I. Call to Order, Speaker Barry at 7:15
II. Opening Call of the Roll/ Determination – Senate Clerk Abie
(Absent: Senator S. Wright, Bivins, Rahman, Munoz)
III. Reading and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting
-Senator G Wright moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on September 27, seconded by Garcia Velazquez
-The motion passed with 19 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions
IV. Special Reports
   a. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate
      i. Jenni Asman- Sustainability
         Speaker Barry on Behalf of Jenni Asman:
- Sustainability Initiatives is hiring. Their office is currently looking for five highly motivated undergraduate students to serve as interns in various roles including Student Engagement and Campus Outreach, Community Outreach, Food Waste and Recovery, Sustainability Metrics, and Geographic Information Systems. They will be accepting applications until 10/20. There are more details and students can apply on their website at https://sustainability.gsu.edu/internships/
- There are new projects funded by downtown sustainability fee. The student sustainability fee committee recently met and approved funding for the following projects:
- Additional BigBelly solar trash and recycling stations for stadium parking lots. LED lighting upgrades in the student center and rec center. An Ozzi Machine (reusable food containers) for the food courts on campus. Paid internships for students participating in the sustainability certification program in geosciences. Sustainability Initiatives internships. GSURC Sustainability Research Awards for students. GSU Earth Week and Recyclemania Events

- The waste diversion program at Georgia State University is continuing to improve and expand. So far this year, through recycling and other waste diversion efforts (donation, composting, etc.), GSU has diverted 31% of overall waste produced which has saved the university over $31,400. The total weight we’ve diverted from the landfill from these programs equals over 1.6 million pounds. In addition, GSU is now one of 3 universities in the nation to have our own expanded polystyrene (packing Styrofoam) densifying and recycling program. Because of this, the center for hard to recycle materials is now bringing all of the Styrofoam from the city of Atlanta, Georgia Tech, and Emory to the recycling center at GSU for processing.
- Sustainability Services are always open to hear more suggestions on how they can improve. They especially want to hear from students. They have created a form on their website for comments and suggestions. They’re also available to come speak or give presentations.

V. Student Forum (Student wishing to address the Senate) - NONE

VI. Special Order (Appointments/ Charter)
   a. Appointments of Transfer Head Liaisons
      - Transfer Liaisons Scott and Fofana will be co-heading

VII. Two- minute speeches by members of the senate
   - Anthony Jones: At the last University-wide Senate meeting he mentioned that he was working on a transition leadership initiative to make SGA more effective. He’s working on a legislation to enact a transition day, which will allow upcoming representatives to meet with outgoing representatives. This will help students know what they’re doing, and what’s expected of them.
   - He’s also a candidate for homecoming, and voting opens on Oct. 21

VIII. Executive Cabinet Reports
   a. Report of the Communications Director Lazare - NONE
   b. Report of the Finance Director Bommakanti - NONE
   c. Report of the Speaker of the Senate
      - There’s a total of 7 different Colleges, but only two head senators which are Anthony Jones and Gregory Wright submitted their PRMDF. The forms must be sent 5 weeks in advance. There’s only 4 weeks left now until constituency day, therefore the same design from last year will be used. A lot of colleges expressed that they would like to combine with the College of Arts and Sciences, therefore they should inform Head Senator Anthony. The flyers must be sent tomorrow morning, to avoid any penalty points
      - Her office hours for next week are Monday 9:30a.m.-11a.m./ 3-4:15p.m, and Tuesday 10a.m.-12pm
      - She will be scheduling one on one meetings with Senators before the end of the semester
      - Concerning the possibility of extending library hours. The Dean of Libraries Steely sent her an email. He says it is hard to extend hours, May-June-July, after 8:30pm there’s not many people, so as far as right now they cannot change the time.

IX. SGA Senate Committee Reports
   a. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee Chair - NONE
   b. Report of the Student Engagement Committee Chair Johnson
      - She has been mostly focusing on co-sponsorships and homecoming. There will be an SGA golf cart, she will send updates if anyone is interested to help volunteer, and be part of the tailgate.
c. **Report of the Student Services Committee Chair - Siemer**

- There won’t be a committee meeting tomorrow, their next meeting will be on Friday 19 from 10:30a.m. -11:30a.m. The reusable go containers kiosk system should get approved by next week. They’re still discussing the RFID cups to find other alternatives.
- She talked with Leonore Musick who’s in charge of PantherDining concerning the meal plan. The plan is feasible from her end, now she will be collecting student feedback. She’s planning to do a survey for students to select which meal plans they like the best, and how much they’re willing to pay. She will use big foam boards, and students can post stickers on the plans they like and the price that they believe is reasonable. She will also be tabling to collect more data.

**d. Ad hoc Committee Reports- Thomas**

- His committee is looking to have an officer to be a liaison between them and GSUPD. Freshmen Liaison Lockett has been working on a smoking issue, and has come up with some solutions available.

Freshmen Liaison Kenneth report: He has been polling to students and faculty, and created a cohesive list of enforcement policies that can be used to help the smoking issues. The first one is to direct them to the Student Judicial Board, and allow them to determine their punishment in regards to the violation of the Student Code of Conduct. The second one is to create a fine/ticketing system. Work with GSUPD and students on creating a fair yet effective citation policy that includes verbal and written warnings and citations. There’s a debate in regards to where that money will go. The third one option is to appeal to the State of Georgia and by extension the Board of Regents to create a dedicated smoking section of campus. (Possibly NIH). He had a meeting with dean of student property, they’re open to rewrite smoking policies, and specify what it entails.

