The
Student Government Association

90th Administration
End of the Year Report
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Executive Address

The Student Government Association was one of the first organizations I was interested in joining at Georgia State University. I knew exactly what I wanted to do coming into State. I wanted to make change. I wanted to change what I didn’t do in the past, what I saw my first year at State, and change my perception of what I am capable of. However, I stopped myself from joining because I thought I wasn’t fit for the job. I joined every other organization on campus except the one I truly wanted to become a part of. I finally pushed myself out of my comfort zone and joined SGA as a senator. I quickly realized the extent of the role and I was okay with that. I was okay with attending meetings, the occasional committee gathering and night outs. I was in my comfort zone. Come spring, I pushed myself out of my comfort zone once again and ran for president. Now, I’m in a position I never imagined I would be in. I was always the one behind the scenes letting someone else fulfill their dream. Today, I am living my dream which is representing each and every campus and leading a team of so many possibilities.

As Student Government officers, we have the sole responsibility to represent our student body to the best of our ability. This is not an easy job and can get frustrating at times, but it’s absolutely worth it. Knowing you tried your hardest than doing nothing at all to represent your constituents is an inspiration to others, and it can also create future leaders. You know you’re doing the right thing when you feel slightly uncomfortable—and leaving our comfort zones to help our students succeed will always be what comes first.

The Student Government Association at Georgia State University has been around for ninety consecutive years. Georgia State University has developed tremendously through those years and so has SGA. We have our first Latina president and the diversity in our senate continues to grow each continuing year, so it is necessary we continue representing our campuses fully.

So, what exactly is the legacy the 90th administration wants to leave? Do we want to be remembered as the administration who actively fought for inclusion? Who actively fought for students who are facing homelessness or food insecurities? Who actively fought for the accountability of the Financial Aid Office? Or for increasing food options at our cafes so all students can enjoy their time on campus? The choices are endless, but we cannot do this as our
own individual units. We need to work hand-in-hand to come together as one and make change happen at Georgia State University. After consolidation, Georgia State University became stronger. We have increased our active leaders—our go-getters, the game changers who want to effectively and proactively do more for their school. We need to unite and use the forces and voices of our 53,000+ students to accomplish our goals. We need to proactively reach our students before a problem arises. We will constantly be seeking out events, student gatherings, and opportunities to find and listen to the voices of those we represent rather than waiting for students to come to us.

“Whenever you feel uncomfortable, instead of retreating back into your old comfort zone, pat yourself on the back and say, “I must be growing,” and continue moving forward.” – T. Harv Eker

I am here today because students saw the potential in me and voted for a positive change in the university. Our officers are here today because your campuses saw the potential in them and also saw positive change occurring on your campuses. As we begin this administration, we cannot forget the reason that we all ran. We are here for our students because of our students. We are their voice for the greater good of all of Georgia State University. A university is nothing without their students and we need to make sure we fight for and give it our all to accomplish the needs of our campuses. Now is our time to take action. Now is the time to create a state of change.

Jazmin Mejia
University-Wide President
90th Administration
#AStateOfChange
Campaign Promises and Legislation Passed

Campaign Promises

While campaigning for SGA President, I ran on the hashtag #AStateofChange and I came across three items countless of students repeatedly told me they wanted to see a difference in. Those three items being the following:

1. Financial Aid/Financial Literacy
2. Access to clubs and organizations/organization collaboration
3. Unification of the campuses

As I began my term as SGA President, I quickly realized a lot of what students want to see change require a lot more time and man power than anticipated. However, through the help of SGA and making these concerns known, we were able to help out students see these changes slowly but surely. As well as, continue initiatives from the previous administrations and beginning and completing our own (continued on page 5).

My term as the Student Body President is one to remember. I am so grateful to have been given this experience and I will always cherish SGA, GSU and everyone involved in making our initiatives come to life! I am incredibly proud of my team and how they lead their campuses. We helped create a State of Change that will continue on for years to come.

