



SENATE MINUTES
Thursday, October 4, 2007

Present: Evan Eskridge, Brandon Sistrunk, Amina Kirk, Tom Caiafa, Jarrell Anderson, Anita Amin, Lauren Bradford, Jordan Burton, Zaneta Daniels, Baruch Feigenbaum, Erika Fletcher, Natasha Gardner, Rielle Grant, Terkquyose Kennebrew, Randall Kent, Barbara Klein, Elmira Laghaie, Jude Marc, Rian McDonald, Deandre Moore, Sierra Nicholson, Bret O'Conner, Ashley Robinson-Medley, Alexandra Smalls, Jonathan Tescher, Nick Williams, Kevette Woolfalk.

Absent: Tiffani Brown, Nadine Bristol, John Lloyd, Andrew Gibson, Garrett Montgomery, Edwina Phillips, Karishma Saini, Isaac Morgan, Tauri Thomas

- I. Call to order by EVP Evan Eskridge at 7:36 PM
- II. Roll Call
- III. September 13, 2007 meeting minutes were approved with no changes.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Bill # 07-01 (Accessibility to School Events and Programs)
 - i. Author: President Tiffani Brown
 - ii. Discussion reopened, amendment by Senator Tescher to discuss bill with Spotlight Programs Board
 - iii. PASSED (unanimous)
 - b. EVP Eskridge presented information on increases in Athletic fees for football resulting in Athletic fee increases from \$400 to more than \$600. Dan Reeves coming to speak at SGA Senate meeting on Oct. 18, 2007 to discuss Athletic fee increase.
 - c. Motion to suspend Robert's Rules of Order by Senator Feigenbaum. Suggestions were made to move Oct. 18th meeting to Commons for higher attendance. Publicity options were discussed and it was suggested that the Financial Advisor for the Consulting firm attend meeting to discuss reasons for fee increase and where the money goes. Sub-Committee formed for Football headed by Senator Grant and Senator Laghaie.
- V. Officer Reports
 - a. Academic Affairs (Brandon Sistrunk)
 - i. Attended the 1st meeting of the University Senate. The meeting addressed the new Science Teaching/Research Lab; discussed the new student housing, which should begin in April 08 and be completed by Fall of 09; IB credits to be worth more when entering University; requirements changed to exempt from Regent's Exam resulting in a raise in SAT Verbal

score; Computer Science majors will have to have a higher GPA to graduate. Motions passed to do criminal background checks on all employees; implemented a faculty mentor program; discussed ways to make the evaluation process more effective; the Library is opening in November under budget and ahead of schedule. Motion to pass domestic partnership and now only professors can give WF's, meaning students can no longer withdraw from classes themselves. Changes to academic calendar; school starts 3rd week of August, the midpoint is now Oct. 1st, the semester ends on Dec. 6 and school begins in the spring as early as January 5-12.

- b. Student Life (Amina Kirk)
 - i. Discussed Hands on Atlanta Day at Gideon Elementary at 8:00 AM. This Saturday, October 6.
 - ii. Discussion of SGA co-sponsorships; SGA will be assisting with Graduation. Suggestion was made to have individual college graduations.
 - c. Student Services (Tom Caiafa)
 - i. Discussed the Townhall meeting tentatively scheduled for November 6-8. A student was hit by a car at the corner of Decatur Street and Piedmont Avenue.
 - ii. Greek Housing/Freshman Housing delayed until Fall 2009 due to construction permit issues.
- VI. Announcements
- a. Senator O'Conner attended Mandatory Fee Committee Meeting. No voting took place on his Energy Bill because they refused to place it on the agenda.
 - b. Senator Anderson called for the formal impeachment process of Senator Garrett Montgomery due to lack of attendance.
- VII. Robert's Rules of Order was suspended; therefore meeting was adjourned without motion at 8:46 PM.