

Atlanta Campus Senate Meeting

Thursday, October 10, 2019

- I. **Call to Order: Speaker of the Senate, Kaelan Thomas at 7:20PM.**
- II. **Opening Call of the Roll & Determination of Quorum: Senate Clerk Brittany Dankwa**
(Absent: Senators Walker, M. Johnson, Manning, Beal, Milani, and Liaisons Camp, Hardwick, and Harlow) Quorum was reached.
- III. **Reading & Approval of Minutes from September 26, 2019.**
 - A. **Senator DeHart to approve the senate meetings, seconded by Senator Cole.**
 - B. **Motion passes. 20 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention.**
- IV. **Special Reports:**
 - A. **Student Forum:**
 - i. **Mr. Oliver** addresses the Senate with his concerns about the security for Blue Lot (Parking Area) after a woman was robbed at gunpoint by two males. Recommends that we get a gate, more security, and a precinct stationed at the Blue Lot.
 - a. **Senator Tinsley** vouches for the fact that GSU Police do patrol the Blue Lot.
 - b. **Senator DeHart**, who also chairs the Safety Committee, uses the opportunity to let Mr. Oliver and Senate members know that they are working on ways to better secure Blue Lot and if they are interested in providing solutions, they are holding their meeting tomorrow.
 - ii. **GSU Student, Albert, greets** the Atlanta Senate.
- V. **Special Orders:**
 - A. **Seating of Transfer and Transition Liaisons (90-CSO-ATL-CL-18)**
 - i. **Senator Jhane Jones** presents legislation to seat Shelby Horton and Stephanie Bullock as Transfer Liaisons.
 - a. **Senator Walton moves to amend the bill removing the phrase "Transition" as this bill seats only Transfer Liaisons, Speaker Pro Tempore Jhane Jones agrees.**
 - b. **Senator Abraham calls to question, seconded by Senator Cole.**
 - c. **Motion passes. 20 For. 0 Against. 1 Abstention**
 - a. **Liaison Horton introduces** herself as a junior transfer student from the University of Kentucky. She explains that she is looking for more inclusivity for transfer students. Orientation is not mandatory for transfer students and she believes that this is a critical influence on the involvement of transfer students. She looks forward to implementing for the school year.

ii. **Liaison Horton is sworn in by Justice Murray.**

VI. **Executive Cabinet Reports**

- A. **Communication Director Malbrough:** Communication meeting has been rescheduled from 11:00 am tomorrow to 3:00 pm tomorrow instead. A one-time inconvenience. The Friday meeting will be audio and video and Monday's Political Communications Meeting it will still be held next Monday at 2 pm.
- B. **Finance Director Garcia:** Encourages Senators to spread the information about travel and conference grants available to students.
- C. **Speaker of the Senate Report:** One-on-One meetings are in the works, Senator J. Jones will be in charge of one-on-one's with the liaisons, in efforts to check up on students and ensure that they are okay both mentally and physically. Warns that senators that have not signed up for a standing university committee can come see Speaker Thomas after the meeting, otherwise you will be receiving points.

VII. Two-Minute Report: **Senator Ebiringa** talks about how today was National Mental Health Day. Asks that we pay attention to the signs within ourselves and our peers in regards to changes in mental health. **Senator Walton** also met with Vice President Calhoun-Brown last week in regards to Kappa Alpha Psi and their return to campus. He emphasizes that there is still a lot of work to be done.

VIII. **Academic Affairs Report: Senator Walton** informs senate that classes for next semester will be available for you to look at beginning next week. They are using a new system, called Banner for the registration process. Students need to set an appointment with their advisor. December 10th from 10am to 5pm is the tentative date for the Study and Chill being hosted in the Ballroom. He has invited various organizations to participate as well. Finishes off with encouraging his fellow senators to fill out their FASFA application while explaining that he has been the only person in his Academic Affairs Committee Meetings.

IX. **Student Engagement Report:** Highlights moments of homecoming that were a success, like the community service program that was partnered with Civic Engagements. Thanks Senator Tinsley and Senate Clerk Dankwa for their participation. Informs senate of committee meeting times, M – 2:30pm-3:30pm and T – 4pm-5pm. Advises senators to communicate when they are unable to make a meeting and on a broader spectrum to communicate with their head senators when question or input is required of the other members of the senate.

X. **Student Services Report:** Senator Tshizubu has Senator Dehart clarify the voting procedures as well as Robert's Rules in efforts to make the recording process easier. Afterwards, Senator Tshizubu presents the senate body with an activity that helps students face the underlying feelings and then recognizing that they are not alone in their feelings. In conjunction with **Speaker Thomas**, he then presents two videos that again emphasize mental health and being able to identify it within ourselves and our peers.

- A. University-Wide Reports: **Senator Dehart** discusses some of the topics that will be discussed at his Safety Committee meeting tomorrow. He would like to look at different safety concerns on all campuses including but not limited to, the tobacco free campus policy, firearm violence prevention, Blue Lot security, and

the campus protests that were active on campus today. Intends to also look at the GSU Police Safety Report. Does have a meeting with Chief of Police at GSU in hopes of partnering and sharing ideas that they must make campus a safer place for students. Will offer a WebEX option for Atlanta students, if they are unable to attend the physical meeting.

B. **Vacancy Report: Speaker Pro Tempore J. Jones** has a vacancy in the College of Nursing and the College of Law as well as two Transition Liaisons.

- XI. University-Wide Reports: n/a
- XII. Advisor Report Sutton: Sent emails out for the election commission, there are three positions available. Students must not be running for an elected position in the next election and meet the academic requirements. She has extended the application until Monday at noon.
- XIII. Advisor Report Beckwith: He has met with the Center of Technology. Discusses that the audio bridge was out during the last University-Wide meeting. This time he hopes to start promptly at 7:15 with all the kinks worked out.
 - A. Advisor Sutton also provides a Robert's Rules tip in reference to how to ask a question.
- XIV. **Comments and announcements of officers: President Mejia** informs the senate body that Spotlight has announced their next guest for their Distinguished Speaker Series, Killer Mike. There are 5 VIP seats for a reception afterwards, she will drop the link to sign up in slack tomorrow morning, but it is first come, first serve. The event is October 14 at 4pm.
 - A. Advisor Sutton informs senate that this is a Q&A format, that will be led by two faculty members.
 - B. **Senator Tinsley** expresses his frustration with his fellow Arts and Sciences Senators and their lack of communication. It is preventing collaboration from happening.
- XV. **EVP Report:** Talks about the radical group present on campus. Encourages Senators to disengage and to let others know that engaging them only encourages them to comeback. They do unfortunately have the right to express themselves but by keeping a distance they will not be able to bait students into arguments.
 - A. **Senator Tinsley elaborates** on his frustrations with the protestor's presence on campus in which other senators agree but Advisor Beckwith and EVP Rahman explain that their only purpose is to incite anger in hopes of getting students to react. The conclusion of this conversation leads to an agreement that a letter written by Communications Director Evan Malbrough will be made to share with students of GSU to encourage students to ignore the protestors on campus. EVP Habibur Rahman also discusses his excitement for PRIDE this weekend. The University Senate will meet on October 17th at 3pm and advises that Senators attend so that their concerns can be presented to the faculty and administration. Mandatory Fee Committee met and fees will not be going up next year, but tuition will which is on Board of Regents.

- B. **Speaker Thomas clarifies** for the senate that there will be 4 pride parades this weekend, with the all-encompassing parade on Sunday at 12pm.
- XVI. **Closing Call of Roll: Senate Clerk Dankwa** (Absent: Senators Walker, Aiken, M. Johnson, Manning, Beal, Milani, and Liaisons Camp, Hardwick, and Harlow)
- XVII. **Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:55pm and reconvene on October 24 at 7:15pm**
 - A. **Senator Tinsley motion to adjourn, seconded by Senator Abraham**
 - B. **Meeting is adjourned at 8:56 pm.**