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

II. Opening Call of the Roll / Determination of Quorum

Absent
- ATL Student Engagement Chair and A&S Undergraduate Senator Mario Hubbard
- ATL A&S Undergraduate Senator Michaela Baskerville
- ATL AYSPS Undergraduate Senator Chinelo Moneke
- DEC Senator for Student Engagement Star Harris
- SJB Liaison & Assoc. Justice (PC) David Catalan Perez

Tardy
- ATL RCB Undergraduate Senator Aijaz Parpia

Early Departures
- ATL A&S Undergraduate Senator Regan Williams
- ATL RCB Undergraduate Senator Aijaz Parpia
- DEC EVP Jeimy Martinez

Quorum was met; voting on legislation can happen

III. Reading and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting
- President Thomas motions to approve the minutes from January 8, 2021 as they are.
  - ATL Senator Cochran motions to approve the minutes; ATL Senator Le seconds this motion.
  - The minutes are approved with 15 Yays, 0 Nays, & 1 Abstention

IV. Special Reports
- University Representatives wishing to address the Senate - N/A
- Student Forum – students wishing to address the Senate
  - Ben Oestericher, Executive Intern with Fair Vote
    - Gave a presentation about Rank Choice Voting (RCV)
    - In the regular one-vote elections, the winner does not necessarily represent the interests of the majority
    - Runoff elections often result in significant declines in turnout
    - Fear of vote-splitting makes candidates less likely to run
    - In rank-choice voting, voters would rank candidates in order of preference instead of choosing a single candidate
    - Voters would rank the candidate they want the most first and continue to rank the other candidates in order of preference
    - If a candidate wins more than half of all first-choice voters, they will win
    - The candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and voters who ranked that candidate first would have their votes redistributed to their next preference
    - This will continue until two candidates are left, leaving one candidate with the majority
    - The winner will represent the majority of voters
    - No need for run-offs
    - This system of voting has been used at eighty-seven colleges and universities
    - Most major voting software is compatible with RCV & FairVote
    - More information is offered at www.fairvote.org

- Two-minute reports by members of the Senate - N/A
V. Special Orders (Appointments/Charters)

a. 91-USO-CL-05 Seat Members of the Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee
   - Co-Chairs: ATL Senators Cochran & Toure
   - Members: ATL Senator (s) Gibbs, Bivins, EVP Tinsley & President Thomas
     - Senator Le introduces the bill; President Thomas sponsors the bill
     - The bill was approved with 16 Yays, 0 Nays, & 1 Abstention

b. 91-USO-CL-06 Seat Members of the U-Wide Safety Committee
   - Co-chairs: ATL Senators Cochran & Guerrero
   - Members: ATL Senator Gibbs, Freshman Liaison Bethany McCullough, Communications Director Vega, EVP Tinsley, & President Thomas
     - Senator Le introduces the bill; President Thomas sponsors the bill
     - The bill was approved with 16 Yays, 0 Nays, & 1 Abstention

VI. Executive Cabinet Reports

a. Alpharetta Campus- Senator Abu Sarsar represented this campus
   - The hygiene products have arrived on campus
     - Will be contacting the faculty members so they can inform their students
   - Hosted a drive-in movie with PAC this month
     - 37 cars participated & the event was also broadcasted on Instagram live
   - Discussed the FY 2021 budget with their advisor
   - Currently tabling to get new members; asks members to email her if they have any more ideas for recruitment
   - Plans to help with the Backpack Project on February 26th; The event will be led by Ida, their graduate assistant, & Civic Engagement
   - The "Donuts with the Dean" event was held on January 21st
   - Starting in March, members will begin to interact with the students on campus; will be doing this twice a week for thirty minutes

b. Atlanta Campus-Takia Tinsley
   - Preparing for the upcoming election season
   - Still recruiting to fill vacancies
   - Plans to collaborate with Spotlight and RHA in the future
     - Will be participating in the Black History Trivia event on February 26th via Instagram live

