

2018-19 SGA

END OF THE YEAR REPORT

Students, Faculty, & Staff:

As the 89th administration comes to a close, we feel blessed to have served the students of Georgia State University. From the moment we were sworn in, we have voiced the concerns of our students, fought to improve conditions, and have upheld our oaths of office. This report serves to give you information on what we worked so hard to establish and to show you where we hope the future of your Student Government and University is going. Of course, not everything accomplished will be listed, but everything that is, we believe will bring a noticeable change to the University. Thank you for electing us as your representatives for the 2018-19 school year, it has been our pleasure to serve.

As we pass the torch,

The Members of the 89th Administration

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SNAPSHOT OF THE YEAR

Completed

- Panther S.P.A (U-Wide)
- Inclusion Initiatives (U-Wide)
- Anti-Human Trafficking (U-Wide)
- Metro-Atlanta Alliance (U-Wide)
- Dining Option (Alp.)
- Increasing Sustainability (Alp.)
- Promotion of Events & Services (Atl.)
- Improving Transportation (Atl.)
- Increasing Marketing (Clk.)
- Student Involvement in SGA (Dec.)
- Handicap Bathrooms (Dec.)
- Increase in Library Hours (Dun.)
- Rideshare Zone (Dun.)
- Collaboration Projects (Dun.)
- Cameras for Parking (New.)
- Quality of Panther Dining (New.)



OVERALL GRADE

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SUCCESS RATE

91%

OF LEGISLATION PASSED

44

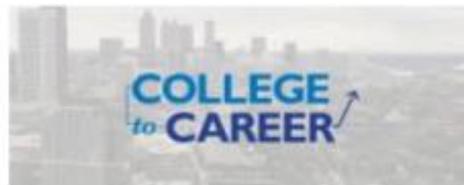


OF STUDENTS SERVED

50,000+

TOP 3 KEY CHANGES OF THE YEAR

- College-to-Career
- Fooda Meal Plan
- Security Increase



Currently in Progress

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| • University Departments (U-Wide) | • Distinction of Buildings (Alp.) | • Facilities Repairment (Clk.) |
| • University-Wide Tradition (U-Wide) | • Holiday Inclusion (Atl.) | • Rebranding SGA (Dun.) |
| • Homeless Students (U-Wide) | • Tobacco-Free Campus (Atl.) | • Basketball Court (New.) |
| • Clubs from Atl. to Perimeter (Alp.) | • Panther Wall of Fame (Clk.) | • Clubs & Groups (New.) |

Executive Address

I ran on three words, “Spark the flame”. Words that have become more than just words for me, they have become a way of life. The funny thing about a flame, both metaphorically and realistically speaking, is that it takes only one person, object, or thing to cause the spark; but it takes a certain type of environment to sustain it and make it brighter. To sustain a flame, you need three things that are essential for its growth, without one of the elements, the flame dies. You need fuel, heat, and oxygen; all three just as equally important as the next.

FUEL, the first of the three, comes from YOU, the student, the people we serve. Despite what type of student you are, whether you are a dual enrollment student, traditional student, graduate student, or even a non-traditional student, YOUR VOICE MATTERS! We are here as your representatives and our first job is to listen to your problems. Our goal is to make sure that this year, you are in the perfect environment to learn and that nothing impedes the primary reason you attend Georgia State University, to gain knowledge and find your passion.

We, the Student Government representatives of GSU, are listening to YOU and expanding your voice. We have heard your cries for better efficiency with transportation and the need for more and are working actively to alleviate these problems. We have heard your frustrations concerning your difficulties with financial aid and are working to streamline the process. We have heard your issues regarding advisement and are working to make sure you end up taking the right classes. We have heard your need to make sure you gain experience with your degree through internships and so we are working on creating a program called Panther SPA (Student Pathway Assistance) which will help you do just that from freshman year. We have heard your need for more sustainable options and are working on making that a reality. We have heard your need for something which unites us all and are working on creating a University-wide tradition. We have heard your cries for more advocacy, and we are working on raising awareness and creating solutions for sex trafficking, sexual assault, and both people and students who are homeless. WE HAVE HEARD YOU.

