I. The meeting was called to order by President Patterson at 7:30 p.m. and quorum was achieved.

II. Senator Rahman called the question, seconded by Senator Walton to approve minutes from the March 14 meeting. Motion passes with 26 in favor, 1 against, and 0 abstentions

III. Opening Call of the Roll / Determination of Quorum- Senate Clerk Diallo

Absences:
- Atlanta: Noopur Parekh, Zjonte Francis, Audrey Abraham, David Osilaja, Cherilyn Munoz, Malcolm Mondesir, Iqra Fatima,
- Alpharetta: Michelle Martinez, Julia Estes
- Clarkston:
- Decatur: Erica Abdur-Rahim, Jordan Parker
- Dunwoody:
- Newton: Ibreyanna Clark

III. Special Reports
A. University Representatives wishing to address the senate
   a. Interim Vice President of Student Affairs — Dr. Calhoun-Brown – Was unable to attend.
   b. Director of Hillel — Rabbi Shulkes
      1. Rabbi Shulkes announces that he did not want to be here but believes that the situation demands it. He says that college campus ought to be the home for robust and passionate discussions around world events and ideas, and his hope is that SGA, President Franklin, and President-Elect Mejia will carry ideas of innovation and debate in dialogue. Rabbi Shulkes says he wants to speak about himself, the Jewish community throughout Atlanta, the world, and the collective Jewish experience.
      2. He reminded the senate that at Emory University many of the students woke up to mock eviction notices that were placed illegally on people’s doors. Some of these flyers were nothing more than an innocuous education tool, but for others specifically in the Jewish community it is proof that there’s no safety — even when asleep — from antisemitic forces. Jewish students felt threatened, targeted, and harassed.
      3. During the same week of that incident, The Young Social Democrats of America at Georgia Tech banned a Georgia Tech faculty member from attending a public talk. When the Jewish community heard of this illegal barring the Jewish community again felt threatened, targeted, and harassed.
      4. At Georgia State University many people attended the Hillel sponsored trip to Israel. Rabbi Shulkes said it was difficult for him to watch what took place before and after. Rabbi Shulkes says that after they got a club on campus, others thought it would be appropriate to say that it was an illegal thing to do. Before the trip there was instances of harassment that took place.
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5. Rabbi Shulkes says that these three examples are instances that the Jewish community sees and feel threatened, attacked, and that there is no way to go forward in those situations.

6. Jewish students, families, communities, in Atlanta and throughout the U.S., along with universities in Atlanta, are seen as unsafe and are places that promote antisemitism.

7. Rabbi Shulkes says that he recently spoke to an accepted student’s parents who said that they would not send their child from a different state to Atlanta because they do not feel their son will have an experience free from antisemitism.

8. This is another resolution that will make Jewish students on campus feel treated, harassed, and targeted.

9. Rabbi Shulkes adds that the Jewish community often feels like the other made to walk through life constantly reminded of their minority status. This campus has over 53,000 students and the Jewish community is about a spec of that population.

10. Rabbi Shulkes adds that he wants to make his voice heard for not only the Jewish community in Atlanta, but also for Jewish communities across the country. He hopes the senate will take this into consideration and will also be a key factor.

c. Mr. Edward Ahmed Mitchell — Civil Rights Attorney, Director of CARE Georgia

1. CAIR is the nation’s largest Muslim civil rights organization. Its mission is to counter bigotry and discrimination, whether it’s islamophobia, antisemitism or xenophobia.

2. Mr. Mitchell is a civil rights attorney and serves as a criminal prosecutor for the city of Atlanta. He works on a daily basis with the Atlanta Police Department officers and also engages in training with those officers to learn what they go through on a daily basis.

3. As a civil rights attorney he deals with anti-Muslim bigots. The people who rip hijabs off Muslim women, people who claim Muslims are here to take over the country, and people that believe that Muslims are not welcome here and should be deported.

4. Attorney Mitchell says that he is also faced with death threats and often has to have bodyguards when out.

5. Mr. Mitchell shared some facts about GILEE.

6. Fact, GILEE is a police exchange program founded in 1994.

7. Most police exchanges programs are run and controlled by the government, not by probate corporations and private corporations like GILEE.

8. On the GILEE website, it counts its training partnerships with the Hungarian government, the Chinese government, the Egyptian government, the Israeli government, and numerous other governments.

9. A few years ago, the Egyptian government shot dead 800 protestors, arrested female protestors, and performed virginity tests on them.

10. The Hungarian Government is led by an antisemitic far right extremist who targets, harasses, and arrests Jewish activists because of the very fact that they are Jewish.

11. The Chinese government engages in mass surveillance, banned protests and voting, and has 1 million Muslims currently locked in concentration camps.

12. GILEE engages in police training with all of these countries.
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13. The GILEE website has articles that express all matters of anti-Arab and anti-Muslim bigotry. Attorney Mitchell includes some examples from the GILEE site stating Arab American advocacy groups support terror.

14. Currently on the GILEE website it includes that no Muslim leader has ever condemned the 9/11 attacks. Mr. Mitchell says that this is what our officers are being taught.

