

## Atlanta Campus Senate Meeting

Saturday, August 10, 2019

- I. **Call to Order: Speaker of the Senate, Kaelan Thomas at 5:37PM.**
- II. **Opening Call of the Roll & Determination of Quorum: Senate Clerk Brittany Dankwa**  
(Absent: Finance Director Velazquez, Senator Charity Jackson, Tinsley, Staine)  
Quorum was reached with 16 out of 18 senators present.
  - a. **Senator DeHart moves to amend the agenda by adding the bill to seat members of the Atlanta Senate by special order.**
- III. **Reading & Approval of Minutes from May 10, 2019.**
  - a. **Senator Mai moves to approve** the senate meetings.
  - b. **Senator \_\_\_\_\_ seconds** the motion.
  - c. **Motion passes.**
- IV. **Special Reports - None**
- V. **Special Orders:**
  - a. **Seating New Student Services Chair**
    - i. **Speaker Kaelan presents the bill to seat. Opens the floor for nominations.**
    - ii. **Senator Mai nominates Senator Tshizubu**
    - iii. **Senator Tshizubu accepts the nomination**
      1. Would like to focus on the well-being of the students. We did all come here to learn something and we can't learn if our mental, and physical health is not well. Will be focusing on the mental aspects for students.
    - iv. **Senator \_\_\_\_\_ moves to vote.**
    - v. **Senator \_\_\_\_\_ seconds the motion.**
    - vi. **15 Votes For.**
    - vii. **Senator Tshizubu is seated as the Student Services Committee Chair.**
    - viii. **Senator Dehart, Point of inquiry:** Are we seating members of the Student Services?
    - ix. **Speaker Thomas:** In the interest of time please contact Senator Tshizubu if you are interested in joining the Student Services Committee.
    - x. **Advisor Sutton:** In the interest of payroll, do not be upset with Senator Tshizubu if he does not appear to be doing his part, as his role does not officially begin until September 8, 2019. Duty falls to the Speaker in the absence of a chairperson
  - b. **Seating of New Members of the Atlanta Senate**
    - i. **Seating of Vacancies**
      1. **Senator Mai presents** legislation to seat Andre Walker for the Undergraduate Senator College of Arts and Sciences, Ashley Staine be seated as the Graduate Senator for the School of Public Health, Nazhaya Cornett be seated as Undergraduate Senator College of Education, John Le be seated as Undergraduate Senator for the J. Mack Robinson College of Business.
    - ii. **14 Votes for, 2 Abstentions.**
    - iii. **Motion passes.**

- c. **Executive Cabinet Reports:**
  - i. **Communication Director Malbrough Report: N/A**
  - ii. **Finance Director Report:** Looking for people who interested in both the Finance Committee and reviewing the conference travel grants. People interested must be able to be nonpartisan, unbiased and fair. You must be a part of both committees. If you are interested in joining the committee please contact Finance Director Velasquez.
- d. **Speaker of the Senate Report:**
  - i. As of today, we are all leaders and we serve as the official voice of the student body to the administration. Each of you have the power to make change happen, whether big or small. Encourages Senators to step outside of your comfort zone and talk to people you don't normally talk to. You might not be able to relate to every student, but strive to understand the issues that they face. For us an issue seen by one, is an issue felt by all. Encourages students to take time before school starts to get organized and set up a calendar because once school starts things will get hectic. Speaker tells Senators to think about what brought them to SGA and your why. Continue to inspire change wherever you go.
- e. **Senate Committee Reports**
  - i. **Academic Affairs Chair Walton:** Let's Senators know that if you come talk to him, he has a list of initiatives he is trying to get done for this school year. This past week he has started planning finals week. LASO, Black Student Achievement, and University Advising are going to be doing some events with us. If you would like to be a part of the Academic Affairs Committee, contact Senator Walton.
    - 1. **EVP Rahman:** Clarifies that Senators are required to join one standing committee in the Atlanta Senate and one University-Wide Committee. Being a part of an ad hoc committee does not apply to either of those requirements.
    - 2. **Speaker Thomas: Any committee that you sign up for, you will be required to attend and if you don't you will receive points for not having an excused absence for that committee meeting.**
  - ii. **Student Engagement Chair Abraham:** Brief overview, we have gotten things started. We're doing homecoming, the first football game, communicating with GSU 1010 courses and being involved with those courses, and being more involved with Greek Life. If you are interested, please in the Student Engagement Committee you can speak with Senator Abraham after the meeting or during her office hours on Monday and Wednesday.
  - iii. **Student Services Chair Senator Tshizubu:** Will be passing around a sheet of paper for anyone who is interested in joining the Student Services Committee.
- f. **Ad Hoc Committee Reports – N/A**

- g. **Vacancy Report: Senator Jones**
    - i. **Graduate Seats:** Andrew Young Policy Studies, College of Education, Nursing School, and Robinson School of Business. These seats will be open to all levels as of August 26.
    - ii. **Undergraduate Seats:** College of Arts and Sciences, will be filled by succession. Whoever was on the ballot will be put in that seat.
  - h. **Advisor Sutton Report:** Will be a lot more active in terms of engagement and involvement with students beyond our officers. Doing a lot more recruitment, in regards to our committees. We will move to outreach for first-year student and transfer students by way of new student orientation. Compiled a list of several hundred students that will be receiving an email to apply to Freshman and Transfer Liaison Roles and sign up for committees. Optimistic that there are only 6 seats remaining to be filled. Come see Advisor Gail if you have a question, comments, and concerns. She is happy to help.
- VI. **Old Business – N/A**
- VII. **New Business – N/A**
- VIII. **Speaker Kaelan opens the floor for comments.**
- a. **Senator Le introduces** himself to the Senate.
  - b. **Point of inquiry, Senator Ubiringa:** President Mejia mentioned something about the football coach wanted representatives from the SGA to run on the football field for the first game.
    - i. **Senator Abraham:** If you would like more information please come see me after the meeting.
  - c. **Point of inquiry, Senator DeHart:** Concerning Legislative Affairs Committee?
    - i. **EVP Rahman:** Legislation is being workshopped.
- IX. **Executive Vice President Report:**
- a. **EVP Rahman:** Office hours Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year. If you need anything at all please don't be afraid to stop by. Hopes for a good school year.
- X. **Closing Call of Roll: Senate Clerk Brittany Dankwa**  
(Absent: Finance Director Velazquez, Senator Charity Jackson, Tinsley, Staine)
- XI. **Adjournment:**
- a. **Speaker Thomas entertains** motion to adjourn meeting on August 10, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. to reconvene on August 29, 2019 at 7 p.m. in Student Center West RM 464.
    - i. **Senator Walton motions** to adjourn meeting,
    - ii. **Senator Mai** seconds the motion.
  - b. Meeting is adjourned at 6:18pm.