Atlanta Campus Meeting, Thursday, April 25, 2019 Student Center West

I. Call to order 7:48 PM, By Speaker of the Senate Jones

II. Opening Call of the Roll/ Determination of Quorum
   a. Quorum Achieved, 19
   b. Absent: Kalisha-Lourdy Lazare, Mamadou Diallo, Cherilyn Munoz, Malcolm Mondesir, Sheri Kearse, Morgon Tomcho

III. Reading and approval of the Minutes from March 28th, March 7th
   A. Point of order by Speaker Jones
   B. Senator Siemer moved to approve minutes, seconded by Senator Osilaja
   C. The minutes were approved with 17 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions

   A. Approval of minutes from March 7th
   B. Senator Mai motions to approve minutes, motion seconded by Senator Nicholson.
   C. The minutes were approved with 18 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions

IV. Special Reports
   a. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate — None
   b. Student Forum (students wishing to address the senate)
      a) Student Judicial Board
      b) Discussed the way in which SGA meetings are conducted. SJB student representative states that they are effective, however one problem is a student can sell drugs out of your room and SJB decides what happens to the student, but when it comes to SGA elections and a potential candidate is presented to SJB they do not have a decision in what happens.
      c) The Student Judicial Board were considering legislations that SGA could write to change this.
      d) There were instances when a potential candidate was at fault, but SJB did not agree with the consequence.
      e) The Student Judicial Board asks for any legislation to be written on their behalf and would be glad to discuss it.
      f) It has been brought to the Executive Boards attention the Student Government Associations tendency to overreach into SJB and wanting to control SJB.
      g) Student states that they do not respect nor condone this at all. SJB is a branch of SGA, but at the same time they are separate and should remain that way in order to avoid biases.
      h) The Student Judicial Board is requesting for any attempts of this instance to cease.
      i) Liaison Diaz asks for more context of how SGA is overstepping. Student states that he cannot go too much into detail. Their were talks of SGA wanting to have more power over SJB.
      j) Senator Thomas states that their election commission is currently made up of any student that chooses they want to be on the election
commission. How is any decision made by the election commission different from the decisions that SGA makes.

k) Student states that the decision SGA makes are being sent to SJB for a reason and for them to review it in order to decide if it is appropriate or not. Even though SGA’s election commission is a board SJB still has the last word.

l) Senator Siemer states the way it world is that they only get anything that gets appealed.

m) Student says that they can only state whether they agree or disagree, but have no say into amending the punishment.

n) Advisor Gail asks is he suggesting that every complaint be sent them first or just the appeals. The student responds only the appeals be sent them and they would agree or disagree, if they disagree with a punishment or agree they are at fault they would amend the punishment.

V. Special Orders
A. Senator Siemer moves to move the Liaison’s Bill to New Business.
B. Seating Bill
   1. Bill introduced by Senator Thomas
   2. This is an Atlanta Campus Bill to seat Aniyah Jones Speaker of the Senate.
   4. Bill passes with 18 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.
   5. Speaker Jones is sworn in.
   6. Speaker Jones states that she is excited, she adds that this is her first and last meeting as Speaker of the Senate.

VI. Two minute speeches by members of the Senate
A. Senator Nicholson states her responses from their Constituency Day.
B. Students reported better advisement availability to students, better food in the dining halls, broadcast events and utilize social media — this was said nine times, continuing giving out incentives, get rid of Blue Books, more awareness about student services such as Panther Pantry, be more prominent on campus — said by six students, tutoring options, more credit given to Panther Report News, more events so the student body knows about SGA — this was stated ten times, need campus unity, networking opportunities, move events with free food, notifications via iCollege on SGA activities, information sessions to get better updates — said six times, reach out to students more — said seven times, more opportunities for students to communicate with SGA — this was said three times.

VII. Executive cabinet reports
   a. Report of the communications director
      1. Senator Siemer announces Communications Director Lazare’s report.
2. Senator Siemer reminds everyone to send in photos for the inauguration slide show and the end of the year report. If you have any photos from any SGA events send them to the Communications email.
3. Senator Siemer states their is a feedback for elections tomorrow at 1 o'clock in the SGA conference room.
4. If you cannot make that meeting their is a PIN form.

b. **Report of the finance director**
1. Senator Rahman states he and Ms. Gail made a few changes. The amount of money they have for the Student Fiscal year in 2019 will remain the same. They switched some dollars from one budget to another because they went over in some areas and had money left over in another part of the budget.
2. Their was many left over from the stipends officers receive each month, which was about $2,464. They were able to transfer it to places they were over like Academic Affairs Supplies.
3. They were over in Academic Affairs Supplies because the demand for Blue Books and Scantrons have increased over the past two semesters.
4. Their was money left over in area like Student Engagement Programming, Student Services Programming that were shifted over to areas such as Transfer Liaison welcome supplies and fixed expenses.
5. The budget is the same, however they moved some money around in order to even everything out.
7. Motion approved with 17 in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

c. **Report of the speaker of the senate — No report**

VIII. **SGA Senate Committee Reports**

A. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee Chair
1. Senator Wright states that her event is next Tuesday and next Thursday from 12 to 4. She needs volunteers, especially for Thursday. Senator Wright also needs volunteers Monday morning from 11 to 2 to help prepare the bags.
2. Ms. Gail states that it is very important that everyone support this SGA event.

