



UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Student Government Association

Date: October 30, 2018

Time of Meeting: 7-8:00pm

Place: Miller Learning Center Room 350

Kind of Meeting: Regular

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 7:04pm.

Before attendance, Senator Jessica Douglas and Senator Allison Fine came forward and led the senators as a minute of silence was taken for the victims who were murdered or injured on Saturday in the Pittsburg Jewish Synagogue.

The minutes of the last meeting were read over for four minutes and approved by the senators

Open Forum was then established in the Chamber

- Chair of the educational affairs committee, Mark Farmer came forward to solicit feedback for the proposal being developed by the educational affairs committee.
 - The main focus of this proposal was to ‘bring about an alternative class scheduling structure that increases flexibility, offering more slots for scheduling 75-minute classes while maintaining the ability to schedule 50-minute classes’.
 - Mr. Farmer listed the advantages of this project such as a 25 minutes allocated to class change as opposed to the 15 minutes the students currently have, this will in turn reduce bus crowding
 - He also stated how students will most likely receive a free day allowing them to take advantage of internships farther away from Athens
 - He explained how this has been in effect in other schools but UGA would be the largest Institution to have done it if the project is carried out
 - After answering a various array of questions from the senators, he concluded by stating the soonest the project could be in effect if approved would be two years from now

- Ashley Carter came forward to express her concern about the poor lighting around the psychology building (from N08 to the Reed hall area)
- The Director of Communications Mary Charlotte Smalley came forward and talked about the buttons being made which says ‘we love the dawgs’ they cost \$1 and urged everyone to buy and support

As the first order of business, Senator Lily Holes and Senator Will Campbell presented Resolution 30-2- ‘A Resolution Regarding the Installation of a Recycling Dumpster in Greek Park’

- Senator Holes explained that the old recycling dumpster was getting contaminated so it had to be taken away.
- Senator Campbell added that he has reached out to every chapter’s officer of sustainability and they have agreed to inform their varying chapters to ensure the dumpster was not taken advantage of again
- They both stood for questions
- They were asked what would be done differently to avoid a repeat of contamination and Senator Holmes replied saying that weekly check-ups will be put in place to ensure everyone complies
- When the questions of fund sources arises, they said that it would be funded by University housing
- As no more questions were asked, Resolution 31-02 was moved into debate.
- Senator Max Sumner then motioned to end debate and it was seconded without objections.
- A motion was made to vote on Resolution 31-02 by acclamation and was seconded without objection.
 - Resolution 31-02 was passed acclamation with no opposition with a majority “yays” and no “nays.”

As the second order of business, Senator Max Sumner and Senator Charley Claudio presented Resolution 31-03 – ‘A Resolution to Encourage Students to Vote’

- The Senators talked about how the resolution was structured to get faculty to encourage voter participation in the University
- They stood for questions
- With no questions to be asked, they moved into debate
- There was a motion to end debate and vote by acclamation
 - Resolution 31-03 was passed acclamation with no opposition with a majority “yays” and no “nays.”

As the third order of business, Senator Allison Fine and Senator Patrick Fiema presented Resolution 31-04- ‘A Resolution to Add a Mental Health Statement to Syllabi’

- Senator Fiema explained how they have been discussing with CAPS on how to improve access student resources
 - They discovered how majority of college students across Georgia are stressed and anxious
- Senator Fine tells us how they were then provided with the initiative to put the mental health resources in the syllabus
 - If the resolution was to pass it will become effective next school year not next semester
- They stood for questions
- With no questions to be asked, they moved into debate
- There was a motion to end debate and vote by acclamation
 - Resolution 31-04 was passed acclamation with no opposition with a majority “yays” and no “nays.”

The fourth order of business included Senator Matthew McDaniel and Senator Patrick Femia as they presented Proclamation 31-01- ‘A Proclamation Regarding Dining Services Raising the Wages of its Student Employees’

- Senator Fiema told us how the 31st administration of the Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body, should thank Dining Services and Transportation and Parking Services for listening to student feedback and following the example of other schools within the University System of Georgia to reward hard-working student employees with a pay increase.
- They stood for questions
- With no questions to be asked, they moved into debate
- There was a motion to end debate and vote by acclamation
 - Proclamation 31-01 was passed acclamation with no opposition with a majority “yays” and no “nays.”

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 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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