c. Clarkston Campus-Advisor Austin represented this campus
   - Participated in the first "Welcome Back" breakfast
   - Asks members of the senate to encourage people to apply to this campus via pin.gsu.edu

d. Decatur Campus-Jeimy Martinez (Absent)
e. Dunwoody Campus-Vacant
f. Newton Campus-Gabriel Pelayo
   - Currently recruiting new members
   - Collaborating with the College & Career Services to host an etiquette dinner on March 25th
   - Plans to bring in a new Communications Director & Speaker of the Senate
   - Waiting for some department heads to email him back so more members can be recruited
   - The hygiene products have arrived on campus
     - Plans to start distributing them next Monday
   - Helped with the campus' drive-in movie

g. Communications Director-Luis Vega
   - Shares the new logo design; Ask members of the senate for feedback
• President Thomas entertains a motion to adopt this logo design as the official logo for SGA
  • ATL Senator Ward motions to adopt this logo design as the official logo of SGA; ATL Senator Cochran seconds this motion
    • This motion is approved with 16 Yays, 0 Nays, & 0 Abstentions

VII. Old Business
a. University Senate Committee Appointments
b. 91-UWB-02 Change SGA Voting Method to Ranked Choice Voting
  ○ ATL Senator Parpia introduces the bill; ATL Senator(s) Bivins, Jamil, Le, Nguessan & Toure sponsor the bill
  ○ President Thomas entertains a motion to open the floor for discussion
    ▪ ATL Senator Cochran motions to open the floor for five minutes; ATL Senator Bivins seconds
      • This motion is approved with a unanimous vote
    ▪ ATL Senator Ward motions to end the discussion early; Senator Bivins seconds
      • This motion is approved with 15 Yays, 0 Nays, & 0 Abstentions
  ○ President Thomas entertains a motion to call the question
    ▪ ATL Senator Bivins motions to call the question; ATL Senator Cochran seconds
      • This motion is approved with 13 Yays, 0 Nays, & 2 Abstentions

c. 91-USO-RQ-01 Place a Constitutional Amendment on the Ballot
  ○ ATL Senator Parpia introduces the bill; ATL Senator(s) Bivins, Jamil, Le, Nguessan & Toure sponsor the bill
  ○ President Thomas entertains a motion to waive reading of this legislation
    ▪ ATL Senator Bivins motions to waive the reading; ATL Senator Ward seconds
      • This motion is with 12 Yays, 0 Nays, & 1 Abstention
  ○ ATL Senator Bivins motions to open the floor for an unmoderated caucus for five minutes; ATL Senator Ward seconds this motion
    • This motion is approved with 14 Yays, 0 Nays, & 2 Abstentions
  ○ ATL Senator Bivins motions to extend the discussion for three minutes; ATL Senator Cochran seconds this motion
    • This motion is approved with a unanimous vote
  ○ ATL Senator Ward motions to extend the discussion for ten minutes; ATL Senator Bivins seconds
    • This motion is approved with an unanimous vote
  ○ President Thomas entertains a motion to call the question
    ▪ ATL Senator Bivins motions to call the question; ATL Senator Mai seconds
      • This motion is approved with 16 Yays, 0 Nays, & 0 Abstentions

VIII. New Business
a. 91-UWB-03 Creating an Online Liaison Position
  ○ ATL Senator Ward introduces the bill; ATL Senator(s) Bivins, Cochran, & Guerrero sponsor the bill
  ○ 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 Le seconds this motion
      • This motion is approved with 16 Yays, 1 Nay, & 0 Abstention
IX. Closing Remarks
   a. Comments and announcements of the officers - N/A
   b. Closing Call of the Roll

X. President’s Report
   o Thanks Senators for helping to pass tonight’s legislation
   o Reminds members of the senate that the next meeting is on March 11, 2021

XI. Adjournment
   o President Thomas entertains a motion for the adjournment of the meeting
   o Senator Bivins motions to adjourn the meeting; Senator Mai seconds this motion
     • This motion is approved with 15 Yays, 0 Nay, and 0 Abstentions
   o The meeting is adjourned @ 10:18 pm