B. Report of the Student Engagement Committee Chair
1. Senator Johnson states they have completed all cosponsorships and conference funding requests.
2. They were able to remove everyone off of the waitlist.

C. Report of the Student Services Committee Chair
1. Senator Siemer states the machine should be here this semester.
2. The Commuter Meal Plan was rejected. They will try again next year.
3. President Patterson asks if their was a reason as to why the Commuter Meal Plan was rejected. Senator Siemer says that Jerry stated it was too confusing for parents.
4. Liaison Lockett asks what is the difference between the five day meal plan and the commuter meal planning. Senator Siemer states that instead of an unlimited, “anytime you can eat kind of the thing” with the meal swipes you’ll have a set number of swipes you could use in the dining hall and dining dollars you could use at the retail locations.

D. Report of the Vacancy Committee — No report
E. Report of Ad hoc committees — No report

IX. University Senate Meetings — any committees that have met in the past 2 weeks

A. Sustainability
   1. Senator Garcia announces that Sustainability met and very happy they passed a legislation. They will meet again.
   2. The main thing is they want the Senate to look at alternate transportation such as biking, walking.

X. Advisor Reports

A. Ms. Gail asks those that have not yet voted to take their phones out, go to PIN and send her a quick reply so they will have a robust turn out in terms of who is selecting our liaison, senators, and executive committee member.
B. Ms. Gail states in terms of office they will finish May 10th at inauguration, she reminds senate to stay strong, help out with final events, and clean up the office.

XI. Old Business — No old business.

XII. New Business

A. Liaisons Bill
   1. Bill Presented by Senator Thomas
   2. This is an Atlanta Campus bill to update the responsibilities of Liaisons
   3. Liaison Lockett states a few months ago they changed the bylaws so it read Freshman, Transfer, and Transition Liaisons.
   5. Liaison Lockett makes friendly amendment to amend section A, line 16 to read Serve as representatives of the Freshman, Transfer and Transition communities respectively.
   6. Liaison Lockett makes friendly amendment to change line 18, section C to read similar.
   7. Senator calls to questions
   8. Bill passes with 17 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

XIII. Comments and Announcements of the officers.

1. Senator Ellington-Myles wishes everyone good luck with Finals.
2. Senator Ellington-Myles reminds the senate of the shows they have going on through the College of the Arts.
3. This weekend is the last weekend to see their Spring show Flying West. You can see the show tonight, Friday and Saturday at 8 pm, Sunday at 2 at Dahlberg Hall theater. You can get tickets at gsuplayers.com or you can buy your tickets at the door.
4. Senator Ellington-Myles’ Professors Susan Reed and Keith Tims are hosting a Night of Sexy Shorts. This is a collection of the College of the Arts film and theater students showing some of their short films.
5. Senator Ellington-Myles will be a lead in one of those short films and is hoping to show her first horror film.
6. The Night of Sexy Shorts is on Monday from 6 to 8 pm, it is free and will be in Dahlbegr Hall.

1. Taylor Gordon is in the Andrew Young Policy School. 
2. In the last three years he has been going in depth with the homeless committee in Downtown Atlanta.
3. Gordon spends his own money having lunch with some of the homeless population and spends time getting to know them.
4. Last year Gordon ran a campaign with a Graphic Design class called ‘Give a blank’. It was a geared at raising awareness for the homeless community.
5. Gordon states that he is not sure what office, committee or organization to go to but he would really like to help. He feels that everyone walks around and places the homeless to the back-burner.
6. He asks for advice and guidance as far as what office or officer to reach out to.
7. Senator Walton states that he will get Gordon in contact with Teanna Powell who was in the Ad hoc committee for homelessness.
8. Liaison Lockett states that the City of Atlanta does have a homeless committee, but not sure if it suspended.
9. Senator Siemer states that she can put Gordon in contact with the GSU Police Force.
10. President Patterson states that their is a group within the College of Arts and Sciences that he can connect to Gordon.

1. Speaker Jones announces that Liaison Minetos for becoming President of the Georgia Republicans.
2. Liaison Minetos says that he is excited to get to work. He states that it has been a pleasure serving with the senate.
3. Senator Wright congratulates everyone graduating this Spring.
4. Liaison Le thanks everyone that came out. He thanks everyone for making this a great administration to be apart of and hopes to see everyone next year.
5. Finance Director Bommakanti asks everyone to give a round of applause and thank you to Ms. Gale for giving them guidance throughout the year.
6. Senator Thomas asks for a round of applause for the Executive Board.
7. Senator Wright that they are having coffee by E brick and needs someone to pick it up at 11:30 on Thursday. Senator Siemer volunteers to pick it up.

XIV. Executive Vice Presidents Report
   1. Executive Vice President Diallo thanks some of the Senators that have done an outstanding job.
   2. EVP Diallo thanks Liaison Le for working at the picnic
   3. EVP Diallo also thanks Campbell, Senator Walton and Senator Nicholson

A. Speaker of the Senate Jones wishes everyone good luck on their finals and to have a great summer.
B. President Patterson congratulates everyone moving on to bigger and better things. He congratulates everyone for dealing with them this year. He also congratulates everyone for getting through everything.
C. Senator Mai asks President Patterson 'did we really spark the flame?' President Patterson states that we sparked the flame.
D. Applause
E. Senator Mejia states that this year was great. She is thankful for everyone and have made this year incredible.
F. President Patterson states the flame has been sparked and now burns with change.
G. Closing Roll Call

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.