Legislative Branch: Senate Meeting

November 16, 2015
Student Union, Ballroom A

Meeting called to order at (12:21) P.M. by Senate Chairman, Vice President Laxson
Roll Call: Secretary Hart

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**Approval of Minutes**
- Motion to approve November 9, 2015 minutes by Senator Wooten
  - Seconded by Senator Zellner
  - Motion carries

**Approval of Agenda**
- Motion to approve agenda by Senator Ambanpola
Open Discussion
Presentation of Ecore by Provost Dr. Smith

Old Business:
● Motion to approve the rec center resolution by Senator Herod
  ○ Seconded by Senator Goolsby
  ○ Motion carries

New Business:
● Motion to appoint new student at larges by Senator Herod
  ○ Seconded by Senator Harper
  ○ Motion carries
● Motion to appoint new Public Relations Officer by Senator Herod
  ○ Seconded by Senator Goolsby
  ○ Motion carries
  ■ Motion to suspend the rules by Senator Herod
    ● Seconded by Senator Goolsby
    ● Motion carries
  ■ Motion to reinstate the rules by Senator Herod
    ● Seconded by Senator Fopiano
    ● Motion carries
● Motion to approve the updates committee list by Senator D’Alto
  ○ Seconded by Senator Green
  ○ Motion carries
● Motion to suspend the rules by Senator Herod
  ○ Seconded by Senator Green
  ○ Motion carries
● Presentation of the Student Activity Fee Resolution
● Motion to reinstate the rules by Senator Simmons
  ○ Seconded by Senator Green
  ○ Motion carries

Executive Reports
Public Relations Officer:

Attorney General Stewart:
* Talk to students on campus for input on SGA
* Anyone can write a piece of legislation

**Secretary Hart:**
* Over the break, I’ll be making contact with Harold Watson, Macy Braggs, and Katie Twining for Homecoming initiatives
* I will be contacting KSU about a childcare subsidy they have successfully initiated and how to get that started at Armstrong through SGA
* Will be reviewing the Student Organization Code

**Treasure Middlemas:**
* Remaining Senate Budget $29,766
  * Approximately $4,000 unallocated funds available after factoring in expenses for Leaders Inspiring Leaders, Town Hall, and The New Black
* RSO Budget $13,357
  * Allocated: $11,643

**Vice President Laxson:**
* Senate Interviews are going on this week so if you have not filled out the application please do so, also set up a time with me after you fill out the application for a 30 minute time slot.
* There is a VPAC meeting this week, I’m going to change it up this week and meet one on one with each chairperson for reasons of speaking directly about their committee and what to prepare for in the spring. I will send out a doodle today please fill out before tomorrow so we can meet this sometime this week.
* I will also send out a google form sometime this week that will address your thoughts about the senate what we can do better to make it more efficient and effective also what would you like to see more of or any ideas you have it’s a big think tank kind of form and this will be used to help the senate mainly for next semester and to senate feedback. The only deadline to fill it out will be before we leave for winter break so I can review it during that time to either implement changes or look at some ideas.
* Remember that next week is thanksgiving break we will not have a senate meeting on 11/23/2015 but we will resume our senate meeting on 11/30/2015. With that being said no committee reports need on that friday during the break

**President Downs:**
* **University System of Georgia: Board of Regents**
  * I attended the USG board meeting (11.10.2015) and the following was discussed
    * **Consolidations**
      * Albany State University and Darton College consolidation was approved. This will be the seventh consolidation to date. With more consolidations been considered. Will keep you all informed as more information it reference to this topic comes up.
    * **Undocumented Students Protest**
● Students were present at the meeting conducting a silent protest of the board's policy in reference to them having to pay out of state tuition. Currently, Georgia State and Georgia College are drafting a letter to the Chancellor of the BOR about this issue.

■ “Work Ready” Graduates
● Employers are looking new graduates to have more soft skills upon graduations from college I.E (communication, interpersonal skills, leadership, working in teams, etc.)
● Could be a good thing for the Student Life Committee to consider collaborations with Career Services for the spring semester. Would tie back to our 3rd Goal of offering more opportunities to our fellow students.

■ E-Core
● They looking to make more of our required core classes have an E-Core offering. Currently out of the 28 universities in the system 26 have opted in to be apart of E-Core.

● University System of Georgia: Student Advisory Council
  ○ SAC convened for Fall Conference here at Armstrong and Savannah State and the following was discussed:

  ■ Academic Issues Update: Dr. Rob Anderson. USG Vice Chancellor for Office of Educational Access and Success
    ● E-Core
      ○ Quality of the courses
        ■ They will make routine assessments of the courses they offer online with the traditional in-class offerings to see if there any significant changes. If they see it performing poorly they will make the necessary adjustments to deal with it.
    ● Open Resource Textbooks
      ○ A push for college Professors to have more book offerings online. Could be a good resolution for Academic Student Success Committee to review and draft. Might need to speak with Provost office for more information.

■ Campus Safety Discussion: Bruce Holmes and Lacey Kondracki, USG Safety Security
  ● Law Enforcement Assessment Program (Chancellor Safety Initiative)
    ○ Possibly having members of Student Affairs and Student Government Association be apart of a peer review of the Law Enforcement Agency on their respective campus.

● Office of Business and Finance: Assistant Vice President of Finance
  ○ Attended a meeting with Cam Reagin (AVPF) about student mandatory fees on campus and the following was discussed
• **Student Activity Fee Usage**
  • AVPF Reagin informed me if we wanted a detail report of the groups we fund through the Student Activity Fee Committee (SAFC) we can have that. Could be a good assessment tool to have when the SAFC reconvenes for the next Student Activity Fee budget allocation cycle.

• **Office of Business and Finance: Facility Services**
  ○ **Campus Night Walk**
    • November 16th at 7 pm we have been invited to participate in the night walk around campus to see what needs repaired or added.
    • Any Senator/Student At-Large interested in participating please let me know. We will be

• **Student Government Association Legislative Branch: Student Senate**
  ○ **Toys for tots**
    • Toys are still being collected and will be until Dec 3rd. Please continue to promote the cause to the students.
    • Also, if you bring in a toy, drop it in the SGA box, and let one of the executives know you will get points for it.
  ○ **End of Semester SGA Executive Board Evaluation**
    • An email will be sent out to all the senators/student-at-larges to have you all evaluate the performance of the SGA Executive Officers.
    • The form will be sent out this week and needs to be completed by Nov 30th. Please take a few minutes over the course of the break to fill this out. The information you all provide is beneficial for the progression of the organization.

**Adviser Reports**

Kate Steiner:

Dr. Yvette Upton:
  • Thank you volunteers for SAC conference
  • Glad to see Student Fee Resolution

GA Julie Brentzel:
  • Need volunteers for Graduation Ceremony
  • Tuesday evening is last open mic. night for semester

**Committee Reports:**

• Academic Student Success
  ○ E-Core resolution
  ○ Increase access to Masters programs

• Awards
  ○ Will be meeting soon about Hero’s Night; watch out for email

• Business and Finance
  ○ No report

• Campus and Community Initiative
- Toys for Tots
- Elections & Recruitment
  - No Report
- Rules
  - Meeting Thursday at 2:30 in Learning Commons
- Student Life
  - Block party ideas, Stickers etc.
  - Meeting Thursday at 1 pm

**Announcements:**
- Armstrong’s Moot Court team represented Armstrong well in Tampa at Stetson Law School
- SAE is hosting a ping pong tournament in Compass Pointe Clubhouse, Thursday 5-8
- OPC meeting at 4 pm, Monday November 16

**Adjourn**
- Motion to adjourn by Senator Simmons
  - Seconded by Senator Green
  - Motion Carries

(1:18) P.M.