However, there are many people that we do not hear, many cries that disappear because they feel that there is no one to listen. The struggles of the single parent who has to skip class because there is no one to look after their child. The complaints of the student worker who has not yet been paid by the university so they can no longer afford to feed themselves. The concerns of the international student that has a country facing civil unrest and has nowhere else to go. The cries of those who feel so overwhelmed by school and life that the stress is slowly killing them. The worries of those who just entered college but feel so alone because they need a friend to talk to. YOU ARE NOT ALONE, and YOU HAVE A VOICE. FUEL OUR FLAME SO THAT WE MAY CONTINUE TO FUEL YOU!!!

HEAT, the second of the three, comes from your Student Government representatives that were elected into office. From our chemistry classes back in high school, we know that heat is energy, and energy is caused by movement. We, Student Government representatives, create energy by doing our jobs, in terms of talking to our department heads and deans and advocating

actively for the student's voice. This comes by making changes that can actively be seen by the student body. Student Government has for a long time been seen as being tasked as helping the University reach its long-term goals while keeping the students in mind. This year, not only will we do that, but in addition, we will come up with short-term solutions that can help our students now. WE ARE TIRED OF WORDS IT IS NOW TIME FOR ACTION. IT IS TIME FOR US TO PRODUCE HEAT.

OXYGEN, the last of the three, comes from the small victories that we sustain. The victories can range from University policy changes to the smiles we put on the faces of students. Oxygen, as we all know, is something we need to breath; however, an added benefit of oxygen is that it can be lifesaving, stress-reducing, and can also aid in the production of energy. It works the same with a flame, oxygen, both the small and big victories, have to be sustained in order for a flame to grow stronger and better.

Each one of the three elements are essential for a spark to change into a flame that lasts forever. Once this process occurs the flame provides a sense of comfort and protection for those who are afraid. The flame provides light for those who are lost in the darkness. The flame provides a heat that you can't help but get affected by and feel its energy. However, if the flame loses even one of the three elements, it dies. I know that I can't do this by myself, I need my family, I need my Executive Vice Presidents, I need my SGA representatives, I need our advisors, but most of all I NEED YOU.

SPARK THE FLAME

Franklin Patterson
University-wide President
89th Administration

University-Wide Report

1. Panther S.P.A. (Student Pathway Assistance) - Completed

a. What is this?

Was merged into the new Georgia State University College to Career program. The main goal of this project was to help students upon entering college to help gain skills and experience in real jobs pertaining to their major.

b. What has been done?

From the Summer of 2018 to February of 2019 meetings with Director Neiner and other members of the QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan) committee on how the program will be implemented and how students will be able to know about it in the future and plan was approved.

c. What's next?

It will be implemented in the upcoming 2019-20 school year but will need help with promotion among students. SGA in the future will play a major role in helping to spread this information and planning and participating in internship fairs of which some will be done by University Career Services.

2. Improvement of University Departments - Currently in Progress

a. What is this?

An effort to try to find solutions to improve the efficiency of critical University departments which affect students such as financial, advisement, or transportation services.

b. What has been done?

Beginning late September of 2018 to mid-October 2018 focus groups were set up on the Atlanta campus by Academics affair chair Senator S. Wright. The focus groups focused on transportation, financial aid, advisement, and athletics. The information gathered was then forwarded to the heads of each of the departments previously mentioned and meetings were set up to discuss results and possible solutions.

c. What's next?

Focus groups will also need to be set up for the Perimeter campuses to make sure that the information reflects all students. Focus groups will also need to be reconducted on the Atlanta campus on the same departments to see if there have been any improvements made from the results before. Essentially, this will need to be completed year after year to make sure that tangible progress is being made and solutions to meet students' needs are being met. SGA will play a prominent role in this.

3. University-Wide Tradition - Currently in Progress

a. What is this?

Part of the plan to increase student involvement. A tradition that connects all 6 campuses that will be tested out and will hopefully unite GSU throughout the remainder of its history that "Out of many, we are ONE".

b. What has been done?

Throughout the entire year, meetings were held with Athletics and SGA representatives on all six campuses to brainstorm an idea that could be presented and tested out during Spring Fling and implemented in next year's homecoming. The idea was an Olympic style tradition that passes a torch from campus to campus during

homecoming week. It begins and ends at the stadium right before the game. President Patterson met got permission to proceed from the administrative council in October and begin collaborations with Spotlight and PAC (Panthers Activity Council) in November to put together a logistical plan for Spring. Sadly, these plans were never put in place but were passed to the ad-hoc University-Wide tradition committee to continue or redefine.

c. What's next?

