Legislative Branch: Senate Meeting  
September 8, 2014, Ballroom A  

Meeting called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Senate Chairman, VP Matthias Downs  
Roll Call: Secretary Elly Marisol Estrada

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Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes from August 25 by Senator Green
  - Seconded by Senator Brooks
  - Motion carries unanimously

Executive Reports

- Secretary Estrada
  - I still have binders and polos for Senators. Please pick yours up after the meeting or during open discussion.
  - Thank you to those that responded to the Doodle that was sent last week. The most popular response was for September 11th at 7PM. Our mandatory meeting will be on this day and location is TBA. Look out for an email containing the location. Remember that the only excuse that will be taken is a class conflict. Be sure to notify me if you will be late or not attending. In the event that you are absent, the meeting will count as 2 absences.
  - We will take a big group SGA (CUB and Senate) picture the day of the mandatory meeting so come prepared for that. SGA pictures will be taken at today’s meeting by Kat (the school’s photographer) directly after our meeting outside of the student union.
  - Met with Lisa Sweany, Harold Watson from athletics, and Mark Johnson the director of band to talk about establishing a pep band. We talked about a suitable plan of action. As of now a pep band is going to cost a minimum of $10,000 so we have to look into what resources we can use for something like that.

Treasurer Sellers

- Meeting with Cheryl Anderson:
  - Talked about Armstrong Heroes and location for the display. For location we’re thinking about putting something outside of the ogeechee theatre, possibly something digitalized. Potential candidates this year will be pulled from Armstrong’s Alumni Honorees Society list
  - We talked about a mentoring program where students can partner up with alumni in potential career fields. Looking to start this pilot during Homecoming Week. We will ask Faculty to nominate students who are interested.

- VP Business and Finance Search committee tomorrow
- 3 Colleges 1 Cause:
  - Meeting on Friday 12 at 8:30AM to discuss further planning initiatives
- Need Awards Committee to meet me for open discussion for Hero’s Night
- There will be a Budget hearing this Thursday at 1:00pm in the Tybee Conference Room
- Senate Budget:
  - Allocated: $38,000
  - Expended: $22,121.91
  - Remaining: $15,878.09

**Vice President Downs**
- Meeting with Robert Howard, Chief Information Officer, to discuss IT’s strategic planning. The follow issues were brought up and will be addressed.
  - Wifi in crossings and terrance
    - There are options on the table in reference to getting Wifi to these areas, but it will come down to cost and time before it comes into action
  - App information on the Port of Armstrong Page
    - Will talk to marketing before he moves forward placing that information on the page
  - Inconsistencies among classroom equipment
    - As part of their strategic planning they will be working to address this issue
  - Copier Machine in the office
    - They will have get into contact with the owners in order to recode the machine.

- Meeting Sam Ramos, Dining Service Manager, to discuss potential ideas of how to make the dining halls more student friendly
  - Decals on the certain walls in the galley
  - Bulletin Board for student organizations to post events.
  - Food Crew September 26 at 2:30 in the tybee conference room.

- Senators for Committees and Leadership Positions
  - Need Senators for the following committees
    - Academic Standards Committee (One)
    - Student Success Committee (One)
    - Education Technology Committee (One)
    - Technology Fee Committee (One)
    - Book Store Advisory Committee (Two)
  - Need Senators for the following Positions
    - President Pro Tempore
    - Parliamentarian

- VPAC meeting
  - will be sending out a doodle for the VPAC meeting (Vice President Advisory Committee) where we will discuss the goals and objectives of each committee for the year.

**President Nunez**
• The executive board has been trained on the SGA app. If anyone needs the calendar updated please let the Secretary know. Push notification will be limited to CUB events and significant big events.
• I will be attending the board of Regents meeting on the 14th and 15th of October, located at Valdosta State University. I will be discussing DACA and Student Fees. Please email me if there are any other concerns that you would like to hear and I will be sure to add it to my agenda and address it at the meeting.
• I am on the agenda of the Faculty Senate meeting taking place on September 15th at 3pm in ballroom A. I will be discussing the Universal parking decal.
• I am attending a Tobacco Free Policy Conference at UGA on the 19th of September. I will be sure to update you all in the following meeting. The idea is that our campus will be policed by our fellow students. Potentially $75 fine.

  ● List of Senators to swear in:
    • Zandria Snow
    • Tajae Francis
    • Alyssse Bell
    • Anirudh Kasha
    • Dylan Herod
    • Jesse Garcia
    • Jeffrey Finney
    • Austin Goolsby
    • Casey Scheidt
    • Naiyill Morales
    • Eric Wooten
    • Kenny Wilson

Senate Leadership Positions

• Dean of Students: Yvette Upton
  ○ n/a
• Advisor: Kate Steiner
  ○ n/a
• GA: Julie Brentzel
  ○ n/a

Committee Reports

• Campus and Community Initiative Committee
● Elections and Recruitment Committee
  ○ n/a
● Business and Finance Committee
  ○ n/a
● Rules Committee
  ○ n/a
● Student Life Committee
  ○ n/a
● Academic Student Success
  ○ n/a

Open Discussion

• Rules suspended at 12:28 pm.

• Rules reinstated at 12:33 pm.

Old Business
n/a

New Business

• Move to appoint all aforementioned people as senators by Senator Reyes
  ○ Seconded by Senator Brooks.
  ○ Motion carries unanimously

• Move to suspend rules by Senator Brooks
  ○ Seconded by Senator Whitely
  ○ Motion carries unanimously

• Move to reinstate the rules by Senators Brooks
  ○ Seconded by Senator Kasha
  ○ Motion carries unanimously

Announcement

• I notified the Elections and Recruitment Committee as well as the Community and Campus Initiative Committee of our efforts to promote the SGA App. We are going to reserve tables in front of the galley for the 11th, 16th, and 17th of this month. Time is from 11-2. Our goal is to have at least 700 students download the app by the end of the month. In order to accomplish this goal we want to hand out SGA giveaways at the tables when students show that they've downloaded our app. Please let me know if you can volunteer to table.

• Senator Herod sent out a doodle for his committee to fill out, please look out for that.
● 9/11 at noon in front of Student Union the ROTC program will have a memorial service.

Adjourn 12:38
A motion by Senator Lazo to adjourn
  o Seconded by Senator Kasha
  o Motion carries unanimously