I. Call to Order 7:20 PM, President Patterson

II. Opening Call of the Roll/ Determination of Quorum
   a. Quorum Achieved
   b. Absent:
      i. Alpharetta: Michelle Martinez
      ii. Atlanta: Ayesha Iqbal, Kalisha-Lourdy Lazare, Shareze Wright, Nooper Parekh, David Osilaja, Hamza Rahman, Iqra Fatima,
      iii. Clarkston: Arnulfo Flores, Jr.
      iv. Decatur: Averyona Walters, Erica Abdur-Raheem
      v. Dunwoody: Exauce Bokanya

III. Reading and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting
   • Senator ____ moved to approve minutes, seconded by Senator____
   • The motion passed with 19 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
      i. **Abigail and Jackie. Bringing awareness of the harmful effects of vaping**
         1. Vaping is inhaling an aerosol by means of device such as electronic cigarettes and hookah device. As of June 2018 there are over 460 electric cigarette brands in the market
         2. Juul, Vuse, Blu eCig, MarkTen, and Logic are the most popular eCig brands, with Juul being the most popular among teens.
         3. 74% of teens and young adults are getting these devices by purchasing from retail stores, 52% of teens use a social source (family or friends), and 6% use the internet
         4. The FDA recently listed eCigs as Tobacco products therefore they’re now more difficult to purchase
         5. Abigail and Jackie visited the Juul website to present some of the companies’ products. On the site it notifies customers that the product contains Nicotine. The site also asks you to provide ID and last four digits of social security when making a purchase.
         6. Common Misconceptions
            a. Vaping is a healthy alternative to cigarette smoke
            b. Vaping has nothing to do with smoking regular cigarettes
            c. Vaping is just harmless water vapor
            d. Vapes don’t contain nicotine
         7. The chemicals inside devices such as Hookah and eCigarettes
            a. Some common ingredients: propylene glycol, vegetable glycerin, natural and artificial flavorings, diacetyl and nicotine
            b. Diacetyl is a dangerous chemical known to cause Popcorn Lung (Bronchiolitis). This condition is where the small airways of the lungs are destroyed and causes coughing and feeling shortness of breath.
c. Nicotine is very addicting and is a toxic chemical that contains Nitrogen and is also found in Tobacco plants. Once Nicotine enters at the body it’s absorbed from the lungs into the bloodstream, it stimulates the adrenal glands to release epinephrine (adrenaline). Epinephrine stimulates the central nervous system.

d. Young people who use nicotine products are at risk for long lasting side effects, such as their attention span, mood disorders, and the possibility of becoming exposed to different drugs.

8. Statistics
a. eCigs are the most commonly used tobacco product in high school and middle school. There are 1.5 million more current youth E-cigarette users in 2018 than 2017. Teens are more likely to use ecigs, Jackie says we need to focus more on the younger population. E-cigarette are more common amongst white males along with high school students.

b. The three E’s: the speakers want to education young people about what they’re inhaling into their lungs, expose them to the chemicals that are in hookah and e-cigarettes, and eliminate the misperceptions that vaping isn’t harmful, when in fact it is.

c. Senator asked the presenters if they believe that one use of e-cigs would cause damage, the presenters replied no because even 5% of Nicotine is enough to cause damage. The presenters also stated that one ‘puff’ of an e-cig may not be effective immediately, but its best to no do it.

d. Senator ____ asked why are more guys using e-cigs than girls. The presenters replied that peer pressure could be a cause or they’ve taken the habit from their fathers. Senator ___ what do they think about schools smoking policy, girls, that’s why they’re here do believe in no smoking, the signs aren’t doing much, people are ignoring those signs and need something more effective

e. Senator asked about Georgia States smoking policies, the presenters agree with GSU’s no tobacco campus and would like to enforce it more. They believe the No Smoking signs aren’t effective.

f. Senator asked if there are any cures for the effects of smoking. The presenters answered that once you do damage to lung tissue there is no reversing it.