15. Mr. Mitchell says that currently on the GILEE website are articles advocating for the Iraq war for bombing Iran, articles that called former President Jimmy Carter genocidal like the Roman Emperor Nero.

16. Attorney Mitchell expresses that GILEE is not a normal police exchange program. GILEE teaches bigotry, works with bigoted countries, and GILEE also works with anti-Muslim bigots that call themselves counter terrorism experts. An example provided by Attorney Mitchell is a list found on the GILEE website of other organizations they work with. Sebastian Gorka is listed on the site.

17. Attorney Mitchell asks the senate to google Sebastian Gorka and Nazi to see what they find. Attorney Mitchell also says that Gorka is a far-right extremist so radical, he was kicked out of the Trump White House after a Jewish newspaper exposed that he had ties to a Nazi ally group in his native country of Hungary.

18. Attorney Mitchell believes that GILEE should be judged based on the merits of the program. He also says that the question the senate must ask themselves is, “are we okay with our police officers training with a foreign government that performs rectal examinations on gay people, are we okay with our police officers training with a foreign government that performs virginity tests on female protestors, are we okay with our police officers training with a foreign government that has a million Muslims locked in concentration camps right now, and are we okay with our officers training with a foreign government that engages in antisemitism, attacks Jewish activists because they are Jewish”.

19. Attorney Mitchell also says that if a member of the senate votes tonight to defend GILEE it does not make you a anti-Muslim bigot. He also states that if GILEE survives the opinion resolution do not feel that the senate endorsed anti-Muslim bigotry.

20. Attorney Mitchell also adds that if GILEE is voted against tonight, do not let that lead you to believe that the senate supports antisemitism, because GILEE has nothing to do with antisemitism.

21. Mr. Mitchell adds that Jewish and Muslim students should not be feuding about things like this and should instead be uniting against real hate.

B. Student forum — students wishing to address the senate
   a. Green Awareness Students
      1. Bernadette is a senior at Georgia State and interning at Environmental Georgia, an Environmental advocacy group. Bernadette states that she is working there because she cares about the planet and hopes to leave the Earth a better place than how she found it
      2. Bernadette states the way we will be consuming energy will change in the next 10 to 20 years and hopes we can move it in a more positive direction
      3. She believes that resolution 07 is a good start. In 2035 Atlanta will be on all sustainable energy and hopes that Georgia State can begin making plans for that.
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4. Bernadette has handed in signed petitions and thanks the office of Sustainability and the Student Government for hosting Earth Week

b. Flower Initiative -- Khadijah Greene
   1. About two weeks ago, Greene realized that there were no feminine hygiene products in the restrooms of the Clarkston campus. Greene noticed that Health Services office offers free condoms to all students, but not feminine hygiene products.
   2. The Flower Initiative wants to work with Aunt Flow to provide 100% chemical free products to students on campus
   3. They’ve created a quote sheet
   4. Would like the senate’s support in fixing this issue and creating a continuous progressive state at Georgia State by adding female hygiene to the health services provided at Georgia State

c. President Patterson opens to the floor to the students in the room.
d. Dontarius is a senior at Georgia State University and is speaking in support of condemning the GILEE program.
   1. The student went to Atlanta City Hall to speak with Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms and Police Commissioner Erika Shields about the GILEE program and why he thinks it is problematic for Georgia State to participate in the program. Dontarius says that he was told that the program itself helps to preemptively stop terrorist attacks and crimes before they happen.
   2. In response, Dontarius asked if she meant racial profiling and was then told that no answers she could give him would suffice. In 2018 there were 92 officer involved shootings and that is the highest on record in Georgia. 48 of those were fatal, which is also the highest officer involved shooting deaths in Georgia. The fact that Atlanta Police Department participates in this program is something that should have us hesitant in participating. Dontarius includes that GBI Director Vernon Keenan expressed that the GILEE program taught him that radical Islam was the primary threat to Democratic countries in the Western world

e. Warren spoke in favor of condemning the GILEE program.
   1. He states that we have to ask specifically is what we want the police officers at Georgia State to learn from the GILEE program. One of Robert Freeman’s quotes (Founding Director of the GILEE program) reads that there is no such thing as Islamophobia only knife-o-phobia, Warren says that this is associating Muslims with violence.

f. Alex speaks in favor of condemning the GILEE program.
   1. Alex says the GILEE program trains police to treat students as threats and the programs founder has a history of Islamophobic statements. It is hard for students to thrive when they are being harassed by campus police. Alex says she doesn’t feel personally threatened by police, but the police do not reassure her and make her worried about her classmates and she cannot imagine how students of color feel.

g. Sheera is a sophomore student at Georgia State University.
   1. Sheera says she is concerned because this resolution holds Israel to a double standard and marginalizes the very members of the Georgia State community that it seeks to protect. Sheera says we could be celebrating diversity on campus, but unfortunately
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the resolution singles out certain groups. Sheera feels her voice is not being heard. Sheera asks the Senate to vote no on the resolution

h. Bella is a Jewish student at Georgia State University studying Political Science.
   1. Bella does not support this resolution. Two months ago, Jewish students at Emory were targeted by anti-Semitic flyers placed on their dorm room doors. When they tried to voice their concerns, they were told that they were overreacting.
   2. The BDS movement singles out Israel and holds it to a different standard more than any nation in the world. The feelings of the Jewish community are made worse by the fact that this vote is taking place on the Eve of Passover when many Jewish students are with their family. Bella’s friends who wanted to be here tonight to speak feel their voices are not being heard.