An ad-hoc University-Wide tradition committee will need to be created at the beginning of the next administration. The ad-hoc committee will then need to decide to either create a tradition that will be implemented, survey the students of GSU to see which tradition they would like to implement or decide to continue the idea for the tradition created in the 89th administration.

4. **The Inclusion Initiative - Completed**

a. What is this?

At GSU there is a massive amount of diversity; however, can you have diversity without inclusion? The goal of this initiative was to encourage students to interact with those who they normally would not in the hopes of gaining a different perspective and understanding to increase inclusion throughout the University.

b. What has been done?

During the end of November of 2018, an ad-hoc inclusion committee which was led by former LASA President Milani was created to come up with programming geared to bring people together of diverse backgrounds. The committee was able to connect with 10 outside organizations to also help with the planning of the initiative and create programming as well. During the end of February 2019, the sociology department was contacted for help in order to help construct the programs and events. Two of the six programs were tested on the Atlanta, Alpharetta, and Newton campus.

c. What's next?

An ad-hoc committee will need to be created in the next administration. Once the committee has been created, they will have to begin planning for the events for each campus (plans have been passed down) and will have to create a survey to monitor progress per each event. The goal will be to conduct the events for the next 3 years, collect the data from the surveys, and then present the results to the administrative council to be implemented in the next QEP.

5. **Community Involvement**

a. What is this?

As one of the biggest Universities in the State of Georgia, we have a responsibility to contribute to the community around each campus to improve the environment. This was done by...

1. **Human Trafficking Initiative - Completed**

- a. Working with the government and organizations to come up with solutions to end this form of modern-day slavery.

2. Homeless Student Initiative - Currently in Progress

- a. Working with the housing department of the University to provide housing to students.

3. Metro-Atlanta Alliance - Completed

- a. Bring together 11 metro-Atlanta Universities, both public and private, to work together to solve umbrella issues that affect the community and our students o

b. What has been done?

We worked very hard to tackle each issue...

1. Human Trafficking Initiative - Completed

President Patterson & EVP Iqbal of the Atlanta campus joined an Atlanta task force on behalf of GSU with Director Warnock of the City of Atlanta late August of 2018 which focused on all aspects of trafficking. Through this, an ad-hoc human trafficking committee was formed to work with Ms. Belles, director of anti-Human Trafficking group “In Our Backyard” in January of 2019 to put together a program against the issue during the Superbowl in Atlanta which was led by Senator Mejia & Abraham.

2. Homeless Student Initiative - Currently in Progress

An ad-hoc committee led by EVP Iqbal of Atlanta was formed in October of 2018 to create a plan to provide aid and care for students who were homeless. Meetings were held with housing to see if this will be supported.

3. Metro-Atlanta Alliance - Completed

A meeting was held between 4 of the 11 Universities in September of 2018 to discuss issues to be focused on. The umbrella issue that was decided on was human trafficking, transportation, and gender-equal bathrooms. Later throughout the year, the group met every two months to discuss updates. President Patterson and EVP Dhakal of Dunwoody were the two representatives for GSU.

c. What’s next?

In the next administration, the work will have to...

1. Human Trafficking Initiative - Completed

- a. An ad-hoc committee will need to be created. The first job will be to reconnect with Director Warnock and her department in order to have a GSU representative at the meetings. Also, a plan will need to be made to raise awareness and solutions for Human Trafficking.

2. Homeless Student Initiative - Currently in Progress

- a. An ad-hoc committee will need to be created to continue work on a plan to create and raise money for a scholarship for students who are homeless through the University or other organizations for housing.

3. Metro-Atlanta Alliance - Completed

- a. Two representatives will need to be selected from the GSU senate and a standing committee will need to be created to make sure that the Umbrella issues are always being worked on and that communication is being kept between all 11 Universities. In the span of 3 years, the alliance hopes to grow to over 25 Universities in Georgia (both public and private).

Alpharetta Campus Report

1. Dining Option on Campus - Completed

a. What is this?

