

## **Atlanta Senate Meeting, January 16, 2020**

- I. **Call to Order-** Speaker of the Senate Kaelen Thomas at 7:22PM
- II. **Opening Call of the Roll/ Determination of Quorum**  
(Absent: Senator's Jhane Jones, Ayani Simpson, Eugene Mafah, Jonathan Tshizubu, Peter Minetos, Liaison's Jay Alli, Jimmya Camp, Elaina Hardwick, Shelby Horton, Seung Choi, Communications Director Evan Malbrough, Finance Director Chris Garcia Velazquez) Quorum was reached with 16 out of 23 senators present. Tardy: Senator Tinsley, Liaison Kyser
- III. **Reading and Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting**
- IV. **Special Reports**
  - a. University Representatives wishing to address the senate
  - b. Student Forum (Students wishing to address the Senate)
- V. **Special Orders**
  - a. 90-CSO-CL-ATL-22 Seat Members for the College of Arts & Sciences
    - i. Senator Fye introduces this motion to seat Mario Calcagno. Senator Dehart calls to question. The motion passed with 13 Yays Nays Abstains.
    - i. Richard swears in Mario Calcagno.
  - b. 90-CSO-CL-ATL-23 Seat Members for the Robinson College of Business
    - i. Senator Fye moves to amend the agenda to remove this piece of legislation. Senator Le seconds this motion. The motion passed.
  - c. 90-CSO-CL-ATL-24 Seat Members for the College of the Education & Human Development
    - i. Senator Fye moves to amend the agenda to remove this piece of legislation. Senator Le seconds this motion. The motion passed.
- VI. **Executive Cabinet Reports**
  - a. Report of the Communications Director- Evan Malbrough
    - Report was given by EVP Rahman.
    - State of The State will be happening on January 30, 2020 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Georgia State Capitol
  - b. Report of the Finance Director- Chris Garcia Velazquez, spoke by Hamza Rahman
    - Report was given by EVP Rahman.
    - Finance Committee submitted a late funding request to the Dean of Students.
  - c. Report of the Speaker of the Senate- Kaelen Thomas
    - Research University Day opportunity reminder. The event will take place at the Georgia State Capitol on February 6 beginning at 8:15 a.m.
    - Point of Information- Director Sutton stating we need to know who attends for record.
    - Point of Inquiries- Senator Mafah and Senator Fye
- VII. **Two Minute Speeches by members of the Senate**
  - Senator Levi Smith discusses Hands on Atlanta opportunity at Morris Brown College. Says he will put the opportunity in the Slack channel.
  - Senator Walton discusses MLK weekend opportunities. Point of Information by Rahman discusses information on the Slack.
  - Senator Stokes welcomes back SGA with encouragement.

### **VIII. SGA Senate Committee Reports**

- a. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee Chair- Senator Nigel Walton
  - New office and meeting hours report
  - Collaboration with Evan Malbrough to help provide scholarships to minority students
  - Financial Literacy program
- b. Report of the Student Engagement Committee Chair- Senator Audrey Abraham
  - Semi-Annual Organization Fair
  - New office and meeting report
  - Point of Information- Director Sutton
- c. Report of the Student Services Committee Chair- Senator Jonathan Tshizubu
  - He was absent.
- d. Ad hoc Committee Reports
  - Senator Abraham mentions the Government Affairs Ad hoc committee plans the Census events through the month of March.
- e. Vacancy Report- Kaelen Thomas
  - Kaelen states that we filled three vacant positions in the College of Arts & Sciences, however we have one in the Robinson College of Business, two in Nursing, one in Public Health, one in Education and Human Development, and two in the College of Law
  - All liaisons are encouraged to apply for these positions.
  - We do have a senate clerk vacancy.
- f. Election Commission Report
  - Mariah Johnson states application deadlines
  - Information Sessions dates

### **IX. University Senate Committee Reports**

- EVP Rahman encourages senators and liaisons to bring issues to the senate meetings.
- Information about an addition to the syllabus.

### **X. Advisor Report**

- Advisor Sutton encourages students to run for election
- New directory
- Student Center open house

### **XI. Old Business**

- a. 90-CSO-FC-ATL-02 Establish a Student Voice and Feedback Ad hoc Committee
  - Senator Abraham discusses her committee's opinion on the referred legislation and did not agree to this committee
  - Senator Ebiringa states he agrees with this proposal
  - Senator Stokes states that we should give the student body more responsibility and trust that they will put forth effort to resolve problems
  - Senator Walton believes it would be inefficient to add another committee
  - Senator Ebiringa mentions letting the committee run for a time period and then discuss if it was efficient or not.
  - Senator Le notions to add additional 5 minutes to discussion, Stokes seconds. Motion was passed.
  - Senator Le asked if he had spoken with Senator Abraham to create a sub-committee with Student Engagement. Senator Garrett states that she had 2 months to discuss this committee with him and it hasn't come up.
  - Senator Abraham states that she wasn't informed by the creation of the committee. She says that he never requested this to her. She states that there are jobs in this bill that are already jobs of the Senators. She believes that the Senators should take responsibility for the job that they signed up instead.
  - Senator Fye asked EVP Rahman if the creation of this committee is even possible. He states the Rules of Order.

