Bosbyshell

V. Special reports
   a. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate

-Speaker Jones amended the minutes to include:

Brandon fuller special report (President of Resident’s hall association)

-Explanation of what is Student Government within housing, 5 different community councils (loftspiedmont north) they are a pathway to directors, discussion of shopping shuttles (student services committee collaboration). Currently in the works of a pantry (similar to food recovery network) focused on international students. This is a way for them to access multiple resources so that they can know how to get acclimated with the university. Mr. Fuller is here to work with us and know about it. Keepers and seekers day is coming up. Keepers is coming up and seekers is after that. Discount on the housing application fee that is coming up. Find and pick roommates easier. New projects: Parking spaces on campus, new residence halls, improving recycling on campus. Now a focus for RHA and working in collaboration with green team. rha@gsu.edu
VI. Student Forum (Students wishing to address the Senate)

- Ali Mohammad: for the Study abroad would like to go to Pakistan but is it not part of the countries for study abroad programs. India is one of the top 20 most dangerous countries but that is part of our study abroad program. Paris has had attacks but there is a study abroad program. Pakistan has an improper display from media (multiple religions available). Wants one university in Pakistan to link up with Georgia State University to move forward and wants Georgia State to keep Pakistan in the study abroad program.

- Brekwan Oliver: Discussion of how students were nearly robbed of their phone and laptop today as it was broadcasted today. Wants GSUPD to be patrolling areas near campus since this is a very large security risk.

VII. Two-minute speeches by members of the Senate

a. Election commission chair- Susan

- The application to apply for elected positions have opened up on Monday 30 January, the deadline to apply is February 26th. There will be informational (optional) sessions on February 6 at 4pm and February 16 at 6 pm, there will be one more date. This information can be found on the website for SGA. T-shirts will be provided

b. Ad-hoc athletics committee head, Senator Samuelson-

- The ad hoc athletics committee will partner for “SGA DAY”, 5 on 5 with police officers. Requests that we as a group attend the March 1 basketball game as a collective effort. Also there’s a potential legislation on asking SGA asking to uphold committee appointments when sworn in (senate committee appointments)

Senator Patterson: On March 1, will have SGA DAY 5 on 5 basketball game. SGA is going to put together a team of people to play and will need referees from SGA. Also working on printing situation. He met with counseling center to talk about Sexual assault log and Trafficking info. Asking us to contribute and asking for ideas. The Bill passed at last university-wide meeting.

- Senator Akinola-King: President Corey had an initiative (done at perimeter campuses) which is a walk in my shoes type of event where they will give athletes and such to walk in heels and it is done to raise awareness on sexual harassment

Senator Lakhani: There is a priced money competition from Emory focused on urban planning, energy, and sustainable development focus. The flyer is shared on the university wide group me
VIII. Executive Cabinet Reports

a. Report of the Communications Director, Sai Maddali

- Communications Director Maddali informed that over the last week there have been some transitioning issues. He does not have access to SGA Instagram of Facebook account.

- Has plan for when posts will be about constituency days.

- The first SGA tweet in the whole legislative year today. Joshes inspiration.

- There is an SGA groupme that is made to communicate to students.

- His committee will meet on Mondays from 6pm-7pm

- Wants to be viewed as a research committee by going out to students and being the bridge as many students do not go to SGA senate meetings

- Upcoming project: promotional packet. How far in advance we need to market or how to market in case we have an event. We can edit plan and create ideal plan. Communications through and between campuses as we need more unification. Name and have a flier posted on the website. Tabling information. The trifold is in need to be updated. Senator of the month from august. Need more promotional stuff (free stuff)

- SGA has an office binder with news archives of 3 years where one can learn a lot about what is on campus, for example when they tried to get 500 spots in underground Atlanta, reimbursement for students who couldn’t park at m deck to get inspiration for the future

- Wants to have a recruitment event to highlight committees

- Reach out to public communications to have an SGA video. SGA video need 8 lines of text and 1-2 scenes for each text.

b. Report of the Finance Director, Zuri May

- Finance Director May informed that there are no new updates since last week, the budget

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

- Had a productive talk at the executive committee meeting where they edited bylaws.

Breakout for Committee Assignments

   i. Breakout for Constituency Days
      1. Finalize what needs to be done before the constituency days
      2. 10 minute breakout session

IX. University Senate Committee Reports

a. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee Chair, Jessica Siemer
- Last semester there was a faculty diversity initiative, in response President Becker initiated a task force on faculty diversity. Legislation will be coming this semester at the University-Wide Senate meetings.

- There will be Panther kits on February 19 and on February 20 they will be handed out. Signup sheets will be coming out. Approximately 500 Panther kits will be made. Will start making them next week, just waiting for the supplies to come in.

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

- Working on financial aid issues, proposed to meet as a committee to make an organized document to serve as a plan of action for the faculty to review

- In regards to the feminine hygiene products initiative, she met with organizations such as empower her, her campus, etc… and they are collaborating with SGA to host a week of events to bring awareness to different issues in March which is woman’s history month. Each organization will pick a topic (i.e. sexual harassment, human trafficking). For this week we will be having feminine hygiene products that will be donated to shelters and such so homeless women can uses these products

- There’s use of excess funds in student services. Looking to buy food in panther pantry that they might be lacking. Panther pantry is an unknown location so students who really need these products will be able to access it.

c. Report of the Student Services Committee Chair, Alondra Cruz-Hernandez

- Due to the absence of Senator Pachon Speaker Jones reported on behalf of the Vacancy Committee that vacancies listed and we want more individuals.

d. Report from the Vacancy Committee, Senator Pachon

- Went over what happened last semester and cleaned up certain stuff. They will have more for next week. Looking to fill their vacancies.

e. Report from Freshmen Liaison, Kit Drummonds

- The flier for the transfer student mix and mingle has been posted. The event will be on February 7 from 3:30-5:30 in the Student Center. Alphas and deltas will stroll and then leave. This is an official event that will happen every fall. 1700 bags (goody bags) of gear will have to be ordered for transfer students. Working on partnering with spotlight as SGA do not have the budget for it. Spotlight does not want to take a leadership role, SGA is heading the event, and Spotlight just want a plan of action to be a sponsor.

X. Old Business
XI. New Business
XII. Executive Vice President’s Report, Yann Mondon
-Look out for the deadlines application for diversity and student fee committee

XIII. Closing Remarks
   a. Comments and announcements of the officers

       Communications Director Maddali: University wide meeting is February 8, encourage everyone to come and stay motivated.

   b. Closing Call of the Roll: Freshmen Liaison Khan

       Absent(Senator Pachon, Osilaja, Curry, Siam)

XIV. Adjournment

-Senator Galvis moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:11PM seconded by Senator Cain.