

## Atlanta Campus Senate Meeting

Thursday, September 26, 2019

- I. **Call to Order: Speaker of the Senate, Kaelen Thomas at 7:20PM.**
- II. **Opening Call of the Roll & Determination of Quorum: Senate Clerk Brittany Dankwa**  
(Absent: Senators Tshizubu, Valverde Ramirez, Tinsley, Staine) Quorum was reached with 23 out of 22 seated senators present.
- III. **Reading & Approval of Minutes from September 12, 2019.**
  - A. **Senator DeHart to approve the senate meetings, seconded by Senator Cole.**
  - B. **Motion passes. 22 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention.**
- IV. **Special Reports:**
  - A. **Student Forum:**
    - i. **Jeffrey K. Coleman, Ph. D., Multicultural Center:** Presents a PowerPoint made to inform the SGA members about the opportunities offered through the Multicultural Center. He begins by asking how many members know about the Multicultural Center or have ever been to which about half of the members raised their hands. Various opportunities were discussed beginning like the new Gender and Sexuality Resource Center that just opened up on campus and the Program Assessment Surveys, which gives students a chance to give feedback on events and programs. The Multicultural Center holds various events and programs throughout the year in hopes of encouraging inclusivity on a large spectrum.
      - a. **Senator Johnson** commends Director Coleman for a job well done, and thanks him for his great work.
      - b. **Senator Garrett** wanted to know how many students come through the Multicultural Center.
      - c. **Dr. Coleman** informs the Senate that they usually see about 3,000 students come through the Multicultural Center.
      - d. **Senator Tinsley** asks Dr. Coleman if there are any specific goals or initiatives that he has in the works that the senators can help with.
      - e. **Dr. Coleman** encourages Senators to keep up with the programs and events that the Multicultural Center is offering, and/or maybe the ones that relate to your specific department, or college, they can look to partner on. Also, speaks on if senators come into contact with students who would like to hear about a certain topic or are really interested in an event that we encourage them to stop by the Multicultural Center. They offer co-sponsorships

and welcome all types of partnership in the efforts to expand its impact on the community.

- ii. **Adriann Stinson**, Supervisor for New Student Orientation: Here to encourage senators to apply to become Student Orientation Leaders. Expresses that this position is one of the prestigious positions. As an Orientation Leader, you will interact with incoming freshman, transfer and transition students. Last year's Orientation Team welcomed in 4700 new students. This year we are trying to break records. As an Orientation Leader you will have free student housing for the summer, free breakfast, cool orientation leader gear, opportunities to network, great supervisor.
  - a. **Senator Abraham** wanted to know how and where is the link to apply.
    - a. **Supervisor Stinson**, states that if they wanted more information **Senator Cornett** and **Jhane Jones** are currently on the tea and can direct them properly. You may apply at [orientation.gsu.edu](http://orientation.gsu.edu) as well.
  - b. **Senator Cole** expresses her interest in getting Supervisor Stinson information to communicate with as she had the same question as Senator Abraham.
  - c. **Senator Jackson** wants to know if this is something students get paid for.
  - d. **Supervisor Adriann** informs the Senators that it is a paid job. Typically, the day will start at 6:55am until about 6pm. She doesn't allow in-class summer classes, but will allow online classes because of the rigorous schedule. You will get to make a new family. One thing she loves is that, orientation has to do with all the departments at Georgia State so you will get to interact with various people and departments. As a coordinator, she personally enjoys seeing the growth of her student leaders.
  - e. **Liaison Roberts** wanted to know how much you get paid.
  - f. **Supervisor Adriann**: Its 9. Lead orientation positions get paid a little more.
  - g. **Director Velasquez** wanted to know if they were providing information to students about the different ways to address their needs, like the new ACE office.
  - h. **Supervisor Adriann** has her orientation team shows students all around campus, and that includes the new ACE office and various offices and departments where student can seek help for any and all of their needs. One thing she likes about the way they have coordinated orientation is the small community of students per leader which helps the orientation leader understand each student's needs and can therefore cater the tours and information towards those students.