g. Senator asked the presenters if they are aware of any federal research. The presenters said that research is limited because vaping is new

h. The presenters research was pulled from peer review articles, CDC, and the FDA

c. Officers wising to address the senate — None

V. Special Orders — None

VI. Executive Cabinet Reports
a. Dunwoody Campus
i. They are trying to redesign the Student Center, but the current budget is more than they have.

ii. The proposal for library hours extension is proposed to library staff and they are waiting for a response
iii. They are trying to change days they have for coffee corners*edit*
iv. Trying to start an initiative called student of the semester, the students in academic level are being awarded, students in leadership positions are not being seen,
v. They’re new Senator for Student Services and Eric is now on board.
b. Clarkston Campus
i. Executive Vice President Smith plans on getting people on top of the Community Day initiative. They’ve been talking to local spots around the Clarkston campus that center around idea of the planned community days. have been in touch with local business local coffee shop/truck that give refuge to people in the community,
ii. They’ve been talking to their civic engagement coordinator, and have also been in touch with local business such as refuge coffee shop, a local school that gives refugees who have just moved to the area a chance to get English training
iii. Sexual Assault Initiative: they currently have a location. EVP Smith is asking for any ideas or solution for the “What are you Wearing Initiative” it is an exhibit that showcases outfits that are usually everyday outfits for some people.
v. It breaks the stigma of the idea of someone was assaulted because of what they’re wearing. Their current issue is finding clothes for the event.
v. Senator recommends partnering with thrift stores to see if they can lend them their clothing.
c. Alpharetta Campus
i. Executive Vice President Seymour and the Finance Director are creating a co-sponsorship form for the Perimeter campuses.
ii. There is only a co-sponsorship for the Atlanta campus
iii. They are currently planning a domestic women’s violence clothing drive for the Alpharetta campus. EVP Siemer has contacted Battered Woman Shelter in regard to hosting a clothing drive in March before Seniors are on spring break.
iv. They are creating SGA transitional binders so they will be prepared and create plans
d. Newton Campus
i. Executive Vice President Patel says their main goal is to recruit as many people as possible. They have two potential candidates that want to be senators
ii. They have been tabling on Tuesday’s for recruitment and have also put together a presentation for what SGA is and what SGA represents
iii. EVP Patel has not received any update of the basketball court.

VII. Committee Reports
a. Safety Committee: Senator Nicholson and Thomas
i. Senator Thomas states that they’ve had their first meeting on February 21st. They spoke about human trafficking and the homeless initiative
ii. They will be holding a vote for chair of the safety committee.
b. Bylaw Committee: Senator Wright
i. Today’s meeting was cancelled (Thursday, February 28, 2019)
ii. The next meeting will be Thursday coming up at 4 p.m.
c. Ad-hoc Human Trafficking Committee: Senator Abraham
i. There will be a report at the next meeting on March 14th

VIII. University Senate Reports
a. President Patterson asked the senate if anyone has received emails from any of the committees that they’ve signed up for. President Patterson will follow up with Ms. Polite to ensure everyone starts receiving emails.

b. Sustainability
   i. Senator Nicholson reminded the senate of the speaker series that Sustainability Office is doing.
   ii. The recycling center has added more tour dates
   iii. Earth Week is April 15th for all campuses. They’ll be recycling drives, speakers, and a festival at Hurt Park on the 18th from 11 to 3
   iv. There is an E-waste drive on the 7th and 14th of this month.
   v. Currently working to get a certificate or a minor in sustainability for students to add to their diplomas
   vi. Working to start an annual waste evaluation, would like help from students on this project
   vii. Also share any ideas on conserving water and energy

c. Budget Report
   i. They will be inviting Chief Spillane to give an overview of his budget at the next meeting

