A University-Wide Special Order to Establish an Ad-Hoc Student Justice Committee

Introduced by: Senator Bivins
Sponsor(s): Senator(s) Ward, Calcagno, Pujals, Horton, Speaker Pro Tempore Le, Speaker Kondapalli, President Thomas
Date Introduced: 06/18/2020

WHEREAS, The deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd have sparked a national debate on police brutality, and,
WHEREAS, there is a duty to speak out and organize against injustice and systemic oppression, and,
WHEREAS, the students today are the future leaders of American society, and,
WHEREAS, the Student Government Association of Georgia State University wants to provide students with resources to engage in political activism, and,
WHEREAS, Senator Ward has been nominated, elected, and confirmed by the Senate to lead the Committee, and,
WHEREAS, Advisor(s) Williams and Sutton have volunteered to serve as the advisor(s) to this committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY-WIDE SENATE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT

Section 1: An Ad-Hoc Student Justice Committee be led by Senator Ward and formed of at least 5 individuals that represent Georgia State University and the Georgia State community.

Section 2: The Student Justice Committee will be responsible for providing the appropriate platform to confront the issues of social justice.

Section 3: The Committee will also serve as a safe space to increase awareness on various social issues at GSU, the Atlanta community, as well as the world stage. Resources will be made available to all students regardless of race, color, sex, religion, creed, age, sexual orientation, gender, disability, national origin, or veteran status on all campuses. Concerns regarding inequality, discrimination, systemic issues, and responses to injustice etc. will be addressed within this committee.

Section 4: This committee will give students the opportunity to confront disenfranchisement by allowing them to voice their concerns in a dignified manner in order to address specific issues. We want our students voices to be heard, so can take the measures needed to promote change.
Section 5: This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Student Government Association, the welfare of the students requiring it.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE STUDENT SENATE: VOTE for 16 against 0 abstentions 0

ACTION TAKEN BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Signature ___________________________ Date 06/19/2020