University-Wide Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 22, 2021

Start Time: 5 p.m.
End Time: 7:25 p.m.

Location: Microsoft Teams

Present Committee Members:

- University-Wide President: Kaelen Thomas
- EVP of Alpharetta: Vacant – Alternative: Afnan Abu Sarar
- EVP of Atlanta: Takia Tinsley
- EVP of Clarkston: Vacant
- EVP of Decatur: Jeimy Martinez
- EVP of Dunwoody: Michelle Martinez
- EVP of Newton: Gabriel Pelayo
- Atlanta Communications Director: Luis Feliciano Vega
- UEC Advisor: Boyd Beckwith

I. Call to Order – President Thomas

II. Reading and Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting
   a. Meeting Minutes from University-Wide Executive Committee Meeting 02/01/2021 approved.

III. Executive Cabinet Reports [10 mins.]
   a. ATL – Takia Tinsley
      i. Survey has been created to get feedback from the student body about how they are feeling about the graduation ceremony spring semester 2021; focus is on graduating seniors.
   b. DEC – Jeimy Martinez
      i. Decatur continues to work on the Kokedama event. They are filming a DIY video to be uploaded to the SGA Instagram.
      ii. A student application has been received with interest in joining SGA. EVP Martinez is waiting on Dr. Blackburn to advise her on whether or not the student has been cleared to join.
      iii. Speaker Harris is working on a questionnaire that they are hoping to distribute via email in regard to the needs and expectations from students at the Decatur campus.
c. DUN – Michelle Martinez
   i. Currently researching how to recruit more students on campus to join SGA.
   ii. Some interest in joining SGA has been shown on campus through study sessions. However, a good sum of students are unable to join due to other time commitments, family obligations, and off-campus work.

d. NWT – Gabriel Pelayo
   i. Drive-in movie was held last Tuesday. Went well considering cold weather during the day of event. Another Drive-in movie event will be held again toward the end of the spring semester.
   ii. New speaker of the senate is in the process of being seated as well as a new Communications Director.
   iii. Tabling and other promotional efforts are still being pursued at the Newton campus.
   iv. Menstrual products have been packed for the Flower initiative and communication with professors will be made to promote the initiative on the Newton campus.
   v. Business etiquette dinner will be held on March 25th. Attendees are required to complete 2 prerequisite seminars before the dinner. The event is sponsored by a local restaurant.

IV. Communications Report – Luis Feliciano Vega [10 mins.]
   • New SGA logo was approved by the University Wide Senate.
   • Current focus of work is on creating content for the SGA Instagram.

V. Old Business
   • No old business

VI. New Business [35 mins.]
a. When will Inauguration be?
   i. Date set for inauguration is Friday, May 7th
   ii. Location of inauguration will be in person with a virtual component for people unable to attend in person.
   iii. A light reception will be held with packaged ready-to-go desert provided
b. Ballots for Awards/ Officer Recognition
   i. Volunteer of the Year award is brought back and the criteria for receiving the award has been broadened. Further discussion will take place at the next UEC giving EVP Pelayo 2 weeks to develop award criteria.
   ii. Afnan Abu Sarar and Advisor Williams will report at the next UEC meeting ideas of how to acknowledge campuses that lack nominees for any award categories.
c. SGA YouTube Channel?
   i. An SGA YouTube channel will be created by Communications Director Vega
d. U-Wide Development Committee Update
   i. Discussion point moved to next UEC meeting
e. SGA Graduation Cord Process
   i. Graduating students who received 25 points or more from the SGA Points System will not be eligible to receive the SGA graduation cord.
ii. Senate Clerk is being considered as the “historian” who will keep track of students who point out and are no longer eligible for the graduation cord. Discussion will continue at the next UEC.

f. Changing our Mark P. Becker Leadership Award

g. Election schedule/ Timeline

i. Current outlook: Communication will be made with a Senator to introduce legislation that will change the effective date of Ranked Choice voting from starting the next administration to starting during the 91st administration. Discussion point and final decision will be continued at the next UEC. Quorum was lost.