I. Call to Order: Speaker Pro Tempore: Pachon Collantes at 7:20PM

II. Opening Call of the Roll & Determination of Quorum: Senate Clerk Olivia Abie
(Absent: Speaker Jones, Senators Aibangbee, Jones, freshman liaison Khan and smalls) Quorum achieved with 21 presently senators out of 23

III. Reading and Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting
Senator Samuelson called the question, senator Galvis moved to approve the previous meeting, 18 senators in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

IV. Special Orders
   a. Seating of Vacant Senator & Transfer Liaison Position(s)-NONE
   b. Seating of Atlanta Election Commission
      Advisor Gail report: Seating bill for the Atlanta election commission, perimeter campuses have their own commission.
      Conducted interviews through the bylawys, took applications via orgsync and then conducted interviews, there was 10 candidates for the roles, there are three positions, the chair of the election commission, the vice chair for marketing and vice chair logistics. Had multiple candidates pursuing each one of those positions, the following three were selected:
      - Suzanne Monroe was nominated chair of the election commission
      - Ariana Roberts was nominated Vice Chair for Logistics
      - Andy Win was nominated Vice Chair for marketing
      - Ms. Gail was nominated as the Atlanta campus advisor
      - Samantha Thompson as the SGA administrative coordinator
      - Tyler Jackson for student judicial board.
      - Senator Galvis moved to vote on the bill, seconded by Senator Siemer
      The bill passed with 17 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions

V. Special reports
   a. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate
      i. Jenni Asman: Sustainability
         - sustainability program manager at Georgia state,
         - Sustainability serve as the central hub for all sustainability program, initiatives, and research on Atlanta and perimeter campuses.
         - Their best known programs and initiatives include helping facilitate the student sustainability campus fee for Atlanta and perimeter campuses. The gif
         - Award process 200 for sustainability research
         - Sustainability also helps train faculty on how to bring more sustainability in their curriculum for all subjects.
VII.

-Helping vote for sustainability fee proposals for downtown campus, the way the process works for this campus, is to put up a call for proposals twice a year, all of the money for the sustainability fee is awarded to proposals that are put forward by peers. They are voted by a sustainability fee committee, need students to be part of the committee,

-there’s cool projects on campus, reach out to her, loved to have you on the committee.

-Leaf green machine piedmont north, catering

-coming soon, currently working on installing12,000 gallon tank that will be used to fuel Georgia State campus shuttles, fill it with used wasted oil from the dining halls that has been converted into a biodiesel fuel. Much better environment and saving wastes.

-working with athletics to get them to 0 waste,

-recycling, blue bins, plastic, paper, aluminum cans, expanded to, a couple bins started collecting batteries, printer cartoges, ink toner, and small electronics. They take more capacities in terms of resources and money

-on their website, very transparent, showing people how they’re doing, they update metrics every month, and how much difference recycling makes.

-since the beginning of january, the dining halls has composted 43 thousand pounds of food, the panther food recovery network, the student from the greek go to the dining hall twice a week to recover food that can still be eaten to donate to charity. They have donated almost 9000 pounds of food this year.

- saved the university 25,000 dollars through this waste conversion and make revenue, only 49 % of what producing in terms of waste

-Her goal is to get to 47%, because at that percentage we start making money out of their waste, spend half million dollars per year on trash

ii. Suzanne Paltz: PantherDining

-Has been working at Georgia State University since 2009, she has been at Georgia State since the inception of Panther dining, and the opening three dining halls, and she’s also in charge of the retail and concessions operations.

-Retail price, lunch, dinner price, 20% discount if you pay with panther cash,

-Working on a tablet options where students can order their food

-Each dining hall is unique in what they’re able to provide, piedmont central has a wellness station that’s mainly for vegetarians and vegans.

-There was a committee of students called the dining advisory board that had an input on menu items, and incorporated more vegetarians items back in 2010, however there wasn’t enough students on meal plan. Now that there’s 3500 students on meal plan, it would be a good idea to form a new dining advisory board

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

VI. Two-minute speeches by members of the Senate

Senator Barry: Constituents day was very successful, she was able to reach out to different departments, thankful to everyone who participated and helped.

Senator Patton: Finals week is next week, was able to get the pounce suit, looking into any takers who wants to be pounce.

Senator Samuelson: Constituents day wasn’t a success, would like to talk to other senators to get ideas, especially for advertisement.

