

Student Government Association Meeting Minutes – Alpharetta Campus

Friday, September 27th, 2019

Building AB, Room 107

The regular meeting of the Alpharetta Senate of Georgia State University was held on September 27th, 2019 at 10:30 A.M. in Building AB, Room 107.

- I. Speaker of the Senate Asya called the meeting of the Alpharetta Senate to order on September 27.
- II. Opening Call of the Roll/Determination of Quorum-Quorum is met
- III. Reading and approval of the minutes from previous meeting
 - a. Senator Mackey moves to approve the minutes and Senator Baig seconds the motion
 - b. The motion passes. 4 Yays, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions
- IV. Special reports
 - a. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate
 - Student Orientation Destiny Hand - Absent
 - b. Panther Activities Council
 - c. Student Forum (Students wishing to address the senate):
 - Max Everest: Asking how to spread out the word for his Chess club. Trying to have the chess club on Mondays from 1-3pm. He is trying to figure out how to get funds for food and refreshments.
 - POI: (Asya)You could have it in the AA lounge so that more people can come; you could also have light refreshments. You should try to get sponsored, so you don't have to pay for the food.
 - POI: (William) "Are you teaching people how to play?"
 - POI: (Wasi) You can contact the senator for clubs and organizations
 - POI: (Ernest) We could incorporate the club into one of our events
 - Senator Jones moves to extend discussion for club collaboration, Senator Mackey seconds the motion
 - 4 Yays, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains
- V. Special Orders (Appointments/Charters)
 - a. The following types of legislation shall be automatically placed in this section:
 - i. Confirmation of appointments/nominations to the legislative branch
 - ii. Confirmation of appointments to the executive branch
 - iii. Bills of Impeachment
 - iv. Questions for a referendum

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VI. Executive Cabinet Reports

a. Speaker of the Senate-

-Housekeeping: Starting off report with any housekeeping issues.

-Title 9: Did anyone do their research for what Title 9 is?

-Task lists: Every SGA leader is writing down what their strengths and weaknesses are on paper

-Enneagrams: Everyone wrote down their top three types on paper.

-Halloween Decorating of GSU: The first week of Oct, we will start decorating GSU starting in AA lobby. The materials will be ordered through Amazon, such as spider webs, graveyard, candy, etc. On the Google Doc, there's a task list.

Trick or Treat GSU | Haunted Guided Tours: Will take place the second week of Oct. Students will be on a guided tour, so they get to know the services that are provided. Flyers will be put up for dressing up.

POI: (Margaux) We could decorate the lounge as well.

-AA Lounge | Housekeeping concerns: We need to execute action to keep lounge area clean because students are spilling drinks and playing their music too loud. Closing it down for a week will stop students from acting like children.

POI:(Macky) We should try to keep the lounge area because it's only a set of students that cause the trouble. We just need to let those select students know that they should be respecting the lounge area. Whatever is done now will be a precedent for the future

POI: (Ernest)We need to take the lounge area away for it to be a wakeup call. There's a fine line between students who can make that call and those who don't, they all need to be respectful of the lounge. We can take the lounge area away for two or three days.

POI: (Wasi) We can't keep calling them children because they are of age. We should have a notice on the doors so students are aware that the lounge area will be closed if they keep destroying the lounge area.

POI: (Margaux) There are signs up in the lounge area that if you are seen vaping, it will go on your academic record. We could suspend students so that not everyone is penalized.

POI:(Chase) It will be more work for us if we had to assign people to check that the students who are banned

Senator Mackey motions to close the lounge area for a week, Baig seconds the motion
3 Yays, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain

-Meditation Room | Meeting with Ms. Aprille and Ms. Becky: We can't get the hammocks. How can we find a solution for students making it a prayer space. This will be come from our budget.

-Transitional Binders: Put initiatives in your binders so that other students know what they were doing

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b. Communication Director-

- Escape Room: Thanks to everyone who was able to help out before, during, and after the event. It was very successful as we got 18 people registered to vote.
- SGA/PAC office arrow sign: Mrs. Becky is working on adding our office location on the metallic signs, meanwhile, an arrow sign will be put up, so students know where our office is. The sign will be used when we don't need it for an event.
- SGA & student group chat: The SGA GroupMe will be open to students so they can ask any questions or inform us about any concerns they're having and/or any wants. This will be beneficial to us because we can take polls within the app as well as remind them of events in addition to Remind101. There will also be flyers around campus with a QR code to join the GroupMe.
- Social Media: Social media is finally available to us; we'll be posting pictures of events and projects SGA is working on. The QR codes can be added to the student group chat flyer.
- 8% save signs: The signs will be made bigger to make students aware that they get a discount on drinks if they use their PantherCard cash. That machine will be moved to AA building and the ATM will be moved to AB building. Signs will be put up to make students aware of the change.
- Blue Panther Paw rock: If budget allows, we could have a blue panther paw rock in our butterfly garden, which will be brought back to life.

c. Finance Director-

VII. SGA Senate Committee Reports

a. Senator for Academic Affairs –

- Security cameras: Met with Mrs. Karen, budget will come from GA State not SGA to fix the cameras.

POI:(Macky) This is a safety concern

- Mentors: We could assign three or four students to a mentor, which can also be a student, so that they can be informed of how to be successful and what classes they should take.
- Shortage of books in bookstore: Teachers are complaining about the bookstore not having enough textbooks for students. This is an issue for an SCOM class.

b. Senator for Clubs and Organizations

- Service animals: A student said she didn't feel comfortable bringing her service dog to campus.

c. Senator for Government and Community Affairs-

- Ted Talk event: Talked to Asya to a potential TedTalk event. This would encourage students to register to vote. Information has been added to the Google Drive. Speeches would bring awareness of certain issues. We will be partnering with Dunwoody campus. Each campus will bring a rep to talk about a topic of their

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choice. We should all advocate for free speech. Need suggestions for names

POI: (Ernest) Could be called PantherTalk

POI: Even if there's a Georgia State policy, students should still be able to talk about what their concerns are

d. Senator for Spirit and Sustainability-

e. Senator for Student Engagement-

f. Senator for Student Services-

g. Ad hoc committee reports-

VIII. Panther Activities Council Reports –

- Event: Need help with Morning Commuters event next Tuesday. On Wednesday, Pantherfest will be held, SGA will have a table there for recruitment. We need help starting at 8am for Pantherfest until 3pm.

IX. Advisor Report-

- Parade: Need SGA reps for Oct.3rd to line up
- Panther Ball: We need helpers for Oct3 around 6pm

-Open House is October 8th, from 6-8pm

X. Old Business- none

XI. New Business

XII. Comments and announcements of the officers-

- Auditions: We need help for auditions for the TedTalk.

XIII. Executive Vice President's Report-

XIV. Closing Calls of the roll

XV. Adjournment- Senator Ernest makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Senator Baig seconds the motion

4 Yays, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains

a. Time: 12:42pm

b. Next meeting: October 11th, 2019

Board of Attendance

Executive Positions	Name	Present	Absent	Tardy	Initials
Executive Vice President	Chase Ritterbusch	X			
Speaker of the Senate	Asya McDonald	X			
Communications Director	Allison Guerrero	1			
Finance Director	VACANT				

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Senate Positions:	Name	Present	Absent	Tardy	Initials
Senator for Academic Affairs	Wasi Baig	X			
Senator for Clubs and Organizations	Ernest Mackey	X			
Senator for Government and Community Affairs	Margaux Abella	X			
Senator for Spirit and Sustainability	VACANT				
Senator for Student Engagement	VACANT				
Senator for Student Services	Macky Jones	2			