i. Melissa is a student at Emory University and is speaking on behalf of Emory Eagles for Israel.
   1. Melissa is pro-Israel and pro-Palestine, even though she feels it’s a stance that people don’t seem to believe in. She believes the resolution being discussed tonight is anti-Israel. Melissa states that they strongly urge SGA to consider the negative impact of this bill in their community.

j. Robert graduated from Georgia State University in 2015 with a degree in Middle Eastern Studies. Robert was one of the founders of Students for Justice in Palestine in 2014. Robert is also a member of Jewish Voice for Peace.
   1. Robert states that foundations of GILEE is rooted in anti-Black mass incarceration. The program was founded in 1992 for the 1996 Olympics where there was in fact a terrorist attack by a white Supremacist, pro-abortion zealot. Robert says that it is important to note that in 1993 there was a steep incline in both incarceration rate and population in Georgia. Robert says that these statistics are to illustrate the environment that programs like this are allowed to take root. It is important to recognize where these programs come from. Robert states that celebrating diversity without justice is a function of liberal white supremacy as it fails to acknowledge dynamics of power within institutions including APD and with the people of Atlanta

k. Lynn Woodstock is a student at Georgia State University.
   1. Woodstock did not originally plan to speak but chose to do so after listening to statements being given as facts. Woodstock expresses that the facts are not there because they are not facts, but instead opinions. Woodstock says that this was not created for white supremacy or hatred, but this was a program created for collaboration, understanding, and learning. She asks the Senate to keep that in mind when making a decision.

l. Sariyah is a Political Science major at Georgia State University.
   1. Sariyah says the outcome of GILEE is hatred and discrimination. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation Director, Vernon Keenan said that a GILEE partner nation had taught him that a primary threat to democratic countries was terrorism by radical Islam. Keenan also stated that American Arab advocacy groups support
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terrorism, but the problem is that due to the First Amendment that FBI will not go into mosques.

2. Sariyah asks that when the GILEE program produces Islamophobes such as Keenan, “how can we as a progressive and inclusive university, support a program that produces such Islamophobic rhetoric?”

3. Sariyah asks the senate, “what does a terrorist look like?” She asks does a terrorist looks like herself who is also a student, her brother named Muhammed, or her mother who wears a hijab.

4. Sariyah states that they are not attacking Israel, Judaism or the Jewish community and says the GILEE program has a history of attacking Muslims and racially profiling other communities.

m. Elizabeth states that the GILEE program works with governments like Egypt, Pakistan, China, and Hungary that openly and violently silence their people, and this is about the government themselves.
   1. She stated that support no matter how small of any government that systematically oppresses their people and violates human rights is unacceptable.
   2. Elizabeth stated that the bigotry, racism, and militarization that is tied to GILEE had no place on campus.

n. Ira Livnat was born in Israel and immigrated to the United States at three years old.
   1. Ira states that as one of, if not the only Jewish person involved with the SGA, he cannot label this legislation as anti-Israel or antisemitic inherently.
   2. Ira states to rest assured that these sentiments also exist on campus. He says that he sees the swastikas in the bathroom and also hears the degrading remarks.
   3. Ira states that he understands why Jewish students feel now, more than ever, that their identity and safety is at stake.
   4. About two months ago, the Ira says he was thinking about his well-being and whether or not he needed to hire security.
   5. During this campaign he was referred to many different names.
   6. In theory this should be a piece of legislation that unites us all, but it is not where we find ourselves tonight.
   7. Ira says that he has heard tonight many facts that have little to do with the situation. Ira points out Mr. Mitchell’s fact that GSU officers were involved with the program. However, Ira states that Georgia State Police officers are not involved in this program.
   8. Ira says that this legislation is not about Israel, Judaism, Palestine or Islam.
   9. Student adds that twice in one semester a pro-Israel Jewish group and an anti-Israel group are at the heart of a conflict in SGA. Student encourages the Senate to think how and why is that the case.
   10. Student adds that he is here to inform the senate to vote on the merits of this legislation, who it was written by, how it was presented, and what is can potentially mean for student safety.

o. Senator Rahman states that the Chief of GSU PD is a graduate of the GILEE program and to say that GSU officers do not participate in the program is false.
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C. Officers wishing to address the senate
   a. President-elect Mejia
      1. President Patterson asks everyone to give President-elect Mejia a round of applause. President Patterson announces that President-elect Mejia is the first female Latina President of Georgia State University
      2. President-elect Jasmine Mejia thanks everyone in the senate and adds that tonight will be a little crazy, but the entire year has led up to this moment. President-elect Mejia says to all the senates that will follow her to the next administration and lists Hamza, Ian, Chase. President-elect Mejia says that she is very excited and very fortunate to be in this position. She includes that they have made history at Georgia State and wishes everyone the best in their future endeavors and that she is very excited for what’s to come.
   b. Executive Vice President-elect Rahman thanks everyone that came out to vote even if they did not vote for him. He states that they have made history.
      1. EVP-elect Rahman also states that they appreciate all of their supporters and thanks all the senators that have put in a year of work and year of advocating for their students.
      2. He also thanks those that will carry the legacy into the next administration. EVP Rahman congratulates all that have won elections.