#GoState!

Legislation Passed: Find the entire legislative docket online
These University-Wide initiatives tie into my 3rd platform point of unifying the campuses. We are a university of diverse people with similar interests – those being having a safe place to go where they know they will be able to find the help and resources they need no matter what campus you are on.

1. **Flower Initiative**: EVP Yasmin Henry (CLK) has been tirelessly working on providing free menstrual products to the Clarkston campus since the Spring of 2019 which has turned into a university-wide initiative. There have been countless meetings with Dr. Jill Lee-Barber who is the Director of the Health and Counseling department at Georgia State University. We are very close to completing this initiative.

**SPRING UPDATE**: As of March 2020, we have successfully begun the pilot program for the Flower Initiative which provides free menstrual products. We partnered with the Health Clinic and if the pilot program shows the data for need, they will fully fund it and it will become a permanent service provided through the Health Clinics!

2. **Food diversification**: Georgia State is a very diverse school ranging from campus to campus and within each location. This is why we began the task of adding more dining options to our campuses. EVP Hamza Rahman (ATL) and EVP Yasmin Henry (CLK) have been talking to their respective dining directors. EVP Rahman has met with Dr. Lenore Musick to discuss options such as halal, kosher, vegan and vegetarian at the dining halls and in the cafes around the campuses. So far, the Clarkston and Atlanta campus have successfully added vegan options to their café and dining halls and the Dunwoody campus has successfully added Halal options to their cafeteria. The Decatur campus has expressed interest in adding Halal options but are waiting for the correct material to cook the food on.

3. **Financial Aid/Financial Literacy**: I met with multiple representatives from the financial aid office to discuss the concerns students have had over and over again with each passing administration. The financial aid office introduced and marketed their PantherAnswer feature on their site much more frequently. With the help of SGA, we were able to share this important and quick new feature on their site with the students. I also had the amazing opportunity to give a speech at the Student Financial Success Summit where many representatives from the financial aid offices around the country attended. I spoke about the importance of their diligence and the concerns many students such as myself have encountered while
navigating financial services. A couple of SGA members were able to attend the conference as student representatives. The Atlanta SGA had a meeting with a professor of philosophy who was very interested in the implications financial literacy has on college students. Through our conversation and insight, he provided a crash course and panel where professionals came and spoke to students about financial literacy and gave them tips and tricks on being financially literate.

4. Census/Voting Initiative: In collaboration with Spotlight Programs Board and the City of Atlanta, we were able to host an event showcasing the importance of the Census and voting for the primaries. We had around 100 students learn more about both and they promised to fill out the Census and register to vote! Simultaneously, I was able to participate in the first-ever student run polling location in the country! Spearheaded by VoteEverywhere and Fulton County, I was able to help students and Fulton county residents make sure their votes were counted and secure!

Atlanta Executive Vice President – Hamza Habibur Rahman

During the 90th administration, I had the privilege of leading many initiatives throughout campus.

I began outreach with panther dining in order to expand options for religious meal plans. This is currently a work in progress and I ask that the next administration continue this.

I am particularly proud of the establishment of a Government and Community Relations Chair on the Atlanta campus, I believe, that his for years to come, will help students connect with their leaders and impact change further.

I also began dialogue with the university to rename the College of Arts and Sciences to the John R. Lewis College of Arts and Sciences. I ask that the next administration continue this as well.

I also ask the next administration to continue the investigation of the GILEE program, sadly, this administration was not able to complete it and I encourage the next administration to do so.

It has been an honor leading the Atlanta Campus and I am thankful to have worked with each and every one of you.
Summer/Fall Campus Initiatives

A. Academic Affairs: Nigel Walton

1. Final Week Study and Chill Event

As finals can be a stressful time for students, SGA held an event in collaboration with the Testing and Counseling center to help students destress in preparation for finals. Academic Affairs Chair Nigel Walton included hot and cold teas, catering from Rosa’s pizza, and “throwback” music. While the Testing and Counseling center brought coloring books, activities and other items to help students destress. Around 400 students showed up to this 4-hour event located in the ballroom.

2. Development of financial health and literacy classes

Academic Affairs has been working tirelessly to advocate for the establishment of classes to help students and young people learn about finances in order to make sure students have the resources they need to be successful. SGA officers attended the Student Success Financial Literacy conference prepared by Dr. Ryan Maltese to gain more insight on how financial aid offices around the nation are helping their students.

3. Discussion of initiatives to tackle diversity in academic programs

Faculty diversity is as important as student diversity. As a student body, we are incredibly diverse, yet as a faculty, our university is not. We have begun dialogue with upper administration to guide this in the right direction as faculty diversity is part of the next strategic plan at Georgia State.

B. Student Services: Jonathan Tshizubu

1. Mental Health Services

Student Services has been working with the Counseling and Testing Center to create a better support system for students facing mental health crises. This has included QPR classes for student leaders and signage placed in prominent places with Mental health assistance information on them to prevent any tragic events from occurring.
2. **Food Options**

Student Services has been working with Panther Dining to add Halal and Kosher Options to the meal plan. More vegetarian and vegan options have also been added to the dining halls and cafeterias around the Atlanta campus.

3. **Sustainability**

SGA is proud to announce that efforts from previous administrations have come to fruition. The Panther Café located on the 3rd floor of SCW now offers reusable containers called OZZI machines! The OZZI containers were free of charge during the pilot program but are now a one-time charge of $5. They have also transitioned to paper food containers and using less Styrofoam.

C. **Student Engagement: Audrey Abraham**

1. **Co-Sponsorship**

During the Fall Semester '19 the Student Engagement Committee was able to successfully allocate funds to facilitate 8 co-sponsorship events through different organizations.

2. **Engagement**

We successfully mapped out plans and events for the Spring Semester '20 and were also able to interact with different departments and organizations on campus. For example, we joined Civic Engagement in the Homecoming Day of Service, tabled with Spotlight and New Student Orientation while provide supplies and information to our student body.

**Legislation**

Over 21 Campus Special Orders have been passed seating various positions.

An Ad Hoc Committee for Governmental and Community Affairs was established by [90-CSO-FC-ATL-01](90-CSO-FC-ATL-01)

An opinion resolution to remove the Henry Grady Statue was Passed by [90-CSR-ATL-01](90-CSR-ATL-01)
**Spring Goals**

1. Increase engagement with the Fraternity and Sorority Community
2. Advocate for addition of Mental Health resources into syllabi
3. Increase access to Panther Pantry
4. Advocate for an increase in housing

**Spring Initiatives**

*Communications Director: Shaun Cunningham*

My role as the communications director is to handle the social media and Public Relations for the SGA. I serve on the University-Wide Executive Committee, the Diversity Fee Committee, and the Public Relations Committee. This year has been a turbulent one but so far, I have handled the social media with regard to the election and have assisted in writing legislation to address the University System of Georgia's refusal to adopt an opt-in Pass/Fail grading system.

*Finance Director: Chris Garcia Velasquez*

During the 90th administration the finance committee awarded over $15,000 to students attending various conferences. Over seventy students were aided, allowing them to attend their respective conferences and expand their education and personal growth. The finance committee also awarded over $18,000 to over thirty organizations, allowing them to host events and collaborations of all sizes. The finance committee also completed administrative updates to the SGA budget for clarity, the way SGA process money internally, and how conference applications were processed.

*Student Engagement chair: Audrey Abraham*

This semester I was able to seat more students on my committee. We discussed having an end of the year bash, although we were not able to accomplish. We were also able to review and award several organizations with funds for co-sponsorships. Due to the move online, I am planning something for the SGA graduating class.

