

Bylaw Minutes

1/8/20

I. Opening

- Senator Fye Opened the meeting at 10 am

II. Approval of minutes:

- Sen. Cole moves to approve the Minutes, Sen. McIver seconded. Minutes were approved with 6 yays 0 nays 0 Abstains.

III. Old Business:

- **The Webex Question (Title IV Article 2 section A vs Title I Article 7 Section 2 subsection D)**-Sen Fye brought forward a WebEx Bill to amend Title IV Article 2 section A to allow all University Wide Senators to attend University Wide Meetings via WebEx. The following discussion occurred, and amendments were made to the legislation.
 - *A friendly amendment was added to allow the bill to state under section 1: "SGA Officers may request access to a WebEx portal in a central meeting room on a Georgia State University campus so that they have the option of attending. This Request must be submitted at least 72 hours in advance and approved by the respective EVP and made with the consent of the SGA President." This was done to provide a system of request for WebEx participation.*
 - *A friendly amendment was added to include a new C item to state, "Failure to participate in a University-Wide Senate meeting either in person or via WebEx will count as an absence for UEC and University-Wide Voting Senators." This was done to prevent confusion over penalization of points for non-voting University-Wide Senators.*
 - *EVP Manias questions, Would the introduction of this bill, combat the introduction of the rotation location bill? Sen. Advisor Sutton suggests a new whereas clause to indicate the preference for officers to all be in one space for a University Wide Meeting. Sen. Fye agrees and proposes this to EVP Manias and Speaker Reid. Speaker Thomas states "There is no teeth in a whereas clause" Sen. Fye replies that the point of WebEx is to provide an option for attendance if it is needed and that the EVP or President could deny the request.*
 - *Speaker Reid adds a friendly amendment to have the Speaker approve the request and not the EVP. Sen. Fye accepts.*
 - *A friendly amendment was added to state "It is ideal for the entire university wide senate to meet in person, there are times when exceptions are needed" under a new Whereas.*
 - *Sen. Fye gives an Hour warning for the meeting.*
 - *EVP Rahman moves to approve the amended Legislation and submit to the University-Wide Senate. Sen. Cole Seconds. Motion was approved 4 yays 0 nays 3 abstains.*
 - *EVP Rahman and EVP Turner sponsor the legislation.*

- **USO-90-RQ-01-** Sen. Fye opens the floor for comments, opinions, and suggestions on feasibility of the bill. The following discussion occurred were made to the legislation.
 - *EVP Rahman inquired about the ability of ATL Campus Senators being able to pursue University-Wide Policy with the limit of 16 senators. Sen. Fye replied that this does not necessarily limit the ability of a senator to be on a university-wide committee or attending the meeting to inquire about the issue. Mr. Beckwith agreed and affirmed that the real work happens in the meetings had with the university officials.*
 - *EVP Rahman inquired about how Atlanta would be able to dictate their campus senates number of senators. Speaker Reid asked for clarification as the referendum was only to change the University Wide Senate. EVP Rahman continues "...under the current system used ATL would subtract from the allotted seats to Perimeter and would use the remaining total. With the passage of this referendum as is, it could jeopardize the representation of the ATL Senate..." Ms. Sutton clarifies that the system could just be changed on the Atlanta campus later with the passage. Sen Fye confirms.*
 - *EVP Rahman does point out that the current statement in the referendum's language "campus, college or school having at least two senators" would limit the ability of the ATL Senate to represent the 33,000 students on its campus based on the previous way it has determined the number of senators housed on its campus. This also does not include that colleges whom do not see interest in senator applications also limit its ability to act. EVP. Manias reiterated Speaker Reid's previous statement and asks for clarification. Mr. Beckwith agrees and inquires which senators will out a college like the College of Arts and Sciences which has like 10 student representatives how would they be able to determine which two. Speaker Reid and Sen. Fye clarify with the additional Bylaws amendments the power belongs to the Speaker for the appointment. EVP Rahman mentions the Perimeter Senates are not limited in the same way. Sen. Fye clarifies that Perimeter Senates can't have more than SIX senators based on the Constitution. Time had expired for the meeting. Speaker Thomas moved to extend time for 30 minutes EVP Turner Seconded. Motion passed with 5 yay 1 nay 1 abstain. Sen. Fye does confirm what EVP Rahman is saying and that the bylaws committee does not have the power to change the referendum, the Alpharetta Senate would have to have a special session to amend the referendum if desired and still have the referendum appear at the Retreat. Sen. Fye inquired about the likely hood of ALP appearing at the retreat to pass such a referendum amendment. Mr. Beckwith informs the committee that the ALP Senate would not attend the retreat. Sen. Fye informs the committee if this is the case it would be unfair and unwise to vote on the referendum with this information revealed. Sen. Fye does inform members of the committee that if a Senate were willing to pass a similar referendum the senate could still decide on the question. EVP Turner volunteers the Newton Senate to call a special session to pass a similar referendum. Sen. Fye will submit a copy for the senate to pass. Time expires and the committee did not move*

to submit the referendum to the senate nor does it move to kill the referendum. Sen. Fye declares 90-USO-RQ-01 dead.

IV. Referred Business-N/A

V. New Business introduced

- *EVP Rahman moved to amend the agenda to include to new items to review. The Items Were a University-Wide Bill to amend the election code to include endorsements, and a bill to amend quorum there was no second, the motion died.*
- *Bylaws Clean Up Bills- Bylaws Bills were tabled yet again. (Editor’s Note: Bills were sent to University Wide with Sen. Fye sponsorship and review after this meeting to still be introduced)*

VI. Assignments/Projected Legislation – n/a

VII. Closing Call of the Roll – see below

VIII. Adjournment

- a. **Time: 1:39 p.m.**
- b. **Next Meeting: 2/6/20**

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