

Student Government Association

University-Wide Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, January 11, 2019

Time: 3 p.m.

Location: NA Building, Dunwoody Campus, 2101 Womack Rd, Dunwoody, GA 30338

- I. **The meeting was called to order by President Patterson at 3:16 p.m.**
- II. **Opening Call of the Roll / Determination of Quorum- Senate Clerk Abie**

19 of the 31 seated voting member/Quorum achieved
Absent: EVP Patel, Atlanta Senators: Wright, Parekh, Francis, Osilaja, Tooke, Munoz, Mondesir, Kears, Clarkston Senators Nwadike, Tadessa and Payout; Decatur Senator Abdur-Rahim, Dunwoody Senators: Bokanya, Marroquin and Robinson, Newton Senators Clark and Bush.
Tardy: Rahman
- III. **Reading and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting**
 - Senator Gregory Wright moved to approve, seconded by Senator Mejia
 - The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 against, 3 abstentions
- IV. **Special Orders (Appointments/Charters)**
 - a. **Appointment of new Senators by Student Judicial Board Justice Mubeen**
 - o Atlanta Senator Jazmin Johnson and Decatur Senator Jordan Parker
- V. **Special Reports**
 - a. **University Representatives wishing to address the Senate**
 - o Senators were provided the opportunity to meet with the following administrators:
Financial Aid: Director Williams, Transportation: Director Austin, Public Safety: Sgt. Lewis, Counseling: Dr. Lee-Barber
 - b. **Officers wishing to address the Senate**
 - o *Senator Nicholson, Senator Thomas, Liaison Lockett- Smoking Initiative Update*
New Policy not being created, the current code of conduct to be followed. University Resources; Dean of Students, HR, GSUPD, Employee Development and Wellness, School of Public Health: Health Promotion. They are developing new signage to be placed on the campuses. Creation of enforcement policy: the policy was sent to a third-party non-profit for review of possible loopholes. Two shareholder meetings were held last semester. Each campus was asked to hold a smoking walk on their campuses to find smoker central areas, such as library plaza on the Atlanta Campus. “We aren’t telling students you can’t smoke but that they can’t smoke on campus.” Will fall under the new University Safety Standing Committee. The deadlines for the walks will be by the end of the Spring 2019 Semester. Reports to be sent to Senator Nicholson, Senator Thomas, and/or Liaison Lockett. The Shareholders team have a tentative timeline. Smokeless outreach a focus. Next meeting scheduled for Friday, January 18 at 10 am. Webex possible.

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- *Senator Rahman- Implementation of Parliamentary Procedure - Tabled for Review*
Found a separation of powers issue as the president is the chair the U-Wide Senate. Idea was floated about a U-Wide Speaker position, but it was found to be not feasible. Change in chamber procedure from Roberts Rule of Law to Westminster Parliamentary Procedure. Roberts Rules was built for a smaller group. Roberts Rules allows for repeated points from different persons and lengthy debate. In Parliamentary Procedure, debate occurs through the chair. Creates a split group with a dedicated set of speakers for each side. Call out will still be valid. Disagree with points “nay nay” Agree “here here” allows for non-speakers to participate in the debate. Allows for easier implementation of a Political Party system. Will only impact the U-Wide Senate. Test run possible at the January 31 U-Wide Meeting.
- *Atlanta Speaker Barry and Senator Jones- Transfer Mix n Mingle*
Tuesday, January 22 12-2 p.m. with free food, games, resources, giveaways
Volunteers for the event are needed: 11 a.m. -2:30 p.m. 8 Volunteers each hour

c. Student Forum - Students wishing to address the Senate

- *Several students- support for Palestine*
Educate the Body on the situation of Israel and Palestine. Voiced frustration regarding a trip to Israel held. Sought the resignation of President Patterson, EVP Iqbal, and Director Lazare. Further sought the implementation of Pro-Palestine legislation and the boycott and removal of GSUPDs participation GILEE program. Voiced solidarity for Palestine.
- Motion of Discussion by Senator Kaelen Thomas by 5 Aye 3 Nay 11 Abstain

VI. Executive Cabinet reports from the EVPs

- Alpharetta - Beginning of the last term initiatives, following up on survey results regarding the need for sidewalks between buildings and letters on the buildings. Extending Library Hours. Dining Options and student engagement. Completed initiatives include surveys. Found that dining options were the most requested. Collaborated with Fooda which can be found in the lounge area Monday - Thursday. Sustainability completed the recycling bin goal. Increased student event retention rate. Increased campus visibility on social media. The SGA wall is moving forward as well as renewable energy. Beginning to bring Atlanta Clubs to Perimeter. Creating a Job Opportunity flow with local businesses.
- Clarkston - Unity Goal: Guidance: Last Semester that started ‘Coffee Corner’ that was community led. Included Test and Note-taking skills, Relationships and Dating. Some were student-led, and some were faculty-led seminars. Next semester they plan on improving the design to promote student engagement. Designed to be an open system. Beginning of February- Scholarship Fair. Outreach- Panthers DEN- a campus-wide Group Me led by SGA for event promotion started in September currently 128 members. Started several class visits. Start a larger SGA presence at New Student Orientation. Advocacy- Wall of Fame project. Gym bottom floor repairs. Collaborating with the

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library for a sexual harassment awareness exhibit called, 'What were you wearing?'
Overarching goal: Community Day: Clarkston is the most diverse community in America, a celebration of culture with GSU at the heart.

