

**Bylaws Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**12/18/19**

**I. Opening**

- Senator Fye opened the meeting at *11:03 a.m.* on 12/18/19

**II. Old Business:**

- **USO-90-RQ-01** Discussion for the referendum and changes to its amendments occurred
  - *The following amendments were recommended to the referendum*
    - *As to not violate the ALP's senate constitutional amendment, an amendment was proposed to remove the previous amendment-Section I a. from the referendum and add it to the bylaws. The bylaws committee can implement changes to the referendum that deals with the bylaws. Amendments cannot be added to the constitution by the bylaws committee, this power belongs to the Senate. Advisor Beckwith suggests asking ALP senate to draft a new bill that includes section I a. Sen. Fye recommends moving section I a. to Article 7 section 2 under title I with a new subsection. The amendment provides an opportunity for an alternate in the event a designated UW voting senator is unavailable. The amendment intends to identify the changes needed in the bylaws as supporting information on the ballot should the referendum pass.*
    - *Under Title I-Article 4-Section I-new sub section c an amendment is proposed to outline who determines the alternative UW voting members. It is assumed to be the Speaker of the respective Senate. This amendment and the amendment that states an alternate campus senator may act temporarily as a UW voting member are combined. Advisor Beckwith and Sen. Fye recommended the above amendments. Advisor Sutton adds to the amendment adding a non-UW before campus senator for clarity. Advisor Beckwith and President Mejia propose grammar changes for more clarity. Speaker Reid, Sen. Hassan, EVP Turner, Speaker Thomas agree the amendment should say respective campus.*
    - *Speaker Thomas proposes Section 5 up until the passage of this legislation be included in the whereas section. It is not stating changes but rather is an explanation of the process that occurred. Advisor Beckwith adds it is informational not actions made by the bylaws committee. The entire Section 5 is relocated to the whereas section. The committee agrees with this change.*
    - *Speaker Thomas questions the intent of Article 9 Section 4-Subsection A. Referring to Article 9 Section 5 campus bills for perimeter. Sen. Fye explains it is to clarify who can vote for Atlanta campus bills during UW meetings. Advisor Beckwith adds it is already understood that only ATL senators vote for ATL legislation. Section 5 was added to ensure one primary campus cannot pass legislation that affects the rest of the campuses. Which is why a UW senate is the only place that legislation can be discussed and voted on as representatives from all five campuses will be in the same room. The committee agrees to remove Article 9 Section 4 subsection a.*

- *Under Title IV- Article 1-Section A, Speaker Thomas proposes and amendment to make it clear who is required to attend both the campus and UW senate meetings. As to not require all ATL senators to attend the UW meetings if they are not voting members. Advisor Beckwith poses a question. Do you want to leave it up to each speaker whether they want to require their senators to attend, whether they're voting or not or do you want it to be that only those who are required to attend the UW? Sen. Fye moves the question to the committee. EVP Martinez suggests every senator should be required to attend so they know what is going on UW. Sen. Hassan suggests WebEx as an option for members who are nonvoting in the UW instead of receiving points. Speaker Thomas questions if alternate UW members will also be required to attend the meeting in the event the voting senator is unavailable. Advisor Sutton questions how many alternates are to be appointed to each campus. If it should be assigned per UW voting member or a certain number of alternates for each campus. Advisor Beckwith suggests the speaker be required to appoint up to three alternates who are then required to attend the UW wide senate meetings to ensure each campus has representation. Sen Fye opens for a vote: Do we require alternatives senators to attend the UW senate with voting senators or do we not?*
- *Committee Voted on Alternates to attend senate meetings with voting senators: 4 yays 2 nays, 0 Abstains.*
- *The allotted hour to discuss the referendum ends.*
- *Speaker Thomas moved to table further discussion of legislation until the end of meeting. EVP Turners seconds. 5 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstains. Motion passed.*
- *90-USO-RQ-01 will be further discussed at the next meeting.*

### III. Referred Business

#### ○ 90-UWB-03-

- *Sen. Fye opens the floor for comments, opinions, and suggestions on feasibility of the bill. No suggestions.*
- *Sen. Fye brings up supporting documents on official rates per mileage between each campus. Current reimbursement per mileage is .58 cents. Numbers were calculated for roundtrip.*
- *Advisor Reid-Austin adds a POI: factor in the rate for mileage is not a standard rate, it changes at any given time. As well as when you enter into travel do a comparison to see if renting a vehicle would be more justifiable then trying to do a reimbursement. What will happen on the back end if you don't have that documentation on the front end you would only receive half of the mileage reimbursement. If it was more suitable for you to rent a vehicle.*
  - *Sen. Fye clarifies: the calculations are based on a single vehicle if senators carpool except for the ATL cost.*
  - *Sen. McIver POI: brings up shuttle buses and states the bill is specifically for ATL to travel as PC senators always travel.*