VII. Executive Cabinet Reports
a. **Report of the Communications Director, Sara Moreno Duque**  
- Working on the SGA video  
- Looking forward to create better with her committee for next semester

b. **Report of the Finance Director, Zuri May**  
- Update on budget: Personnel budget 22,779.68, so far SGA has spent $25,120.44, which covers stipends and student assistant positions.  
- Operational budget, SGA has spent $13,099.97, and the remaining budget is $62,834.91

c. **Report of the Speaker of the Senate, Anthony Jones**  
- Head senators will be meeting after this meeting to talk about constituency day

**VIII. University Senate Committee Reports**
a. **Report of the Academic Affairs Committee Chair, Jessica Siemer**  
- Sent a link to all SGA representatives to sign up for finals week, still needs people to sign up on the afternoons  
- Finals week committee has been doing a great job in organizing this event  
- Refresh, Review, Recharge event December 5th to December 8th  
- there will be tutoring, study abroad programs, scholarships, counselling,  
- Activities that will be offered are meditation, yoga, therapy dogs,  
- Renting two massage chairs, will have charging cell phone next to them  
- Will have coffee, snacks, and fruit all day  
- Will sent schedules to all volunteers

b. **Report of the Student Life Committee Chair, Joshua Akinola-King-NONE**

   i. **Report of the Athletic Ad-Hoc Committee: Noah Samuelson**  
   - The committee has been working, Senator Samuelsson is currently waiting on all the members’ reports.  
   - Met with SAC, they want to support and be involved with SGA, for their next game they have an initiative of free toy and free entrance.

c. **Report of the Student Services Committee Chair, Alondra Cruz-Hernandez-NONE**

d. **Report from the Vacancy Committee- Senator Pachon Collantes**  
   - Have gone through applications and contacted students, right now looking into schedules to see when they can conduct interviews next week.

e. **Report from Head Freshmen Liaison, Sai Maddali**  
   - Constituents day was moved to February 21st, Pantherdinnning approve to come, as well as the college of,  
   - Freshmen survival guide imitative, they created a survey, and are expecting 100 responses  
   - Improving GSU 1010, also created a survey, and are expecting more than 100 responses  
   - Volunteering initiative has been dropped for now since most organizations they have contacted have single times event, that are not consistent, or on a regular basis.

f. **Report from Head Transfer Liaison Dominick Fabian**  
   – **Mixer:** will hopefully have a transfer student’s mixer next semester in the month of January. The mixer will consist of food, music, and games such as GSU trivia. This time is devoted specifically so transfer students don’t feel lost and without friends. At the mixer, some GSU memorabilia will be given out. We want some organizations such SGA, Orientation, Advisement center, Department Heads…etc. to table at the event so they can give students information that is considered crucial.
-Had the opportunity to speak to Chauncey B. Walker, the coordinator for New Student Orientation and she seemed to love the idea of this mixer. We agreed on having this mixer at the beginning of every fall semester during panther welcoming, it will be hopefully sponsored by New Student Orientation, Spotlight, and Athletics. This will be the only time we do the mixer during the spring semester. For such reason, we will work on creating a resolution (policy or support) to make this a tradition, that way it becomes one of the duties of being a head transfer liaison. Ms. Walker gave me a box full of GSU water bottles to give out during this event.

-Greeting for Transfer Students: Met with Ms. Walker to discuss how to receive incoming transfer students. We both agreed that something needs to be done, since there is not a system in place that exclusively recognizes transfer students.

-Working on a way that after Orientation is done with their tour, a representative from housing will take the students for an extra 20-30 minutes to show them the lofts and the commons. Also, they will receive a bag with important information inside, accompanied with a GSU bookstore coupon they can redeem to get a t-shirt, a SGA letter and a map of the school. This will also be given to the transfer students who could not attend orientation. Admissions will be sending an email to orientation with the email of the new transfer students, from there they will be sending that email to SGA so the head transfer liaison knows who did not receive a package. An email blast will be sent out telling them to come to the SGA office to pick up their gift. This will initiate in the Fall and the emails will be getting to SGA in a recurring manner since people are consistently transferring to GSU.

-Financial Aid: To make it easier for us, we decided to partner with the Student Services committee, who’s chair is Cruz-Hernandez. Transfer Liaison Martinique has been given questions that were formulated by us. She will attend the meetings and ask the questions and keep us updated as to what we need to do to help Alondra with financial aid, we will then assign roles accordingly.

IX. Old Business
X. New Business
XI. Executive Vice President’s Report, Yann Mondon
   -All senators that are organizing an event must send him the reflection forms in a proper amount of time.
   -Senator Akinola-King is senator of the month of November.
   -Senator Franklin was Senator of the month of October
   -Senator Siemer was Senator of the month of August
   -All the senators of the month will get a price

XII. Closing Remarks
   a. Comments and announcements of the officers
   b. Closing Call of the Roll: Senate Clerk, Olivia Abie
      (Absent: Speaker Jones, Senators Aibangbee, Jones, freshman liaison Khan and smalls)

XIII. Adjournment
      Senator Samuelson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Senator Aleman. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm