

90th Administration 11/14/19 University-Wide Senate Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2019

- I. **Call to Order by President Mejia at 7:26 p.m.**
- II. **Opening Call of the Roll / Determination of Quorum**
 - a. **23 voting senators are present**
- III. **Reading and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting**
 - a. **University-wide Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2019**
 - i. **Senator Abraham moves** to approve the minutes; **Senator Stokes seconds.**
 - ii. Minutes approved unanimously
- IV. **Special Reports**
 - a. **University Representatives wishing to address the Senate**
 - b. ***Tyler Wilcher, Athletics Department***
 - c. Attended the SGA meeting to invite everyone to the GSU home game versus Appalachian State and gave important information such as ticket sales, vouchers, club-level seats and more.
 - d. **Senator Lopez asks** Tyler if the Athletics Department was offering bus services from the Perimeter Campuses (PC); Tyler responds that they had to be canceled due to the low response rate from students on PC but free parking passes are always available
 - e. ***Birthe Reimers, Ombudsperson***
 - f. Attended the SGA meeting to let everyone know the services of the Ombudsperson office is always available and went into detail what those services are; she had planned to host a workshop, but time was limited so she moved it to the Winter Retreat at Newton; Shared the E-E-C model which is the Example, Effect and Change model which is used to address concerns between two parties.
 - g. **Senator Terry Fye asks** Dr. Reimers if she helps with relationship advice and she responds saying no.
- V. **Student Forum – students wishing to address the Senate**
 - a. **Student Brekwan Oliver address the Senate** with a PowerPoint asking Senators to help with human trafficking in and around the Atlanta area by creating workshops, spreading flyers and pamphlets and making more students aware of the hotline that exists for reporting human trafficking.
- VI. **Two-minute long reports by members of the Senate**
- VII. **Special Orders (Appointments/Charters)**
 - a. **Swearing in of new officers**
 - b. Senator Terry Fye and Senator Margaux Abella are sworn in by SJB Liaison Dawnyale Allen
 - c. **90-USO-CL-07: Seating Bylaws Chair**
 - d. **Senator Terry Fye is voted** in to serve as the 90th administration's Bylaws chair with 24 in favor
 - e. **90-USO-RQ-01: To place a Constitutional Amendment on the Spring Ballot**
 - f. **Senator Abella introduces** the referendum to place a constitutional amendment on the 2020-2021 Spring Ballot; Senators ask for clarification on the seating allocation such as: who will determine who is sat as a university-wide senator, how will it be justified to the student

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body on the allocation as it is not representational; what will happen if a campus grows exponentially in the future and the like;

- g. **Senator Terry Fye moves** to refer the referendum to the Bylaws committee which was **seconded by Senator Walton**; 18 in favor

VIII. **Executive Cabinet Reports**

a. **Alpharetta Campus**

- b. **EVP Ritterbusch acknowledges** two of his senators for their exceptional job in the administration so far

c. **Atlanta Campus**

- d. **EVP Habibur Rahman states** the Atlanta Student Activity Fee Council has decreased the SGA Atlanta budget by \$3,000 for the 2020-2021 year; A townhall will be hosted in the Piedmont Central Dining Hall in collaboration with the Residence Hall Association

e. **Clarkston Campus**

- f. **EVP Henry updates** everyone on the Flower Initiative stating it is continuing to grow and gain more support; Dr. Jill Lee-Barber is willing to help as well which is a big step considering she is over the Health and Wellness department of all of GSU; Hosted their first coffee corner which was successful; The CLK safety committee has notified their dean to fix concerns in the G-building basement; Made contact with a non-profit that makes menstrual products donations to universities; Planning to have a full senate soon; Working on a university-wide event for the spring

g. **Decatur Campus**

- h. **EVP Manais states** the Decatur campus has vegan and halal options; 3 new senators have jumped on board; Had to cancel the Blue Bash because of rain but will reschedule it for Easter; Planning a Sip 'N Paint for finals with mocktails

i. **Dunwoody Campus**

- j. **President Mejia states** there is no longer an EVP for the Dunwoody campus

k. **Newton Campus**

- l. **EVP Turner acknowledges** Senator Melvin for successfully bringing Congressman Hank Johnson onto the Newton campus where they had a great turnout of 80 people; 1 more senate position to be filled and will hopefully be filled by the spring

m. **Communications Director – No report**

IX. **Old Business**

a. **90-UWB-02: Roll Call Voting**

- b. **Senator Garrett introduces** the legislation once again and gives a speech on the importance of students knowing how their representation votes on their behalf; Senators question if this will take effect for all legislation on the floor and Senator Garrett responds stating it's when someone on the floor moves to have a roll-call vote for any legislation but believes it's most important for bills

- c. **Senator Abraham calls to question, Seconded by Senator Garrett** with 16 in favor

X. **New Business**

a. **90-UWB-PER-01: Modifications to Perimeter College Committee**

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- b. Senator Hassan introduces** this legislation; Perimeter senators who were on the Newton campus needed 5 minutes to discuss this bill; Senator _____ calls to question and Senator _____ seconds with 4 in favor
- c. 90-UWB-03: Location Rotation**
- d. Senator McIver introduces** this legislation
- e. Senator Fye moves to refer it to the Bylaws committee, seconded by Senator DeHart** with 13 in favor
- f. 90-UWB-04: Updating SJB section of Bylaws**
- g. Senator Le introduces** this legislation explaining it is to match the Bylaws of the Student Judicial Board
- h. Senator DeHart calls to question, seconded by Senator Walton** with 18 in favor

XI. Closing Remarks

- a. Comments and announcements of the officers**
- b. Closing Call of the Roll**

XII. President's Report

- a. President Mejia acknowledges** Senator Melvin for hosting a great event with Congressman Hank Johnson, the Head Senators on the Atlanta campus for hosting large and great Constituency Days, EVP Martinez for letting her aware of the potholes on the Dunwoody campus and EVP Ritterbusch for letting her aware of the vending machines.
- b. President Mejia reminds** every one of the Winter Retreat on the Newton campus, and lets senators know their mental health should always come first

XIII. Adjournment

- a. President Mejia adjourns the meeting, Senator DeHart seconds**
- b. Meeting is adjourned at 9:39 p.m.**