D. SGA representatives wishing to address the senate
   a. Liaison Lockett thanks the students for coming out and speaking and wishes they would do it more often.
      1. Liaison Lockett says that he repeatedly heard Robert Freeman throughout the presentations. He says the point of the legislation is not Robert Freeman, the point is instead GILEE.
      2. He states that the point is whether GILEE has valid representation on the Georgia State campus, on the Georgia State University System and whether we should continue to use it.
      3. Liaison Lockett states that GILEE is not about race, religion, but about policy. He adds that GILEE is not about Israel, Palestine, Judaism, Islam, but it is about whether these officers are going to that country and asking what they are learning and bringing back here.
      4. Liaison Lockett directs his statement to those that are advocating based on ethnicity and religion by stating his personal opinion. Liaison Lockett states that you cannot argue that effect and not criticize Israel at the same time.
      5. He asks the senate, “why are we going to countries that are fundamentally problematic and that do not appreciate democratic values, but not going to our allies?”
   b. Senator Walton stated that on March 28th he had a meeting with people putting forward the Financial Aid process. Senator Walton says that if you are a student and would like financial aid, make sure you are up to date on the FAFSA process.
      1. Financial Aid would like to work with SGA in regards to promotion. They just held an event about free taxes for students.
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2. In the next administration they will work on making sure that they work with financial aid about promotion
3. Senator Walton also announces that he has been working with Senator Wright about Finals Week. On April 30 and May 2, they would like people to come out. They will have a signup sheet later on.

c. Senator Garcia announces that today is GSU’s Earth Fest.
   1. Senator Garcia was contacted by one of the people from South East Institute. This is a nonprofit organization for education.
   2. The primary thing is to educate people about more sustainable housing, policies, and things of that nature.
   3. It is one of the only two conservative, self conserve institutes in Georgia.
   4. Anyone interested and entering an emerging leader program regarding sustainability and a paid internship that will start in June and last 6 months, should contact Senator Garcia or President Patterson.

d. EVP Smith states that transition binders are very important and critical in continuing the legacy that they’ve built today. EVP Smith says that if you are not coming to SGA next year, put everything that you’ve worked on or thought about working on in the transition binders so the next administration can carry on the legacy.

e. Senator Mai thanks guests, staff, and peers of the 89th administration for attending the last University-wide senate meeting for this academic year.
   1. Senator Mai says that although time is nearing its end there is still work to accomplish in this short time frame.
   2. Senator Mai states that he does condemn and denounce all the violent acts that other countries have committed towards its citizens, whether it be the virginity test in Egypt or the concentration camps in China.
   3. Senator states that SGA must always act with an unbiased nature, always focusing on the wellbeing of constituents.
   4. Senator Nicholson yields her two minutes so Senator Mai can finish.
   5. Senator Mai says, not only had this program not caused tangible damage, but it has also earned the recognition of the national organization of black law enforcement executives. The Georgia Association of Chief of Police, The Society of former FBI Agents and Georgia State itself.
   6. He asks the senate who are we to judge a program whose sole purpose train officers and executive involvement by peer to peer onsite training and international cooperation.
   7. Senator Mai asks the senate, “how can we criticize a program for the actions of independent sovereign states?” He adds that Georgia State currently has 31 agreements with institution in China. GILEE is a separate entity and receives no funding from the school.
   8. Senator Thomas yields time to Senator Mai
   9. Senator Mai says that the senate has the power to voice the concerns of their students and the power to make a change on campus.

f. Senator Nicholson announces that they received a Bio Bus to use to provide students free immunizations that will be at orientations this summer.
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IV. Special Orders — no special orders

