September 21, 2015
Student Union, Ballroom A

Meeting called to order at (12:18) P.M. by Senate Chairman, Vice President Laxson
Roll Call: Secretary Hart

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Approval of Minutes
- Motion to approve September 14, 2015 minutes by Senator Herod
  - Seconded by Senator Goolsby
  - Motion carries

Approval of Agenda
- Motion to approve agenda by Senator Mojica
  - Seconded by Senator Bailey
  - Motion carries

Executive Reports
Public Relations Officer Frankum:
- No report

Attorney General Stewart:
- Recommendations to amending bylaws to Rules Committee to be explained by Chair Zellner
- Working with Rules Committee to update referendum for updates
- Good time to begin delegating tasks
- New system of classification for legislation

Secretary Hart:
- Sending out Save the Date cards to administration for the upcoming Speed Meeting. I ask that all Senators try to be in attendance and let other students know about it
• Considering making a closed FB group for Senators- for last minute updates like dress code, guest speakers, etc.
• Will be contacting Director Cheryl Anderson about discussing homecoming and the possibility of picking up the initiative from two years ago for a Pirate Statue

Treasure Middlemas:
• Senate Budget: $36,270
• RSO Budget: $22,955
• Traditions Committee is meeting this Friday at 10 am in the Burnett Hall Conference Room. If any senator and/or student at large is interested in attending this meeting please let me know.
• I need one more person to be on the budget hearing committee. Meetings are every other Friday from 11-1.
• There will be a meeting this week!

Vice President Laxson:
• Had a meeting with Robert Smith the Provost last week, several of topics were brought up such as advisement, registration, and class schedules. He informed me that his department is working on these issues and have some plans that will be taking effect probably by next academic school year because they have a lot of details to work out.
• Doug Frazier, University Librarian sent me an email explaining why the learning commons is closed on saturdays it is a complex situation, Once me and academic student success committee take a look into it, we will go from there. Chairperson from the committee let me know your next meeting time so we can discuss this in further detail.
• Once again the senator link is up now, I will be reviewing applications this week and setting up interview times.
• Senate leaders and chairperson I will be sending out a doodle sometime today, for availability times for us to have a VPAC committee meeting so if you can check your emails and be on the lookout for the doodle that would be great.

President Downs:
• Armstrong Liberty Center
  ○ Had a meeting with Director Morales and Advisor Kempson to discuss a timeline of getting the Liberty Center Student Council fully operational at the liberty center.
  ■ Promotion and additional recruitment currently being conducted
  ■ Interest Meetings will be conducted September 29 and October 2nd
    ● Approval of Membership will be conducted October 5th
    ● Rendering of the Oath of Office will be conducted October 9th
• Information Technology Services
  ○ Had a meeting with Chief Information Officer Robert Howard and we discussed the following:
    ■ Campus has been completely converted to WEPA from pharaos
    ● Looking to conduct a WEPA informational campaign to inform students of the what else the WEPA printers can do
Transparency of Fee Usage (SGA Goal #2)

- In an attempt to make fees more transparent. Will be looking to add a legend to student billing site so students know exactly what their fees are being used for. Will be relying it Vice President of Business and Finance.

Housing Internet

- ITS was providing 1G for the entire housing side of campus. Meaning students were not getting a guaranteed flow of internet bandwidth. Under Apogee, students are guaranteed 50 mbps processing for their devices. Meaning their internet service should be more constant and students will not have compete for internet speeds.

Savannah Graduates

- Myself with Academic Student Success Committee (ASSC) Senator Tyler Allen met Kristen Boylstein (Special Project Coordinator) to discuss the idea Chief Willcox presented to the senators at the retreat.
  - The idea being our students tutoring and guiding students within the savannah K-12 school system.
  - The idea is looking very promising. We have another meeting to discuss the idea in greater detail. Will keep you all up to date as we collect more information. Would like to have a representative from Campus and Community Initiatives attend the next meeting. this thursday (09.24.2015) at 1 p.m.. Please let me know

Senate Task force

- Sheet will be going around for senators who are interested in serving on the Athletic Pride taskforce.
  - Want this task force to focus on developing a plan to get students to attend the Armstrong State v Savannah State Basketball game Nov 3rd.
    - Funnel ideas or seek senate approval through business and finance committee.

Active Shooter Presentation

- This thursday in Ogeechee Theater at 4 pm. Cannot stress enough the importance of having senators present and having students attend this presentation.

