Atlanta Campus Meeting, March 28, 2019 Student Center West 460

I. Call to Order, Academic Affairs Chair Shareze Wright at 7:21 pm

II. Opening Call of the Roll/ Determination

Quorum was not met, absent (Finance Director Bommakanti, Student Engagement Chair Johnson, S. Parekah, S. Iyer, S. Diallo, S. Francis, S. Abraham, S. Mejia, S. Osilaja, S. Scott, S. Thomas, S. Walton, S. Fatima, S. Johnson, S. Tomcho, L. Chew, L. DiSanto, L. Jones, L. Eads, L. Orrell-Jones, Clerk Diallo late (S. Mai)

III. Reading and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting

a. Senator Siemer moved to table the minutes until quorum is achieved.

b. Senator Wright seconded.

IV. Special Report

a. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate

   1. Tina Vires- Director of Disability Services

      a. Started her role in November
      b. The Disability Services office is located in SCE 205.
      c. Determining accommodations is an interactive process by law.

         i. Never say never, cases are not determined by precedence
         ii. Cases are always determined case by case independently.
         iii. Students must self-report.
         iv. Decisions will consider the student’s history of accommodations.
         v. Students must provide supportive documentation

      d. The office develops solutions based on the following priorities:

         i. Reasonable accommodation (longer time on tests ect.)
         ii. Provision of auxiliary aides (Note takers ect.)
         iii. Change in policy (Alternative assignments ect.)
e. Accommodations are not retroactive. Students should come to the office when they begin to experience difficulties rather than after they have received a grade.

f. Service dogs can go anywhere their owner can go
   i. Legally owners can be asked only two questions.
      1. Is this service dog with you because of a disability?
      2. What task is it trained to perform?
   ii. Animals can be removed if disruptive of out of control.
   iii. Phobias and allergies are handled case by case.

g. Liaison Lockett asked about accommodations for those diagnosed with mental illness.
   i. Response: All accommodations are handled case by case.

h. Senator Kearse asked about concerns about the care of service animals in University Housing.
   i. Response: Any concerns should be reported to Housing staff and go up through the chain of command. If necessary Housing may contact Disability Services.

i. Senator Garcia asked how the office is spreading the word about what it offers.
   i. Response: Vires is working to present to large student groups in the hopes that they will help spread the word.

j. Senator Siemer asked how to request physical changes to classrooms to accommodate students.
   i. Response: Vires confirmed that requests should be made through Disability Services and they will work with facilities.

k. EVP (Barry) Diallo asked about accessibility problems for students with mobility disabilities.
   i. Response: Vires recognizes there are problems with sidewalks etc. that need to be reported to the city. Students can arrange with the office to receive parking that is closer to the locations that they need to access. Overall, students need to report any barriers that they may encounter to the office.

2. Dr. Jill Lee-Barber, Senior Director Psychological and Health Services
   a. Oversees four units
      i. Health Services
ii. Counseling and Testing
iii. Victim Assistance
iv. Health Promotions