An effort to provide on-campus healthy food options for students at Alpharetta (where no meal plan or options other than vending machines exist) so that they don't have to travel off-campus.

b. What has been done?

The Speaker of the Senate for the Alpharetta campus, Sophia Vlass, and other SGA representatives meet were unable to get GSU to install a Panther Dining service on their campus. So, early October in 2018, EVP Seymour of Alpharetta, Speaker Vlass and other representatives met with a food services company called Fooda. The Alpharetta campus was able to secure a contract and was able to provide this opportunity to the students to this day.

c. What's next?

Panther Dining will need to be implemented on the Alpharetta campus as soon as the Fooda contract ends. The task of working with Panther Dining, GSU, and other administrators to put together a plan to make this happen, will fall to future SGA administrations.

2. Increasing Sustainability - Completed

a. What is this?

An effort to become one of the most environmentally friendly campuses at Georgia State University. In the hopes of setting an example for others to follow. 3 goals were set: to begin an environmental club, to gain recycling bins on campus, and working with "Environment America" to create a plan to present to the university to convert to 100% renewable energy.

b. What has been done?

Spirit & Sustainability Senator, Ryan Brinza, worked with the Director Musick of Sustainability to bring recycling bins to Alpharetta. Senator Brinza also worked with professors on campus to create an environmental club. Also, Speaker Vlass began working with Environmental America in late November to see how long it would take GSU to switch completely over to 100% renewable energy. Later, within the year, at the last University meeting, a resolution was passed to make sure that SGA works with groups to make GSU more sustainable.

c. What's next?

The upcoming administration will have to work hand in hand with administrators of the University to find ways to become more sustainable. Also, Alpharetta senators will need to make sure to encourage involvement with the environmental club and find ways to beautify the campus.

3. Implementing more Clubs on Campus from Atlanta - Currently in Progress

a. What is this?

In an effort to unite Perimeter with Atlanta, bringing some of the more established clubs from the Atlanta campus to Alpharetta to set up branches as a test to see if it can be implemented on other campuses.

- b. What has been done?

Senator of Clubs and Organizations, Rianna Cummings, worked with Atlanta clubs and organizations beginning in January of 2019 to plan ways for them to start up branches of their clubs. Senator Cummings also worked with Mrs. Aprille Williams and J.P. Peters to assist students on how to establish a club or organization.

- c. What's next?

The next Senator of Clubs & Organizations in Alpharetta will need to work with the Senator of Student Engagement in Atlanta on establishing clubs on the Perimeter campus in order to bring both Perimeter and Atlanta together.

4. The distinction of Buildings - Currently in Progress

- a. What is this?

In order to distinguish both Alpharetta buildings from each other, SGA has been working for the past two years with GSU to find funding for lettering to place on the side of both buildings.

- b. What has been done?

Senator of Student Services, Julia Estes, Senator of Student Engagement, Ericka Bonilla-Garcia, and Senator of Government & Community Affairs, Michelle Martinez, has worked with University administrators to try to get this done. Advisor, Aprille Williams, suggested to Senator Estes to use the company Pinnacle since they have done similar work on the Dunwoody Campus. Estes has contacted Pinnacle and sent out an FMR. Estes is also worked with Becky Owens to go over the logistics of such a project.

- c. What's next?

Work with Becky Owens will need to continue to make sure that the project is not forgotten.

Atlanta Campus Report

1. Promotion of Events & Services - Completed

- a. What is this?

Throughout the year, the Atlanta Senate has held several events. The goal of any of these events was always to provide some kind of service to the students. The three biggest events that were mainly promoted were Constituency Day for each individual college, Finals Week Programming, & SGA Election events. Constituency Day is an event that each college holds that aims to provide information to its respective constituencies and help introduce those students with their specific administrations. Finals week programming is a series of events we hold during finals each semester. The purpose is to provide additional study areas, food and snacks, and stress relief things like coloring books and massage chairs. Lastly, SGA elections are events that encourage people to both run and vote in the upcoming elections for the next administration.

- b. What was done?

