The UGA Student Government association met on September 25th, 2018 in Room 350 of the Miller Learning Center. A quorum being present, President of the Senate Charlene Marsh called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

The minutes of the last meeting were read over for four minutes and with no objections were approved by the Senators.

Open Forum was then established in the Chamber

- Dwight Whitlock came to speak to the chamber about “Impact UGA”

The First-Year Senators were then introduced for confirmation to the Senate and were approved by slate through a vote of acclamation. The First Year Senators were confirmed with no senators in opposition. The First Year Senators were then sworn in by President Grand-Jean.

As the first order of business, Senator Max Sumner proposed Bill 31-01 “A Bill Regarding a Transition Meeting for Senators.”

- This bill would be to amend the statutes to create a section 301.5 which would say:

“Section 301.5 Senators shall within a month of inauguration:

a. Hold a meeting with the newly elected Senators for their respective seat. At this meeting, Senators shall discuss the duties of a Senators, unfinished
business from the previous term, and any other pertinent information as decided by the outgoing Senator. If a Senator is re-elected to the same seat, they shall not be required to host said meeting.

b. Write a transition report detailing actions taken while in office as well as advice and unfinished business from the previous term.”

- Senator Sumner then stood for questions on the proposed Bill 31-01 and answered several questions on the practical implications of the bill and the logistical reasonings behind the legislation.
- Debate then began on Bill 31-01
- There was a friendly amendment to correct the grammatical error of “senators” to “senator” and was accepted by Senator Sumner.
- Pros and cons for the motion were then heard on the floor and debate was ended.
- Once debate was ended, there was a motion to vote by acclamation and there was no objection. The bill was approved through acclimation with no opposition with all “yays” and no “nays”.

As the second order of business, Senator Braden T. Meadows presented Resolution 31-01 – “A Resolution Regarding A Water Bottle Refilling Station in the Jackson Street Building”

- Senator Meadows explained how the water station would be of great benefits to the individuals coming in and out of the building. He discussed the funding for this initiative, quoted to be Five Thousand dollars, will be raised through a specific channel of fundraising that will be led by the College of Environment + Design’s Senator, administration, and student run organizations.
- Senator Meadows then discussed the planned timeline for the fundraising aspect of this initiative.
  - Fundraising Finalized: Mid-February
  - Installation Date: On or before Last Day of Classes of the Spring Semester of the 2018-2019 Academic Year.
- Senator Meadows then stood for questions
  - Senator Zane Plaice asked if he was referring to the water stations seen in other campus buildings and was told that it was.
Inquiries were made as to how he arrived at an estimate of about five thousand dollars. Senator Meadows then responded claiming that this was a quote he got from maintenance professionals.

- As no more questions were asked, Resolution 31-01 was moved into debate.
  - PRO: Senator Max Sumner – Discussed the hard work put into the resolution and how it was impressive to secure such funding.
  - PRO: Senator Lily Holmes – Discussed how this resolution would help limit the amount of plastic water bottle waste on campus.
- Senator Pavan Suryadevara then motioned to end debate and it was seconded without objections.
- A motion was made to vote on Resolution 31-01 by acclamation and was seconded without objection.
  - Resolution 31-01 was passed acclamation with no opposition with a majority “yays” and a singular “nay.”

With no other old or new business to complete, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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