V. Executive Cabinet Reports from the EVP of each campus
   A. Alpharetta Campus
      1. EVP Seymour updates the senate that she’s been fighting for female hygiene products. They have now received tampons and pads.
      2. Announces that they are working with campus safety to enforce cameras on campus because students’ lives are being deeply affected
      3. They have also been working on public safety. EVP Seymour announces that the roofing issue is being resolved.
      4. EVP Seymour thanks the Alpharetta campus senators and the senators from the other Perimeter campuses as well for their due diligence.
   B. Atlanta Campus
      1. EVP Diallo thanks Senator Thomas and the Safety Committee for tabling for Grief GSU.
      2. EVP reminds the senate about finals week. The event that Senator Wright and her committee are hosting will be held on April 30th and May 2nd from 12 to 4 in Dahlberg Hall.
      3. EVP Diallo thanked Senator Siemer and everyone who volunteered today for the Earth Week table.
      4. EVP Diallo wishes the people she will be seeing from the Perimeter Campuses a good luck on their finals. She also sends well wishes to students not coming back to SGA for their future endeavors.
   C. Clarkston Campus
      1. EVP Smith announces that the Clarkston Campus has just elected their EVP who is Muslim and wears a full niqab.
      2. The International Festival that was held last Tuesday was a monumental event and a great celebration of the culture.
      3. EVP Smith says that she cannot wait to see what they have done as she transitions to the Atlanta campus.
      4. EVP Smith states that she will not have a full hand in what happens in SGA anymore, but she will go ahead and keep up with the times. She looks forward to seeing what this administration has to offer.
      5. EVP Smith also says that this is her second year as Executive Vice President and what it has done for her life has been amazing and completely changed her world view. She adds that she absolutely loves everyone in the room.
   D. Decatur Campus
      1. Executive Vice President Walters says this year has been all about progression.
      2. She says that she started off with no one and ended up with a few Senators, Speaker, and Communications Director.
      3. She adds that although they’re small they have accomplished a lot. They have done many signature events for Black History Month, Film Festival, Pantry for the Decatur Campus, and also events for the library.
      4. EVP Walter thanks officers and the senate for working hard and continuing to build a legacy
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E. Dunwoody Campus
1. EVP Orak says that she’s happy to see the last meeting so full and thanks everyone for coming. EVP Orak says that it has been a great experience for her to be here.
2. EVP Orak congratulates President-elect Mejia. She is proud to see a female president, vice president, and university wide president here.
3. EVP Orak says that she will not be participating as an officer next year and will do her best to help everyone out.
4. The Safety department has confirmed the library extension hours. There will be extension hours for the 24th, 25th, 29th, 30th, May 1st and 2nd until 11 pm on the Dunwoody campus.
5. Last semester the Dunwoody Campus had around 100 students attend for the extension of library hours and would love to see more students coming.
6. They went to the Political Science classes and presented about SGA. EVP Orak adds that the students seemed very interested and hopefully they get more student participation in SGA.
7. EVP Orak says yesterday she was in the library when a friend of her Muslim friend said that the police was asking them to leave the library. EVP Orak went to ask what happened, she was told that they assumed they were whispering in the library. The librarian called the Police and asked them to leave. EVP Orak does not think it is only Muslim students, but it is also aggressive behavior from administration, because they have the power to sometimes do what they want.
8. EVP Orak asks the new administration to focus on these issues.
9. EVP Orak spoke to the person in charge of the health clinic and was informed that hygiene products are being bought, but instead donated.

F. Newton Campus
1. EVP Patel says the 89th administration of the Newton campus began with just herself and Preston. She thanks everyone for all the work they’ve done. EVP Patel also thanks the advisors for guiding and telling them what to do.
2. At the Newton campus they’ve been working on bringing a basketball court on campus. They have the quotes and are currently waiting on the approval of the basketball court and also trying to find the funding for it.
3. EVP Patel states the GSU PD has already allocated 2 million dollars to the issue of security cameras. By the end of 2019 all the cameras at the Perimeter and Atlanta campuses will be reinstalled.
4. EVP Patel thanks everyone for coming out and ensures that their voices are being heard.

G. Communications Director Lazare
1. Communications Director Lazare announces that she was extremely happy for the turnout of the elections this year.
2. Communications Director Lazare congratulates President-elect Mejia, EVP-elect Rahman, Speaker-elect Thomas, and everyone that will be here for the 90th administration.
3. Reminds the Senate the inaugurations will take place on May 10th, to RSVP for the event, and fill out the awards ballot.
4. There are a number of vacancies for SGA, she asks the Senate to encourage their friends and acquaintances to visit Panther Involvement Network to apply for those vacancies.
5. **SGA is invited to attend an awards ceremony** that will take place on April 24th, hosted by the Multicultural Center. Senator Nicholson informs the senate that she nominated SGA for a leadership award that will be announced at the ceremony. Communications Director Lazare encourages the senate to attend that event. They must RSVP by Monday and she will send out a reminder.

6. Communications Director Lazare says that she hopes that they will continue to do great work for SGA and wishes everyone good luck on their finals.

VI. **Committee Reports**

A. **Safety Committee**

1. Senator Thomas says it wasn’t too long ago when the senate put their trust in him by supporting a bill to create the university wide Standing Safety Committee, and thanks the senate for the opportunity and for championing student safety.

2. The motto for this committee will be, “protecting the health, safety, and wellbeing of Georgia State students through proactive policies, community engagement, and responsible leadership.”

3. Senator Thomas states that he can only hopes that the successor to this position continues to follow in his footsteps.

B. **Bylaw Committee**

1. Senator Wright says that they had many bills this year

2. He thanks everyone for helping the committee and attending his bylaws meetings.

3. Senator Wright says that they have a lot to vote on tonight.

C. **Perimeter College Committee**

1. The Perimeter College community is currently working with Alpharetta senate to create a co-sponsorship to allocate money and funding to some of their startup clubs and organizations

2. They did follow up when it came down to information about the Pounce costume. It is $5,000 for a costume. They were provided with the contact information of the company to use it

3. The dispensers on the Perimeter college campuses have not been filled in the last 4 years. They do not know where the money is going. This is an active student issue currently happening on campus. More than half of the GSU student population are female students.

D. **Ad-hoc Human Trafficking Committee**

1. Senator Mejia states that she wants this ad-hoc committee to continue because it is a very important cause to Atlanta and the surrounding campuses.