The Atlanta Senate made sure to work with the EVP of the Atlanta campus, Ayesha Iqbal, Speaker of the Senate, Fatoumata Diallo, and Communications Director, Kalisha-Lourdy Lazare to submit the paperwork for ads and marketing materials. Constituency Day was held once in the Fall semester and once in the winter semester

with each individual college. Finals Week Programming was a huge success and brought in the biggest student attendance and helped to raise mental health awareness through the Counseling Center. During SGA Elections programming we had a record five candidates running for President and a slight increase in student participation.

c. What's next?

It will be up to the next administration to improve upon attendance numbers for these events and others that promote student services. All material and data have been handed to the next administration.

2. Improving Transportation - Completed

a. What is this?

With already limited parking on campus, the addition of over 4000 new freshmen resulted in an overload for our original shuttle service that transported students from the blue parking lot to campus. Complaints of rudeness, pushing, injuries from packed buses, and late or no-show buses were on a rise. A plan was needed to ease students' concerns and complaints.

b. What has been done?

EVP Iqbal worked hard with the transportation office to propose a feasible solution that included adding a bus to the route and perfecting the existing system by implementing a line system. The system has received much praise from both students and faculty and complaints soon began to drop. Campus Services soon rolled out a bus app that provided live updates to where and when a bus was arriving.

c. What's next?

It will be up to the next administration to improve upon the transportation system either through the Board of Regents or campus administrators especially with the impending construction and traffic around the Atlanta campus. It will also fall upon SGA to continue to promote the new Bus app.

3. Diversity & Inclusion in Holiday Celebrations - Currently in Progress

a. What is this?

GSU is known and recognized as a deeply diverse institution. It has been a tradition for decades to light a Christmas tree and decorate for the winter holidays throughout the school. But today we are such a different demographic then we were years ago. A discrepancy arose because of the lack of representation for the other holidays. This was a plan to fix this issue.

b. What has been done?

Over Thanksgiving in 2018, EVP Iqbal and other SGA representatives met with university officials to discuss providing funding for decorations for all other holidays and cultural celebrations. They were assured that more consideration will be taken, and a plan will be formulated to display other cultures and holidays within the student center.

c. What's next?

The next EVP of Atlanta and SGA representatives will need to make sure that they hold University officials to their word and will need to be involved in the plan to make this happen in the upcoming school year. Only then will this be completed.

4. Enforcing a Tobacco-Free Campus - Currently in Progress

a. What is this?

An effort being led by Senator Thomas and the Safety Committee to make sure that there are penalties for smoking in tobacco-free areas and that the effects of tobacco use are known.

b. What has been done?

Senator Thomas and the Safety Committee have been working with University officials and have formed a committee with GSUPD, other officials, and outside groups to discuss a plan to inform and enforce the policy. Two events were also held during the year to bring awareness to students of this situation.

c. What's next?

It will up to the incoming administration and members of the next Safety Committee to keep on working with University officials, GSUPD, and other organizations to implement their plan and continue to raise awareness.

Clarkston Campus Report

1. Panther Wall of Fame - Currently in Progress

a. What is this?

The Panther Wall of Fame is like the wall on the Atlanta campus on the 3rd of Student Center East. The Panther Wall of Fame is a plan to bring back recognition to Perimeter students who were nominated by their professors or peers for categories that will be decided upon by SGA and university representatives from Perimeter College.

b. What has been done?

Speaker of the Senate for Clarkston, Terry Fye and EVP Christin Smith of Clarkston, began this project near the end of 2018. After several meetings with top University officials, the Clarkston Senate was able to secure space for the wall inside of building CN.

c. What's next?

The incoming administration will have to work hard to keep this project alive and move on to the next stage of the plan laid out by Speaker Fye which has been passed down.

2. Facilities Repair - Currently in Progress

a. What is this?

The classrooms under the gym area have been leaking and are full of mildew and have been this way for the past three years. During this time, classes have still been taught there and professors have had offices down there. Due to the unsafe environment, the Clarkston Senate has been advocating to bring awareness to this issue.

b. What has been done?

Led by EVP Smith, the Clarkston senate has met with Facilities and Management and other University officials since the beginning of January. The talks led to an awareness that something must be done, but the time frame for when this will be done has yet to be determined.

c. What's next?

It will fall to the next administration to continue to press the issue and make sure repairs or renovation gets done as soon as possible.

3. Increasing Promotion for Events and Services - Completed

a. What is this?

