

Atlanta Senate Meeting, November 21, 2019

- I. Call to Order-** Speaker of the Senate, Kaelen Thomas: 7:15pm
- II. Opening Call of the Roll/ Determination of Quorum-** EVP Habibur Rahman
- a. **Absent:** Director Malbrough, Senate Clerk Dankwa, Senators Tshizubu, J. Jones, Tinsley, Aiken, Coggins, M. Johnson, Cornett, Stokes, Smith, Beal, Mafah, Ebiringa, Minetos, Simpson, Valverde Ramirez, Liaisons Camp, Hardwick, Kyser, Scott.
 - b. **Quorum is not reached.**
 - c. **Senator Le moves to table Special Order due to quorum not being reached, seconded by Senator Cole.**
- III. Executive Cabinet Reports**
- a. Report of the Communications Director- Evan Malbrough
 - b. Report of the Finance Director- Chris Garcia Velazquez
 - c. Report of the Speaker of the Senate- Kaelen Thomas: Wants to open discussion to discuss whether or not we should buy polos once and return them every year or if polos should be bought every year. Senator Le moves to discuss for 10 minutes, seconded by Senator Olajide. **Motion passes. Director Velazquez** informs Senate that it would cost \$1,659.36 for the Atlanta Senate Body, which would come out of the Senate Budget. If the Atlanta Senate does not purchase SGA Polos the Perimeter Campus' would move forward without them, some senators believe that it will promote unity between members. EVP Rahman believes that it is a waste of funds and does not believe we would feel more like Senators because of a polo. Senator Walton suggest maybe looking for a lapel pin specifically for SGA. Senator Ebiringa and Jackson believe it's hard for the student body to identify who we are, and polos might help with that. The discussion eventually leads to a roll call vote in which senators decide whether or not senators want to pay for the polo on their own or have it taken out of the Senate Budget.
- 2 – Minute Recess -
 - d. Motion passes for self-payment. Roll Call Vote. 12 Votes SELF. 7 Votes SGA. 2 Abstentions.
 - e. Senator Fye, moves to determine quorum. **Quorum is reached with 22 out of 28 seated senators.**
 - f. Senator Fye, moves to reconsider minutes after Speaker's Report. **Motion passes.** Speaker Thomas awards Senator DeHart Senator of the Month. Reminds Senate that they are still a few who haven't had their one-on-one and points will be added from this point forward.
 - g. **Head Senators** discuss their successful Constituency Day's.
- IV. Reading and Approval of the Minutes from October 24th.**
- a. **Corrections are made by Senator Tshizubu and Senator DeHart. Senator Walton calls to question, seconded by Senator Fye.**
 - b. **Motion passes. 22 Votes For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions.**
- V. Special Orders**
- a. 90-CSO-FC-ATL-02 Establish a Student Voice and Feedback Ad Hoc Committee
 - i. Bill is presented by Senator Garrett in efforts to address specific student concerns by giving them a forum in which to discuss, collaborate, and report their findings to the Senate Body.
 - ii. Senator Walton motions to discuss for 10 minutes, seconded by Senator Tshizubu. Motion passes.
 - iii. Senators commend Senator Garrett for his efforts but believe that this falls under the umbrella of Student Engagement. Senators Fye and Walton encourage Senator Garrett to speak with Senator Abraham, Chairwoman of the Student Engagement Committee, before bringing it to the floor as a separate entity. Senator Walton moves to refer the bill to the Student Engagement Committee, seconded by Senator Tshizubu.
 - b. Motion passes. 12 Votes for. 5 Votes Against. 5 Abstentions.
- VI. Two-Minute Speeches from officers of the Senate**
- a. **Liaison Carr** discuss the success from their suggestion box. The received great feedback from students and look forward to using some of the suggestions to build programs and initiatives for the spring semester.



- b. **Senator Le** well done on their congratulates Head Senators a job Constituency Days.

VII. SGA Senate Committee

Reports

- a. **Report of the Academic Affairs Committee Chair- Senator, Nigel Walton:** December 10th, Study and Chill Event from 10am – 6 pm. He plans on providing three courses of food throughout the day. Will need some help as he is unsure on when his exams are and might need some extra hands in case of an absence. Actively working to provide financial literacy courses or programs to students at GSU. Reminds Senators that his meeting are on MW from 2 – 3 pm.
- b. **Report of the Student Engagement Committee Chair- Senator, Audrey Abraham:** Student Engagement Committee had their last meeting for the semester. They have finalized all the co-sponsorships. Received a complaint from a student about his bike being stolen after it was attached to a bike rack. Will be looking for better equipment to made available to students with bikes for a safer experience.
- c. **Report of the Student Services Committee Chair- Senator, Jonathan Tshizubu:** Over 1,000 students have attended suicide prevention events, as they have held over 11 events across the six campuses
- d. Ad hoc Committee Reports
- e. Vacancy Report- Speaker Pro Tempore, Jhane Jones: 2 College of Nursing, and 1 College of Law
- f. Election Commission Report: Excited to get the ground running for the election. Reminds Senate that things will be a little different as you will be required to have a policy and be able to defend it. Senate debates will also require senators to have a policy to defend.

VIII. University Senate Committee Reports

- IX. Advisor Report:** Talks about the three election information cards placed in front of each semester. Gives Senators the task to share the information with three of their peers. Director Malbrough also includes that the policy of raising awareness will not be permitted in this election. Student Center is doing something different for the holiday decorations by being more observant of other religious and cultural observances. There is a form on PIN for students to put input in on what they would like to see more of in regards to representation for the holidays. Will drop a PIN form in regards to whether or not officers want a shirt. West Exhibit and Dahlberg Hall will be getting some renovations, as well as Hurt Park.

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

XII. Comments and announcements of the officer

- a. **Senator Walton** recommends that students begin stocking up their scantrons and blue books now because as Final's come up the amount of scantrons available will decrease.
- b. **Communications Director** reminds Head senators that they have until the next business day to turn in their speeches for the State of the State event. There is 65 more seats available for students who would like to attend. It will be held Thursday, January 30th, from 5-7pm. Explains in detail what a State of the State address. Senator Jones recommends that we cover what business professional is before we head to the Capitol.

- XIII. Executive Vice President Report-** Hamza Rahman: Has been given box tickets to the next home game. Will be first come first serve; 25 tickets. Must be on slack to receive notification.

XIV. Closing Call of the Roll-Senate Clerk Dankwa

- a. **Absent:** Director Velazquez, Senator Stokes, Smith, Beale, Simpson, Valverde Ramirez, Liaisons Camp, Hardwick, Kyser, Scott, Bryant.

- XV. Adjournment – Senator Tshizubu motions to adjourn, seconded by Senator Tinsley. Meeting is adjourned 8:45.**