

Atlanta Campus Senate Meeting

Friday, May 10, 2018
Veterans Memorial Hall, Dahlberg Hall

- I. **Call to Order: Speaker of the Senate, Kaelen Thomas at 5:34PM.**
- II. **Opening Call of the Roll & Determination of Quorum: Senate Clerk Brittany Dankwa**
(Absent: Senator's Walker, Aiken, Durrani, and Charity Jackson) Quorum was reached with 19 out of 23 senators present.
- III. **Special Orders**
 - a. **Confirmation of Finance and Communication Director**
 - i. Interviews have been conducted and Evan Malbrough has been seated as the Atlanta Communications Director, and Christopher Garcia Velazquez have been seated as the Atlanta Finance Director
 - ii. Senator Walton calls the question, seconded by Senator Mai in regards to vote on the seating bill.
 - iii. The bill passes with 18 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstention
 - b. **Seating bill for the Academic Affairs Chair**
 - i. Senator Abraham nominates Senator Walton. Senator Walton accepts nomination. Speaker Thomas closes call for nominations.
 - ii. Senator Walton 3-Minute Speech: Nigel is a sophomore, Religious Studies major and believes that students come to college to get an education. "You want to make sure that your education is your top priority." Will be working with Financial Aid, and Library Services making sure that there are enough textbooks available for classes. Appreciates support and stresses importance of people needed to work on committee because there is work to be done.
 - iii. The bill to seat Senator Walton as Academic Affairs Chair passes with 18 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions
 - c. **Seating bill for the Student Services Chair**
 - i. Speaker Thomas entertains nominations for Student Services Committee Chair.
 - ii. Senator Tooke nominates Senator Ellington-Myles. Senator Ellington Myles accepts nomination.
 - iii. Senator Abraham nominates Senator Mai. Senator Mai denies nomination.
 - iv. Speaker Thomas and Advisor Beckwith explains that the Student Services Committee handles everything that is under Finance and Administration which includes Campus Services, which includes the Parking, ID Card Office, Panther Dining, Sustainability, anything under that umbrella.
 - v. Senator Ellington-Myles 3-Minute Speech: Her name is Danielle Ellington-Myles. She was a Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences last year and is also a Senator this year for the College of Arts. She would like to be the Chair of this committee because she is a student that has utilized all of the services, she is an off-campus student so something that concerns her is what services are available to them and how readily available they are and how students can partake in them. She is very passionate about getting services available to students and understanding how fees work so that we can provide more information about how to get more fees

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allocated to these student services to provide better access to students, especially those services that students do not really know about.

- vi. The bill to seat Senator Ellington-Myles as Student Services Chair passes with 18 For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstentions.

d. Seating bill for Student Engagement Committee

- i. Advisor Beckwith explains that this committee is in charge of legislation related to the offices under the student affairs umbrella, i.e. Student Recreation Center, Student Center, Multicultural Center, Black Student Achievement, as well as playing a role in Homecoming, students add a spirit aspect to this committee.
- ii. Senator Jones nominates Senator Abraham. Senator Abraham accepts nomination
- iii. Senator Jackson nominates himself.
- iv. Senator Abraham 3-Minute Speech: Her name is Audrey Abraham; she is a returning senator for the College of Arts and Sciences and believes she would make an excellent Student Engagement Chair because she is focused on the achievement of all students on through their career path like. Providing opportunities through co-sponsorships and conferences that allow students to make connections that could be utilized for internships and getting their name out there. With this position she will be providing them information and access to the 400+ organizations on campus as well as allocating money so students can attend conferences as money should never be an issue when bridging the gap between students and their need scholastically.
- v. Senator Jackson 3-Minute Speech: His name is Cedric Jackson and he is a senator for the College of the Arts. Expresses that when he first started at Georgia State University, he didn't really understand what SGA did and how it impacted the student. Seeks to reach out to students to educate on how SGA can affect their life on campus. Not a lot of students get the chance to engage with students because they are just focused on going to school. Talking to resident students and Freshman 1010. Wants to work with communications director so we can survey students to find out what they want and direct them to the committees and orgs that pertain to their interest. Would like to increase student engagement. Students who graduate should feel as though the organizations they participated had an effect on the plans post-graduation. Wants students to feel welcome and to engage. Wants to communicate with GSU administrators to continue interactive relationship between Financial Aid and the students of GSU. Creating and encouraging this dynamic of students being involved on campus will create a better experience which will in turn encourage alumni and soon to be alumni to donate back to the programs that helped them become successful.
- vi. Voting in Favor of Senator Abraham: 9
- vii. Voting in Favor of Senator Jackson: 8
- viii. The bill passes with 9 votes for Senator Abraham as the Student Engagement Chairmen.

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e. **Seating Bill of the Speaker Pro Tempore:**

- i. Senator Mai nominates Senator Jones. Senator Jones accepts nomination.
- ii. Senator Jones 3-Minute Speech: Her name is Jhane Jones, Sophomore Political Science major, and is currently a Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences. She is excited to take on the role as Speaker Pro Tempore of the 90th Administration. She is a part of the Criminal Justice Student Association, a New Student Orientation Leader, new member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Vice President of the National Panhellenic Council. As Speaker Pro Tempore she will work very hard to fill any vacancies to ensure that SGA can be ran effectively. As a previous Freshman Liaison, Jhane understands the needs and requirements needed to fill the position and looks forwards to molding and mentoring students to perform these roles. She also hopes to encourage these liaisons to become members of the senate to encourage SGA participation and increase awareness.
- iii. The bill to seat Senator Jones as Speaker Pro Tempore passes with 18 votes for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

IV. **Executive Cabinet Report**

- a. Communications Director Marlborough - This upcoming year he hopes to redefine the definition of the Communication Department. Communication Committee will unofficially consist of three sub-committees: Creative Media, Political Affairs, Student Relations. He hopes to work with the Georgia State House to host events there and there have been talks to at least allow us one meeting at the State House. If you have interest in any creative media opportunities or any interest in politics, please see Evan about joining the Communication Committee.

V. **Executive Vice President Report**

VI. **Closing Call of Roll: Senate Clerk Brittany Dankwa**

(Absent: Senator's Walker, Aiken, Durrani, and Charity Jackson)

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