Atlanta Campus Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2018 Student Center West 466/468

I. Call to Order, Speaker Barry at 7:15PM

II. Opening Call of the Roll/ Determination- Senate Clerk Abie
(Absent: Communications Director Lazare, G. Wright, Munoz, Gomez, Muhammad, Williamson)
- Quorum achieved with 13 presently Senators out of

III. Reading and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting
-Senator Bivins moved to approve the meeting minutes from the previous meeting on August 30 seconded by Senator Rahman
- The motion passed with 13 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions

IV. Special Reports
a. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate
   i. Jeana Griffith- Associate Director of Psychological and Health Services
      - They have implemented new programs by student’s request. They’ve had 128 presentations that impacted 4,170 students. They always provide a survey, and 224 students filled out the survey, and 95% mentioned that they learned information that will enhance their mental or physical health
      - They had the Pounce on Joy event last semester, they handed out notes, and candy to students during the finals week. They also went to the library to offer students goodie bags with stress balls, and different treats. They will be continuing it this year.
      - They have healthy Monday, where GSU ambassadors share four messages through their social media
      - They have a Mobile health clinic which is open from 10a.m.-2pm and offers free HIV & STI testing, condom sense table, and additional health information.
      - The perimeter campuses have new counselors, a nutritionist and a LGBT group
      - They have already created the fall calendar, September is suicide prevention month. On September 10th they had a depression awareness event from 11am-1pm in Urban life west exhibit Area. They talked about the 5 signs of emotional distress, how to talk to someone in distress, and provided resources.
- Campus safety week will be from September 17-21 to promote campus safety on campus. There will be a Safety walk with GSUPD, to check on unsafe places September 17 at 7:30pm
- On October 11 they will have a Depression screen day on Atlanta campus from 11am-12pm
- Stress management collaboration between SGA, CTC, Career services, Student Housing, and ODOS
- They will have red flag campaign in order to prevent sexual assault and dating violence
- In November there will be a great American smoke-out with the truth initiative
- The number of students using the counseling services has increased. As far as 2017-2018: 728 students from perimeter and 10,979 students in Atlanta attended counseling. Due to the increase of students attending counseling services, they’re looking to getting another location
- They have created a Student Health Advisory Committee, and two SGA representative will meet with this committee to bring ideas, changes, outreach
- Students can follow the health services on Facebook at BeWellGSU and Pounceonjoy for more information

ii. **Boyd Beckwith- Student Center’s Feasibility Study.**

- **Expansion proposal:**
- The student center held 8,357 events in Fiscal year 2018 with 520,135 students attended, but 3,061 events were no held due to lack of availability
- The proposal includes the creation of a gaming area (bowling, billiards pool) with the aim to retain students and to allow them to have a space to hang out and meet other people. A minute clinic, an SGA Senate Chamber to encourage leaders, and additional ballrooms for events.
- Met with architects and Student Organizations last Thursday to get students feedback on this expansion proposal
- One of the proposal is to build an iconic architecture that will make the GSU campus standout. The idea will be to connect the Students centers together.
- They will be hiring Perkins who’s ranked as the number one in Higher Education Architectural record
- This proposal will be sent to the Board of regents for approval
- This is a long-time project, since it will take at least 1 year to demolish the student center building, and 2-3 years to build a new building
This expansion proposal won’t increase student fees

**b. Student Forum (Student wishing to address the Senate)**

Williams Solomons News Editor:
- Signal is trying to incorporate SGA initiatives in the journal, therefore how many people read the signal?
- Senator Thomas mentioned Tobacco policies at the last Senate Meeting, is there any new information regarding that?
- EVP Ayesha mentioned the Langdale hall bus issues, is there any news on transportation and bus issues?

**V. Special Orders**

**a. Seating of the Freshmen and Transfer Liaisons**
- Jollin Tran, Jaylan Scott, Jhane Jones, Danny Mai Kenneth Lockett were appointed as freshmen liaisons
- Senator Siemer called the question
- The bill passed with 13 Senators, 0 against, 0 abstentions
- Kevin Obregon, Cameron Freeman, Fatoumata Fofana were appointed as transfer liaisons
- Senator Bivins called the question
- The bill passed with 13 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions

**b. Seating of Senators**
- David Osilaja, Aubrey Abraham were appointed as Senators for the College of Arts and Sciences
- Noopur Parekh was appointed as a graduate Senator of Byrdine F Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions
- Senator Thomas called the question
- The bill passed with 13 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions
- Senators, Freshmen, and Transfer Liaisons were sworn in by SJB Dominick Fabian

**VI. Two-minute speeches by members of the senate**

- Senator Bivins: He will have a meeting on voter registration day, also he is currently planning a watch night for election day on November 6. It is important for everyone in this association to exercise their duties as leaders of this university because students depend on it. It is SGA’s representatives’ responsibility to check and make sure that the institutions do the right thing.

