

90th Administration 10/17/19 University-Wide Senate Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2019

- I. **Call to Order by President Mejia at 7:35 p.m.**
- II. **Opening Call of the Roll / Determination of Quorum**
 - a. Quorum is met
- III. **Reading and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting**
 - a. **University-Wide Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2019**
 - i. **EVP Henry** makes a friendly amendment
 - ii. **Senate Clerk Dankwa** states these are not completed minutes and asks to table them to the next meeting when they are more accurate
 - iii. **Senator Walton** moves to table the minutes; **Senator Stokes** seconds
 - iv. Motion passes unanimously
- IV. **Special Reports**
 - a. **University Representatives wishing to address the Senate**
 - i. **Dean of Perimeter College, Nancy Kropf**
 - ii. **Dean Kropf begins** her speech by detailing her everyday tasks as the Dean of Perimeter College; explaining she was once a teacher and loves to teach students however this is not a lecture and begins asking the Senate for any questions she can answer
 - iii. **Student Terry Fye** who is an alum of Perimeter College (PC) and now an Atlanta senator thanks Dean Kropf for coming to a University-Wide meeting and begins detailing the decline in population at PC which in turn is affecting the student activity fee money they receive. He asks, “What can students at Perimeter College do to help out the situation of funding being cut from the Student Activity Fee (SAF)?”
 - iv. **Dean Kropf thanks** Student Fye for asking the question and states that PC has been working with already existing systems on the Downtown campus to provide services for PC students. She provides the example of PC students travelling from multiple PC campuses and their frustration leading to them taking online classes thus minimizing the SAF money coming in and mentions the microloans GSU offers to allow more PC students to remain active in-person.
 - v. **Senator Walton asks** Dean Kropf if it'd be possible to change the grading scale on PC to be a +/- system like the downtown campus to create an easier transition on their GPAs.
 - vi. **Dean Kropf mentions** the change in grading system should be spearheaded by faculty so she can't make that sort of decision but is open to revisiting the topic of +/- on PC.
 - vii. **Speaker Reid asks** Dean Kropf to state her first statement again about PC not receiving SAF money due to the ability to not hear well.
 - viii. **Dean Kropf restates** her reasoning as above.
 - ix. **Advisor Boyd Beckwith also mentions** that the Board of Regents have no “appetite” to increase any student fees to keep two-year institutions affordable
 - x. **SJB Liasion Dawnyale Allen asks** if PC has an advisory board for the SAF.
 - xi. **Dean Kropf states** they do not but is more than happy to take it back to her board and make it a possibility.
 - xii. **Speaker of the Senate Kaelen Thomas asks** why SGA can't collect funds from say a bake-sale.

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- xiii. **Advisor Beckwith responds** stating that is not under the preview of the dean and is more of a question for the SAF committee.
- xiv. **Speaker Reid asks** if PC has a strategic plan in place.
- xv. **Dean Kropf states** they are in the process of implementing one with student success being on the forefront of goals
- xvi. **Senator Abraham asks** how PC is handling from students taking classes on multiple classes
- xvii. **Dean Kropf states** she has created a new chair in the Enrollment Office to properly view the rates of students on a campus and which classes they are taking
- xviii. **Senator Hassan asks** if PC plans on rewarding art students for their academic achievement down the line
- xix. **Dean Kropf states** she plans on honoring students from all areas and encourages more PC students to enroll in the Research days and apply for scholarships
- b. Student Forum – students wishing to address the Senate**
 - i. **Student Fye is addressing** the Senate asking everyone to be respectful of one another. He has been in SGA in the past and knows the difficulty of traveling to the Atlanta campus and wants all members to view the Rotation Location bill with neutral eyes
 - ii. **Speaker McDonald asks** the Senate why dual-enrollment students are allowed in SGA if they don't pay fees
 - iii. **Advisor Beckwith states** that it is GA law to allow them into clubs regardless if they pay fees or not
- c. Two-minute long reports by members of the Senate**
 - i. **Senator Walton updates** the Senate on his initiatives as Academic Chair of the Atlanta campus; wants to extend diversity services to PC as well
 - ii. **Senator Hassan gives updates** on the Flower Initiative stating she has had meetings with Mandatory Student Activity Fee Committee discussing budget and supplies
 - iii. **Senator Abraham states a point of inquiry regarding the flower initiative:** This is not just a “woman” issue, so I was wondering how you would accommodate all students with the bathroom placements?
 - iv. **Senator Hassan states** she sees no problem with placing the hygiene products in both bathrooms (guy and girl).
 - v. **Senator Mackey motioned for a 5-minute Recess; Senator Abella seconds**
 - vi. Motion failed to reach quorum
 - vii. **Safety Committee Chair Spencer DeHart talks** about what he has been working on; Met with Chief Spillane and addressed the concerns of Blue Lot + robberies on the Atlanta campus; States his next Safety Committee meeting will be held on 10/25/20 at 9:30 a.m. on the Atlanta campus