- c. **Senator Jones moves to table until the next meeting on October 10, 2019 (90-CSO-ATL-CL-18), seconded by Senator Tinsley due to the fact that there are currently no liaisons to seat.**

VI. **Executive Cabinet Reports**

- A. **Finance Director Velazquez:** As Senators, finish planning Constituency Day, it's important to remember that in order to get funding you have to put in a Constituency Day request form. It will be sent to Kaelen and then sent to the senators. The only thing different from the form is he would like a more itemized version of the things you need. If you want to receive funding you need to turn it in by October 8 and then he can respond by October 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - i. **Senator Tinsley wanted to know if it's the same as PDMRF?**
  - ii. **Director Velasquez** informs Senator Tinsley that this is different and to think of it as an outline for your constituency report.
- B. **Speaker of the Senate Report:** Speaker Thomas has made it to the age of 21 years old. There are still a couple of people who need to sign up for their committee meetings. Tomorrow by 5pm is the deadline. Remember there is one point for every day after the deadline as well. Informational workshop tomorrow from 1 – 3 will be held in the SGA Office where you can work on your PDMRF, and talk through some more ideas, since they are due next week October 4. One-on-one's are coming soon because your mental health is very important. Will have Sly Link attached to next email so senator can choose meeting times. Requests that committee chairs tell us when their meetings on.
- C. **Two-Minute Speeches from the senate**
  - i. **Senator Walton** updates the Senate about his initiative to bring back Kappa Alpha Psi back on campus. He has a meeting with Dr. Calhoun-Brown, of Student Programs and Success, on October 10<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 where they will be discussing the return of Kappa Alpha Psi.
  - ii. **Senator Ebiringa** wants to know if it is an open meeting, to which **Senator Walton** replies no. He is just updating the Senate on what is going on?
  - iii. **Senator Smith, point of information,** wanted to know if the deadline to sign up for a committee applies to him as he was just inducted today. **Speaker Thomas** reassures him that it does not apply to him or Eugene and will discuss with them after the meeting.
  - iv. **Senator Tinsley** speaks to his fellow peers in the College of Arts and Sciences. Informs them that, outside of the form we have to submit on the 4<sup>th</sup>, ideas must be submitted to Speaker Thomas. He made a Slack for the College of Arts and Sciences to be able to discuss and brainstorm on various ideas for Constituency Day. He would like to do something nice, active, and memorable. Asks for senators to participate in slack, by Monday.
- D. **Academic Affairs Report:** His committee will be meeting on Fridays from 2-3pm. It will not be tomorrow; cause Senator Walton will be out of town. Our newer initiatives focus on pushing for faculty and staff diversity. Senator Walton

doesn't want to just talk about it wants to be about it and will be looking to talk to the administration so that it can actually happen. Senator Walton's even for Finals Week will not be the usual three or so days but rather on specific date on December 10<sup>th</sup>, from 10-5pm in the ballroom. He is looking for people to help him plan the event. Lastly, Senator Walton is looking to create classes whether in the curriculum or in the form of workshops that teaches students about financial literacy and its importance.

- i. **Senator Tinsley**, point of information, wants to know if Senator Walton thinks it more feasible to have consistent workshops.
- ii. **Senator Walton** responds by saying that he feels that consistent workshops would take more money but class would too. But classes are more permanent, but he is open to seeing what the students need.
- iii. **Senator Tinsley** wants to know if it would count as credit, to which Senator Walton responds with yes.

E. **Student Engagement Report:** Senator Abraham holds her committee meeting on Mondays at 2:30-3pm and Tuesday at 4-5pm. If you are a part of the committee it is mandatory that you attend one of the meetings per week. Homecoming Day of Service has been set with the Office of Civic Engagement, if you are interested please sign up as there are less than 10 spots left. It will be on Saturday from 10-2pm. Senator Abraham has sent the link to register in the Student Engagement group chat. Homecoming is also next week. Thursday is the homecoming parade and they will be setting up promptly at 10. Committee members again are mandated to help setup for the parade or the tailgating but you are not required to do both Promptly 10. Tailgate begins at 12 on Saturday, but they will be setting up beginning at 10.

- i. **Senator Ebiringa** wants to know if there will be an artist?
- ii. **Senator Abraham** does not know as it has to do with the programming which Spotlight is in charge of.

F. **Student Services Report:** Senator Le gives the report for Senator Tshizubu, due to a personal emergency. Senator Tshizubu met with the sustainability director. They discussed getting toilet that a more efficient when it comes to water waste. They did discuss that it would be too intricate of a process to replace all the piping. They do intend on having all new buildings having low-flow toilets. The goal is to have all toilets in the University be low-flow, and they have begun the process to achieve that. Another initiative that Student Services is working on providing water filters all over campus. We do already have a few but we want them attached to each water fountain in hopes of reducing the amount of plastic waste that will have a negative impact on the environment. They are also looking to acquire solar panels on the roofs of the University buildings. A decent amount of the buildings we have are old and so we are unable to put solar panels on top as the weight would cause more damage. The ones that are capable of holding the panels, GA Power has expressed that they would not be able to rewire all their cables. Senator Tshizubu hopes that with the formation of the

Governmental Affairs Committee we can bring the matter to the State Capital. The Student Services Committee meets on Friday from 11-1pm.