*Academic Affairs chair: Nigel Walton*

The Academic Affairs Committee has been busy this year. First, we organized our Study n’ Chill event, which drew the attraction of hundreds of students. During this event, students found a study space that was separate from the crowded library, they participated in activities that helped them relax, and they enjoyed three amazing meals with beverages from “Just Add Honey”. Secondly, we opened our committee with ways in which we can aid faculty diversity and how important that is for our student body. In collaboration with Communications Director
Marlborough, the committee worked on creating an undergraduate research scholarship for minority students. Finally, we are in the midst of addressing our peers’ problems with an online learning component.

*Student Services chair: John Le*

The Student Services Committee has been through two chairs during the 90th administration. During this academic year, the committee worked on numerous initiatives that have gained traction but have been delayed by either personnel change in partnered departments or by COVID-19, causing the closing of the Atlanta campus. Some of the most prevalent issues we’ve worked on are sustainability, commuter dining, and the expansion of both the Counseling and Testing Center and the Student Health Clinic. Thanks to efforts of the chair of the 89th and the first chair of the 90th administration, we’ve seen the implementation of the Ozzi containers in the Panther Cafe (SCW 3th floor). In collaboration with the Atlanta EVP, we’ve began the process of establishing halal and kosher dining options in dining facilities. The committee has also elected to fund and assist in the logistics of the Flower Initiative, which aims to provide free feminine hygiene products to students on all campuses. However, due to the COVID-19 crisis, the Flower Initiative has been put on hold until campuses become fully operational. Throughout the pandemic, the committee worked closely with University Housing to ensure that the mandatory move-out policy mandated by USG is adequately communicated with students and to stay updated with policies on accommodations for students that are unable to return to their homes.
During the fall 2019 term of the Student Government Association at the Alpharetta campus, we operated in an innovative and explorative mindset of combining the returning SGA officer’s rigid ideology with the envelope-pushing enthusiasm of the new officers. The vision for the Alpharetta campus was crystal clear since the Senate began work during the summer. We pledged to serve and strive for our students to the fullest and highest of our capabilities. To ensure the prosperity of the vision for the Alpharetta campus, we enlisted the cooperation of everyone on campus from Deans to Housekeeping to support our initiatives of elevating the campus culture for students.

Summer/Fall Campus Initiatives

1. Alcohol Awareness: This event was spearheaded by Senators Wasi Baig & Ernest Mackey. The purpose of this event was to educate the student body about the effects of alcohol. During this experience, Senators Baig and Mackey had the students playing beer pong, but instead of beer being in the cups, there were alcohol facts. The pair also collaborated with public safety to have students use the beer goggles while playing pong to see how alcohol psychologically affects an individual's motor functions. 76 students attended this event.

2. Voter Registration Escape Room: This event was spearheaded by Speaker Asya McDonald and Communications Director Allison Guerrero. The pair came up with the idea of the Constitution themed escape room to educate the student body about Constitution Day and voter registration. Speaker McDonald contacted Fulton County registrars Pamela Coleman and Evelyn Goodloe to collaborated to have officials sign the students up to register to vote. Sixty-nine students attend the Escape Room, and eighteen students registered to vote. Speaker McDonald and Communications Director Guerrero were also featured in the Fulton County's newsletter since the news crew was unavailable to film the Escape Room.

3. Halloween Campus Decorations: This initiative was to boost school spirit and get our student body pumped about the Halloween party that would be hosted later in the month. Speaker McDonald and Communications Director Guerrero recruited the student body and other SGA members to decorate the campus in Halloween decorations.
3a. Halloween Campus Trick or Treating: This event was spearheaded by Speaker McDonald and Communications Director Guerrero. The purpose of this event was to inform first-year students about services on campus there to serve them. During the trick or treating tours, there were twelve locations on campus that we took the students too. Some of the locations on tour included the Dean’s Suite, Access & Accommodations, the Bookstore, and Academic Advising.