**e. Vacancy Report- Speaker Barry**

- There are still vacant positions, 1 Senator for Andrew Young Policy studies, 3 senators for the Robinson College of Business, 1 Senator for the College of Education, and 4 transfer liaisons. She will start tabling on the upcoming weeks to get students to apply, and work with Communications Director Lazare to promote the positions.

**f. Freshman Liaison Report**

- Head of Freshman Liaison Jaylan: They’ve reached to students to hear their opinions and suggestions to improve their college experience. One student suggested to have ramen in the vending machine and more variety of food in general. Other students would like to see technology improvements. For example, have the student ID card on the apple wallet to be able to use it around campus. The II&T committee is working on that. Students would also like to see some
food improvements, commuters would like to have a meal plan, and more campus restaurants. Some students complained that the books are too expensive. Freshmen Liaison want to have a better communication with the constituents, therefore they are going to be tabling in freshmen dorms, and put in place a suggestion box. They’ve contacted the Assistant Director for Resident Life to get an approval. They will be working on that next week once they get the approval.

X. University Senate Meetings

- Sustainability Committee - Senator Nicholson: Most proposals were approved. Some of the proposals were to implement trash compactors, hire students in sustainability services, funding for sustainability research, hire students for football games to encourage recycling. As far as earth week, sustainability would like to get more funds. A lot of organizations will be giving out lots of goody bags with water bottles, recycle bags, and more. Also, Sustainability Services must have 900 meals for earth week. They’re still discussing about the RFID cups to find other alternatives and best options for students.

- Library committee- Senator Nicholson: Dean of Library Steely talked about hiring 3 more librarians for the perimeter campus. They’re also hiring more staff, and a research librarian to help students find data for their papers. There will be a data ATL series, in the month of October, Cartoon Network, and Chik-Fil-a analyst will be coming to give a presentation. All the speaker series are available on the library website. As far as renovation, they will start summer 2019 the front library. Renovation might take longer based on money spending. They will keep bringing more furniture, plugs, more late night staff, ADA to facilitate the access to the building now, but also throughout the renovation process. They are still waiting on the masterplan from the architect. The journal subscription and published works will be cut down because there’s a lot of inflation in the price starting January 1. An email will be sent to faculty so they can broadcast it to student.

- Student life Committee Siemer: They are still working on the family leave, and International student leave policy. The institutional and legal department are working on it.

XI. Advisor Report- Gail Sutton

SGA elections will be from March 21-27, and the election commission application is currently open. There are three positions available, one Atlanta Chair and two Vice Chairs. They will be paid from January-April, $250 per month for the Chair and $150 for the Vice chairs. These positions are open to all students, but preference will be given to students who have served on SGA and have more knowledge about the
elections. The deadline to apply is November 29 on PIN. Candidates will be interviewed in front of panel. The election commission is responsible of enforcing the rules on the election code-bylaws, they run the information about election, work on the campaign, and participate in mandatory session. Make sure all candidates have a headshot, inform candidates of the rules and the things they can and can’t do. The candidate session starts early march. To be part of the election commission students cannot be running for election.

XII. Old Business
a. Constituency day
   - Head Senator of Arts and Sciences - Anthony Jones: Their constituency day will be on November 15 from 11a.m. - 2pm, in Dahlberg hall. They will be presenting 4+1 programs, graduate school information, study abroad, internships, and career opportunities for students. They will be collaborating with the School of Public Health, and the School of Nursing

   - Head Senator of J. Mack RCB Okereke: Their constituency day will be held on November 14 from 12-2pm. They want to emphasize and promote the RCB, they will invite different organization if they want to come out and join them. They will also be reaching out to Dean and faculty to attend their event.

   - Head Senator of the Andrew Young of Policy Studies Gregory Wright: Their constituency day will be held on November 15 from 2-5pm. They will email the Dean of the Policy Studies to participate, they will also contact career services, and possibly have food/snacks.

   - Head Senator of the College of Arts- Ellingston-Myles: Their constituency day will be held on November 15 from 2-5pm at Dahlberg Theater. They are currently working on a plan. They would like to introduce arts and have different categories of art come together. They will be working with transfer liaison Obregon who is a music major, and Senator Mondesir who is a theatre major. They want the College of Arts to be more unified and less disconnected. They will be sending emails to departments’ heads, and would like to provide information to students about film, theatre, study abroad programs, production, artistic events that are available on campus. They are supposed to collaborate with the College of Education but they will have a confirmation by tomorrow.

XIII. New Business-NONE
XIV. Comments and announcement of the officers
Communications Director Lazare: Next week her office hours will be on Wednesday from 11am-4pm, head senators should come during that time to do a one minute video about constituency day to put on social media to promote the event.

XV. Executive Vice Presidents Report  
-President Franklin on Behalf of EVP Iqbal: Last week, they started their initiative to walk out to students that were waiting on the blue route bus to hand them candy and listen about their concerns as far as transportation. The bus showed up on time, therefore they walked around campus and approached students to talk about SGA, and gave them candy. The goal was to interact with the students, and talk to them about SGA, and how they can voice their concerns, and also give them candy.  
- EVP Ayesha has been focusing on transportation, smoking-policy initiatives, public-safety issues, and mental health initiatives. She has sent a University-wide email for senators who would like to sit on any of the committees.

-Catch the flag has won for the first SGA group activity, it will be held on October 31. This event will help SGA representatives be more united as campus leaders, and build upon condition skills.

XVI. Closing of Roll Call- Senate Clerk Abie  
(Absent: EVP Iqbal, Senator Aniyah Jones, Shareeze Wright, Francis, Thomas, Munoz)

XVII. Adjournment  
Senator Anthony Jones moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by senator Osilaja, at 8:41PM