b. There is a crisis counselor and healthcare provider available after hours for students to call.
c. Labs are lower cost. They have been reduced by 50% over the past two years.
d. Perimeter campus has a centralized scheduler via phone. There is also an online scheduling tool for all campuses.
e. Nutrition services are now being offered at Perimeter College campuses.
f. They have hired 2 new counselors for Perimeter College campuses and will hire one more.
g. Some of the services offered are
   i. Free STI/HIV testing
   ii. Substance use cessation for $35 (can be used to satisfy court orders)
   iii. Mobile clinic for Perimeter
h. Victims Assistance helps students that have been a victim of a crime.
   i. New Senior Coordinator, Monique Massey
   ii. Will meet with any student confidentially
   iii. A new coordinator for Perimeter campuses has been hired
i. Counseling and Testing has 50 new students a week asking for counseling services. Dr. Lee-Barber is actively working to address wait times for follow-up appointments.
   i. There were 10,000 appointments provided by 10.6 staff members.
   ii. Majority of students seen in counseling live off-campus.
   iii. The demographics of students seen in the counseling center are pretty evenly divided between Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and Graduate students.
   iv. The demographics align with the overall demographics of GSU.
j. Psychological and Health Services works to employ providers that match the demographics of campus.
k. Students most often report that they seriously or moderately distressed when they come into the counseling center.
l. 10% of students report that they have seriously thought about suicide (less than national average).
m. The Counseling Center employs a hybrid model of full time staff and contractors.
 n. 90% of students felt that counseling helped them.
o. QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) is a one hour suicide prevention training that is being offered to students that are interested. Housing staff has gone through this training.
p. Facilities staff are now being trained in mental health first aid (an 8 hour training).
q. The campus-wide suicide prevention committee is seeking volunteers.
r. The Student Health Advisory Committee is meeting in May and is asking for student input.
s. Liaison Lockett asked about how medication for mental health issues.
  i. Response: Students can go to walk-in hours and ask for a follow up appointment with a psychiatrist to get a evaluated for new medication. If a student is continuing medication they can go to the student health center and see the psychiatric nurse practitioner.
t. Senator Kearse asked about programming for sensitive issues in housing.
  i. Response: Dr. Jeana Griffith is the best contact for scheduling programming.
u. Communications Director Lazare asked about the length of current wait times.
  i. Response: Wait times are about 1 week at the longest for urgent issues. Issues are triaged so there may be a longer wait for students with less urgent issues.
v. Senator Nicholson asked if students can be seen in the summer.
  i. Response: Yes students that are taking classes in the spring and then fall are considered continuing students. Student may opt to pay the health fee which is $40.
w. Liaison Lockett asked about the lack of availability for appointments online.
  i. Response: Some appointment slots are not put online to allow for walk-ins. It is best to call if you need an appointment immediately.
x. Liaison Fofana asked about what can be done about the wait time for counseling (She was told 8 weeks).
  i. Response: The time that is told to students is the worst case scenario it may be a shorter wait time. Dr. Lee-Barber is working with Dr. Calhoun-Brown to secure space to expand counseling services. There is also the clinic run by the Psychology department at GSU.
V. Student Forum (Student wishing to address the Senate)
   1. Kit Drummonds and Peter Minetos
      a. College Republicans and Young Democrats are hosting the Great Debate on April 15 in SCE Ballroom. Doors will open at 6pm and the debate will start at 7pm. It is a 3v3 debate moderated by student media. There will be food and watch parties coordinated across all campuses.
   2. Brekwan Oliver
      a. Wants the Saxsby’s in the Library to be replaced with a Dunkin’ Doughnuts.
      b. Concerned by the lack of student housing.

VI. Special Order (Appointments/ Charter)

VII. Two-minute speeches by members of the senate
   a. Senator Kears: Thanked Senator Nicholson for participating in the panel for her housing event.
   b. Senator Ellington-Myles: A Night of Sexy Shorts is a student run performance that will be held Monday April 29 at 6 pm. It is a free event and students can wear red carpet attire if they desire. Performances of Spring Flying West by Pearl Cleave is also coming up soon. There will be a Q&A session with the playwright.
   c. Senator Nicholson: She will be sending out emails to invite groups to present to the GILEE committee. After hearing the information the committee will write a report and present at the University wide meeting on April 18.

VIII. Executive Cabinet Reports
   a. Report of the Communications Director
      i. Please help with Constituency days especially with RCB on Monday April 1.
   b. Report of the Finance Director
   c. Report of the Speaker of the Senate
      i. The Speaker email is going to both Aniyah and Fatoumata. EVP Diallo (Barry) does not have access to the EVP email. Please contact her at fbarry4@student.gsu.edu

IX. SGA Senate Committee Reports
   a. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee Chair
i. Finals week events will be April 30 and May 2 from 11-4 pm in Dahlberg Hall. Health Promotions, Dean of Students, Career Services and Counseling will be present. There will be food.

b. Report of the Student Engagement Committee Chair
   a. March 31 is the deadline for conference fund. Travel must be completed by the end of the fiscal year.

c. Report of the Student Services Committee Chair
   a. We are tabling at the Earth Day Festival in Hurt Park on April 18. We will be gathering student support for the Sustainability Support Resolution and handing out reusable straws.

d. Vacancy Report

e. Freshman Liaison Report
   a. Met with Housing PR Associate Director. She reiterated that students need to fill out maintenance requests.

X. University Senate Meetings
   1. Sustainability: Wants to meet with incoming student leaders, the dump truck is not running
   2. Budget: Chief Spillane was unable to present, but the police budget was briefly discussed.
   3. Student Life: Meeting tomorrow at 1:30 pm. Webex is available.

XI. Advisor Report
   a. Bylaws Committee- Thursday @ 4, There are only 2 Atlanta meetings left.
   b. As of 8:40 pm 2400 students have voted in the SGA Elections.
   c. Spotlight is hosting the Greek Showcase on April 7. Pricing is free in advance for students and $5 day of. Guests are $10 in advance and $15 at the door. Doors open at 5pm in the Sports Arena. The 6lack concert is next Thursday.
   d. Stay home if you are sick

XII. Old Business

XIII. New Business

XIV. Comments and announcement of the officers
   a. The Smoke Free GSU committee will be tabling at Earth Day. Jarray Gillepse in the Dean of Students office is helping draft policies.

XV. Executive Vice Presidents Report
XVI. Closing of Roll

XVII. Adjournment – 9:09 pm