I. The meeting was called to order by President Patterson at 7:24PM

II. Opening Call of the Roll / Determination of Quorum- Senate Clerk Abie
Absent: EVP Seymour, Senator Gomez, Nicholson, Rahman, Williams, Williamson
Tardy: EVP Iqbal, Communications Director Lazare, Senator Aniyah Jones, Johnson, Bokanya

III. Reading and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting
- Senator Siemer called the question
- The motion passed with 12 in favor, 1 against, 0 abstentions

IV. Special Orders (Appointments/Charters)
   a. Appointment of new Senators by Student Judicial Board
      - Senator Orak and Yahweh were sworn in as new Senators by SJB Liaison Tyren Jackson

V. Special reports
   a. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate
      
      - Aaron Abram, Student Alumni Association (SAA) Advisor
        There’s an upcoming event “GSU Suit Up” on Sunday September 13 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Northlake Mall JCPenney Store. This a partnership event with other 270 colleges across the country. The program will open the doors for Georgia State University students, and any representative of Georgia State but will be focusing on GSU students. Additionally, they will give advice when applying to professional life employment, and internships. The SAA will have shuttles 30-40 min to the event. This is a community service fun event. There will be giveaways, cash prices, bags prices, fashion and hair consultants, DJs, and a JC penny fashion show and a 40% off JCPenney special discount card for students. Also working with President Patterson to have 200 giveaways bags.

      - Elena Sakopoulos, College Transparency Act
        “Young Invincibles”, a non-profit research and advocacy organization dedicated to expanding economic opportunity for young adults conducted workshops, listening sessions, and roundtable discussion with current aspiring college students across the country to better understand their perspectives on how to reform Postsecondary data systems and develop this agenda. The student Agenda for Postsecondary Data reforms synthesizes and elevates students’ action to improve how the united states collects and uses data in higher education system.
Elena Sakopoulos, College Transparency Act continued...

- Policymakers should enact the following reforms to collect new information about college outcomes and improve current collections:
- Policymakers should overturn the Student Unit Record Ban which prevents the Department of Education from collecting and using student level data.
- Expand information about college majors and programs
- More information about alternatives to traditional higher education
- Counts all of us: It is essential to count all students in data systems to better understand the modern college student, including part-time, returning, veteran, and transfer students.
- Data should enhance choice, not restrict them: Avoid unintended consequences such as tracking students into programs based on algorithms that perpetuate existing inequalities.
- Personal information can and must be protected:
- Data should be accessible for students on campus: New data, such as graduation rates of different types of students or workforce outcomes of departments and majors, should be accessible and usable for students.
- Having the data will help to implement better programs to public and transparent data students and individuals can look at it. Campaign on a while, this year may
- More information can be found on younginvincibles.org/fact-sheets/student-agenda-postsecondary-data-reform.

- Dr. Covey, Vice President of Student Affairs-TABLED

b. Student Forum – students wishing to address the Senate-NONE
c. Two-minute long reports by members of the Senate
   - Senator Siemer: SGA representatives can log in on registrar webpage to change their name to preferred name
   - Senator Bivins: The last day to register to vote is October 9
   - Senator Thomas: Georgia State University is a Tobacco and smoke free campus. He’s been looking ways to work with enforcement faculty staff and students to share that responsibility
   - Senator Shaquille: The Leadership office has certificates and graduation cord to help student market themselves. There is more information on the PIN website, most events are downtown.
VI. Executive Cabinet reports from the EVP of each campus

a. Alpharetta Campus - NONE

b. Atlanta Campus - EVP Iqbal
   a. She’s looking on ways to alleviate the congestion at Langdale Hall building by creating a line system so students can get on the bus. She had a meeting today with a transportation representative, and there is no possibility to add new parking, because it is already expensive to run buses.
   b. Meeting with Ms. Barnes, there will be a meeting in December and in November
   c. She’s looking into tobacco policies to see if police can enforce it
   d. She will be having focus group to pick up ideas on transportation.
   e. The transfer-student event was cancelled because of a lack of organization, there will be a new date for it and SGA will be collaborating with other organizations.

c. Clarkston Campus- EVP Smith
   a. She’s currently completing 9 Senators positions that she already interviewed. They are still in the hiring process. She has obtained the candidates class schedule and approved GPA just to make sure they’re eligible and able to receive stipends, and available for meetings.
   b. They have an upcoming event which is the Coffee Corner next Wednesday, September 12. They have invited representatives of Career and Academics development department and Admission. They will be having Coffee Corners every second Wednesday of the month. Department chairs will be invited to answer frequently student questions, and then will have an open dialogue.
   c. She’s also looking into possibilities to redecorate the Café, and will be meeting with the finance department in regard to that.