There are several programs and services that occur on the Clarkston campus which lacks attendance due to low promotion. The goal was to increase student involvement across the campus to create more of a community and encourage student involvement.

b. What has been done?

From the start of the 2018-19 school year, everyone involved with the Clarkston Senate has worked hard to start marketing early and increase attendance at events. The main events were Coffee Corners and JeoPAWdy (attendance numbers are available through the Clarkston office). JeoPAWdy was a fun-filled way of informing our student body on who their academic leadership, SGA, and Panther Activities were, and the history of GSU, and Clarkston. The event totaled 20 people who came by and played. The Coffee Corner topics included "Jobs and Networking, Relationships and Dating, and Test Taking and Strategies for Finals Success." Our Coffee Corners were however unique from the standard as instead of a lecture featuring faculty and staff, we turned it into a conversation with students by students. Our panels were made up of Freshmen and Sophomores who gave their own thoughts on our topics and questions. The average range of students who came were 13-33.

c. What's next?

The next administration will have to work hard to improve upon these numbers and to improve upon the number of events.

Decatur Campus Report

1. Increasing Student Involvement - Completed

a. What is this?

Decatur campus has been focusing on growth and progress this semester. When the year began only the EVP position was filled and recruitment became the number one priority in order to properly serve the students.

b. What has been done?

Recruitment progressed, during the month of September, after the Fall Involvement Fair. Although many students did not meet the requirements, the Decatur Senate still managed to gain at least two Senators and a Communications Director who should be reapplying in the upcoming year.

c. What's next?

Recruitment and student involvement will always need to be done as soon as Summer begins to avoid having this situation repeat themselves.

2. Handicap Accessible Bathrooms - Completed

a. What is this?

Previously on the Decatur campus, there was only 1 handicap bathroom in one out of the five buildings. This was an effort to increase the number of handicap bathrooms on campus to one in each building.

b. What has been done?

After getting the opportunity to sit with the Dean and other campus representatives at 'Donuts with the Dean', EVP Walters was able to meet with key officials and set up a task force to fix this problem. During the beginning of 2019, handicap bathrooms have finally been added to another building (SC) and now there is a handicap bathroom in at least 3 out of the 5 buildings with more on the way.

c. What's next?

The incoming administration will have to make sure that the plans come to be and that more handicap bathrooms are installed.

Dunwoody Campus Report

1. Extension of Library Hours - Completed

a. What is this?

The Dunwoody campus library closes at 10 p.m., which is hard on students during finals season. SGA wanted to increase the number of hours that the library is open so that students have an opportunity to study on campus without having to travel to an outside place.

b. What has been done?

In an effort led by former Executive Vice President, Atush Dhakal, SGA worked tirelessly over the summer to collaborate with Library Administration and the Public Safety to extend the Library Hours during finals week. Due to hard work, final exam week hours got extended for 1 more hour until 11 pm in Fall, and then again in Spring due to the work by EVP Nahal Orak who took over in January for Dunwoody. Study Snacks by SGA were provided on most days in the library during these days along with library snacks for the last 2 hours each day.

c. What's next?

This was a student-driven initiative and the response from the students will be used to evaluate the possibility of extending library hours throughout the year in the near future. SGA will have to be involved in the process of this in order to make it happen.

2. Creation of a RideShare Zone - Completed

a. What is this?

To tackle traffic flow and lack of signage on Dunwoody campus, SGA worked with Plants and Operations and Public Safety to create a rideshare zone to facilitate smoother traffic flow into the campus for those who are dropped off through Uber, Lyft, or any other means.

b. What has been done?

Led by former EVP Dhakal in early November, the Senate n Dunwoody worked hard to get this done. After the process, three parking spots were created for rideshare and three large signages were installed throughout the campus entrance to assist students, faculty, and guests when entering the campus.

c. What's next?

All the plans and information to get this done were passed in a transition binder to the next administration. The plans should be passed to other campuses if they think this would be a necessary help.

3. Rebranding the Student Center to Market SGA - Currently in Progress

a. What is this?

To raise awareness for SGA on the Dunwoody campus, former EVP Dhakal wanted to make SGA more visible. EVP Orak agreed with this and continued the project in order to make sure students knew where to go for any issues.

b. What has been done?

