91st Administration University-Wide Senate Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order by President Thomas @ 7:15 pm

II. Opening Call of the Roll / Determination of Quorum

**Absent**
- ATL College of Arts Senator Ariana Munoz
- ATL Education Senator Mackenzie Minter
- ATL Nursing Senator Mary Pierce
- DUN Senator Daniel Mulenda
- DUN Senator Jocelyn Aguirre
- SGA SJB Liaison & Assoc. Justice (ATL) Dawnyale Allen
- SGA SJB Liaison & Assoc. Justice (PC) Nicole Gipson

**Tardy**
- Student Services Chair & Education Senator Sabrina Jamil
- SGA SJB Liaison & Assoc. Justice (PC) David Perez

**Early Departures**
- ATL Student Engagement Chair & RCB Undergraduate Senator Mario Hubbard

Quorum was met; voting on legislation can happen

III. Reading and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting
- November 12, 2020
- The minutes are approved with 15 Yays, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions

IV. Special Reports
a. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate - N/A
b. Student Forum – students wishing to address the Senate - N/A
c. Two-minute long reports by members of the Senate
   - Senator Bivins motions to amend tonight's agenda to add two pieces of legislation under "New Business"; Senator Parpia seconds this motion
     - This motion is approved with 16 Yays, 2 Nays, & 1 Abstention
   - Senator Ward states that she has been working with Advisors Sutton and Beckwith to add changes to the Bylaws and the Constitution
     - Encourages senators to join the Bylaws committee and/or Student Justice committee

V. Special Orders (Appointments/Charters)
- SJB Justice Perez swears in EVP Martinez, EVP Pelayo, Senator Nguessan, & Senator Baskerville

VI. Executive Cabinet Reports
a. Alpharetta Campus-Vacant
b. Atlanta Campus-Takia Tinsley
   - Hosted a watch party for the Inauguration with NAACP & The Cycle yesterday afternoon
   - The Flower Initiative is nearly done; currently waiting for most of the supplies to be shipped
   - Helping new members adjust to their positions and prepping everyone for the election
   - Still working on filling vacancies
c. Clarkston Campus-Vacant
d. Decatur Campus-Jeimy Martinez
   ○ Currently organizing for upcoming events
   ○ Thanks Communication Director Vega for posting recruitment flyers on their social
     media account
   ○ Posted recruitment flyers around campus; has communicated with three potential senators
   ○ Next initiative is a collaboration with the Earth Club and PAC
     • Will be posting a tutorial on their social media with the help of Communications
       Director Vega

e. Dunwoody Campus-Vacant
f. Newton Campus-Gabriel Pelayo
   ○ Currently planning for upcoming collaborations & recruitment
   • Plans to have a collaboration with PAC

VII. Old Business
   a. University Senate Committee Appointments

VIII. New Business
   a. 91-UWB-02 Change SGA Voting Method to Ranked Choice Voting
      ○ Senator Bivins introduces the bill; Liaisons Williams and McCullough, Senators
        Nguessan, Cochran, Jamil and Le, & EVP Martinez sponsor the bill
      ○ President Thomas entertains a motion to open the floor for discussion
        ▪ ATL Senator Le motions to open the floor for an unmoderated caucus for five
          minutes; ATL Senator Bivins seconds this motion
          • This motion is approved with an unanimous vote
        ▪ ATL Senator Parpia motions to extend the discussion for 1 minute; this motion
          does not carry
        ▪ ATL Senator Le motions to extend the discussion for 5 minutes; ATL Senator Parpia
          seconds this motion
          • This motion is approved with an unanimous vote
        ▪ ATL Senator Le motions to extend the discussion for 5 minutes; ATL Senator Parpia
          seconds this motion
          • This motion is approved with an unanimous vote
        ▪ ATL Senator Le motions to extend the discussion for 10 minutes; ATL Senator
          Parpia seconds this motion
          • This motion is approved with 8 Yays, 6 Nays, & 2 Abstentions
        ▪ Members of the senate practice "Rank Choice Voting" with the RankIt.Vote website
        ▪ President Thomas entertains a motion to refer the legislation to the Bylaws
          Committee for review
        ▪ ATL Senator Le motions to refer the legislation to the Bylaws Committee for
          review; ATL Senator Moneke seconds this motion
          • This motion is approved with 16 Yays, 2 Nays, & 0 Abstentions
   b. 91-USO-RQ-01 Place a Constitutional Amendment on the Ballot
      ○ Senator Parpia introduces the bill; Senators Bivins, Jamil, Le, Nguessan & Toure
        sponsor the bill
      ○ President Thomas entertains a motion to waive the verbalization of the first reading
        ▪ ATL Senator Bivins motions to waive the verbalization of the first reading; ATL
          Senator Parpia seconds this motion
• This motion is with 15 Yays, 1 Nay, & 1 Abstentions
  ○ ATL Senator Bivins motions to open the floor for an unmoderated caucus for five minutes; ATL Senator Parpia seconds this motion
    ▪ This motion is approved with 12 Yays, 0 Nays, & 3 Abstentions
  ○ ATL Senator Bivins motions to end the discussion early; ATL Senator Le seconds this motion
    ▪ This motion is approved with 13 Yays, 1 Nay, and 0 Abstentions
  ○ President Thomas entertains a motion to refer the legislation to the Bylaws Committee for review
    ▪ ATL Senator Bivins motions to refer the legislation to the Bylaws Committee for review; ATL Senator Parpia seconds this motion
      • This motion is approved with 14 Yays, 1 Nay, & 2 Abstentions

IX. Closing Remarks
  a. Comments and announcements of the officers
    ○ Advisor Sutton encourages members of the senate to sign up for the Pounce Rewards Program through pin.gsu.edu
  b. Closing Call of the Roll

X. President’s Report
  ○ Asks members of the senate to contact him if they would like to help finish packing the supplies for the Flower Initiative
  ○ Encourages members to join the Bylaws and Student Justice committee
    • Contact Senator Ward if interested
  ○ Reminds senators & freshman liaisons to reach out to him if they need help
  ○ Thanks everyone who attended the Winter Retreat

XI. Adjournment
  ○ President Thomas entertains a motion for the adjournment of the meeting
  ○ Senator Ward motions to adjourn the meeting; Senator Parpia seconds this motion
    • This motion is approved with 16 Yays, 1 Nay, and 0 Abstentions
  ○ The meeting is adjourned @ 9:29 pm