d. Student life
   i. They have approved 9 new organizations

IX. Old Business — None

X. New Business
   a. Problems from constituents - President Patterson wants to inform the senates of a few bills that will be discussed on March 14th as well as have a discussion about improving students’ lives
      i. Senator ____ says he has been hearing for about a month that there has been a lot of construction on the intersection of Piedmont and John Wesley Dobbs and Piedmont and Ellis. The construction is becoming worse. Senator has contacted the city’s public works and has not received a response, but will follow-up to see if they can add a meter at both intersections
      ii. Senator ____ is a RA at University Commons and discussed the grievances constituents had with their Assistant Hall Director Mark. Mark informed that they’re trying to bring the issues to Joshua (Housing Assignments) who is spearheading the issue.
      iii. Senator ____ informed the senates that the questionnaire and feature where you can text your counselors is in the works
      iv. Senator ____ has a program call You’re Doing College Wrong that will take place on the 13th. The event will have a panel of professionals that will discuss common mistakes students make.
      v. The Student Center has building managers that are responsible for opening the building, but don’t feel safe unlocking the building. A Student Center employee requested that she has an officer with her when opening the building, but her request was ignored by her supervisor. Advisor Beckwith said he would follow-up with the appropriate staff member regarding the issue.
vi. Senator _____ discussed school safety in terms of school shooters. Senator Siemer informed that there is Active Shooter Training once a month that is open to all students.

vii. RCB undergrad students seem to have a disconnect. Senator Le has been talking with Dean Richard Phillips
   1. There will be a new director of undergrad involvement. He will attend a meeting with her to discuss how students can be more involved in school

viii. Senator Garcia-Velazquez discussed difficult issues students face with advisement. He explained the issue of advisors telling students to take classes that have nothing to do with major. Senator believes that there should be some accountability and suggested having a student attend student-advisor meetings.
   1. President Patterson will email head of academic affairs and will CC J. Siemer and C. Garcia-Valezquez
   2. Senators suggested having a thorough roadmap for advisors

ix. EVP Smith informed the Senate about a Clarkston Campus mold issue in the pool. They’ve renovated the top of the Clarkston’s gym area for the C.G. Building, but they still have not worked on the lower part of the building. The EVP was informed that they’ve delayed renovation so she will be speaking with higher-ups to confirm that they are aware of the issues and plan to get the problems fixed

x. Senator Ellington-Myles says that students believe there is a disconnect between the College of Arts and SGA. Students are not aware of what’s happening with fees funding, anything teachers are doing. Senator Ellington-Myles wants to connect everyone.

xi. Senator Ellington-Myles informed the senate that a homeless man interrupted a theater class. The man started screaming and rambling at students. Instead of Campus PD coming to resolve the issue that students were moved to a different room. Senator wants more security in campus buildings,

xii. The Public Health Administrative facility is currently researching scholarships for students. Currently there aren’t many scholarships for students. Public Health is an undergraduate degree and the senator believes that public health students should receive the same amount of money allocation
   1. President Patterson will set up a meeting with dean of Public Health

xiii. Senator Nicholson explained that graduation day for graduate students is during an inconvenient time. Nicholson wants to know if there is any possible way to have better organization of planning the graduate ceremonies.

xiv. Senator Nicholson informed the senate that food on campus is the biggest thing she hears about on campus. Students should have better food options and students should have been more a part of the food option conversation

xv. Senator Walton had an idea when speaking to older students of College of Arts and Sciences that are taking LSAT, MCAT, etc. His idea is instead of students spending excessive amounts of money on prep classes, GSU can offer those classes to students
   1. Point of Information - some colleges offer classes for certain tests

xvi. Many of the food that Panther Dining provides doesn’t have nutrition facts or ingredients, this is a huge concern because of allergies that people may have.

xvii. Senator Johnson explained that a friend of hers called for a police escort late at night at Walgreens but was denied because she was not at a GSU building. Senator Johnson says that is not fair because she was still in vicinity.
xviii. Senator Mondesir stated that no one was present for a recent meeting. He was not informed by anyone that they were not coming. President Patterson replied that this is an accountability issue that will later be discussed.