The Dunwoody Senate has installed big signage to indicate SGA's office along with floor decals that will also be installed on the NE, NC building, and the library. The plan was then placed on hold when the price exceeded the SGA budget to add photos of the students on the campus.

c. What's next?

The next administration will need to set aside some of their overall budget in order to complete the project. The plans have been passed on.

4. Increasing Student Participation through Collaboration - Completed

a. What is this?

In a need to establish more participation on campus from students in both the election and programs, SGA wanted to partner with strategic groups that will bring students to SGA.

b. What has been done?

SGA collaborated with the political science department was proposed to the Chair department. Under this proposal, SGA is seeking more student body participation by providing extra credit from professors to the students. Through this, SGA was able to organize more than 15 events throughout the semester and drew more than 1400 students. Some of these events include coffee corner, involvement fair and the think fast event during the constitution day.

c. What's next?

SGA will need to grow more of these relationships for the future so that participation can continue to increase.

Newton Campus Report

1. Basketball Court - Currently in Progress

a. What is this?

To create an area to keep students on campus and to provide a recreational activity that students can participate in.

b. What has been done?

Executive Vice President of Newton, Aarjavi Patel, contacted Mr. Rodney Pegues at the Recreational Center and talked about possibly bringing a basketball court at the Newton Campus. They were told that at least half of the Newton student body needed to agree that this is what they want. The Newton Senate started a petition for the court and received about 115 signatures in just one day. The location of the court was agreed to be behind the softball field. All signatures were able to be collected but a budget failed to reach the amount it would cost.

- c. What's next?

If the project is to continue, the money will need to be set aside in the budget and the future administration will need to participate in all meetings.

2. Parking Cameras in all Lots - Completed

- a. What is this?

Currently, there is a lack of any video surveillance in any of the parking lots on the Newton campus. The goal of the project was to get facilities and GSUPD to work together to install cameras.

- b. What has been done?

A meeting was held with GSUPD and a discussion was had with upper administration. The issue also appeared in "The Signal" which added pressure to GSUPD to rectify the situation. Late in January, a report was released by GSUPD about a \$5 million-dollar budget increase, of which some of the funds will be used for cameras on the Newton campus.

- c. What's next?

SGA will have to stay on this issue and make sure that the cameras are installed in the upcoming 2019-20 school year.

3. Better Quality of Panther Dining - Completed

- a. What is this?

The Panther Dining facilities are understaffed, serve cold and/or expired food, and lack any selection. This was an effort to fix this situation for the students of Newton.

- b. What has been done?

A meeting was held with both Director Musick and the Director of Panther Dining for Perimeter during the Summer Retreat, during which all the issues were discussed and changed. Soon the quality of the service and the food increased on the Newton campus.

- c. What's next?

SGA will have to make sure that the quality of service and food is kept.

4. Increasing Participation on Campus in Clubs and Activities - Currently in Progress

- a. What is this?

An effort to increase participation in school programs and groups and keep students on campus longer.

- b. What has been done?

EVP Patel and her team wanted to do this through initiatives such as Community Day and creating a hangout section for students on campus. However, the rooms that they tried to get were not available, so they decided to create a hangout area in front of the Student Life office. Space is was being used for a military outreach table, but they moved the table to a different space that is visible to students. Community Day invited all the clubs that are on campus to a small event where students can know what types of clubs and organizations are on campus for some of the students have been asking these questions regarding clubs and organizations on campus.

- c. What's next?

It will be up to next year's SGA to continue to establish programs for the students to encourage participation.

