Atlanta Campus Meeting, February 12, 2019 Student Center West 460/462

I. Call to Order 7:22am, Speaker

II. Opening Call of the Roll/ Determination
   - Quorum achieved

III. Reading and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting
   - Senator Rahman moved to approve minutes, seconded by Senator Wright
   - 14 yay-0 nays-0 abstentions

IV. Special Reports
   a. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate
      
      **Wade Douglas University Bookstore Management**
      
      - Presented on the $700,000 in used books each year $130,000 paid out in buybacks, Students have saved over $130,000 in buying used books. Student savings of over 80% off the regular prices of text by buying digital books. The bookstore sold $1.1 million dollars in digital content. $1.8 million in savings for students.
      
      - The Bookstore has financial aid. Formerly students had to wait to have access to FA funding as late as 2 weeks into courses start dates…Currently the bookstore is managing a credit to students that is equivalent to their financial aid.
      
      - 90% of staff are GA state students
      
      - Bryte Wave has increased 41%
      
      - Encourages students to attend the GSU Football games and to use their SGA position to advocate and encourage others to attend
      
      - Senator Scott asked why the price is higher at the bookstore than other purchasing arena. Douglas explained the Follett bookstore is responsible for commissions payments to the school and payroll cost. This commission was used for a large portion of payments for Turner Field. It is difficult to offer competitive prices of online stores because those books can be being resold as used or sold directly from publisher.
      
      - Liaison Lockett asked why the bookstore would run out of an edition of a textbook on the instructor’s supply list. Douglas explained the approach in purchasing supplies is not an exact science and more of an estimate where it pertains to purchasing codes for online text/instructional materials. Company Kendall Hunt sales the bookstores un-refundable code. The sell-thru to students is very low. On occasion the bookstore has had $900,000 to $1 million in inventory left over after course that never sold-thru.
      
      - Senator Kaylen Thomas was curious as to why students have to drop their bags off at the beginning of the school year. Douglas referred to the need to maintain asset control and eliminate theft. He informed us of the $1.3 million dollars in shrinkage report by the bookstore 3 years ago. During rush period (the first 7 days
of the semester) the bookstore will use this security measure to assist in minimizing shrinkage.
- Senator N.Walton asked how can SGA collaborate with the bookstore. Mr Douglas state he wanted to discuss the popular trend for learning materials to integrate technology into learning. He pointed out how some colleges are trending toward including textbooks in the price of tuition/course cost. He also re-emphasized the importance our association’s presence at the stadium for games.

b. Student Forum- No Students
V. Special Order (Appointments/ Charter)
a. Seating of Transfer Liaisons
- Brandon Eads- From GA Military College. Decided it’s a good opportunity to help others
- Peter Minetos- Political Science was in SGA at Walton HS. Franklin inspired him “Spark the Flame”
- Move to vote to confirm by Rahman, Seconded by Senator Walton
- 15 yays /0 Nays/0 abstentions (Danny arrived later)
b. Seating of Senator
- AYSPS – Aliyah Liete (not present)
- RCB – Mamadou Diallo
- Arts & Sciences Jaylan Scott
- Move to vote to confirm by Senator K.Thomas, Seconded by Senator J.Mejia
- 15 yays /0 Nays/0 abstentions
- P.Minetos, B.Eads, M.Diallo, and Kaelan Scott sworn in by Tyren Scott
- A.Liete not sworn in.

VI. Two- minute speeches by members of the senate
- Senator Thomas mentioned that he would be present at the smoke free meeting at the office of Dean of Students office.

VII. Executive Cabinet Reports
a. Report of the Communications Director Kalisha-Lourdy Lazare
Reminded Senators of the deadline for the ballot registration
Tues, Feb 12,2019 12-1pm is the last information session in SCW 464
Please encourage people to apply for volunteer roles in election commission
02/2019 Human trafficking, inclusivity initiative. last Tuesday of Feb. 2:15pm