3b. Halloween Campus Party: This event was spearheaded by Speaker McDonald and Communications Director Guerrero. The purpose of this event for students, faculty, and staff to mix and mingle. We had over a hundred people attend the Halloween party and dress in costume. Students praised all the Halloween events and initiatives because nothing like those events have ever been done on campus before.

4. Letters to Veterans: This event was spearheaded by EVP Ritterbusch for students to write letters to veterans. This event was a collaboration with Veteran services on campus. The attendance at this event is unknown.

5. “Stress Less” Mental Health Space: This initiative was spearheaded by Speaker McDonald and the hopes of establishing a mental health space on campus for students. Speaker McDonald collaborated with The Deans of Students, Access & Accommodations, and Counseling Center. The 'Stress Less' Mental Health space opened up the students during finals week.

Legislation

A Special Order was passed to amend the University Wide voting Senate allocation.

Spring Goals

1. Speaker McDonald is hosting an event called The Taste for students as a way to get adequate food options on campus.
2. Expand the “Stress Less” Mental Health Space on campus.
3. Advocate for a therapist on the Alpharetta campus since the current mental health specialist went on maternity leave.

4. Fill the vacant positions that we currently have in our campus senate. Speaker McDonald has filled almost all the positions, except for two Senator positions. She is working diligently to fill those two remaining positions to ensure Alpharetta will have a full Senate for the next administration.

5. Senator Margaux Abella is planning to host an event called Panther Talk among the perimeter campuses.

Spring Events

*The Taste*: This event was put on for students to sample food from various restaurants on campus to vote on what restaurant they can see being on campus to sell food during the lunch hour. Vendors that were there were Vitos pizza, My Freeze Cream, Ginger Yums, Corner Bakery Café, Chic-Fil-A, and Smoothie King.

Clarkston Executive Vice President – Kyle Kath

Fall 2019 Executive Vice President: Yasmin Henry | Spring 2020 Executive Vice President: Kyle Kath

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Summer/Fall Campus Initiatives

1. **The Pool**: Through hard work and persistence, we were able to get the pool to reopen in the fall 2019 semester. Senator Hassan and P.A.C. President Ford led the charge to ensure this vital space of the recreational center on the Clarkston campus remained a valued and usable asset to our students. Pool hours increased. The pool is now open Monday – Thursday for a total of 14 hours a week.

2. **The Flower Initiative**: The flower initiative aims to provide feminine hygiene products to our student body across all campuses. EVP Henry and Senator Hassan collaborated with other student leaders since Spring 2019 to make sure this project sprung to life. The aim is to have feminine hygiene products available in at least one bathroom of every building on all of the campuses. The implementation of this project is imminent.

3. **Diversifying Café Options**: EVP Henry made sure to help source and implement new foods like the impossible burger here on the Clarkston campus. These foods have seen a great response from our student body. A continuous dialogue with our cafeteria personnel will hopefully lead to more variety.
Events and Legislation

SGA events have centered on student feedback and campus engagement

- At our October Coffee Corner, we saw upwards of 60 students fill out forms about what they would like to see from their SGA
- CLK-CB-01: Legislation was introduced to seat Kyle Kath as the new Speaker of the Senate for Clarkston

Spring Initiatives

1. Inter-council Club: Spearheaded by Senator Xavier O’Neil; The need to have a team of high-ranking officers and advisors from all of the clubs and organizations on the Clarkston campus was apparent to Senator O’Neil as soon as he began his role as the Senator of Clubs and Organizations. Through his persistence he managed to contact many of the clubs and organizations and orchestrate a meeting to discuss what’s successful and how to tackle the challenges that lay ahead. This monthly meeting of the minds has fostered a newfound camaraderie among the Clarkston clubs and organizations and will prove beneficial to all involved for years to come.

