91st Administration Atlanta Senate Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order- Speaker of the Senate Briana Bailey @ 7:20 pm

II. Opening Call of the Roll/ Determination of Quorum
   a. Tardy - N/A
   b. Early Departures
      ○ Freshman Liaison Sanjivika Pani
      ○ A&S Undergraduate Senator Fati Toure
      ○ Student Engagement Chair & RCB Undergraduate Senator Mario Hubbard
      ○ Student Services Chair & Education Grad. Senator Sabrina Jamil
      ○ Communications Director Luis Vega
      ○ RCB Undergraduate Senator Aijaz Parpia
   c. Absent
      ○ Arts Undergraduate Senator Charlotte Dennison
      ○ RHA Liaison Catherine West
      ○ RHA Liaison Brianna Wilkerson
      ○ AYSPS Grad. Senator Alhi Nguessan
      ○ Transition Liaison Reagan Bolden

   • Quorum was reached with 18 out of 19 senators present.
   • Quorum was maintained after the seating of Kondla, Ruiz-Tello, Delevett, & McCollough with 22 out of 24 senators present

III. Reading and Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting
   ○ Minutes from March 4, 2021 were approved with 18 Yays, 0 Nays, & 0 Abstentions

IV. Special Reports
   ○ University Representatives wishing to address the senate
      i. Laura Bolden & Joshua Hudson – Study Abroad
         • Free passport initiative for GSU Students
            ○ Apply at https://mystudyabroad.gsu.edu.freepassport/
            ○ This initiative ends in May
         • There will be 8 virtual study abroad programs during the summer
            ○ The programs will be focused on the Bahamas, Brazil, Central America, France, Ghana, Italy, Ukraine, & South America
            ○ Students who apply to these programs by March 29, 2021 will have their study abroad fee covered by the virtual study abroad program scholarship
            • Encourages students to attend the study abroad events listed in PIN (pin.gsu.edu), research available scholarships & schedule a virtual advising session
      ○ Student Forum (Students wishing to address the Senate) -N/A

V. Special Orders
   ○ 91-CSO-ATL-CL-20 Seating Senators of Various Colleges
      • A&S Undergraduate Senators Nikita Kondla & Rodrigo Ruiz-Tello
      • Arts Undergraduate Senators James Delevett & Charlotte Dennison
      • RCB Undergraduate Senator Bethany McCollough
      • Senator Bivins introduces the bill; Senator Le sponsors the bill
      • The bill is approved with 14 Yays, 0 Nays, & 1 Abstention
VI. Executive Cabinet Reports
- Report of the Communications Director- Luis Vega (early departure)
- Report of the Finance Director
- Report of the Speaker of the Senate-Brianna Bailey
  - Senators can complete their Constituency Day(s) next week
    - Encourages senators to reach out if they need any help
  - SGA Week will take place April 19th - 23rd
    - Asks members of the senate to email their ideas

VII. Two Minute Speeches by members of the Senate
- Senator Le states that the J. Mack Robinson College of Business & the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies hosted their Constituency Day on Tuesday
  - Dean Richard Phillips and the Career Advancement Center spoke to the participants
  - RCB will be adding a Fintech certificate to their certificate programs
  - Plans to start up a weekly video that will talk about RCB
    - Would like to extend this invitation to other colleges
  - Encourages students to check out Handshake more often since more opportunities are opening up
  - Portrait shooting will be available at the Career Advancement Center
  - VMock, a platform that analyzes resumes, is currently being updated for students (https://www.vmock.com/gsu)
  - Encourages students to communicate with the career coaches more often

VIII. SGA Senate Committee Reports
a) Report of the Academic Affairs Committee Chair- Shelby Horton
  - Currently trying to get in contact with GSU’s PR Marketing Team to get the video for the Faculty & Staff Appreciation Week completed
  - Planning to meet with the bookstore manager to find more affordable options for books and supplies for the upcoming school year
b) Report of the Government and Community Affairs Committee Chair - Spencer Bivins
  - The committee will be meeting next Monday at 4 pm
  - Currently keeping track of all the legislation that is being passed through the Georgia General Assembly
    - The legislation session ends on March 31, 2021
      - Plans to partner with the Office of Sustainability for a SGA Week event
c) Report of the Student Engagement Committee Chair-Mario Hubbard
  - Plans to start meeting again next week
  - Will be recruiting more members before the end of the semester
d) Report of the Student Services Committee Chair-Sabrina Jamil (absent)
e) Ad hoc Committee Reports
  - Senator Ward
    - The Bylaws committee is currently working on finalizing the online liaison position
    - The Student Justice committee is currently trying to find practical resources for students to speak out and get the help that they need
    - Senator Cochran states that the University-Wide Safety Committee is currently working on fixing the current escort response time, call boxes around campus, and the bus schedules
    - Currently working on a statement to show their support for the Asian community
Also talked about making the GSU campus safer since it is an open campus, adding more cameras into the Library Plaza, and revising the Student Center & the Library guest requirements

f) Vacancy Report- John Le, Speaker Pro Tempore
   - Vacancy Applications are currently closed
   - Students who started their application before the form closed can still complete their applications

Current vacancies:
- 1-AYSPS, 1 – Nursing & Health Professions ,1-College of Law, 1-Education & Development, 1- College of Arts & Sciences, & 1-College of Public Health
- Liaison positions: 3-Freshman, 2 – Transition (from PC) & 2 – Transfer students

IX. University Senate Committee Reports
   - Senator Cochran states that the Student Life Committee approved five new organizations
   - They also discussed Student Success Initiatives & the Diversity, Inclusion and Equality Task Force for Racial Equity

X. Advisor Report- Gail Sutton
   - Encourages members of the senate to vote on the referendum in PIN
   - Applications for the next administration are now open
     - Students can apply on PIN (pin.gsu.edu)
   - GoPuff bags are available in the SGA office
   - Vaccines are now available for Georgia residents who are 16 years old and older
     - GSU is currently trying to find a larger site to distribute more vaccines
     - Students can reach out to the Student Health Clinic to get more information
     - Other vaccine distribution locations can be found at https://vaccinefinder.org/
   - COVID-19 tests are still available at 75 Piedmont & Dahlberg Hall (Monday-Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm)
   - GSU Housing Residents can get tested in their residence halls:
     - Piedmont North B (Mondays, 9 am to 4:30 pm)
     - University Commons (Tuesdays, 9 am to 4:30 pm)
     - Patton Hall (Wednesdays, 9 am to 4:30 pm)
     - Piedmont Central (Thursdays, 9 am to 4:30 pm)
     - University Lofts (Fridays, 9 am to 4:30 pm)

XI. Old Business -N/A

XII. New Business -N/A

XIII. Comments and announcements of the Officer -N/A

XIV. Executive Vice President Report- Takia Tinsley
   - The Flower Initiative promotions are getting pushed throughout the Atlanta and Perimeter campuses
   - Asks members to reach out if they would like to attend the Student Activity Fee Committee meetings on April 2nd, 9th, and the 16th from 2 to 5 pm

XV. Open Discussion

XVI. Closing Call of the Roll

XVII. Adjournment
   The meeting was adjourned @ 9:53 pm