E. **Homeless Committee**

1. President Patterson states that **Tianne Powell** is a student that has been working with them on this committee. She is unable to be at the meeting due to an exam tomorrow.

2. However, she did want to mention that she is working on a homeless student scholarship because it is something that she believes is important to the cause and something she hopes that President-Elect Mejia will bring forward to the next administration

F. **Ad-hoc GILEE Committee**

1. Senator Nicholson makes a friendly amendment to the agenda to move her report to after the University Senate reports.
VII. University Senate Reports

A. The Athletics committee met on Wednesday and spoke about the football schedule and student engagement. They’ve had discussions about music and fun activities in between games. They also welcoming suggestions on how to make it better.

B. President Patterson asks the senate to limit their committee reports to less than a minute. President Patterson asks if any committees have met in the past couple of weeks.

C. The Committee for Sustainability
   a. Senator Garcia announces that the committee has not met. The committee runs on a separate time schedule where the committee ends at the beginning of April and a new committee forms now.
   b. They will be electing their co-chairs and their chair on April 24th at 11 am.
   c. They will also be having three guest speakers that will join them to discuss transportation initiatives in Atlanta and how they can use it for GSU.
   d. They are working on creating transportation between all campuses, especially Perimeter Campuses.
   e. They will have Andrew Walter, the Assistant Director with the city of Atlanta office of Mobility, Haley Hamilton, the Committee Engagement Manager for Pedestrian Educated Drivers Safety, and Rebecca Sirna the Executive Director of the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition as the three guest speakers.

D. Student Life
   a. Senator Siemer announced that the Student Life committee met, and they approved a number of new student organizations and spoke about student orientation.
   b. Senator Siemer says that the way student orientation is being done is changing this year. They will also be collecting more data from students because they have to register for sessions.

E. Budget
   a. Senator Siemer says that Budget met and had a very short meeting. Not much to say about the meeting.

F. Point of parliamentary inquiry
   a. Senator Mai asks advisors for clarifications of the rules. Senator Mai asks if they are allowed to move Old Business after New Business in order to discuss the New Business first before discussing Old Business.
   b. Senator Mai moves to reorder the agenda to move old business after new business. Senator Thomas seconds the motion.
   c. President Patterson announces vote to move Old Business after New Business. The motion passed with 17 in favor, 4 opposed, and 5 abstentions.

G. President Patterson asks if there are any other University Senate Reports and there are none. President Patterson asks everyone to email him senate reports by the end of the week so they will be added to the end of the year report that will be released at the end of this administration.
VIII. New Business
A. Senator Rahman motions that the GILEE report be read before the legislation is introduced on the floor.
   1. Senator Mejia seconds this motion
   2. Motion passed with 18 in favor, 0 opposed, and 5 abstentions.
B. 89-UWB-13 A University-Wide Bill to Update the Election Code re Mens Rea
   1. Legislation introduced by Senator Siemer
   2. The bill proposes changing the burden of proof that needs to be found for the election. Right now, there is a requirement for the election commission to prove Mens Rea. This means that they have to prove that there was malicious intent in any campaign violation.
   3. Senator Siemer says it is difficult to do so, so they are proposing changing this to the preponderance of evidence. This means that it is more likely than not that they did it.
   4. President Patterson asks if there is a motion on the floor to open the floor for discussion.
   5. Senator Garcia calls to question
   6. Legislation passed with 19 in favor, 0 opposed, and 5 abstentions
C. 89-UWB-14 A University-wide Bill to Update the Election Code re Locking of Ballots
   1. Introduced by Senator Siemer
   2. In the rare case that a candidate is disqualified during the runoff ballot, there is a certain cutoff time needed to lock the ballot.
   3. Senator Garcia motions to discuss, seconded by Senator Nicholson
   4. Liaison Lockett asks if all the appeals have to be done before
   5. Senator Siemer says at 5 o’clock whatever name is on the ballot stays on the ballot because they cannot change it right before voting
   6. Point of Information, Senator Mai asks if this will be taken into effect at the next election
   7. Senator Nicholson calls to question
   8. Legislation passes with 25 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions
D. 89-UWSR-07 Sustainability Support Resolution
   1. Introduced by Senator Siemer
   2. This resolution encourages Georgia State University to adopt sustainability in its next strategic plan
   3. If the resolution is passed, it will go before the office of the President and the University Senate committees. They hope that this resolution goes to the university senate committee to help develop this.
   4. Senator Garcia motions to discuss for 2 minutes, this is seconded by Senator Nicholson
   5. Senator Turner asks will this affect the possible bus transportsations between perimeter campuses. Senator Siemer says all they’re asking for this resolution is for Georgia State to consider making a strategic goal for sustainability.
   6. Senator Walton calls to question
   7. Bill passes with 25 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention
   8. President Patterson states that next step is to follow up on this resolution to be sure they support it.
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E. 89-UWSR-05 Ad-Hoc Committee GILEE Report

