Date: December 4th, 2018
Time of Meeting: 7:12-9:30pm
Place: Miller Learning Center Room 350
Kind of Meeting: Regular

The UGA Student Government association met on December 4th, 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 7:12pm.

Officer reports

- President Grand-Jean congratulated us on all the good work done throughout the semester shed light on some positive impacts made by the administration throughout the term such as dawg tag day reaching 500+ students, prolonging the EITS log in from 7 days to 14 days, Live streaming of meetings, streaming games at tate etc.
- Treasurer Destin told us that small club allocation was a huge success this year. Starting with $8000 they were able to allocate $4000 to 17 different organizations on campus.
- He talked on how there was an $8 increase in tuition: $3 towards student health, $2 towards recreation and $3 on transportation

As the First order of business, Senator Zane Placie Presented Resolution 31-05 - ‘A Resolution Regarding Expanding the Course Credit that the University of Georgia Awards for Passage of Various International Baccalaureate (IB) Examinations’

- Senator Placie explained how lot of credit is not offered for IB examinations even though IB and AP courses are very similar
- He tells us that the main motive of the bill is to have the University re-examine all credit for IB given exams
- He Stood for questions
- As no questions were asked, Resolution 31-05 was moved into debate.
- Senator Suryadevara then motioned to end debate and it was seconded without objections.
- A motion was made to vote on Resolution 31-05 by acclamation and was seconded without objection.
  - Resolution 31-05 was passed acclamation with no opposition with a majority “yays” and no “nays.”

As the second order of business, Senator Zion Eberhart presented Resolution 31-07 - ‘A Resolution Regarding a Lighted Pedestrian Crosswalk Sign in East Campus Village’
- Senator Eberhart told us how it was very difficult to see at night at this particular crosswalk between Ramsey and the East Campus Village
- She Advocates that a street light be installed for safety precautions
- She stood for questions
- As no questions were asked, Resolution 31-07 was moved into debate.
- Senator Suryadevara spoke in favour of the resolution claiming that he can attest to the difficulty in seeing at this crosswalk and that there definitely should be light installed
- There was a motion to end discussion and it was seconded with no opposition
- A motion was made to vote on Resolution 31-07 and it was seconded without objection.
  - Resolution 31-07 was passed with majority yay and no nays

As the third order of business, Senator Allison Fine, Senator Jan Joho, and Senator Matthew McDaniel, present Resolution 31-08 ‘A Resolution to Expand the Academic Honesty Policy’
- Senator Fine tells us how there is now fixed place for smart watches in the constitution therefore it is banned in some classes but not others
- Senator Joho explains how this is unfair to some students and also states how from Fall 2017-Spring 2018, cheating has increased from 49%-53% and feels that a policy banning the use of these smart devices will help make a change
- They stood for questions
- As no questions were asked, Resolution 31-08 was moved into debate.
- As no one came forward with any Pros or cons, Resolution 30-08 moved into voting via clickers
  - Resolution 31-08 was passed via clickers with a score of 36-4

As a fourth order of business, Senator Brianna Haze presented Resolution 31-09 ‘A Resolution to Increase Outreach and Support to Rural Georgia’
- Senator Haze tells us how she wants to give back to her community
- She says that she recently spoke to the year and discovered that students are heartbroken because their parents do not believe in them
- She wants to invest in a pilot program to help these children and she needs the University’s support.
- As no questions were asked, Resolution 31-09 was moved into debate.
- As no one came forward with any Pros or cons, Resolution 30-09 moved into voting via clickers
  - Resolution 31-09 was passed via clickers with a score of 42-1
As a fifth order of business, Senator Matthew McDaniel presented Bill 31-02 'A Bill Regarding the Senate Minute Posting Policy'
  ● Senator McDaniel explained how he felt that the meetings should first be approved by the senate before releasing it to the public in case corrections are to be made
  ● He stood for questions
  ● As no questions were asked, Bill 31-02 was moved into debate.
  ● As no one came forward with any Pros or cons, Bill 31-02 moved into voting via clickers
    ○ Bill 31-02 was passed via clickers with a score of 42-1

As the sixth order of business, Senator Chloe Hamby presented Proclamation 31-03 'Proclamation in Support of International Education Week'
  ● Senator Hamby talked about international education week and how she is trying to push for more active participation from campus members
  ● She stood for questions
  ● As no questions were asked, Proclamation 31-03 was moved into debate.
  ● As no one came forward with any Pros or cons, Resolution 30-09 moved into voting via clickers
    ○ Proclamation 31-03 passed via clickers with a score of 42-1

As the seventh order of business, Senator Matthew McDaniel and Senator Brianna Hayes presented Proclamation 31-04 'A Proclamation Thanking the Facilities Management Division'
  ● Senator Hayes tells us how numerous students expressed concerns regarding their safety and security due to the inadequate lighting at the Intramural Fields parking lots
  ● She said she and Senator McDaniel have been working with the University Police Department on lighting repairs to try and solve the issue
  ● Senator McDaniel says that there has been a big improvement in the lighting in the area and want to thank the organisations that were of help in accomplishing this task
  ● They stood for questions
  ● As no questions were asked, Proclamation 31-04 was moved into debate.
  ● As no one came forward with any Pros or cons, Resolution 30-09 moved into voting via clickers
    ○ Proclamation 31-04 passed via clickers with a score of 43-0

As the eighth order of business, Senator Hannah Woodward presented Senator Jessica Meaders' Proclamation 31-05 - 'A Proclamation to Encourage the Usage of the Office of Sustainability’s Composting Program'
  ● Senator Woodward tells us how they are trying to utilize composting on campus because the amount of food waste is very large
• She explains that the proclamation is basically to encourage students and faculty to utilize the composting on campus by requesting compost bins in their classrooms and offices
• She stood for questions
• As no questions were asked, Proclamation 31-05 was moved into debate.
• As no one came forward with any Pros or cons, Resolution 30-09 moved into voting via clickers
  ○ Proclamation 31-05 passed via clickers with a score of 43-0

As the final order of business, Attorney General Leake presented the senate with the electoral codes
• Attorney General Leake went over some of the amendments he made to the electoral codes such as:
  ○ There are now 3 candidate sessions instead of 1
  ○ 703.2 the number of sigs required for all candidates will be determined by elections committee
  ○ 703.7 any register student org which a candidate claims endorsement now has to fill out an endorsement forms
  ○ Now require all physical campaign materials must have a logo
  ○ 704.8 all individuals participating as campaign staff must be on the official staff roster the sunday before voting begins
  ○ 711.1 all three members of the winning ticket are sworn in by the chief justice

• He stood for questions
  ○ Senator Riemer motioned to suspend the rules for two minutes and it passed by a vote of 42-1
  ○ President Grand Jean ask if the elections committee must act in accordance with the elections code hence if a rule is not explicitly written in the elections code, the Electoral committee cannot enforce it. The Attorney General replied saying if such issues should arise, it would be taken to supreme court
  ○ Chief Justice shin asked about the question raised by Senator McDaniel regarding having senators endorsing parties and expressed her concerns with the effects of allowing a senator to be affiliated with a party. Attorney General Leake replied saying that individuals in Senate with not be allowed to endorse a ticket.
  ○ A Senator asked if graduate students were also allowed to participate in signature collections to which The Attorney General said yes
  ○ Senator Andrew Stevens offered a friendly amendment to write in the elections codes that senators are allowed to endorse an Executive ticket in order to protect everybody’s freedom of self expression.
  ○ The Attorney General rejected the friendly amendment
With no more questions, the Electoral codes moved into debate

- Senator Andrew Stevens spoke in opposition of the electoral codes saying that Senators should have the political freedom to endorse an executive ticket if the choose to
  - There was a vote to hear the amendment and the yays won
  - This was the exact wording:
    - 703.7 b. Senators have a freedom of political expression to endorse or advertise on behalf of an executive ticket should they choose to
- Senator Femia reminded them that a current senator that is not running for senators are allowed to do whatever they want
- We moved into debate for the amendment that said on Senator Andrew’s amendment
- Senator Sumner spoke in opposition saying this leads into pseudo parties and complication to vote on things regarding elections in senate
- A Senator spoke in favour saying that he does not support the fact that senate cannot individually endorse a party by even wearing a sticker and that this affects one’s freedom of speech.
- Senator Femia spoke in opposition saying that from the this bill would eventually take senate down a very dangerous path
- Senator Douglass spoke in favour saying that they would be in less of an advantage because they were not able to voice their view or opinion especially when it is time to choose those for appointed seats
- Senator Elyaman spoke in opposition reminding the Senators that this is technically not a political organisation and that allowing this amendment will only further divide the Senators
- There was a motion to end debate and vote on the amendment
  - Amendment 703.2 b failed 13-30
- Senator Femia proposed a friendly amendment on 703.2 for it to include with the advisement of the senate
- There was a motion to end debate and vote and it was seconded
  - The electoral codes passed 42-1

As the last order of business, Attorney General Leake presented the Elections timeline

- The Attorney General told us that campaigning will begin Elections will be before spring break to give an extra two weeks for transition time
- He stood for questions
- With no questions the Elections timeline moved into debate
- Senator Hayes motioned to suspend the rules to give the floor to President Grand-Jean and Sam Nevers(former IFC president) to speak for 10 minutes
○ The motion failed 25-18 (It needed a ⅔ majority to pass)
● Senator Hayes motioned to suspend the rules for 2 minutes for Destin Mizelle to speak
  ○ The motion passed 36-7
  ○ Senator Mizelle spoke on behalf of President Grand-Jean wanting to move the voting days to start on Tuesday rather than start on Monday
● Senator Mercurio proposed a friendly amendment to move voting from Monday to Tuesday. The Attorney General refused
● Senator Jessica Douglas proposed an amendment to change the day of voting from Monday to Wednesday to Tuesday to Thursday
● There was a motion to go into recess for 3 minutes and it was seconded
● President Grand-Jean pointed out that since this was recess, he was technically allowed to speak
  ○ He explained that we could shorten the runoff to one day or if you would want more time to runoff it could take place after spring break
● Recess ended
● There was a vote to hear the amendment
  ○ Hearing the amendment failed 18-24
● There was a motion to end debate and it passed
● There was a motion to vote on the Electoral codes and it passed
  ○ The Electoral codes passed 38-4-1

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

Respectfully submitted,
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