The UGA Student Government association met on November 14th, 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.

Open Forum was then established in the Chamber

- Ms. Amanda Peskin came forward to explain that some individuals are not able to comprehend what Announcers and Officials are saying during football games.
  - Ms Peskin told us that the main victims of this predicament are those who are hard-of-hearing, deaf, Children who can’t concentrate on the officials’ voices, anyone in a particularly loud section of the stadium, and fans with high up seats who might not hear officials as well.
  - She is concerned because if people cannot hear various play calls/announcements, a barrier is created between the fans and the football team. People will also be confused about what penalties were called/what specific plays were being made
  - She proposes that transcription be provided on jumbotron/ribbon board, so more people have an enjoyable experience at game
  - She stood for questions
  - Senator Sumner pointed out that there are about 4 scrolling caption boards on one side of the stadium
  - Ms Peskin said that it would be more convenient if this was just displayed on the jumbotron
- Senator Suryadevara spoke on behalf of Ms. Jasmine Rogers who expressed her concern that there are not enough vegetarian options at the dining halls
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- President Grand-Jean talked about “it’s on us” week and how successful it was
- With three weeks left for its on us week, he encourages the senators and live audience to continue to study hard
- Finally he said he has made progress regarding talking to the vice president regarding meal swipes
- Senator Sumner touched on the new senate calendar and that there is a new senate meeting on the 4th. All legislation must be there by 5pm on the 25th

As the first order of business, Senator Max Sumner presented Proclamation 31-02 - ‘A Proclamation in Support of UGA Students with Down Syndrome’

- Senator Sumner tells us how the University of Georgia has a program to support students with intellectual disabilities called Destination Dawgs
- He explains that two out of seven students enrolled in this program have down syndrome
- The Senator concludes by proposing an initiative called ‘Dress Down for the Dawgs’ as a program to raise awareness for people with down syndrome.
- He stood for questions
- A Senator asked if any initiative has been taken to reach out to sororities and fraternities in an attempt to spread awareness about the movement.
- Senator Sumner replied saying that his partner on the project, President of ESP@UGA, Tyler King (Who was unable to attend the meeting), has been reaching out to these groups of people
- As no more questions were asked, Proclamation 31-02 was moved into PRO/CON.
- Senator Matthew McDaniel then motioned to end PRO/CON by unanimous consent and it was seconded without objections. We then moved into debate
- There was a motion to end debate and vote by acclamation
  - Proclamation 31-0 was passed acclamation with no opposition with a majority “yays” and no “nays.”

As the second order of business, Senator Max Sumner and President Ammishaddai Grand-Jean presented Resolution 31-06 - ‘A Resolution Regarding a Modification to the University Add/Drop Schedule’

- President Grand-Jean tells us how Add/Drop period lasts a full academic week but students have expressed to him that this is not enough time do decide whether they like the class or not.
- The President proposes that two more academic days should be added to the seven hence giving students more time to decide whether the class is suitable or not
- He tells us how they have made inquiries at the Office of student financial aid and the Office of Bursar to find out how adding two days will affect their offices. These offices are yet to get back to them but will do so as soon as possible.
- They also intend to present this at the University curriculum committee that has representatives from every single college on campus.
- He reminds the Senators that there may changes in the proposal such as an additional one day instead of two or a $10-$15 incentive for the two additional days as a way to ensure students attend class.
- Senator Sumner told us that the $10-$15 fee would not be presented to the committee but is in fact a back up plan.
- Senator Plaice asked about students struggling to catch up if two days are added. President Grand-Jean replied telling the senator that like with the Seven day add/drop, the student is responsible for catching up in the class and that teachers all also required by university law to put all that is covered in each class in the syllabus.
- A Senator asked about how the $10-$15 plan would affect low income student and Senator Sumner said the university may cover it as a form of financial aid and that this is just a follow up plan that will probably not be presented to the committee.
- We moved into debate for debate.
- There was a motion to end debate and vote by unanimous consent.
  - Resolution 31-06 was passed with no objections.

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 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,
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