Atlanta Campus Senate Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 15, 2018 – Student Center West 466/468

I. Call to Order: Speaker of the Senate Anthony Jones at 7:23PM

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

(Absent: Senator Cruz-Hernandez, Barry, Lakhani, Curry, Thompson, Wright) Quorum achieved with 19 presently senators out of 25

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

Senator Galvis moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on February 1st, seconded by Senator Akinola-King. The motion passed with 17 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

IV. Special Orders-NONE

V. Special reports
   a. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate-NONE
   b. Student Forum (Students wishing to address the Senate)

   - Brekwan Oliver: “Fake IDs should not be encouraged, students should not be drinking at 18. Fake IDs should not be made. We should discourage people from obtaining fake IDs because we should not tolerate any underage drinkers or smokers, since people might die. Death is very imminent, drinking under the influence and you’re 18 can get in trouble with the police.”
   - Senator Samuelson moved to discuss the bill for 5 minutes seconded by Senator Cain

VI. Two-minute speeches by members of the Senate
   a. Election Commission – Susan Morel

   -Ms. Gail update due to the absence of Susan Morel: The election Commission has been doing some plaza tabling events. Also there are optional informational sessions on February 16th at 1pm and February 22 at 4PM. The informational sessions are for students to learn about SGA role on campus, and the different positions. The last day to apply for election is February 26. So far 8 forms have been submitted.

   -Senator Samuelson: Update on constituency day that happened last Tuesday, overall the event was a success, anticipated 80 people but reached 58 people. There was a great atmosphere in the room, with three college deans, and three faculties interacting with students. The faculties emailed him back to tell them how much they enjoyed the interaction. These events don’t only
bring students together about their colleges but also helps to show the role of the Student Government Association.

-Communications Director Maddali: There’s a GSU social entrepreneurship competition, students must submit an idea that is related to helping community, Georgia State University, rewarding people that are helping other people. 1000-3000$ will be given away for each month for students to reapply. This competition it’s through the Andrew young policy studies in combination with the Robinson Business College.

-Senator Aleman: Requested a moment of silence for the tragedy that happened yesterday, the shooting of students killed at Parkland school by a student. It’s important for Student Government Association to remember who our constituents are, congress is in a lot of pressure with the policies that they have.

-Senator Patterson: The community day is coming up. He will be having an emergency meeting on February 12 at the SGA office, and encourage everyone to attend.

VII. Executive Cabinet Reports

a. Report of the Communications Director, Sai Maddali

-Last committee meeting was very objective, they are updating the trifold that they use for tabling. Came up with a lot of ideas, constituents day and senator of the month were added. The SGA video, it’s almost complete. Tuesday February 20 will be last day of filming, however might still have a little shooting here and there. He still needs one more male for video shooting tomorrow at 1:30pm at the Student Center East.

-Discussed with his committee about promotional material, they brainstormed ideas that they thought were creative, and posted them on different group me chats. The results indicated that a lot students would like to receive hats.

-General bill/brochure: incentive to create business cards with emails to hand out to students.

-Recruitment event for next semester: ideas on committee membership: promotional materials to students that come to meetings for the first time, raffle, still debating those ideas

-Survey responses: They have different organizations that they’ll reach out, some of the organizations on campus are the Students Environmental Team sustainability. The survey was gather by Senator Barry.

-Tabled twice this week, gave all the handbooks for constituents day so might have to reorder

b. Report of the Finance Director, Zuri May

-The budget and finance committee will be meeting next Wednesday from 10:30-1pm, to discuss about next year budget, and how it will be allocated. The budget proposal will be presented on March 2.
c. **Report of the Speaker of the Senate, Anthony Jones**  
   i. **Attendance Update**

   - He discussed with Senator Akinola-King and EVP Mondon about the standard for senators.

   - Quick attendance update:

   Absentees from SGA retreat January 5: Senator Delitz, Aleman, Holley, Curry, Jones  
   Senate meeting January 21: Senator Lakhani, Siam, Delitz, Osilaja (left early), siam  
   Senate meeting February 1: Siemer, Curry  
   University-wide February 8: Senator Samuelson, Siam, Patterson, Contreras-Murillo, Holley, Pachon, Osilaja,

   - The next University-wide meeting will be held in Urban Life 100 on March 29. Dr. Becker president of the university will be attending.

VIII. **University Senate Committee Reports**

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

   - Sign up for panther kits tabling, February 19 and 20 at library plaza

   - Will have a Panther kits assembling: tomorrow from 1-2p.m.

   - For finals week still trying to get creative because she won’t get any space. Thinking about getting vouchers for students to get coffee, outdoor yoga, carry the workshops into finals week, puppy dogs, and massage chairs.

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

   - Had a meeting this week to discuss about co-sponsorship. Students have the ability to request funding for their events. They have 5 co-sponsorships trending. They are planning to get promotion about co-sponsorship, so organizations know they can get their funding for upcoming events. There’s one event per organization funded by SGA ($1000) per semester

   - Committee date: basketball tournament

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

   Senator Contreras-Murillo: the Main thing the Student Services Committee is working on is the Women’s Week on March 1 from 3-5pm in regards to interactive taboo topics regarding women health, jeopardy, and family. Would like to create groups of discussion to have an interactive event.
Senator Franklin: Working on community events. Also, reached out to Panther Pantry, to use some extra funds to purchase products. The Panther Pantry offers anything from shampoo for students in need to food products. It is anonymous, show up your card.

Senator Aleman: Will be collaborating with the multicultural center for “A Taste of Grandma Kitchen”, essentially to celebrate Black history month. There will have a step show with performances, poetry. Any students can volunteer.

d. **Report from the Vacancy Committee, Ana Pachon**

-Filled chair position for the Public Health College, will be sworn in next meeting, tomorrow will have one more interview for nursing.

e. **Report from Freshmen Liaison, Peter Tilly**

The main thing that they’re working on is the freshmen liaison outreach day, peers are looking for clubs and organizations. Also, would like to put materials or flyers of any organizations on campus that have materials that would like to put on the table when SGA is tabling.

f. **Report from Head Transfer Liaison, Dominick Fabian**

-The event February 7th: complete success expected 60 people but 70 people showed and stayed throughout the event. Since they didn’t expected more people to come, there was not enough food, but there was a lot of things to give away. There’s 180 shirts that are still in the SGA office. Students asked mostly a lot of information about scholarship.

He’s planning to create an outline for this event. His new initiative is to create a budget for this event for the badge and agenda. USB is the most expensive, and also note pads. He’s looking to get funds from spotlight

Looking for important departments to participate in this event, such as financial aid, scholarship office, orientation, study abroad, leadership office for organizations, multicultural, org fairs. He’s trying to build something for the next head transfer liaison.

IX. **Old Business-NONE**

X. **New Business-NONE**

XI. **Executive Vice President’s Report, Yann Mondon**

-Sent past events reflections to Senator Samuelson and Dominique for his report.

- The School activity fee meeting will be held tomorrow. Quorum is necessary for this meeting, so senators that are part of the committee must attend, as it counts against your absence.

-Will start to review the E-board transition binders

XII. **Closing Remarks**

a. **Comments and announcements of the officers**
Speaker Jones: two meetings from now will be talking about transition binders for head liaisons and head senators. Congrats to Senator Samuelson and his team on Constituency Day

EVP Yann Mondon: The Senate member of the month for the month of January is Dominick Fabian for his hard dedication and initiatives.

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

(Absent: Senator Cruz-Hernandez, Barry, Lakhani, Curry, Thompson, Wright)

XIII. Adjournment

Senator Akinola-King moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, seconded by Senator Grand Jean.