2. Flower Initiative: Senator Ashrakat Hassan and ATL Senator Terry Fye helped bring the initiative from an idea to launching a program. The launch was imminent through the health clinics before COVID-19 forced the shutdown of the campus. EVP Kath is already planning ways to ensure that this initiative is upheld and adopted by GSU after its test run has concluded.

3. Pathway Lights: Senator Keianna Moyer has been instrumental in getting the lights on the pathways fixed and has created a safer and well-lit environment for our students who are on campus after the sun sets.

Events

Senator Erwin Sanchez is easily recognized on the Clarkston campus. He has constantly tabled our recruiting events, walked around campus to ask important questions and get ideas about future SGA endeavors, and made sure that student engagement, and morale, stays high.
Unfortunately, the Pandemic forced the cancelation of many SGA sponsored programs; including, our collaboration with the HaP club for a candidate information session for the presidential primary, a de-stress week seminar with guest speakers who specialize in mental health, and a send-off celebration to end the semester. However, the Clarkston SGA has been working remotely to make an impact by orchestrating townhall events, ensuring there are action plans put in place by the programs students rely in the event that a situation like this arises again, and putting their voices behind a petition that allows a pass/fail option for all students for the spring 2020 semester.

**Decatur Executive Vice President – Hadeija Manais**

**Summer/Fall Campus Initiatives**

1. **Focus Groups:** The Decatur campus is working on a couple of initiatives regarding the success of their students. We have been focusing on other ways to interact with our students.

2. **State Table Talk:** During the summer of 2019, we decided a way to stay connected with our students and to gather their opinions. We decided that we would host a State Table Talk every month with different members hosting them. EVP Manais hosted the first STT. During this STT, we introduced ourselves and informed students of the programs we were hosting throughout the year. Speaker Reid hosted a STT with counseling services about consent.

3. **Surveys:** During the summer of 2019, we wanted to assure that we were meeting the needs of our students. We provided a survey to students to see some of the changes that they wanted on campus. We contacted the correct departments and expressed to them the concerns of the students. Speaker Reid spear-headed the initiative to offer the campuses with better food options. She set up a meeting with food services for all of the campus.

**Spring Initiatives**

A. **Dining - Status: In progress**

During the Summer of 2019, Speaker Reid of the Decatur Campus set up a meeting with Aladdin for all of the Perimeter Campuses. In this meeting we expressed the want of vegan and halal options. We have been granted these options. Unfortunately, we are still waiting for a separate grill to cook them on. EVP Manais has been in constant contact with the new manager of Aladdin.
B. Student Services- Status: Completed

One of the concerns from the students were that the campus was not as clean as they would like. EVP Manais set up an appointment to speak to with the head of Sanitation Services. He informed me that if there is ever an issue with cleanliness, to email him. I will be passing down his contact information with my successor.

C. Student Engagement: State Table Talk- Status: Completed

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2. Coronavirus - Status: In Progress

Since the coronavirus has left a lot of students feeling confused, we as an SGA has done our best to keep them informed. We post on our What’s Happening Georgia State GroupMe to keep our students updated on any changes that they should know about.

II. Campus Specific Legislation

1. The Decatur Campus passed the Skateboard initiative. This allows students who use skateboards as a method of transportation to be able use them on campus. There were no clear rules on the use of skateboards. We came up with the idea to have skaters sign a waiver form in the same office that we pick up parking passes. The bill was drafted by Senator McIver.

A. SAC Meetings

EVP Manais has been to both SAC meetings. One was hosted in the summer and was located at Columbus State. The other meeting was hosted at Georgia Tech in the Fall. In this meeting she got to engage with other student leaders and members of the USG. It was a great learning experience.

B. USG Meetings

EVP Manais has attended three USG meetings. She gave the invocation at all three of the meetings she attended. This was a great opportunity to represent the Decatur Campus. At the meetings she learned a lot about what was going on with colleges around Georgia.
C. Policy Institute Conference

EVP Manais and Speaker Reid attended the Policy Institute Conference. At this conference, they discussed how race impacts school progression. They also discussed budget cuts that Governor Kemp has recommended. This was a great experience. She also networked with one of the keynote speakers. Her advice is to take every opportunity that you have time for. It will bring great working relationships and even better memories.