- a. **Senator Walton** would like to know the progress of women having free tampons on campus.
- b. **Senator Le** responds by letting him
- c. **EVP Rahman** clarifies that Director Malbrough will be the one heading the Flower Initiative on the Atlanta Campus as he is working with EVP Henry.
- d. Terry Fye, a student of GSU, explains that the Flower Initiative has received \$3,000 for buying feminine hygiene products and what products they are deciding to use it for.

G. **AD Hoc Committee Reports:** N/A

H. **Vacancy Report:** One transfer liaison, 2 transition liaisons, and a Senate seat for the College of Nursing and Health Professions. Plans to get seats filled by. Asks for Senators to help in the recruiting process if they know anybody who is interested and also thanks other Senators for their help in the interview process.

- i. **EVP Rahman** commends Senator Jones for filling the most seats as Speaker Pro Tempore
- ii. **Senator Le** would like to know when the Vacancy Committee meets?
- iii. **Senator Jones** says she doesn't really have meetings as she is not sure what they would actually do. She does suggest that if you are interested in helping out with interviews that she will CC members into the email that lists the times of interviews.

I. University-Wide Reports: n/a

J. **Advisor Report:** Gail thanks those who helped out due to the shortage in the office by volunteering time in the office. Any amount of time is helpful. It's time to select a new election commission, as work begins in December. There is three positions in the election committee: a chair person, and two vice chairs, one for logistics and one for Christopher, our Financial Director, has been on the election commission. If you're in the election commission you can not be on the ballot.

- i. Chris said students get to find out how SGA works during an election. You must be non-partisan. You're in charge of making sure the election is run fairly.
- ii. Kaelen, point of information: this position is paid,
- iii. December – April. Does not end at April as they do work for the inaugural.
- iv. Application Deadline: Application will be available on pin. Fair amount of leg work. You enforce election code. Heavy recruitment aspect.
- v. Senator Milani: since it is a stipend, can you do
- vi. Gail: you can receive to stipends, you can hold an hourly job, you can't be a federal work study. New Lighting in the office. They are all dimmer switches.

K. Old Business

- i. Senator Walker moves to have a recess for 5 minutes, seconded Olajide.

- ii. Senator Walton, seconded by Senator Abraham for additional 5 minutes.
  - iii. Speaker Thomas, reach out to people in your college.
  - iv. Ad hoc Committee, it was passed but you guys decided you would be seating and confirming.
  - v. EVP Senator Abraham, Walker, Walton, Minetos, and Senate Clerk Dankwa
- L. Comments and announcements of officers
  - i. Speaker Thomas is doing Senator of the month, something they did before. Will be chosen by the Atlanta Executive Board, Senator of the month for August and September is Kalil Garrett
  - ii. Senator Garrett will continue to work for the betterment of students
- M. EVP Report: we had begun discussions to begin town halls in the dorm. Will participate in the general assembly but will also host our own. Sometimes we will host in the dining facilities, will also host in the dorms so students without a meal plan can participate. Government and Affairs com. Mandatory fee committee is tomorrow.
  - i. Senator Le, clarify town halls in the dining halls, why?
  - ii. EVP Rahman: people will be more likely to take part if there is food involved. Will use that to their advantage
  - iii. Senator LE: any dates?
  - iv. Currently working with Panther Dining to confirm a date. Will be partnering with
  - v. Point of inquiry, Gail: Will the name change?
  - vi. Yes, it could change open for options
  - vii. We can not call them town hall because president Becker has coined that term. President Mejia
  - viii. Kaelen, for those of who do not have a dining hall pass, will we be allowed to participate.
  - ix. If interested in participating, please let Gail know.
  - x. Gail, pertains to officers of the senate.
- VII. **Closing Call of Roll: Senate Clerk Dankwa** (Absent: Senators Aiken, Manning, Tinsley, and Staine)
- VIII. **Adjournment:**
  - A. **Speaker Thomas entertains** motion to adjourn meeting at 9:34pm and reconvene on September 26, 2019 at 7:15PM Student Center West RM 466.
  - B. **Senator Walton motions** to adjourn meeting, seconded by **Senator Le**.
  - C. Meeting is adjourned at 9:35pm, September 12, 2019.