Adviser Reports

Dr. Yvette Upton:

- great turn out at pack the stands
- faculty and counseling support for students affected by shooting
- recognize the E Board working through the summer and hosting an active shooter presentation

Kate Steiner:

- Leadership Plunge Workshop 10a-1p in the Ballroom

GA Julie Brentzel:

- No report

Committee Reports:
- **Academic Student Success**
  - Speed Meeting October 1st
  - Meet with Committee during Open Discussion
  - Still pushing for Savannah Graduates to get tutors, to work with VP Laxson and President Downs

- **Awards**
  - No report

- **Business and Finance**
  - Active Shooter Presentation Sept 24th: Leaders and organizations please mark your calendars
  - Co-Chair: Senator McClellan

- **Campus and Community Initiative**
  - No report

- **Elections & Recruitment**
  - No report

- **Rules**
  - Worked on bylaws, drafting amendments in regards to new officer positions
  - Resignation policy
  - Bylaws split into sections for working on the grammar
  - Meeting Thursday 12p LC 112

- **Student Life**
  - Pirate Statue
  - Housing: How can we have haunted forest?
  - Game Room checkup
  - Lollipops for celebrate working with Campus & Community Initiative
  - Pep Bus to Athens
  - Thursday 1p meeting
  - Meet with members Open Discussion

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**Open Discussion**

**Presentation by President Bleicken**

**Remarks on Recent Events**

Q: Senator Herod: How are we going to make 7000 students aware of what to do in a crisis situation?

A: President Bleicken: We are all open to working with the students. Last spring, spoke to marketing and communications, what do we have in every classroom that could help? There is a one page lamination poster for information for crisis situations, but how do we get information in your hands in a way that you can access it?

R: Senator Herod: Syllabi always going over sexual harassment, maybe have an emergency plan also required to be reviewed by teachers.
Q: Senator Goolsby: I live in the building where the shooting transpired. After the incident, I saw no police, no lights, had a brother sleeping in the parking lot who just left. Police should possibly check cars. An hour and a half later, residents were made aware, asking students to leave campus isn’t very safe at all. We don’t know what happened, and we did not see anyone.
A: President Bleicken: 3:05 Savannah Chatham notified, and then told UPD.
A: Chief Willcox: UPD to find and locate perpetrator. UPD did not check every one of 700 cars. Looked through the entire area, trails, joggers. Half a dozen officers working on finding something. We were comfortable we covered all the areas that needed to be covered. Very comfortable about keeping the students out of harm’s way. Over a year ago, we looked through the plan and found that a single dispatcher would have to blast message, radio, and lobby. She/he struggling with blast message through all that. We could be overloading the dispatcher. Marketing said they would take over blast messaging. First message was a template message letting students know something was going on just so students have an idea of what’s going on. Last year we held a large active shooter presentation. Idea to get officers moving very quickly and securing. This was not a random shooting, this is a narrowly focused event. None of the students were intended victims. We are focusing tighter and tighter, and will have it resolved so that it will not happen again. This weekend, we have moved closer on the resolution. Not targeted at the general population.
A: President Bleicken: We can do better, and we will do better. We need your input to figure out how we do things as well as we can. That is really where we need to focus at this point. We did a lot of things right. So how do we do things better in the future? And how do you help us to make it better?

Q: Student Jessica Cane: Including a gun policy into the syllabi is a very good idea. Classes on alcohol education, possibly having an online class requirement for gun policies.
A: President Bleicken: Thank you for your suggestion.

Q: VP Laxson: Never had proper instructions on how to barricade and keep door locked with the flip lock. Maybe better communication and how to get it in place.
A: Chief Willcox: Once the doors are installed, we hope to be very quickly, we will train student, leaders, faculty on how to use the door, possibly adding to door poster.

Q: Senator Herod: How many officers active on campus? 7000 students, 6 officers, 2 or 3 scouting. Not a presence of officers or security. Cops outside Windward Commons friday at midnight, but not seen during the day. Cops only seen riding around, or eating in the galley. We need more officers viewable and on duty around campus. How many officers are on campus at a time?
A: Chief Willcox: 15 officers, different shifts. We are currently down 2 positions to be filled Monday. One officer extended military leave. One on injury leave. 4 out of 15 not staffed
currently. Minimum of 3 officers on campus at a time. You won't find that in savannah area. 3 for 246 acres. Officers could be walking through buildings where you are not. You build relationships by going out and talking with folks. Do you really want a UPD on every corner, looking like a problem, looking like a camp? or look like freedom? It’s about 7000 students taking responsibility, reporting, and helping make it a safe environment.

Old Business:

New Business:

Announcements:
  - Look out for an email regarding Athletic Task force

Adjourn
  - Motion to adjourn by Senator Goolsby
    - Seconded by Senator Fopiano
    - Motion Carries

(1:19)P.M.