b. Report of the Finance Director Naveen Bommakanti
- Head Senators were recognized and given a form requesting info on Constituency Day budget. Form will be due back on 02.12.2019
- Informed Senate of the executive board’s decision to change amounts in the stipend for student leaders. The basis of this change was due to the current work loads decreasing for certain student leader roles over the last few years.
- Documentation was provided with the gains and losses of income for the various roles.
- Naveen provided that there was a reduction in the stipend of the Finance Director.
- These changes will not go into effect until the next administration. Speaker pro tempore has not changed. Increase to VC of Marketing and Logistics has changed due to adjustments in hours.
- Motion to approve these changes was made by Senator Wright.
- Question raised by Hamza. To please explain the differences in the amounts amongst the roles. Danny seconded.
- Senator Thomas raised a point of inquiry and questioned whether or not there was a previous requirement for office hours. And this was confirmed by Speaker Diallo (Barry).
- Senator Thomas inquired why the stipend would decrease and Naveen answered that the time and committee commitment has been eliminated.
- Motion to vote presented by C. Garcia Velazquez Seconded by D. Nia
- Vote 15 yays 0 against 3 abstentions
- Congrats on nuptials of F. Barry to F. Diallo.

VIII. SGA Senate Committee Reports
  a. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee Chair
     - Absent
  b. Report of the Student Engagement Committee Chair- Started a waitlist for the conference application. A. Abraham said she will use group chat to drop info to arrange when committee will meet next
  - Kenneth, Franklin, Greg and him will be hosting Douglas County HS SGA group with a panel. Campell suggested boxes were placed out. Promotion video ready to post on SGA page and in dining hall. He is planning a towne hall. Franklin recommended visiting the dining hall and doing it infront of the students bringing the programs
     - Applause
  - President Patterson reminded the senate to be on the lookout for an email regarding the University Wide meeting at Clarkston. Video feed will be available.
  c. Report of the Student Services Committee Chair
     - absent
  d. Vacancy Report
     - 2 Liaisons, 1 Educ Senator
  e. Freshman Liaison Report
- Jaylan Scott is working to increase the communication between students and faculty.

IX. N/A
X. Advisor Report
- Kudos to the vacancy committee on having the best of the last few years of SGA administration on closing vacancies.

XI. Old Business
- Wed at 12pm on Feb 06 (Danny, Kalen and Kiersten are the only compliant constituency day) points will be issued if you are not compliant to the timeline.
- Constituency Day form due 02/11/2019
- Submit PDMRF forms to Kalisha by next Tuesday

XII. New Business
- Greg proposed a bill to balance the office hours for the 90th administration student leaders
- Senator Thomas moved to discuss bill, seconded by Senator Mia
- Hamza moved to extend discussion to 10 minutes. Wright seconded it.
- K. Thomas requested friendly amendment to change the hours from 15 to 11. Greg accepts.
- Senator Rahman motioned to vote Senator Wright seconded.
  13 yays 0 nays 2 abstentions
- K. Thomas requested to meet with here group after this meeting
- D Mai request to meet with his schools committee on constituency days. RCB is planned for 04/01/2019 in the Court house salon.
- Election Commission’s VP of Logistics stressed that we need election volunteers. You are not permitted to be on currently running. Go to PIN to apply in SGA Elections.

XIII. Executive Vice Presidents Report
- President Patterson stepped in to speak on EVP’s time slot
- Panthers Paw has now been converted to
- Grad stud profess workshops are being promoted. We would like to involve in this more
- Upcoming fall the stadium will have townhomes, apt, business and the stadium will get an upgrade.
- Classes will be out there. Brewery, barbershop.
- Inclusion events – (redefining the meaning of inclusion) we want to celebrate what makes us different. That being different makes us together. Walk in my shoes is an event storytelling Based on telling your point of view of a life moment because of what you look like. Third event -Cultural speed date
- 4th--“Don’t bring the blank girl home”- student and parent panel
- Final event is a university-wide event. “Festival of Nation” showcase the best results of each one of their cultures.

- New event- Elections are now and we need to continue the traditions. President Patterson urged liaisons and current senators to run. You shouldn’t complain and not run. Be the change that you want to see, IF you truly want to serve you start by serving others.

- New senators welcome. We have 3 months to go and much to do. We need to “lay down foundation” even if you are running please finish the work you started
- Jazmin + Audrey thanks for human trafficking week

XIV. Closing of Roll Call
XV. Adjournment  motion to adjourn by Senator Rahman and seconded by G.Wright.
- 9:07 pm