Legislation

University-Wide

1. **89-UWB-01- To Create a Points System to Increase Accountability in SGA:** Created a point system to hold SGA members more accountable to their responsibilities as student leaders.
2. **89-UWB-02 - A U-Wide Bill to Clarify the Point System:** Added clarification to the point Bill and the number of points added.
3. **89-UWB-03 - Article 5 - Point System:** Added more clarification to the points system.
4. **89-UWB-04 - A U-Wide Bill to Update the Role and Responsibilities of the Speaker Pro Tempore Position and the Vacancy Committee:** Clarified roles and positions within the Bylaws.
5. **89-UWB-05 - Campus Retention Act of 2019 {VETOED}:** Allowed Perimeter students to serve on a campus which was not their home campus. Reason vetoed: left out credit limit and grammatical error.
6. **89-UWB-06 - Campus Retention Act of 2019:** Allowed Perimeter students to serve on a campus which was not their home campus.
7. **89-UWB-07 - A U-Wide Bill to Form a Perimeter College Committee:** This allowed Perimeter to meet to discuss any issues which affect Perimeter as a whole.
8. **89-UWB-08 - A U-Wide Bill to Amend Election Violation Penalties:** Clarified the penalties within the election code.
9. **89-USWR-01 - A University-Wide Support Resolution for the College Transparency Act:** A support resolution for a bill that will be submitted before Congress and would grant students another to choose a school based on the employment rate after graduation.
10. **89-USWR-02 - A University-Wide Support for the Registrar's New Policy Regarding Preferred Name and Gender:** A supporting resolution stating our thanks for the Registrar's Office allowing a name change at the beginning of the semester and our commitment to let the students know.
11. **89-UWSR-03 - To Commend The Signal and Panther Report News for their Hard Work and their Numerous Awards:** To thank and celebrate GSU media and the coverage they give to issues all over campus and the city of Atlanta.
12. **89-UWSR-05 - To Honor EVP Iqbal of the Atlanta campus for her Dedication and Service towards Georgia State University:** To thank EVP Iqbal for her service and all that she accomplished in her short time.
13. **89-UWSR-06 - To Encourage GSU to Withdraw Its Police Department from the GILEE program, End the Programs Presence at GSU and Redirect its Funding to Appropriate Police Activities:** Is as it was stated. An investigation was conducted and a binder of its findings is presented inside the SGA office.
14. **89-UWSR-07 - In Support of the Inclusion of Goals Dedicated to Sustainability in the Next University Strategic Plan:** Is as stated. SGA will do everything in its capacity in the next 5 years to make this a possibility.
15. **89-USO-FC-01 - To Form an Ad Hoc Bylaw Review Committee:** A committee formed that makes additions and removals from the bylaws.

16. **89-USO-02 - A University-Wide Special Order to Create an Ad Hoc Committee in Regards to Human Trafficking:** A committee that was created of students that are passionate about raising awareness on the issue and coming up with workable solutions along with Metro-Atlanta.
17. **89-USO-FC-03 - A University-Wide Special Order to Establish an Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness:** A committee that was established to come up with solutions towards the problem and to create a hub for organizations to help both the students and people that are homeless.
18. **89-USO-CX-NEW-01 - A Campus Special Order to Seat the EVP and Speaker of the Newton Campus:** An executive order that put EVP Patel and Speaker Hawkins in their roles on the Newton campus.
19. **89-UXO-01 - A University-Wide Executive Order to Appoint and Confirm the Decatur EVP:** An executive order that made EVP Walters the Vice President of the Decatur campus.
20. **89-USO-02 - A U-Wide Special Order to Create an Ad Hoc Committee in Regards to Human Trafficking:** A committee put together to raise awareness and work with the State of Georgia to find a solution.
21. **89-USO-FC-03 - A U-Wide Special Order to Establish an Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness:** A committee put together to establish a group that would try to raise funds to create a scholarship for students who are homeless.
22. **89-USO-FC-04 - A U-Wide Bill to Establish a University-Wide Safety Standing Committee:** Would set up a Safety Committee officially that will continue progress from the previous years

From this moment, any legislation which is a seating bill will not be included...

Campus Specific Bills

1. *Atlanta:*
 - 1.1. **89-CSO-ATL-CL-04 An Atlanta Special Order for the Formation of an Ad-Hoc Safety Advisory Committee:** Was formed to work with specific issues and problems of the Atlanta campus before merging with the University-Wide Safety Committee.
2. *Clarkston:*
 - 2.1. **89-CSO-CLK-02 A Clarkston Campus Special Order to Form a Community Day Ad-Hoc Committee:** To form a committee to work on an event that brings everyone together.
 - 2.2. **89-CSO-CLK-05-A Clarkston Campus Special Order to Form a Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking Ad-Hoc Committee:** A committee that investigates ways to bring awareness to the situation and tries to find solutions.

WISHING THE 90TH THE BEST

“This is a new year; a new beginning and things will change.”
- Taylor Swift