

University-Wide Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 1, 2018

WebEx Meeting

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:09 a.m.
 - Present: President Patterson, EVP Smith, EVP Dhakal, EVP Iqbal, EVP Walters EVP Patel
 - Absent: Communications Director Lazare, EVP Seymour

- II. Discussion of “Wall of Fame” by Speaker Fye
 - Speaker Fye asked the committee if they had reviewed the document he sent regarding the “Wall of Fame.”
 - Advisor Beckwith asked Speaker Fye to clarify if the “Wall of Fame” would be on all of the Perimeter campuses, or only on the Clarkston campus. Speaker Fye stated that he was requesting a “Wall of Fame” on the Clarkston campus with hopes that it would be representative of all five Perimeter campuses.
 - President Patterson asked the EVP’s if they had any questions regarding the “Wall of Fame.”
 - Speaker Fye stated that he intended to distribute a survey regarding the “Wall of Fame.” This survey would contain six general questions. He will need 186 survey responses to represent 1% of the Clarkston campus. Advisor Beckwith asked whether or not it would be best to only have 1% of the students reply to the survey. He advised that it might not be a good use of time to attempt to survey students considering the poor response rate from SGA’s previous survey. He said that it might be more beneficial to ensure that the SGA members of the Perimeter campuses are in favor of the “Wall of Fame.”
 - Advisor Beckwith asked the executive committee if they wanted to put forth legislation for each of the Perimeter senates to approve the allocation of the money for the project.
 - Advisor Catambay-Lopez informed Speaker Fye that in terms of the year-end spending for Student Activity Fee dollars, typically the campus student life directors keep an eye on unspent funds that could be utilized for special projects. Since Speaker Fye would like the Clarkston campus to be the home of the Perimeter College pilot for the “Wall of Fame,” Advisor Catambay-Lopez questioned if it would be appropriate to expect the Clarkston campus to cover the cost, or for all of the Perimeter campuses to contribute to the cost. She advised Speaker Fye to speak with the Perimeter EVP’s to determine the feasibility of which budget it would fall under. EVP’s Patel, Dhakal and Walters agreed that the “Wall of Fame” would be a good initiative. They confirmed that they reviewed the costs associated with the project.
 - Speaker Fye mentioned that a senator on the Alpharetta campus is working on a similar project.
 - Advisor Peters stated that Speaker Fye should speak to the Perimeter senators about the “Wall of Fame.”
 - Speaker Fye will speak at the upcoming Perimeter senate meetings.
 - Advisor Beckwith suggested that the Perimeter senates should have a consensus by the next university-wide senate meeting. Speaker Fye agreed.

- III. Board of Regents Conference
 - This year, the Board of Regents Conference is being held from November 16 – 17.
 - President Patterson and EVP Iqbal will not be able to attend the conference.
 - EVP’s Dhakal, Smith, Walters and Patel stated that they would be available to attend the conference.
 - EVP’s Dhakal and Walters stated that they would be available to take an 8-hour defensive driving course.

IV. SGA Survey Results

- The Alpharetta campus had the most survey responses overall.
- EVP Smith and Advisor Peters stated that the survey could have been better if it had been shorter and easier to access.
- Advisor Peters also stated that most students forgot to click “Vote” at the end of the survey.
- Advisor Spinks cited incorrect approaches as the main reason behind Dunwoody’s low survey results. Dunwoody campus senators expected students to approach them.
- Advisor Beckwith suggested that for the next survey, SGA should start planning early. He also suggested that the next survey should include less than 15 questions.

V. Monthly University-Wide Event

- EVP Walters spoke about her plans to initiate monthly “bonding” events for the university-wide senate.
- Advisor Beckwith asked whether or not a homecoming activity could be considered as a university-wide event for SGA. President Patterson disagreed due to students’ lack of involvement during homecoming events.
- October 30, 2018 has been proposed as the first university-wide event.

VI. Increased Communication

- President Patterson stated that he would like each EVP to develop a relationship with the leaders of their campuses.

VII. Location of the next University-Wide Senate Meeting

- The agenda for the next meeting is a work in progress.
- EVP’s Patel and Smith mentioned that they would not have an issue with the meeting being held at the Georgia State Stadium. Advisor Beckwith stated that the stadium does not provide easy access to WebEx.
- President Patterson stressed that meetings are best held face-to-face.
- EVP’s Walters and Patel stated that the Clarkston campus would be a good place to meet.
- EVP Iqbal would like the meeting to be held in the Urban Life Building on the Atlanta campus.
- President Patterson stated that a decision would be made by the mid-point of the second week of October.
- As of Thursday, October 18, a decision has not been confirmed.
- President Patterson scheduled a mandatory meeting with the EVP’s and the campus advisors to be held on Friday, October 19, in the SGA suite on the Atlanta campus. Determining a location for the next university-wide senate meeting is on the agenda.

VIII. Campus Security

- EVP Patel would like to initiate plans to install surveillance cameras in GSU parking lots.
- Advisor Catambay-Lopez asked EVP Patel if she had a conversation with GSUPD to determine costs. EVP Patel informed her that the GSUPD on the Newton campus stated that they were working towards installing surveillance cameras; however, no plans have been solidified. They also stated that if students showed more concern towards the issue, they would be able to work faster to solve the issue.
- Advisor Catambay-Lopez stated that she would give EVP Patel the contact information of Captain Hulsey. The captain is responsible for the GSUPD of the Perimeter campuses.

IX. Updates from President Patterson

- President Patterson will no longer send long emails; he will now use Trello to disseminate information.
- President Patterson informed the EVP’s that they should be in search of non-SGA members who are willing to participate in SGA focus groups.
- President Patterson stressed that October should be a “month of action” for SGA.

X. Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.