- Dunwoody - Previous goals completed Library Hours extended. Leadership is something that requires teamwork, sometimes you're achieving and sometimes you're helping someone achieve. Most students only know SGA through the name only if they know about the organization at all. Work on leadership and communication. Remember our why's. Why we joined SGA, why we work for the students. Combine idealist and realistic ways of thinking. Spring Semester: Recruitment, Engagement and Teamwork. Review of the data from the Library hour extension. Collaboration with the Political Science department to offer extra credit. Improving Coffee Corners such as inviting deans and other administration. Moving the location to a more trafficked area. Collaboration with *The Signal*.
- Decatur - Creating a connection between faculty and administration and the students Mental Health awareness and Pathway Completion focus. 'Donuts with the Dean' in January pathway specific. Mental Awareness week. Community Outreach. New Senator, and New Communications Director. Welcome Back Breakfast. SGA Forum - Panel discusses with department members. Canned Food drive during February. Senior Send-Off. New charging station in the Cafe. PAC collaboration.
- Newton - Build a campus foundation with SGA. Added new members to the SGA team. Started incoming members training. Hoping to fill missing positions by end of January. Basketball court: a petition is going around to give the campus their own court.
- University-Wide Vision- Creation of the University tradition: Olympic torch lighting going from campus to campus to unify the university, confirmed with the Administrative Council, collab with PAC and Spotlight and will test run at Spring Fling, logistic review needed. Homelessness, Human Trafficking solutions. Worked with the City of Atlanta and In Our Backyard. Three Year Plan as well and Human Trafficking Week. Hurt Park interview. Scholarship funding for housing for homeless GSU students and Affordable housing statewide. Inclusion across campuses. Forced to celebrate togetherness and difference. Three Year Plan along with a number of other orgs. Soft Open this semester. Festival of Celebration. Panther SPA. Internship promotion. Internship fair during the semester. Three Year Plan. Efficiency in the university departments. Focus groups on the Atlanta Campus. Meetings with students. Metro Atlanta Alliance - creating a group of SGA leaders from several Atlanta area universities to work on statewide initiatives. 50 school membership by 2025. Encourage SGA to be the spark to light the flame. Promoted a better GSU and innovation at the student level. "A role is a role privilege come with it. A leader completes his role without those privileges."
- Atlanta Report- Senator contribution must be increased. Each senator created a unique goal for them to complete.

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VII. Old Business - None

VII. New Business

a. 89-UWB-05: Campus Senator Retention Act

Would change the SGA bylaws to allow students to retain their campus SGA membership at the Perimeter Campuses. Amended - As long as the student has one class on the home campus, they are allowed to maintain their statesmanship. Jessica Siemer motioned to discuss for 10 minutes and seconded by Audrey Abraham 12-1-6.

Senator Hamza Rahman made a motion to table discussion, seconded by Senator Mariah Johnson

Senator Jessica Siemer called the question on the legislation as amended, seconded by ?

Aye: 16, Nay: 0, Abstain: 3

b. 89-UWB-06 Point System Bill:

Motion to Table by Senator Gregory Wright Seconded by Senator Kiersten Nicholson 16-0-3

c. 89-UWB-07: Creation of a Perimeter Committee

Would create a University Committee for the Perimeter Senators to discuss about Perimeter issues without discussing it at a U-Wide Event. Senator Hamza Rahman called the question.

Aye: 16, Nay: 0, Abstain: 3

d. 89-UWB-04: Safety Committee Bill

Turn the Atlanta Safety Ad-Hoc Committee into a University-Wide Standing Committee to address the concerns across the entire school. Senator Gregory Wright called the question, seconded by ? Aye: 16, Nay: 0, Abstain: 3

VIII. Closing Remarks

a. Comments and announcements of the officers

~Executive Session Called~

Jazmin Mejia- Human Trafficking Week January 22-26 Atlanta Campus

Terry Fye- Recruitment for the Perimeter Committee

Kaelen Thomas- Safety Standing Committee Recruitment

b. Closing Call of the Roll - 5:22 Called by Hamza Rahman

E-Board: Newton EVP Patel, Alpharetta EVP Seymour

Atlanta: Senators Wright, Parekh, Francis, Senator Osilaja, Tooke, Munoz, Mondesir,

Kearse and Jasmin Johnson, Clarkston: Senators Nwadike, Tadesse and Payoute,

Decatur: Senator Abdur-Rahim, Dunwoody: Senators Bokanya, Marroquin and

Robinson, Newton: Senators Clark and Bush

IX. President's Report

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Encouraged fellow SGA members to “be the spark to ignite the flame.” Keep connections made across campuses created. Student Activity Fee Training and Student Technology Fee Member needed - Perimeter only. Remember to represent the students.

X. Adjournment