

Atlanta Senate Meeting, November 7, 2019

- I. **Call to Order-** Speaker of the Senate, Kaelen Thomas: 7:27pm.
- II. **Opening Call of the Roll/ Determination of Quorum-** Senate Clerk, Brittany Dankwa
 - A. **Absent:** Director Malbrough, Senators Tshizubu, Cole, Coggins, M. Johnson, Beal, Staine, Simpson, Valverde Ramirez, Abraham and Liaisons Hardwick and Harlow
 - B. **Quorum is reached with 18 out of 27 seated senators present.**
- III. **Reading and Approval of the Minutes tabled, for October 10th, 2019.**
 - A. **Senator Tinsley moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Senator Stokes.**
- IV. **Special Reports**
 - A. Director of Career Services, Catherine Neiner
 - i. Engages senate body through discussion, pertaining to the qualities employers are looking for. Provides information on resources made available to students through Career Services, such as, but not limited to: Handshake, the job search program made available to students, explains that there are various ways to take advantage and speaks highly on the feedback from students who have gotten jobs through Handshake; they are located in Student Center West RM 270 to emphasis the easy access; and the Photo Booth that allows you to take professional headshots that can be sent straight to your email. Encourages students to utilize their Resume Review program as well as Portfolium to help students prepare for job interviews.
 - B. Sustainability Program Manager, Jennifer Asman
 - i. Explains that they are oversee the recycling program at GSU. Explains that we are 1 of 3 schools in the nation with the technology to recycle styrofoam on campus. Recycling is done on the surface level of the stadium; tours are offered of the facility. The program also helps facilitate the sustainability fee fund. Presents PowerPoint on the Office of Sustainability on what they do and how they affect life on campus, like Panther Recovery Network, Oozi, etc. Asks for help communication as they move bins into Piedmont North. Discusses Recycle Day events.
 - C. Student Forum (Students wishing to address the Senate)
 - i. Student, Snotti Prince St. Cyr – Snotti is an Exercise Science Major. He expresses how he struggles with homelessness and how it has affected his mental health, ranging from suicidal thoughts to major depressive disorder. He uses the various resources made available to GSU students to make it through school like Panther Pantry and the Counseling Service Center. He expresses that he is accosted by GSU Police regularly because he carries his belongings around and appears suspicious to students and staff. Explains that it is hard enough to be displaced, and then to come to school and deal with another layer of issues can be overwhelming. He looks to put more information on how the displacement of students or people affect the mind.
 - ii. **Speaker Thomas commends Snotti Prince St. Cyr for having the courage to discuss something very personal to him.**
 - iii. Global Peace Youth, Kyler Ray & Eliseo Riddick – Students give presentation on an organization that was reinstated last year. The organization inspires innovative leaders to encourage change in their communities. Their current focus this semester is homelessness and how they can help in and around Atlanta.
 - iv. EVP Rahman moves to move Vice President Report after Student Forum due to illness, seconded by Senator Stokes. **Motion passes.**
- V. **Executive Vice President Report-** Hamza Rahman: The Atlanta Student Fee Committee will be held on November 8th, from 3-5pm, welcomes members to attend. The University Senate, headed by President Becker, has been canceled.
- VI. **Special Orders**
- VII. **90-CSO-CL-ATL-20 Seat Members of the Senate**
 - A. This legislation seated Terry Fye as a Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences.
 - B. Motion passes. **17 Votes For. 0 Against. 2 Abstentions.**
 - C.

VIII. 90-CSO-CL-ATL-21 Seat Liaisons

- A. This legislation seats Katie Kyser as a Transfer Liaison, and Kenya Scott, Seung Choi, and Jazmine Bryant as Transition Liaisons. Jazmine, is a junior Transition Student from the Dunwoody Campus; Seung Choi, is a junior Public Health Major; and Kenya Scott, is a sophomore Transition Student from the Dunwoody Campus as well.
- B. Motion passes. **16 Votes For. 0 Against. 3 Abstentions.**

IX. Executive Cabinet Reports

- X. **Report of the Communications Director- Evan Malbrough:** Reminds Head Senators to submit speeches for the event at the Capitol. The event is scheduled for January 30th, attire is business professional. Received official communication from Planned Parenthood, they hope to use their donation to leverage a donation campaign that will persuade companies to match that donation or more. Sustainable fashion show is an idea for a project in efforts to receive a sustainability grant. Communications Committee will be meeting with the local government in efforts to establishing a fully ran student polling location on campus. Lastly, thanks for appointing him as Chief of the Election Commission. Overhauling requirements for office, looking towards more policy-based issues versus awareness. Encourages students to use their influence in other orgs to get students involved in SGA.

- 5 – Minute Recess -

- XI. **Report of the Finance Director- Chris Garcia Velazquez:** Awarded over \$8,000 in travel grants. We are allocated \$10,000 in our budget and when we run out in our budget it will be supplemented by the Student Activity Fee.

- XII. **Report of the Speaker of the Senate- Kaelen Thomas:** Informs Senate that in the next meeting they will discuss SGA Polos or Shirts. They have estimated the cost to be in between \$3,000-\$4,000. This will be for any officer, anyone with a title in the room. Speaker Thomas reminds senators to check slack as he will be dropping information. Emphasis points made by Communications Director in regards to how they can actively address students concerns.

XIII. Two Minute Speeches by members of the Senate

XIV. SGA Senate Committee Reports

- XV. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee Chair- Senator, Nigel Walton

- XVI. Report of the Student Engagement Committee Chair- Senator, Audrey Abraham

- XVII. Report of the Student Services Committee Chair- Senator, Jonathan Tshizubu

XVIII. Ad hoc Committee Reports

- XIX. Vacancy Report- Speaker Pro Tempore, Jhane Jones: 2 College of Nursing Vacancies, and 1 College of Law

XX. University Senate Committee Reports:

- A. **Senator Le** provides report from Admissions Committee. Provides information on effort to create waiver that allows for a grade of C- to fulfill requirements in Area H for College of Education and Human Development. They have added a new Data Science program. Record number of students registered for classes.

XXI. Advisor Report:

- A. Constituency Day is coming up next week. Suggest items to give away are available in the SGA Office. Senator DeHart has communicated with New Student Orientation in efforts to get t-shirts. Express excitement for Constituency Day.

XXII. Old Business

XXIII. New Business

XXIV. Comments and announcements of the officer

- A. **Senator DeHart** informs Senate Body of AYSPS Constituency Day on Tuesday, November 12th.
- B. **Speaker Thomas** reminds Art and Sciences that that have until 11:59 to respond to the sly job positions for their Constituency Day.

XXV. Closing Call of the Roll

- A. **Absent:** Director Malbrough, Senators Tshizubu, Cole, Coggins, M. Johnson, Beal, Staine, Simpson, Valverde Ramirez, Abraham and Liaisons Hardwick and Harlow

XXVI. Adjournment – Senator Walton motions to adjourn, seconded by Senator Smith. Meeting is adjourned at 9:11pm to reconvene on November 21st, SCW 466/468 at 7:15pm.