- *EVP Rahman states: they checked and with the senate budget of 3,000 they wouldn't be able to afford it. ATL finance director Garcia Velazquez went over the budget and explained to Rahman it is not affordable*
- *Sen Fye refers to supporting documents and breakdowns Enterprise rental option. Adds he has written a WebEx bill that will allow it to be an option for ATL and PC senators, something to note during discussions.*
- *Advisor Beckwith points out it if the number of voting UW senators lowers to 16 for ATL (refer to referendum) then it would be more feasible to travel. Also, all senators may not travel if WebEx is an option for them*
- *EVP Turner POI: Does GSU have access to the 10 & 12 passenger vans? Student center vans...*
- *EVP Rahman states: We do but we don't have enough training...to be able to take everyone and there may not be enough vans to transport everyone.*
- *Sen. Fye: if referendum doesn't pass it would not be feasible for ATL to transport everyone via SC vehicles. Unless more money is allocated to their travel budget.*
- *Advisor Beckwith: consider if you are going to rotate location will that change who is required to attend in person. Also, factor in how often the UW senate will meet per semester.*
- *Sen. Fye states the calculations on the chart are based on 6 senate meetings per year.*
- *Speaker Reid reiterates points made and states we're going over a bunch of what ifs which we can't realistically account for.*
- *EVP Rahman proposes tabling the bill until we know if the constitutional referendum is going to be placed on the ballot or not. Once we know that then we can probably answer some of the what ifs.*
- *Sen. McIver: We're supposed to vote on it at the retreat during the special sessions.*
- *EVP Rahman suggests we have a conversation about the bill after the special sessions*
- *Sen. Fye clarifies the rotation bill has been tabled until the next UW meeting therefore it will be brought up and voted on during the special session at the retreat so it cannot be tabled.*
- *Speaker Reid makes a point about WebEx bill. Sen Fye further elaborates: with the WebEx bill every senator will be required to attend via WebEx on their respective campus.*
- *Sen. Fye makes a point on budget amendments and reallocation of funds if necessary. Advisor Sutton explains the process.*
- *Sen. Walton suggests moving some money from academic affairs supply into the ATL travel budget.*
- *Speaker Fye poses an amendment to section A to add at least one UW meeting held on ATL and at least one held on a Perimeter campus in the event a campus was unable to host a meeting. Advisor Beckwith clarifies for simplicity 50% of UW meeting will be held on either the ATL or one of the PC campuses.*
- *Sen. McIver motions to table the discussion of the referendum until the next meeting. No second. Motion dies.*

- *Speaker Thomas posed a question: where does it say in the bylaws currently that we can have more than twice UW senate meetings per semester? References pg. 14, Article 7 Section 4 subsection b in the bylaws. Advisor Beckwith explains the bylaws conflicts itself in one section it says at least, and another section is itself spelled out when each UW meeting will take place. Suggests changing the bylaws so it's not conflicting. Article 7 section 1 subsection c and Article 7 section 4 subsection b are conflicting. Advisor Beckwith highlights the importance of this committee's work.*
- *EVP Turner states: As it stands if there are UW meetings twice a semester then all four of the campuses will be able to host a meeting.*
- *Speaker Thomas: If we're not going to change the portion of the bylaws that limits or sets a minimum for the number of times the UW senate meets. I don't think it's feasible to put section 1 in the bylaws as it is currently. Suggests amending the bylaws for all campuses to be represented or amending section 1 to say either the UW meetings will meet between ATL and Perimeter.*
- *Advisor Beckwith questions: If there are more than two meetings per semester where would the other meetings be held? Sen. Fye clarifies the meetings will rotate in Alphabetical order.*
- *Sen. Fye proposes an amendment to Section I a to read as follows: the location for the UW senate meetings will rotate between ATL, CLK, DEC, & DUN campuses. Advisor Beckwith states all that is needed is an insertion of in alphabetical order. The committee agrees with the amendment*
- *Sen. Fye poses a question to the committee-will the alphabetical rotation restart during every academic year or will it continue from the last administration? Sen. McIver & EVP Turner suggest restarting every administration.*
- *The amendment in subsection a is expanded stating the rotation will restart every new administration.*
- *Sen. Fye asks someone to put forward a motion to vote, table indefinitely, or further amending the bill at the next meeting.*
- *Sen. McIver moved to submit the bill as amended, Sen Hassan seconded. 5 yays 2 nays 0 abstains Motion passed*
- *Speaker Thomas, EVP Turner, and EVP Martinez added as sponsors of the bill*
- *Speaker Reid suggests extending the meeting time to return to the referendum.*
- *Speaker Thomas moves to extend the meeting time by 30 mins. No second. Motion dies.*

#### **IV. New Business introduced**

- **The Webex Question (Title IV Article 2 section A vs Title I Article 7 Section 2 subsection D)-** *Due to time constraints the Committee was unable to review legislation regarding WebEx amendments. Discussion has been tabled until the next meeting.*
- **Bylaws Clean Up Bills-** *Due to time constraints the Committee was unable to review legislation regarding Bylaws amendments. Discussions have been tabled until the next meeting.*

**V. Assignments/Projected Legislation-N/A**

**VI. Closing Call of the Roll-N/A**

*Attendance→ Absences:*

**VII. Adjournment**

- a. Time: 12:00pm
- b. Next Meeting: January 8<sup>th</sup> 2020

Position	Name	Present	Absent	Tardy	Initials
Chair	T.Fye	X			T.F
Co-Chair	D.Reid	X			D.R
SGA Advisor(S)	B.Beckwith	X			B.B
SGA Advisor(S)	G.Sutton	X			G.S
CLK	AHassan	X			A.H
DEC	J.McIver	X			J.M
ATL	K.Thomas	X			K.T
ATL	N.Cole	X			N.C
ATL	H.H.Rahman	X			H.H
NEW	C.Turner	X			C.T
DUN	M.Martinez	X			M.M