

SGA 90th Administration University-wide Senate Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2019

Veterans Memorial Hall, Dahlberg Hall

- I. **Call to Order: SGA President Jazmin Mejia at 4:31 pm**
- II. **Opening Call of Role & Determination of Quorum: Senate Clerk: Brittany Dankwa**
(Absent: Senators Aiken, Baig, Durrani, Gongora, Charity Jackson, V. Jones, Mclver, Walker, and Decatur EVP Manais)
 - It should be noted as well that Dawnyale Allen and Tyren Jackson from the Student Judicial Board were in attendance.
 - Quorum achieved with 24 present senators out of 32.
- III. **Reading & Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting on April 18, 2019**
Advisor Beckwith suggested moving the reading and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting to the August meeting in an effort to save time, as well as sending out the previous minutes so the new senate may look over them before the August meeting.
- IV. **Special Orders – Confirmation of Appointments**
 - a. **Ad hoc Bylaw Review Committee –**
 - i. Senator Walton moves to open floor for nominations of Bylaw Committee Chair, Senator Mai seconds that motion.
 - ii. Senator Mai nominates himself for Bylaws Committee Chair. Senator DeHart seconds that nomination.
 - iii. Senator Walton describes that you are provided with a binder with the bylaws that the SGA runs by. The bylaws are outdated or do not make sense since they have been handed down whether through copies or passed via students. The Committee Chair would be in charge of leading this group of individuals and making changes to the bylaws. If you want to make changes to the bylaws, or election code, or the hours of the officers it would be approved by the Bylaw Committee.
 - iv. Advisor Beckwith point of information notes that this group does not only make sure that the bylaws are accurate, but if there is any legislation proposed to the senate or university-wide senate that does not fall under an existing standing committee it would go to the Bylaw Committee first. The University-Wide Bylaw Committee can make changes for the Atlanta campus, or Perimeter College therefore it is recommended that they have a representative from each campus.
 - v. Senator Walton moves for nominations to be closed, Senator Dehart seconds.
 - vi. **Senator Mai is the Committee Chair of the Ad Hoc Bylaw Committee.**
 - vii. EVP Turner (NWT), Alo (DUN), Advisor Banks (CLK), Sutton, Beckwith, Senator Abraham (ATL), Hassan (CLK), M. Jones (ALP), E. Mackey (ALP) volunteered to serve on committee.
 - viii. Committee Members Confirmation Vote: **24 Votes For, 0 Abstentions, 0 Against**
 - b. **Safety Committee –** In charge of the safety of the students, whether physically or mentally; i.e. Newton campus camera-safety, or smoking initiative on the Atlanta campus. Anything that interferes with the student’s ability to attend school in safe and well-kept environment.

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- i. Senator Ellington-Myles moves to open the floor for nominations for Safety Committee Chair. Senator DeHart seconds that motion.
 - ii. Senator Dehart nominates himself as Safety Committee Chair.
 - iii. Senator Tooke nominates Senator Cole. Senator Cole denies nomination. Senator Dehart motion to close seconded by Senator Johnson.
 - iv. Closing Nominations Vote: **22 votes For, 0 Against, 2 abstentions**
 - v. **Senator Dehart is the Committee Chair of the Safety Committee.**
 - vi. Senator Tooke (ATL), Cedric Jackson (ATL), Senator Simpson (ATL); and Senator Martinez (DUN), EVP Turner nominates someone from her campus, information will be forwarded at a later date; Senator Simpson nominates Senator Saied, Senator Saied excepts nomination to volunteer for committee.
 - vii. **Senator _____ calls to close call for committee volunteers**, seconded by Senator Mai.
 - viii. Committee Member Confirmation Vote: **23 Votes For, 1 Abstention, 0 Against**
- c. **Perimeter College Committee –**
- i. Senator Walton moves to refer this legislation to the Bylaws Committee, seconded by Senator DeHart.
 - ii. **Move to Bylaw Committee Vote: 17 For, 5 Abstentions, 2 Against.**
 - iii. **The Perimeter College Committee will be referred to the Bylaw Committee for further review.**
- d. **GILLEE Committee –**
- i. **Senator Walton is welcomed to the floor by President Mejia.** Last year, the 89th Administration, came into the problem of the GILLEE program, and they developed a committee led by Senator Kirsten Nicholls. When providing her summary, she encouraged the 90th Administration to develop a committee that would look further into this issue. When she initially did her research, she only had about 2 weeks to find out what GILLEE was and how it affects the students. So, this legislation will want to create an ad hoc committee that addresses GILLEE even more.
 - ii. Senator Ubiringa point of inquiry: Permission to ask what GILEE is?
 - iii. Communication Director Malbrough provides a short summary of what GILEE is. GILEE, stands for the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange. It's basically an exchange program between the top officers in Georgia police departments and other police departments across the world, like from Britain, Egypt, and China, etc. It's supposed to foster new ways of policing. In some years, people from other countries will come to Georgia and other years Georgia officers will go to those other countries.
 - iv. Senator Ellington-Myles point of information: She was one of the members in the previous administration that worked on this legislation and notes that there was a binder created with information pertaining to the program and how it works in the SGA Office. Highly recommend that if you are interested in finding out more about the program you should read through that binder.
 - v. Senator Mackey (ALP) point of inquiry: Is there another way to access the information in that binder. President Mejia suggests that she could possibly scan everything; it is 200 pages, but she will work it out.
 - vi. Senator Walton asks to amend number of committee members from 9 to 5.

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- vii. Advisor Beckwith provides a point of information that SGA can't hold meetings in private per Georgia law, unless it is an executive session that deals with a personnel matter.
 - viii. Senator Ellington Myles point of information: Understands and respects the idea of keeping these meetings closed but encourages that meetings should be open to the public because there were a lot of students at the last University Wide meeting that were very interested and concerned and having that transparency will get us better results in regards to student support given the lack of information already provided.
 - ix. Senator Mai point of inquiry: Asks if there will have to be a separate seating bill? Advisor Beckwith explains that there must be two different pieces of legislation, one for the formation of the committee and then another to seat the members of the committee.
 - x. Senator Ellington-Myles point of inquiry: Asks if it would be best to wait until August to develop this committee so senators can reflect and decide whether or not they would like to participate by the time school starts back?
 - xi. President Mejia entertains approval to form ad hoc committee.
 - xii. Senator Mai moves to table vote until the August meeting, seconded by Senator DeHart.
 - xiii. Vote to table until August: **13 For, 8 Against, 3 Abstentions**
- V. **Cabinet Reports**
- a. Senator Mai motions to adjourn meeting: **0 For, 3 Abstentions, 21 Against**
 - b. Motion denied
- VI. **Closing Call of Role: Senate Clerk Brittany Dankwa**
(Absent: Senators Aiken, Baig, Durrani, Gongora, Charity Jackson, V. Jones, McIver, Walker, and Decatur EVP Manais)
- VII. **Adjournment:** Senator Tooke moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Senator Abraham at 5:28PM