

**Senate Meeting – Newton Campus**  
**Date: 09/17/2019**

**Location: 2N 2100**

- I. **Call to Order** Time: 2:20pm
  - a. Presiding Officer: Speaker Porter

**Opening Call of Roll**

Senator Gongora

Senator Zolnik

Senator Melvin

Senator - Open

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**II. Determination of Quorum**

A quorum was determined with a presence of 3 senators out of 3.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**IV. Special Orders**

- i. Swearing in of Senator Zolnik
- ii. Swearing in of Senator Melvin
- iii. Appointment of Speaker Pro Tempore

Senator Melvin nominates himself for the position of Speaker Pro Tempore. Senator Gongora makes a motion to appoint Senator Melvin. Senator Zolnik seconds, the motion passes.

**V. Executive Cabinet Reports**

- i. Executive Vice President – Turner

EVP Turner has sent another email and has yet to receive a response.

EVP Turner attempted meet him in person, but he was out when she was able to visit his office. Dates and times have changed to accommodate all of our senators. They will be on Tuesday. Currently setting up a time to create Town Halls to hear the students concerns and reach out for SGA growth even more. EVP Turner has been talking to the political science and history professors on campus asking if they could do a 5-minute PowerPoint about SGA at the start of their classes to spread interest and awareness. One of the Professors is on board so far.

Constitution Day was Tuesday 9/17/2019-9/18/2019 10AM-2PM Senator Melvin and EVP Turner worked with Professor Robertson the coordinator of Constitution Day this year. Newton's Senator for Government and Community Affairs and EVP Turner worked the booth for TurboVote. Bringing awareness to where your polling place is and when elections are happening near you.

ii. Speaker of the Senate – Porter

Speaker Porter is excited to spread the word about SGA. He is currently in the process of working out a plan to make a speaking engagement at Rockdale Career Academy about SGA. He wants to concentrate on recruitment and letting the student body know why SGA matters.

iii. Communications Director – Garcia

iv. Finance Director – Bruns

Director Bruns is working on a budget for an SGA retreat with the Newton Campus Student Life. He approved parking for Senator Melvin to go to a speaking engagement.

## **VI. Campus Senate Reports**

i. Academic Affairs Committee – Open

ii. Spirit and Sustainability Committee – Open

iii. Clubs and Organizations Committee – Senator Gongora

On Wednesday September 4th, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm the involvement fair has held. The purpose of the fair was to present the students of newton campus with the different clubs and organizations that currently exist on campus, along with the different services that Newton offer to the students. On the green area between buildings and the stairs of building 1, a space was provided for each of the participants. The space provided a dresses desk, two chairs, either a tent or a space between columns, and signs for those who registered for the event. The set up of the space was built and broken down with no delays, but bigger participation of volunteers would be ideal. Also, some of the tents were broken. The SGA tent was served mainly by Senator Gongora mainly, with support, at times, of Speaker Carlos Porter and EVP Turner. Even the event was up for three hours, only in the instances where classes were coming in and out of the classrooms were the tables visited by the students. The tables were attended mainly by the advisors and less by students with the exception of the Baptist Services that was the first table to set up and the last to leave. Catering was supposed to be served by Skips but for technical reasons they could not

attend to the event. They served at the event on the following day. Senator Gongora wishes for better communication with the students and less apathy.

iv. Student Services Committee – Senator Zolnik

As a new senator Senator Zolnik's main mission and responsibility is to serve the students at the Newton Campus at Georgia State University. Her goals are, 1. Find out what students need in the way of resources to help them graduate. 2. Listen and figure out what the students want to change at school. 3. Make sure students are aware of all the resources the school has to offer.

iv. Student Relations Committee – Open

v. Government Affairs Committee – Senator Melvin

Senator Melvin assisted in voter registration for Constitution Day. He wants to make and keep himself apprised on current political issues that have the potential to affect GSU students. Senator Melvin will work diligently to recruit students to form a committee. He also wants to make himself available for training. He wants to check dates and make himself available for future Newton Campus events and schedule his availability.

**I. Panther Activities Council Report – Perry Culverson**

PAC desires to work with SGA on Homecoming Events that will be happening. PAC will be running a door decorating contest with a prize to the best door voted on by the students (this event is pending). On September 30<sup>th</sup> there will be a Good Morning GSU breakfast. GSU's Got Talent is being promoted by Newton Campus and the event will be hosted at the Clarkston Campus. HomeComing Parade, Roayl Court and Ball on the Atlanta Campus are being promoted by GSU. Newton events will include GSU Breakfast, On tuesday Blue and White Day Party, Flag Football and Karaoke on Wednesday, and on Thursday there will be GSU Spirit Day wearing GSU colors and other paraphernalia. Homecoming tshirts will be given away to students when they arrive.

**II. Advisors Report – Perry Culverson**

Mr. Culverson had nothing more to report.

**I. Unfinished Business**

**II. New Business**

Speaker Pro Tempore Legislation to be created.

Town Hall dates To Be Determined

### **III. Open Forum**

### **IV. Announcements**

### **V. Closing Call of Roll**

- i. Senator Zolnik
- ii. Senator Melvin
- iii. Senator Gongora

### **VI. Adjournment**

- i. **Time:** 3:35 PM
- ii. **Next Meeting:** 10/8/2019