xix. Senator ____ explained that students cannot get things done on Friday and Saturday because of the library hours. Many schools have 24-hour library hours and GSU should adjust its hours.
   1. Senator Siemer explained that you cannot close off different floors of the library due to safety concerns, however with the new library renovations they are keeping in mind having an area to close off in the future.

xx. Senator Diallo discussed his issue of students smoking in library plaza
   1. President Patterson will set up a meeting to see what can be done

xxi. Senator Wright explained that there are complaints about teachers taking too long to reply back to emails and teachers aren’t updating the grade books, so students do not know if they’re doing bad or are not able to drop classes.
   1. Senator Wright is suggesting teacher accountability.
   2. Speaker Pro Tempore Jones urges everyone to complete professor assessments at the end of the semester and to also be truthful on the assessment.

xxii. Senator ____ was informed that GSU does not have a student government app.
   1. Senator suggested that GSU improves its current app instead of creating a new app.
   2. Point of information that GSU is working on a text-based response system in regards to getting information out

xxiii. Senator ____ notified the senate that a building is leaking. A student was taking a test and the building started leaking

xxiv. Students are complaining about the climate problems in the building. It is either too hot or too cold

xxv. Senator Iyer says there is an Ad-Hoc committee for graduate school that is going well

b. President Patterson apologized for the email that was sent out too late and wants everyone to start holding each other accountable
   i. Senator Tomcho is not receiving any emails or minutes, so it is difficult for her to get started.
   ii. Point of Information: Senator knows that Tomcho is in the email list however there are many email lists that everyone is not attached too.

c. President Patterson discussed legislations that will be proposed
   i. The Point System Bill is being proposed, there is a proposal from both sides (mostly from perimeter side) to decrease the amount of points from 25 until expulsion to 15 until expulsion
      1. Currently missing a meeting is 7 points, they would like to increase it to 10 points for all meetings
      2. Currently, missing a university wide meeting is 5 points and missing a campus meeting is 7 points
      3. They want to propose that missing a meeting will instead count as 10 points
      4. Point of inquiry: Senator asked if the proposal is debatable, President Patterson replied yes.
      5. President Patterson wants the senate to send an email if you are unable to make a meeting.
ii. President Patterson announced a bill is being proposed to allow future presidents to choose Chief Justice and the Chief Justice be appointed to the senate and will vote in
   1. Senator asked how do you become chief justice, President Patterson answered that there is an interview process with the advisor, current chief justice.
iii. President Patterson announced the bill proposal of removal of the current bill in terms of the point system
   1. A bill being proposed that once you accumulate 25 points or 15 essentially it would be similar to getting impeached from the senate
   2. They were considering a senator being removed for a year or indefinitely from SGA
iv. President Patterson discussed the bill proposal of the Endorsement Bill.
   1. The bill would allow individual SGA members to endorse candidates for SGA
   2. The Endorsement Bill is public announcement in support of someone that is currently running
v. Senator wants to propose support resolutions for:
   1. The Signal
   2. Panthers for Black Feminism
vi. All legislation will be sent out after Thursday’s bylaws review committee meeting on Thursday, March 14.
d. J. Siemer needs election volunteers especially on March 26th-28th and 11th-12th of march
e. President Patterson says that he knows it has been a rough year, however we are starting to lag, and everyone is starting to slowdown. This year he wants to break that cycle.
   i. President Patterson asked the senate to ask themselves, “why are they here”, but he promises that he is starting a new mission where we finish strong.
   ii. President Patterson says that many of the issues have been happening for years but have not changed because every year when we finally get everything together and doing what we should be doing we start to dip, but not this year.
   iii. President Patterson informs the senators on WEBex that he would like them at the meetings and would gladly take any points if he is not doing his job.
   iv. President Patterson encourages everyone to look at themselves because they signed up for a job.

XI. Closing of Roll Call

XII. Adjournment (9:32 PM)