V. Special Orders (Appointments/Charters)

VI. Executive Cabinet Reports

a. Alpharetta Campus

- i. New community and government affairs chairs – Margaux Abella
- ii. Homecoming events were a success with 244 students attended
- iii. Halloween events are well under way by decorating the campus with partnership with Dean of Students and a Halloween party (SGA Mix 'N Mingle)

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- iv. Allison Guerrero has started a GroupMe on campus to interact with students quicker
- v. A military veteran's event by signing "Thank You" cards and sending them off; collaborated with Military Affairs

b. Atlanta Campus

- i. Atlanta campus will not raise student fees
- ii. SAFC has met and will turn into the ATL Fee Council
- iii. If you want to join, let Hamza know. Open to general students and SGA members
- iv. Attended the University Senate and had a productive meeting
- v. Homecoming was a success and we had a lot of fun with high attendance

c. Clarkston Campus

- i. Flower initiative report given by Senator Hassan
- ii. Student Terry Fye has a question: Has there been any update on the Panther Wall of Fame?
- iii. Senator Hassan clarifies that she has been working on the Panther Wall of Fame by creating posters and an event; needs faculty to review the nominations but to also nominate students

d. Decatur Campus – No report

e. Dunwoody Campus

- i. Working on environment awareness project where reusable bags will be painted by students to use
- ii. Dunwoody MSA did a Halal food survey to add it to the café and the survey is successful
- iii. Senator Abraham asks EVP Alo if the survey only included Halal food or if there was a variety of other foods student may want
- iv. They did mention other food but the purpose was for Halal food
- v. Point of Information, EVP Henry: I can confirm that the survey was for Halal food mainly

f. Newton Campus – No report

g. Communications Director – Absent

h. 10-minutes recess moved by Senator Mackey and seconded by Senator Abella

- i. Passed unanimously

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

a. 90-UWB-01: Roll Call Voting

- i. **Senator Garrett introduces** the legislation
- ii. **Senator Spencer DeHart moves to open discussion for 20 minutes, seconded by Senator Walton**
 - 1. Floor opened with 15 in favor, 2 against and 3 abstain
- iii. No discussion
- iv. **Senator Walton moves** to refer this piece of legislation to the Bylaws committee; **seconded by Senator Milani**
- v. Referred unanimously

IX. Closing Remarks

a. Comments and announcements of the officers

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- i. **EVP Manais apologizes** on behalf of the Senate members on the Alpharetta for being harsh and irate towards the Atlanta campus
- ii. Her reasoning for being on the Alpharetta campus is to prove a point to the Atlanta campus that all campuses matter and the location rotation is important to consider
- iii. **Speaker McDonald asks** President Mejia who the university-wide email was sent to with President Mejia stating all voting members of the Senate received the email
- iv. **Speaker McDonald further questions** President Mejia on how she found out about PC attending the University-Wide meeting on the Alpharetta campus instead of the Atlanta campus where meetings are usually held
- v. **President Mejia states** that is not of concern, but she ultimately found out from someone who is not a member of the Senate
- vi. **Speaker McDonald continues** to discuss the importance of the Location Rotation bill
- vii. **EVP Henry and Senator Ebiringa provide a further** clarification of where the PC actions are coming from
- viii. **More discussion regarding the Location Rotation bill is mentioned**

b. Closing Call of the Roll

X. President's Report

- a. No report

XI. Adjournment

- a. **Senator Saied moves to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Senator Stokes**
- b. Meeting ends at 10:13 p.m.