1. Senator Nicholson
   a. President Patterson cautions everyone to be respectful.
   b. Senator Nicholson states that when this legislation was presented a little over a month ago it was sent to committee because there were many questions about it.
   c. Senator Nicholson says that the committee was unbiased and did not know much about the GILEE program.
   e. This is a University-Wide Support Resolution to encourage Georgia State University to withdraw its police department from the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange Program, end the program’s presence at GSU, and redirect its funding to appropriate police training activities.
   f. During the investigation, the committee found that no Georgia State University police officer had undergone training facilitated by the GILEE Program in the past three budget cycles.
   g. According to Chief Spillane, he has delegated zero funding for GILEE, he has not sent anyone to attend GILEE, nor has he funded the GILEE program in any way, shape, or form.
   h. Chief Spillane also mentioned that two people in the entire history of Georgia State University have attended the GILEE trip. One of the attendees retired last July and the other was before Chief Spillane was hired.
   i. Chief Spillane also stated, “if I wanted to send someone on GILEE I could. I have the funding to, but I choose not to.”
   j. Chief Spillane has been on the GILEE trip with the APD. Senator Nicholson states that her investigation was specifically about the Georgia State Police Department.
   k. Regarding point one of the legislation, Senator Nicholson states that no front-line Georgia State Police officer has been on this trip.
   l. In regard to action item number three, Senator Nicholson states that the GILEE program does not receive funding from Georgia State University. The GILEE program is funded through private donations. The donations are processed through Georgia State University Foundations, which is a completely separate entity from the academic institution that we are at.
   m. To address the training of the GSU Police officers, Senator Nicholson states that Chief Spillane explained to the committee all of the training that the officers go through, which includes, mental health first aid, de-escalation etc.
   n. To address action point number two, Senator Nicholson states the concern of all the students that have talked about this program and its affiliation with Georgia State University are recognized and respected. Due to the importance and complexity of those concerns the committee is suggesting that the 90th administration investigate further.
   o. Senator Nicholson adds that she had only two weeks, she is a graduate student, and working full time. There is no way she could possibly go through everything, along with all of its history and address everyone’s concerns. Senator Nicholson states that she is not saying that she does not hear them, but instead they did not have the time.
   p. In conclusion, because action points number one and three are inapplicable and action point number two requires further investigation, the committee recommends that the University Wide Support Resolution not be adopted. The committee also recommends that the 90th administration facilitate conversation between members of the student population and the GILEE program staff.
2. Senator Tomcho  
   a. Senator Tomcho states that the main point she took from the investigation is that GILEE is an executive leadership development program.  
   b. There is not a single Georgia State police officer that has taken part in the program.  
3. Senator Ellington-Myles  
   a. Senator Ellington-Myles states that it is important that the 90th administration and all those who came to speak be involved in what is going on within the next administration and with GILEE  
   b. States that this is way more complicated and deeply rooted than what they had time to investigate.  
   c. Senator Ellington-Myles also says that they support this being further investigated  
4. Speaker Fye states that he asked Chief Spillane why he has no interest in sending anyone to GILEE. Chief Spillane responded that his primary concern is the safety of students on campus, not terrorism.  
   a. Speaker Fye states that the committee can’t speak to his intentions of the program.  
   b. Speaker Fye asks everyone to do their research  
   c. His main concern was whether or not this was a specific threat to GSU students.  
      Based on the information, Senator Rahman and Attorney Mitchell stated, Speaker Fye finds that the information is opinion based and was not convinced that it is harmful to GSU students.  
5. President Patterson states that he will call on Senate members before they speak.  
7. Senator Thomas states that he would like to echo the ad-hoc committee and review this legislation. He believes that it is important to respect people’s beliefs and concerns when it comes to this issue. He asks senators today to give them the opportunity to investigate the legislation further and the impact the bill has on Georgia State by postponing this bill indefinitely so it can be brought back for review at a later date.  
8. Senator Rahman asks Senator Nicholson who told her that regular officers cannot attend GILEE. Senator Rahman states that a .gov article reads that a frontline officer attended GILEE last year. Senator Rahman also states that point one is applicable because two GSU officers have participated in GILEE according to Senator Nicholson’s committee. He says that all officers are eligible to attend. Senator Rahman adds that as for point three, we host GILEE’s website on GSU. The University Foundation does not pay for that.  
9. Senator Nicholson states that when she asked about their accreditation, she was told that it was not a police officer training program, but it is instead an executive level exchange program. Senator Nicholson adds that the points Senator Rahman are telling her is hearsay. Senator Nicholson encourages everyone to read the minutes from the investigation. Senator Nicholson also adds that Chief Spillane has not sent anyone to GILEE in the last three budget cycles. Senator Nicholson encourages everyone in the 90th Administration bring the issue of GILEE back up.
10. Senator Rahman states that he can show Senator Nicholson the article. President Patterson states a point of order and Senator Rahman replies that he has ten minutes to hold the floor under Robert’s Rules. Senator Rahman responds to Senator Nicholson by saying that the director lied. He asks what makes the rest of his testimony true.

11. Senator Ellington-Myles states that the fact Senator Rahman was able to find one thing that is contradicting to their investigation is why they are suggesting that they move this legislation to the 90th Administration. Senator Rahman telling the senate that he has proof of something being wrong or someone lying does not help them right now.

12. Senator Rahman objected to this and states that he if he is telling the committee that there is a lie, it means the entire committee’s findings are not on solid proof. Senator Rahman moves to amend the legislation to remove point one and point three.