Dunwoody Executive Vice President – Michelle Martinez

The Dunwoody campus focused on multiple initiatives. Although there were very few members, Dunwoody’s Student Government Association accomplished some initiatives. The Dunwoody Campus’ SGA was able to hear students’ concerns and take action. We asked students what one thing they would change on campus and why. Many students said they liked the campus just the way it is while others gave us feedback allowing us to identify our initiatives and act right away.

Summer/Fall Campus Initiatives

1. **Pothole Initiative:** The parking lots at the Dunwoody campus have potholes and have been there for a while now (about 3 years). After following up with Mr. Brian to see what will be done about the potholes, they were filled in temporarily but were exposed again after a heavy rain. Thanks to President Mejia as well, the initiative was given attention to higher administration and taken care of right away. The parking lot at the Dunwoody campus should be completely repaved by the summer or fall semester of 2020.

2. **Pre-Requisite Initiative:** There was a disproportionate class registration between the Atlanta campus and the other 5 campuses. Some classes on the Perimeter campuses have a higher prerequisite class(es) to register for another class. Specifically, for students attending Perimeter campuses that would like to register for Principles of Chemistry I, the registration system requires a Pre-Calculus course or any higher-level mathematics course as a pre-requisite while for the Atlanta campus students, the registration requires College Algebra as a pre-requisite. This was resolved and students should see this change go into effect by Fall 2020.
3. **Halal Food Initiative:** This semester the President of the Muslim Student Association, Sami Okasha, collaborated with former EVP Mohamad Alo, and former Communications Director Ali Pirani to successfully add halal food as an option on the cafeteria menu with the help of Clarkston EVP Yasmin Henry. We are still working on bringing a greater variety of food options in the cafeteria as an expressed concern by students and will be an initiative for the next Administration.

**Events and Legislation**

There were many successful events that could not have been done without our wonderful Student Life and PAC team such as Happy Hour where we served mocktail drinks and had a drunk driving simulator on campus and Good Morning GSU where we served Chick-Fil-A breakfast to students. Dunwoody’s SGA also actively helped in the Blue Bash Resource Fair to promote SGA to students. We also helped with other traditional events like Homecoming, Military Appreciation, Constitution Day & Trivia, and PantherFest. We had about 60-100 students come out to each of these events.

**Spring Initiatives**

1. **Library Hours Initiative:** The Senator for Student Services, Senator Sirrus Darr, met with Ms. Barnes, the head of Perimeter Campus libraries, to discuss the possibility of extending the Dunwoody library hours to an earlier time. He mentioned how opening at 7:30AM can be limiting to some students given that there are several classes being held as early as 7:00AM. Ms. Barnes suggested that the library hours can be shifted to accommodate students with early morning classes since not many students stay until 10:00PM, which is when the library closes, and that library could close at 9:30PM and open at 7:00AM. Miss Barnes said that she would consider altering the hours for the upcoming semester after she speaks with her staff, and with Miss Amy Stalker, the Dunwoody library department head. Overall, it was a successful meeting that took place before all classes were moved entirely online. According to Ms. Barnes, they will be “happy to revisit the suggestion once we have a better idea of what the new normal will be.” This is completely understandable due to the current circumstances and once in-person classes resume on campus, the initiative of the morning hours may continue.
5. **Environmental Event:** Senator Betenia Tuwe, Senator for Spirit & Sustainability, met with student Warren to plan an environmentally friendly event. The plan was to survey the campus to see where there are recycling bins and if they are active and where we are lacking recycling bins. This is an ongoing initiative which we will continue to work on.

6. **Student Engagement:** Senator Tate Oh, Senator for Student Engagement, reached out to active committee members to ask them to volunteer for our voter registrations. Senator Oh also had the idea to plan small events such as Open Mic to go around and let students know who we are and what we do as SGA which is another ongoing initiative.

7. **Oxfam Hunger Banquet:** Speaker Chinenye Jonathan worked on the Oxfam Hunger Banquet with the Civic Engagement Advisor Mr. John Paul Peters. This project will be passed down to the next administration due to time constraints to host a World Banquet Event demonstrating portions based on social class and how poverty and food scarcity affects people around the globe.

8. **Rideshare Zones:** This was in response to heavy traffic on campus whereby drivers park at the Student Center central arena to pick up and drop off students thereby obstructing traffic and not making use of the rideshare zones. Former Finance Director Ali Pirani and Speaker Jonathan, in collaboration with the public safety unit, came up with the idea of giving a $30 ticket fee to offenders who would park in front of other drivers to pick up / drop off a student(s), to ensure the rideshare parking is used as supposed. We will work on installing a signage that informs drivers on the penalty of violating the traffic and not making use of the rideshare zones for the upcoming year.

**Collaborations with PAC & Student Life**

Dunwoody’s SGA could not have been successful if it were not for PAC and Student Life workers. Together we have engaged in events such as Happy Hour where we served mocktail drinks and had a drunk driving simulator on campus in collaboration with Public Safety and Health Education and Good Morning GSU where we served Chick-Fil-A breakfast to students. Dunwoody’s SGA also actively helped in the Blue Bash Resource Fair to promote SGA to students. We also helped with other traditional events like Homecoming and Constitution Day & Trivia. We had about 60-100 students come out to each of these events.
Summer/Fall Campus Initiatives

1. **Comment Cards**: The Student Services Committee is working with the Tutoring Center (LTC) on the Newton campus to implement comment cards. This would further see how they can help the students.

2. **ACE Center awareness**: The Student Services committee is working with Access and Accommodations Center (ACE) to have the elevator in the 2N building fixed so that students can have access to the facility as well.

3. **Census Awareness**: The Government and Community Affairs committee worked with Congressman Johnson’s office to make students aware of the upcoming census and how to get involved. Around 75 students showed up to this event which is great considering the size of the Newton campus!

Legislation

Special Order to Seat Speaker Pro Tempore

Spring Goals

1. Recruit for the 91st Administration

2. ACE Awareness

3. Have coffee corners

4. Have the elevator repaired

Spring Initiatives

1. **Recruitment**: During Spring 2020, Newton’s SGA became very active with recruitment. We were able to recruit 4 senators on the ballot and voted in for the next administration.

2. We hosted Coffee Corners, Town Hall Meetings, even a Drunk Driving Awareness event throughout the Spring semester for recruitment and awareness. They were beyond successful and gave students awareness of new things happening on campus.
3. Our Drunk Driving Awareness/Public Safety Day had an amazing turnout and brought awareness to students. Students were provided goggles to see what effect their reflexes had while under the influence and they were given helpful statistics to think twice before driving under the influence.

4. Our elevator was also repaired during the Spring semester. It is our hope that it will remain in working order in the future for the students and faculty.

5. The Spirit and Sustainability committee, led by Senator Harris, has been researching on how to get bottle fillers and more recycling bins on campus. This committee has also been working on recycling old and used textbooks to give back to the and to promote literacy.

6. We continue to try and host events virtually. We have had virtual Senate meetings and we are actively looking for ways to help improve the difficulties of the students’ transition as much as possible. We plan to host a twitter town hall later this month and create informative videos to help students with their transition with tips on time management, staying involved, etc.

7. There were many successful events that could not have been done without our wonderful Student Life and PAC teams such as the Welcome Back Breakfast, Drunk Driving Awareness and Safety Day and the Coffee Corners. We had about 50-100 students come out to each of these events.
A big Panther THANK YOU to the 90th Administration!

SGA is here to serve the students first, always.