d. Decatur Campus- EVP Walters
   a. They had an event with Panther Activity Council, “Good morning GSU” which aimed to welcome students back and recruit students to get student involvement in SGA. So far, she has interviewed 2 students, one for senator, and the other for Communications Director.
   b. The survey event went well, they have contacted the Learning and Tutoring center and Trio to see if students can do the survey when they get to their office.
   c. Working on a voter registration drive.

e. Dunwoody Campus- EVP Dhakal
   a. The Library office hours have been extended during finals week. If there’s a good number of students going to the Library during the finals week period, the library hours will be extended for next year.
   b. He’s been looking ways to promote SGA work with various clubs especially Political Science clubs.
c. Their first senate meeting was held last Friday, with the participation of 20 clubs and organizations.

f. Newton Campus-Patel
   a. She’s working on recruiting more students to join SGA. There are 4 more positions available.
   b. She’s also working with campus enforcement to get cameras working and lights in parking.

VII. Communications Director Report
Met with other communications director and other EVPs, to discuss ways to increase visibility of Perimeter campuses. They have decided to have a “Talking Tuesday” which will be a one-minute video on SGA Facebook webpage. One representative of SGA from each campus will be introducing a student who will talk about an issue or concerns that they feel needs to address. Newtown campus will start upcoming Tuesday, September 11, and from there she will be going to other campuses.

VIII. Old Business

   a. University Senate Appointments
      a. Admission and standards: Senators Arnulfo Florence, Anthony Jones
      b. Athletic Committee: Senator Bivins
      c. Planning and Development: Senators Fatoumata Barry, Patel
      d. Student Life: Senators Yahweh, Tooke, Garcia, Garcia-Bonilla, Shaquille Johnson, Flores, Thomas
      e. Sustainability: Senator Garcia-Velazquez

IX. New Business

   a. SGA POLOs
      a. Siemer moved to discuss for 10 minutes, seconded by Senator Anthony Jones
      b. EVP Iqbal: SGA spends $3,000 on polos per semester, however SGA could use that money to plan programs and events for students. Therefore, it is important to look ways to reduce the purchase of SGA polos to allocate that money in something that will benefit more the students.
      c. Senator Siemer moved to extend the discussion by 5 minutes, seconded by Senator Yahweh
      d. Senator Siemer moved to extend by 2 minutes, seconded by Senator Aniyah Jones
      e. Senator Anthony Jones moved to vote on the issue of polo, seconded by Senator Thomas
      f. The motion passed with 12 in favor, 3 against, and 4 abstentions
b. **Sex trafficking committee:**
   President Patterson: This committee will focus to spread student awareness on sex trafficking and sexual assault, to create solutions and advocate for sex trafficking.

c. **Survey discussions:**
   President Patterson: The goal for the survey was to get 2000 responses. The last update from Friday August 31 is 289 survey response. The survey ends on September 17. Alpharetta is leading with 141 completed surveys. The winning campus will get a special price that will be given to the EVP.

d. **Homelessness:**
   President Patterson: Mental health is the core issue of homelessness, GSUPD has a profile of homeless people around downtown, and they often check up on them to make sure they’re ok. One of the campus clubs is working to decrease the number of homeless people around the Atlanta campus area. SGA will be working with other clubs to help with that.

e. **Homecoming:**
   Student Engagement Committee Chair Johnson: She has head started a golf cart committee to help with homecoming. They should have a University wide meeting to allow all campuses to contribute. Her email is mjohnson240@student.gsu.edu

X. **Closing Remarks**
   a. **Comments and announcements of the officers**
      Senator Anthony Jones: He’s working with Senator Barry on a legislation for E-board application which will require students to have been part of SGA for at least one semester before joining the Executive Board, so they have more knowledge on what SGA represents.

b. **Closing Call of the Roll – Senate Clerk Abie**
   Absent: EVP Seymour, Senator Gomez, Muhammad, Nicholson, Rahman, Williams, Williamson

XI. **President’s Report- Franklin Patterson**
   - Thanked all SGA representatives for showing up physically to the meeting as well as on Webex, and Advisors Gail and Boyd, SJB Jackson, and Signal News Editor Will Solomons.
   - Thanked everyone for the vigor, the conversation, and good debate
   - Thanked all Senators who signed up to be part of committees, as it is a unique opportunity that not every student has.
   - Reminded each SGA representative about their responsibility which is to speak for students, and set standards and examples for those around
   - Invited SGA representatives to promote the survey, to go out there and talk to constituents and hear them out.
   - Congratulated EVPs for their achievements at their respective campuses, especially EVP Dhakal for extending Dunwoody library hours during finals and possibly midterms. EVP
Iqbal for her efforts to improve transportation and shuttles, recruiting students, and collaboration with SAA for the Suit Up event. EVP Walter for working closer with students and promoting the survey at Alpharetta campus.

XII. Adjournment
Senator Anthony Jones adjourned the meeting, seconded by senator Garcia-Velazquez at 9:51 p.m.