- Senator Kaelen states that there has been history of the creation of Ad hoc committees, similar to this one.
- Senator Walton calls to question and then he moves to close the discussion. Senator Garrett seconds. Motion passed.
- Senator Walton calls to question, Senator Cole seconds.
- Senator Garrett calls for a roll call vote. This motion is passed.
- Role Call Vote:
  - Nigel Walton: Nay
  - Audrey Abraham: Nay
  - Takia Tinsley: Abstain
  - Nia Cole: Nay
  - Terry Fye: Nay
  - Kalil Garrett: Yay
  - Mariah Johnson: Yay
  - Jennifer Lopez: Abstain
  - Cedric Jackson: Yay
  - Tyson Stokes: Yay
  - Spencer DeHart: Nay
  - Leviticus Smith: Abstain
  - Eugene Mafah: Yay
  - David-Praise Ebiringa: Yay
  - Sarah Saied: Nay
  - John Le: Nay
  - Michael Olajide: Nay
  - Mario Calcagno: Abstain
- 6 Yays, 8 Nays, 3 Abstains. The legislation does not pass.

## **XII. New Business**

### **a. Constituency Day Planning**

- i Senator Walton calls for discussion for Constituency Day for 10 minutes. Senator Dehart seconds this motion. The motion passed with 13Yays 1Nays 3Abstains
- i Senator Walton discuss individuality of each college day and advertising
- i Senator Abraham believes students will miss out if all colleges had one constituency day.
- i Senator Le supports holding them on all day but also agrees with Senator Abraham. He added that more people that are involved in planning means more turnout.
- i Senator Tinsley agrees with Senator Le and discuss the possibilities if we were to take that route.
- i Senator Walton discusses the important of traffic data and what we can use it for.
- i Senator Dehart believes each head senator should have the opportunity to do their constituency days the way they want to, whether its joint or singled.
- i Senator Dehart motions to close the discussion early. Senator Abraham seconds. The motion passed with 10 Yays, 5 Nays, 2 Abstains.
- i Senator Dehart moves to recess for 10 minutes. Senator Cole seconds. The motion did not pass with 4 Yays, 10 Nays, 3 Abstains.
- i Senator Le calls a motion to open discussion back up for 3 minutes. Senator Walton seconds. The motion passed with 9 Yays, 6 Nays, 3 Abstains.
- i Senator Walton discusses the structure of head senators and the role they should play during constituency day.
- i Senator Le responds and wants to discuss the kind of issues that the students bring up during constituency and how they can do better. Senator Ebiringa responds.

- i Senator students week with all important of discussing the subject more.
- i Senator Abraham motions to extend discussion for 5 minutes. Senator Rahman asked for a 3-minute recess. Moves to 5 minutes. Senator Fye seconds. The motion passed with 14 Yays, 4 Nays, 3 Abstains.
- i Senator Walton motions to open discussion for 10 minutes. Senator Smith seconds. Motion passed with 16 Yays, 0 Nays, 2 Abstains.
- i Senator Walton discusses the concern for mold issues.
- i Senator Le asks to discuss the budget of housing.
- i Liaison Roberts discusses the move out date.
- i Senator Calcagno discuss under paid workers and the issues with military recruits who falsely advertise.
- i Liaison Kyser discusses her friends personal experience with housing.
- i Liaison Roberts discusses how the Late Stay Request is only open to commencement volunteers
- i Senator Le discusses how it is not only open to volunteers but for everyone.
- i Senator Abraham states the importance of advertising housing.
- i Liaison Scotts discusses the military issues brought up earlier.
- i Senator Cole wants to extend discussion for 5 minutes. Senator Walton seconds. The motion passed with 9 Yays, 2 Nays, 6 Abstains.
- i Senator Smith talks about issues with organization leaders with bad advisors and grievances processes.
- i EVP Rahman encourages him to find a new advisor.
- i Senator Calcagno discusses the location of military recruiters and how he believes they shouldn't advertise to low income students.
- i Senator Garrett shines light on the balance and the conflict of student life and outside life.
- i Senator Walton motions to end discussion. This motion is moved.
- i Senator Dehart moves to extend discussion by 5 minutes. Senator Fye seconds. This motion did not pass.

Abraham brings up the problem of missing their opportunities. One a the colleges. She brings up that it is

b. Spring Summit

**XIII. Comments and announcements of the Officers**

- i Senator Johnson informs the senate on why many senators chose to end the discussion early. She believes that many of the arguments brought up are personal opinions and accomplish nothing.
- i Senator Tinsley wants the senate to start on a great positive note.
- i Senator Le believes that the problem of one student could be the problems of many. Encourages the senate to hear students issues and work to solve them.
- i Senator Rahman states that closing comments is not a place for debate.
- i Senator Dehart states the jobs and responsibilities of the SGA Senate.
- i Senator Walton states the deadline for add/drop class period.
- i Senator Stokes encourages senate to drink water and manage time.
- i Senator Abraham thanks liaisons for showing up and being present.
- i Senator Le discusses the blue parking lot delegating and advertises the sale of a reusable drink bottles in Student Center West Cafe.

**XIV. Executive Vice President Report- Hamza Rahman**

- Diversity Fee information
- Encourage Mental Health department in Dahlberg
- Speaker Kaelen discusses the importance of mental health and resources.

**XV. Closing Call of the Roll**

**XVI. Adjournment**