13. President Patterson asks if there is a second on the floor. There is no second.

14. Liaison Lockett extends his appreciation to the committee for doing the work that many did not want to do. Liaison Lockett reiterates postponing the legislation until the 90th administration.

15. Senator Scott asks would the point regarding funding for the GILEE program be invalid because there is still money for the program, they are able to reach whenever they choose to or whenever the choose to send someone

16. Senator Nicholson says that she believes there is confusion on how the program operates because even though they are housed on campus they are not funded by the university. Senator Nicholson states that Chief Spillane says that his concern is safety on campus.

17. Senator Turner says that from the information gathered all of the GILEE money that’s been earmarked cannot be used for anything else. Senator Turner asks, “how would we put the money from GILEE towards something else?” Senator Nicholson reiterates there’s no tuition, student fee, or university funds that go to GILEE.

18. Liaison Diaz asks about workings of GILEE. He asks if Chief Spillane’s role is administrative and is his role for administrative purposes. Senator Nicholson responds that when they asked the Executive Director about receiving an itinerary of the training exchange that they’re going through, they were told no.

19. Senator Walton motions to extend time by ten minutes, Senator Nicholson seconds.

20. Senator Nicholson states the Georgia State Police Department does not participate. Liaison Diaz asks, “why is it on our website”, Senator Nicholson responds that she investigated if Georgia State Police Department is involved in this program, and the answer is no.

21. Senator Siemer says since Chief Spillane has become Chief, Dr. Barber has noticed a significant improvement in how officers deal with students. Since they have started implementing new training, she has seen a significant improvement in how officers handle situations. Senator Siemer says that the priority -- and one of her major concerns - - is are our police officers being trained in way appropriate for the campus.

22. Senator Walton says when the President calls to order you cannot talk to the President in anyway. Senator Rahman apologizes.


24. President Patterson reiterated that questions must be directed towards Senator Nicholson.
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25. Senator Tomcho encourages students to reach out to Executive Director Heaton.

26. Senator Walton announces if the legislation is tabled right now, then upon the meeting of
the 90th administration he will create a task force to continue the investigation.

27. Point of inquiry, senator asks the committee if they should table the legislation or vote
yes or no and then redraft the bill.

28. Senator Nicholson moves to extend discussion for two minutes. Seconded by Senator
Turner.

29. Senator Nicholson says that the legislation is too inaccurate to be voted upon today. It is
important for everyone to have their concerns addressed in the proper way with the
correct amount of time.

30. Present Patterson asks Senator Nicholson if she’d like to close her report. Senator
Nicholson closes her report.

IX. Old Business

A. Senator Rahman moves to amend the legislation by amending the first four lines by stating A
University Wide Support Resolution to encourage Georgia State University to end GILEE or
the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange program presence at Georgia State
University and moves that it be amended in the first four lines as well lines 17 through 21.

B. Motion seconded by Senator Mejia

C. Senator Rahman states that as a Muslim student he is thoroughly offended that this
committee is not willing to say that bigotry that is hosted and funded by GSU. Senator
Rahman adds that he is offended that the legislation was tabled like this.

1. Vote to amend supporting resolution number six.

2. Amendment fails with 3 in favor, 9 opposed, and 10 abstentions.

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2. The bill has been tabled indefinitely with 17 in favor, 2 opposed, and 7 abstentions.

X. Closing Remarks

A. Liaison Lockett announces that he will not be returning year. He thanks everyone for the
opportunity and allowing him to speak his voice.

B. Senator Walton thanks E board members and President Patterson for their leadership, service,
and example that they’ve set.

C. Senator Thomas says that he cannot be prouder to be a part of an organization like SGA.

D. EVP Seymour thanks not only SGA, but the student body as a whole. She thanks everyone
for coming out to the meeting. EVP Seymour adds that your vision may change, but the
mission stays the same.

E. Senator Nicholson thanks her committee members for sacrificing their time over the last few weeks.

F. EVP Patel asks senate to stand and applaud President Patterson

G. Senator Ellington-Myles announces an upcoming spring show. You can buy your tickets
online. The show will run tomorrow and Saturday at 8, April 22nd the show will be at 2
o’clock. On the 22nd the writer of Flying West will host a question and answer event. You
can also see the event on the 26th and the 28th.

H. Liaison Lee reminds that the U-Wide picnic is tomorrow in the office.

I. Senator announces that she will not be coming back for the next administration. She thanks
senate.
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J. EVP Smith announces that Clarkston Senator Nwadike, who is dual enrolled, received a full ride scholarship to the University of Georgia.

K. EVP Diallo says to vote for her in the 2038 Presidential election. EVP Diallo announces that her wedding will be held on July 13. She will be sending out invitations.

XI. Closing Roll Call

XI. President Patterson states that he will not give a long speech, but it is his last official university wide meeting that he will ever have.
A. President Patterson states that the E board deserves a lot for sticking with him throughout the year.
B. He states that this was a journey. When you start it is hard and it does get harder, but it is well worth going for.
C. President Patterson thanks the advisors. He states that this would not be possible without the advisors.
D. President Patterson says, “it was the best of times, it was the worst of times, but hell, we had a ride.”

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM