

1 **Atlanta Campus Senate Meeting**

2 Thursday, October 24, 2019

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- 5 I. **Call to Order: Speaker of the Senate, Kaelen Thomas at 7:18PM.**
- 6 II. **Opening Call of the Roll & Determination of Quorum: Senate Clerk Brittany Dankwa**  
7 (Absent: EVP Habibur Rahman, Directors Malbrough and Garcia Velazquez, Senators  
8 Abraham, Beal, Walker, Johnson, Minetos, and Valverde Ramirez, Liaisons Camp,  
9 Hardwick and Harlow)  
10 Quorum was reached.
- 11 III. **Reading & Approval of Minutes from October 10, 2019.**
- 12 A. **Senator Jones motions to table minutes until the next senate meeting,**  
13 **seconded by Senator Saied.**
- 14 B. **Motion passes. 19 Votes For. 0 Against. 3 Abstentions.**
- 15 IV. **Senator Walton motions to amend the agenda to Seat the Atlanta Campus Election**  
16 **Commission, seconded by Senator Jones.**
- 17 A. **Motion passes. 22 Votes For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions.**
- 18 V. **Senator Walton again motions to amend the agenda to include a discussion about the**  
19 **Perimeter Campuses per last U-Wide meeting.**
- 20 A. **Motion Passes. 12 Votes For. 6 Votes Against. 4 Abstentions.**
- 21 VI. **Special Reports:**
- 22 A. **Student Forum:**
- 23 i. **Associate VP Ramesh Vakamudi, Facilities Management Center:**  
24 Presents PowerPoint presentation in regards to the various projects they  
25 have in the works in regards to building management. Various projects  
26 are in the works, including, but not limited to, renovations in Library  
27 North, Window Renovation Projects, movement of Student Services due  
28 to the lease expiring for the space they are currently occupying, as well as  
29 GSU Stadium Phase II operations which focus' on the coach offices and  
30 things of that nature.
- 31 a. **Senator DeHart asks about when they are looking to complete**  
32 **the Convocation center**
- 33 b. **2020**
- 34 c. **Senator Stokes, explains that the demolition of Kell Hall has**  
35 **influenced the flow of traffic as students travel from class to**  
36 **class. He is interested in how the intend to better the demolition**  
37 **experience for students as it pertains to the movement between**  
38 **classes**
- 39 d. **VP Vakamudi's primary focus is safety. It is hard to directly**  
40 **monitor traffic and how people respond. Explains that students**  
41 **are not the only group affected by the demolition.**

- e. Senator Garrett, for the Library North addition will their be better elevator access, as well as a ramp?
- f. VP Vakamundi explains that there will be better elevator access, but there is not enough space.
- g. Senator Ebiringa, in regards to senator stokes question, states that the noise from the construction was so loud, in Langdale, that he could not hear the teacher talk.
- h. VP Vakamundi explains that they try to schedule for the weekend, but we can't schedule everything for the weekend. They do have to separate the buildings and water proof it which could be very noisy.
- i. Senator Manning, also explains her issues as she had a class during the summer. Professor emailed the department and got their classroom changed.
- j. Senator Mafah, had a friend that was skateboarding and there was some rubble and he hurt himself and didn't report it but I just wanted to know where to report those incidents.
- k. VP Vakamundi, is not sure where to report that information.
- l. Senator Mafah explains it was because of construction, in front of Library North.
- m. VP Vakamundi, inquires about where the incident happened. (whether outside of blue fence) offers email to report incidents.
- n. Senator Smith also expresses his experiences and explains that his professor tried to get room switched and the higher ups refused to provide her a different classroom. Teacher recommended that students email a particular individual with concerns.
- o. VP Vakamundi says that he is not in charge of getting classes removed, but he can try to minimize the noise that the construction creates.
- p. Speaker Thomas, where does facilities get its list of renovations and is there a way for students to put in input.
- q. VP Vakamundi explains every year they present projects to President Becker, who then approves those projects to be presented to the Board of Regents.
- r. Advisor Beckwith, clarification of Convocation, it would begin in summer 2020 to be completed in 2022.
- s. VP Vakamundi project dates could change because they haven't started the project yet.

ii. Student Forum: n/a

VII. Special Orders:

A. Seating of Head Senators (90-CSO-CL-ATL-19)

- i. Senator Jones presents legislation seat the Atlanta Campus Election Commission. Advisor Sutton has chosen three individuals to chair the

1 commission. Seating Evan Malbrough as the Chair, Fatoumata Fofana,  
2 Vice President for Marketing, and Mariah Johnson as Vice Chair for  
3 Logistics.

- 4 a. **Senator Abraham, point of inquiry wants to know if they don't**  
5 **vote them in what would happen.**
- 6 b. **Advisor Sutton, informs her that the search committee would go**  
7 **back and find another individual.**
- 8 c. **Senator DeHart motion to table for 15 minutes to allow**  
9 **Fatoumata Fofana time to arrive and present herself to the**  
10 **Senate, seconded by Senator Abraham**
- 11 d. **Motion Passes. 22 Votes For. 2 Against. 0 Abstention.**

12 VIII. **Executive Cabinet Reports**

- 13 A. **Speaker of the Senate Report:** Speaker Thomas reads through Article – 3  
14 Absences from Meetings in efforts to reinforce the attendance policy. Officer of  
15 the Month for the month of October is Liaison Jimmya Camp. Also calls for all  
16 Head Senators to meet after the meeting.
- 17 B. **Two-Minute Speeches from the senate**
- 18 C. **Academic Affairs Report:** There has been a 300% increase in his committee.  
19 There was 0 now there is 3. Has a meeting, plans to have other organizations  
20 involved as well.
  - 21 i. **Senator Abraham, inquires about when his meeting are now?**
  - 22 ii. **MW from 2-2:30**
- 23 D. **Student Engagement Report:** Next Friday meeting with Dean Wallace of the  
24 Andrew Young School of Policy Studies in regards to the Governmental Affairs  
25 Committee. Has been in constant communication with Lenore Musick and they  
26 will be holding events at the Dining Halls in December as they look for more  
27 ways to get more students engaged. Committee Meeting M 2:30-3:30PM T 4-  
28 5PM.
- 29 E. **Student Services Report:** Working on PAWSitive Panthers. There will be a box  
30 where you can pick up a note and then you will also write a note to put back into  
31 the box. Asks his fellow Senate members to download the GSU App. If senators  
32 feel as though there are some things that need to be improved to email him with  
33 their suggestions so they can work on improving the app for students.
- 34 F. **AD Hoc Committee Reports:** Campus Safety Meeting tomorrow. The past week  
35 he was able to take a safety tour at Clarkston, Newton and Dunwoody. Gathered  
36 a lot of information and will be reviewing those concerns tomorrow.
  - 37 i. **Speaker Thomas informs that the meeting will be tomorrow from 9:30**  
38 **to 11am. If you email Senator DeHart, he can send you the link through**  
39 **WebEx, which is only available to the Perimeter Campus'.**
- 40 G. **Vacancy Report:** Speaker Pro Tempore Jones informs that Senate that they have  
41 added two College of Nursing vacancies, and one transfer liaison position  
42 remain.
- 43 H. **Speaker Thomas references Special Order**

- 1 i. **Advisor Gail, ask Fatoumata Fofana and Senator M. Johnson to**  
2 **introduce themselves to the Senate as well explains the motivations for**  
3 **wanting to be a part of the Atlanta Election Commission.**
- 4 ii. **Senator Walton calls to question, seconded by Senator Tshizubu.**  
5 **iii. Motion Passes. 23 Votes For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions.**
- 6 I. Advisor Report: Election Candidate applications will be posted during the first  
7 day of spring semester, with a deadline of February 6<sup>th</sup>. Candidates showcase is  
8 scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Presidential and Executive Officers Debate will  
9 happen on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Voting will take place before Spring Break so that students.  
10 Will have handouts during constituency days. Looking to engage our newest  
11 students on campus as well as overall.
- 12 i. Advisor Beckwith, larger turnout has always been related to having more  
13 candidates run.
- 14 J. University-Wide Reports: Senator Abraham informs the Senate that the number  
15 of new organizations wanting to be chartered on campus totals 35 for all six  
16 campuses.
- 17 K. Old Business
- 18 i. **Speaker Thomas opens the floor to discuss the Perimeter issue for 10**  
19 **minutes.**
- 20 ii. Senator Walton met with Senator McIver to set out a compromise. He  
21 would like to move money within his budget. Two fraternities had a party  
22 this year and to get people to come they rented a special charter bus. IF  
23 we rent it out it would take us to the two nearest campuses which are  
24 Clarkston and Decatur. What that means is you can drive there but SGA  
25 will not pay you back because we have the bus. The Winter Retreat will  
26 be in Newton. Explains that when they adjourned the meeting on  
27 Perimeter Campus it was very disrespectful.
- 28 iii. Speaker Thomas, clarifies that if they are being disrespectful to any other  
29 members of the senate body, there will be consequences as he demands  
30 the same respect from everybody.
- 31 iv. Senator Abraham, explains the changes to quorum discussed with  
32 Advisor Sutton and Speaker Thomas, in which they would require 16  
33 Senators from Atlanta and 15 Senators from Perimeter Campus to reach  
34 quorum in the University-Wide Senate.
- 35 a. **Advisor Sutton, clarifies that we could do that but it would**  
36 **require a bylaws change.**
- 37 v. **Speaker Thomas and Senator Abrahams encourages senators to**  
38 **participate.**
- 39 vi. **Speaker Thomas asks Senate by show of hands how many people**  
40 **understand what's going on. (Majority of senate raises their hand)**  
41 **Speaker Thomas then expresses his concern on why there are not more**  
42 **opinions on the issue.**
- 43 vii. **Liaison Horton and Senator Smith asked for clarification on the issue,**  
44 **which leads to Senator Walton providing a history on the interactions**

1 with Perimeter Campus since the summer of 2019 and the conclusion of  
2 their feelings about being excluded from the Atlanta Campus and  
3 representation in the University-Wide Senate.

- 4 viii. **Senator Abraham** explains that they presented a bill at a previous U-  
5 Wide meeting regarding rotating the meetings on different campuses.  
6 ix. **Senator Manning** inquires about whether there is actually anything in  
7 motion to mend the relationship.  
8 x. **Senator Jones motions to extend discussion for 10 minutes.**  
9 xi. **Advisor Beckwith** explains that at the UEC meeting they have discussed  
10 an Ombudsperson being involved to heal the whole conflict not just in  
11 regards to our bylaws. Encourages that senators work together to better  
12 represent all campus.  
13 xii. **Senator Simpson and Ebiringa discuss respecting each other in the way**  
14 **we communicate. Advisor Sutton encourages senators that would like**  
15 **to participate to contact her and she will put them in contact with the**  
16 **Ombudsperson.**

17 L. Comments and announcements of officers

- 18 i. Senator Abraham state everyone in housing is having a meeting in  
19 October 28, in Commons Room 104. If you have any comment questions  
20 or concerns please come to the meeting.  
21 a. Point of information, **President Mejia**: It's like a meet and greet  
22 between SGA and RHA with the students in the residence halls. If  
23 you would like to attend but you don't stay on campus please let  
24 her know she can provide access so you don't have to be checked  
25 in by someone in Commons.  
26 b. Senator Tinsley explains that they will be having to postpone our  
27 constituency day until the spring semester, due to lack of proper  
28 planning and participation by other fellow senators.  
29 a. Speaker Thomas states that no events will be postponed  
30 until spring semester.

31 M. EVP Report:

32 **Closing Call of Roll: Senate Clerk Dankwa** (Absent: EVP Habibur Rahman, Directors  
33 Malbrough and Garcia Velazquez, Senators Walker, Beal, Johnson, Minetos, and  
34 Valverde Ramirez, Liaisons Camp, Hardwick and Harlow)

35 IX. **Adjournment:**

- 36 A. **Speaker Thomas reminds Head Senators to meet immediately after the**  
37 **meeting and takes vote to adjourn** meeting at 8:56pm and reconvene on  
38 November 7, 2019 at 7:15PM Student Center West RM 466.  
39 B. **Senate 24-Votes For.**  
40 C. **No Motion was made by Senators.**  
41 D. Meeting is adjourned at 8:58pm, September 12, 2019.  
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