**VII. Executive Cabinet Reports**

**a. Report of the Communications Director**

- NONE

**b. Report of the Finance Director**

- He has been reviewing budgets along with Advisor Gail for Constituency day. He will allocate it to the head senators when they’re ready which will be by the next senate meeting
c. **Report of the Speaker of the Senate**  
- On May 2nd 2018, at the day of inauguration, Senators voted to pass on the point system. She has been using the point system, which states that the accumulation of 25 points will get SGA leader impeached. Meet with her for further details.

VIII. **SGA Senate Committee Reports**  

a. **Report of the Academic Affairs Committee Chair-Shareze Wright**  
- Her committee needs assistance to create focus groups for advisement. She’s also preparing finals week event

b. **Report of the Student Engagement Committee Chair- Johnson**  
- She has been working on co-sponsorship with other organizations  
- She has partnered with EVP Iqbal and Financial Director Lazare to plan community day during the spring

c. **Report of the Student Services Committee Chair**  
- The Campus Safety Walk will be on September 17th at 7:30pm. Students will be walking around with police officers and faculty managers. The goal is to look around campus to see if there’s anything that needs to be fixed. They will meet up at Piedmont North and then walk around campus together. Also, the disability services can provide a golf-cart for any student with a disability that will like to participate in the safety walk.  
- Next Tuesday, there will be food trucks from 11-1p.m. for the Safety Carnival  
- Next Thursday there will be a golf-cart riding all day with GSUPD for students to ask them questions, it will start at Student Center East for students  
- Her committee will be meeting tomorrow from 10:30-11:30a.m.  
- There is a sustainability proposal, to start using reusable containers. The idea is to have a Kiosk with reusable containers, to go plastic cups. This project will be funded through sustainability services.  
- She is still working on commuter meal plan, student feedback, next month or so

d. **Report of the Vacancy Committee**  
Speaker Barry: There’s still vacant positions for Graduate Senators for Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, one graduate Senator for the J. Mack Robinson College of Business, graduate Senator for the College of the Arts, and a graduate Senator for the college of Education

e. **Report of any Ad hoc committee**  
- Senator Bivins: They’ve had a successful meeting, four organizations showed up. They are looking for other organizations to join, and they need more people to
come to the meetings. The voter registration day is October 9, and election day is November 6

IX. University Senate Meetings - any committees that have met in the past two weeks

Research Committee - Senator Iyer: They talked about the main role of the committee which is to try to optimize the Research Administration that’s already on campus. The research funding has tripled; however, administration hasn’t been able to keep up with the documents that go with it. Members and graduate students that sit on that committee, formation of a graduate school

Student life Committee - Senator Siemer: They are identifying ways to get parental leave for pregnant students or students that are adopting a child. There’s no mechanisms to get parental leave for them. Also, there are no set policies for international student that might have an emergency in their home country.

Budget Committee Siemer: They had a presentation about how the funds will be allocated for the 2018-2019 term.

-Senator Jones signed up for the IT, and Planning and development committees

X. Advisor Report

Gail Sutton: The SGA office is experiencing a supply challenge with testing materials (scantron and blue books), a lot of students come and grab more than allowed. Ms. Samantha will need help and suggestions on how to manage this issue.

XI. Old Business

a. Safety Ad hoc committee- appointment of chair
   -Senator Thomas nominated himself
   -Senator Osilaja nominated himself

b. Completion of committee sign up
   -Kenneth, Danny Mai

XII. New Business

a. Constituency day head senators
   -Anthony Jones was elected as the head Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences
   -Zjonte Francis and Noopur Parekh will be co-heading for the College of Nursing and health professions
   -Senator Kiersten was elected as the head Senator for the College of Public health
- Senator Osilaja moved to vote for the head senators for Constituency day, seconded by Senator Garcia-Velazquez
- The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions

XIII. Comments and announcement of the officers
- Senator Nicholson: next Tuesday there will be a GSUPD Self-defense class in Dalberg hall.
- Senator Anthony Jones: Don’t be afraid to reach out to students to take the surveys, the deadline is September 17th
- Liaison Mai: He’s thankful to have been chosen for this position, and is looking forward to work with SGA

XIV. Executive Vice Presidents Report - Iqbal
- As far as transportation, she has planned to go talk to students while they’re waiting and offer them water bottles.
- Housing commons will have an event, they have invited SGA and other organizations to come and table from 1-3pm, there will be free Chick-Fil-A.
- On Monday she will table from 2-4pm to invite students to complete the survey, she will have popsicles as well.
- The Suit up event need volunteers, also everyone should invite people to attend
- She’s working on a community day in collaboration with the police. Local business and other services will be invited to allow students to know their community better. More information will be given out.
- Senator Mejia will be having a Constitution day event from 12-1pm, they will be giving cupcakes, blue pamphlets, etc…

XV. Closing Role Call - Senate Clerk Abie
(Absent: Communications Director Lazare, Senator G. Wright, Munoz, Gomez, S.Wright, Muhammad, Williamson)

XVI. Adjournment
Senator Osilaja moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Senator Aniyah Jones at 9:25pm