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A University Wide Bill to establish a University Wide Safety Standing Committee

Introduced by: Senator Nicholson, Senator Thomas, and Liaison Lockett

Sponsor(s): President Patterson

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First Reading: Date introduced to Bylaws Review Committee

Second Reading: 1/11/2019 in University-Wide Senate

Date Voted On: 1/11/2019

WHEREAS, campus safety has been identified as an issue of high importance to the students on the majority of our campuses, and,

WHEREAS, the Student Government wants to provide the student body with as many tools to increase their safety as possible, and,

WHEREAS several students not only on the Atlanta campus but the Perimeter campuses as well have expressed interest on continued SGA involvement on the issue, and,

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY WIDE SENATE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT

Section 1: Title I, Article 5, Section 3 of the Bylaws be amended as follows:

Section 3 – University-Wide Senate Committees

- A. The SGA President may appoint University-Wide standing or ad hoc committees.
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- A. The provisions of this Article, unless otherwise specified, shall apply to all standing and select committees of the University-wide Senate.
 - a. No committee shall meet without at least 48 hours advance public notice.
 - b. The chair of each committee shall notify the SGA President immediately after the time and place for a committee meeting has been set or a meeting has been called.
 - c. The committee chair and two committee members of any committee membership shall constitute a quorum, and no official action shall be taken upon any measure or recommendation in the absence of a quorum.

Section 3.1 – Powers, Composition, Structure, and Jurisdictions

- A. The President nominates Senators as members of the standing or ad hoc committees with the advisement and consent of the Senate.
- B. In order to assist the University-wide Senate in all aspects of analysis, administration, and execution of legislation to be enacted, each standing committee shall review all legislation, when its subject matter is within the jurisdiction of that committee.
- C. A committee may, in its legislative review, amend legislation for the purpose of

- improving its appearance, presentation, and effect.
- D. The voting members of the standing or ad hoc committees of the SGA must be members of the University-wide Senate who are not on probation.
 - E. Each committee may recruit and retain ex-officio members from outside the Senate.
 - F. The committee should have at least one SGA representative per campus, however it can include more than one from any campus.
 - a. The Chairperson for a standing or ad hoc committee shall be elected from among the SGA officers of the committee.
 - b. A Vice Chairperson of each Standing Committee shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the appropriate committee. The Vice Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in the Vice Chairperson's absence.
 - G. Standing committees of the University-wide Senate shall be:
 - a. Safety Committee
 - b. Any others appointed by the President.

Section 2.2 – Committee Responsibilities

The University-Wide Standing Committees shall have the following responsibilities:

- A. Safety Committee
 - a. Communicating with members of GSUPD to determine the best way for SGA to increase awareness of the safety resources that are available to the students on all our campuses, students concerns about smoking, mental health, student mobility, self-defense awareness, fire safety in facilities, active shooter situations, among other student safety concerns.
 - b. The committee will be further tasked with working with the Homeless Ad-Hoc Committee on combating the local homelessness issue.

Section 2: The following volunteers from the University-wide Senate and student body at-large will serve as the initial members of the University-Wide Senate Safety Committee:

Atlanta: Senators Nicolson and Thomas, Liaison Lockett

Alpharetta:

Clarkston:

Decatur:

Dunwoody:

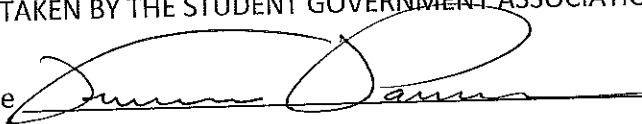
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Section 3: Upon the passage of this legislation the Ad-Hoc Atlanta Safety Committee will be disbanded and any ongoing projects will become projects of the University-wide Safety Standing Committee.

Section 4: This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Student Government Association, the welfare of the students requiring it.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE STUDENT SENATE: VOTE for 16 against 0 abstentions 3

ACTION TAKEN BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Signature 

Date 1/18/19

