

University-Wide Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, August 6, 2018 WebEx Meeting

- I. Meeting called to order at 12:04 p.m.
 - a. Present: President Patterson, EVP Smith, EVP Seymour, EVP Dhakal, EVP Iqbal, EVP Patel, Communications Director Lazare
- II. Reminder from Boyd Beckwith, University-Wide Advisor
 - Advisor Beckwith reminded those in attendance that the minutes from the university-wide executive committee meetings are available on the SGA website.
- III. Introduction from President Patterson
 - President Patterson reminded the EVP's that they should inform their advisors about their office hours for the fall semester.
 - President Patterson stated that he would not be traveling to the perimeter campuses until August 20, 2018.
- IV. New GSU Tradition
 - President Patterson wants to start a new GSU tradition.
 - Along with Senator Fye and Atlanta campus administrative assistant, Samantha Thompson, President Patterson decided on a GSU homecoming tradition using GSU's blue flame.
 - Ideally, during a special ceremony, a senior would pass the flame to a junior, who would pass it to a sophomore, etc. Once the flame is passed to a freshman, it would then be carried to each of the six campuses, following the same pattern of a senior class member passing it to a junior class member, etc.
 - The flame would only be passed to SGA represented campuses (this includes all GSU campuses except for the Buckhead campus).
 - Advisor Beckwith stated that if it was feasible, the tradition would not be carried out until Fall 2019, at the earliest.
 - Advisor Beckwith questioned how long the flame would take to get to each of the six campuses. He stated that there are tremendous logistical challenges.
 - EVP Smith indicated that the group should look at the logistics from the '96 Olympic games in Atlanta, and review different methods of traveling with a flame.
 - Advisor Beckwith questioned President Patterson's idea of a senior and if the tradition would include masters and doctorate students.
 - Advisor Williams stated that the university-wide executive committee should identify two students from each SGA represented campus to create a committee that would determine the feasibility of the tradition. She indicated that if plans go through to carry out the tradition, someone would have to fill out a Facilities Modification Request (FMR) form.

- Advisor Williams stated that the Alpharetta campus may not be able to get a gas line. She also stated that additional offices and departments would need to be involved in the planning of the tradition.
- Advisor Beckwith stated that the Olympics might consider the tradition a copyright infringement and that the university's marketing team would need to be involved in conversations about the tradition.
- Advisor Williams advised the group to look into Florida A&M University because they implemented something similar to the proposed tradition. She stated that the tradition should be planned during the 2018-2019 school year, and implemented during the 2019-2020 school year.

V. SGA Retreat Plans

- Advisor Beckwith questioned how the rooms at the retreat would be set up.
- President Patterson stated that rooms at the retreat would be set up in a classroom style.
- As of August 6, 2018, 11 GSU departments had signed up to attend the retreat. The university's transportation services department had previously agreed to attend, but recently opted out.
- Advisor Beckwith told President Patterson to figure out how many tables would be needed in the main room and outside. He asked President Patterson for his plans for using the multi-purpose rooms.
- President Patterson stated that there would be two groups within each multi-purpose room.
- Advisor Beckwith asked President Patterson to share the Microsoft Word version of the agenda for the retreat so that the executive committee and the advisors could ensure that the retreat runs smoothly.
- Advisor Beckwith questioned the role of each resource table.
- President Patterson stated that the main purpose for the tables would be so that the senators and committee members could understand what their duties entail.
- Advisor Williams expressed some concerns about the resource tables. She stated that every campus is fairly different and that the information for each resource table might not be given to the advisors in enough time for them to check for accuracy.
- Advisor Beckwith stated that he made significant changes to the contact information document in SGA's OneDrive. He advised the group to make updates to that document by noon on Wednesday, August 8, 2018.
- Advisor Beckwith asked the group if it would be worthwhile to include SGA's budgets in the retreat binders.
- EVP Smith stated that it would be beneficial to include SGA's budgets in the retreat binders so that the EVP's could have something to refer to.
- Advisor Beckwith stated that during the previous year's retreat, the budgets were separated by each campus and then the college-wide budget. He also stated that Atlanta's budget might not be as easy to present.
- President Patterson stated that he would include a summarization of the bylaws in the retreat binders.

- Administrative Assistant Thompson requested a final count of the RSVP's for the retreat. She stated that the lodge managers advised that everyone should not plan on arriving before the lodge officially opens its doors.
- Advisor Beckwith reminded the group to wear closed toe shoes and comfortable clothing to the lodge.
- President Patterson reminded the EVP's that he would be having a dress rehearsal for the retreat at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, August 8, in Milton, GA.
- The advisors stated that the EVP's should follow SGA protocol when holding a meeting. They expressed concern with the EVP's and President Patterson meeting in an undeclared location, and stated that SGA advisors should be informed and invited to all SGA meetings.

VI. SGA Survey

- Advisor Beckwith stated that he made significant changes to the SGA survey, and he wanted to make sure that some of the questions were clear and not misleading to students.
- As of Thursday, August 16, 2018, President Patterson stated that he was waiting for survey revisions from the EVP's.
- As of Tuesday, August 21, 2018, the survey had been finalized and posted on Panther Involvement Network.

VII. Final Statements from Advisor Beckwith and President Patterson

- President Patterson stated that there would be a bylaw meeting at 4 p.m. on Monday, August 6, 2018. He asked the EVP's if they had read the minutes from the previous executive committee meetings.
- Advisor Beckwith stated that if the EVP's had any revisions to the minutes, they should inform President Patterson by the end of the day.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.