



**Student Advisory Council (SAC)
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USG Campuses and Representatives in Attendance

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College- Ellis Washington III, SGA President
Atlanta Metropolitan College- Chenelle Marshall, SGA President
Armstrong Atlantic State University- Phillip Pope, SGA President
Augusta State University- Jerry Bautista, SGA President
Bainbridge College- Karla Jackson, SGA President
Clayton College and State University- Gerald Heavens, SGA President
Coastal Georgia Community College- Kasey Knight, SGA President
Columbus State University- Jamie Williams, SGA Vice President
Darton College- Denise Rowley, SGA President
Georgia College and State University- Sara Johnson, SGA Vice President
Georgia Institute of Technology- Patrick Cook, SGA Representative
Georgia Perimeter College, Decatur Campus- Chinara Freeman, SGA President
Georgia Perimeter College, Rockdale Campus, Theresa Godbold, SGA President
Georgia Southern University- Lauren Markle, SGA President
Gordon College- Gilda Moss-Adderley, SGA President
Kennesaw State University- Jon Crider, SGA Representative
Macon State College- Jay Pena, SGA President
Middle Georgia College- Travis Horsley, SGA Representative
North Georgia College and State University- Bernex Richardson, SGA President
University of Georgia-Arthur Tripp, SGA Chief of Staff
Armstrong Atlantic State University- Al Harris, Director of Student Activities
Clayton College and State University- Jeff Jacobs, Director of Student Life and Orientation
Georgia College & State University-Tom Miles, Director of Campus Life & Student Activities
Kennesaw State University- Kathy Alday, Director of Student Life Center
North Georgia College & State University- Wesley Thomas, Director of Student Center & Activities
University System Office- Tonya Lam, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
University System Office- Heather Eberly, Graduate Assistant

USG Campuses and Representatives Registered but Not In Attendance

Georgia Southwestern State University- LaKeshia Jackson



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Information packets were given to each representative consisting of minutes from April 9th, 2005 meeting at Macon State University, the agenda for the meeting, and University system publications were distributed. Introductions took place from 5:00 -5:00pm.

5:30p.m. Welcome: Dr. Dorothy Leland, President, Georgia College & State University

Dr. Leland expressed her gratitude to the group for taking the incentive to be involved in a group such as this and her great honor in having the opportunity to host this event. She spoke of leadership and the importance the student leader role is on a college campus.

6:00 p.m. Goals & Objective, Al Harris, Director of Student Activities, Armstrong Atlantic State University.

Goals and Objectives formulated at the summer retreat were combined into a survey for further review by the Student Advisory Council and given to each member. Results from the survey were tabulated and presented to the students. Students committed to investigating specific topics and reporting back to the group. The survey is given below including names of those who choose to work on a specific area.

2005-2006 Student Advisory Counsel Objective and Tasks Survey

The following objective and task statements were developed by the Student Advisory Council during their summer leadership retreat and are listed according to the priority assigned to them by council members.

- 29 **Decrease the time required by University System of Georgia Students to complete degree programs.**

- 33 Require System institutions to accept System transfers of credits (other than in blocks) within core areas (*Jay Pena, Macon State College*).
- 25 Repeat upper level course offerings more frequently (*Lauren Markle, Georgia Southern University*).
- 23 Promote the scheduling of two courses within the same block during the same semester. (i.e. English 1001 first eight weeks with English 1002 during the second eight weeks) (*Phillip Pope, Armstrong Atlantic State University*).
- 18 Increase student awareness and utilization of CLEP programs (*Travis Horsley, Middle Georgia College*)
- 14 Decrease the frequency of changes in majors by promoting or mandating the completion of already available vocational interest surveys by USG students during their freshman year.



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28 Promote Student Retention Within the University System of Georgia by Lowering Cost.

- 54 Decrease the cost of textbooks for system students at USG bookstores by lowering the markup or eliminating state sales tax on textbooks.
- 28 Increase the amount paid by system bookstores for text book buy backs
- 17 Promote the development of more hybrid programs and market them as “All the class for half the gas”.
- 11 Utilize available system residence hall space for summer interns from other system institutions.

21 Promote Student Retention by Improvements to Student Services.

- 31 Establish standards to improve the quality and consistency of academic advisement via faculty or staff advisors (*Jon Crider, Kennesaw State University*).
- 23 Standardize USG institution financial aid procedures and policies.
- 19 Implement best/better practices or hire additional/part time staff to provide faster processing of Financial Aid (*Lauren Markle, Georgia Southern University*).
- 15 Market System wide and institutional financial aid opportunities other than HOPE more effectively.
- 11 Provide more focused academic advisement and career counseling for USG sophomores.
- 10 Provide campus day care services (possibly incorporating early childhood education majors) or partner with private providers such as KinderCare (*Gerald Heavens, Clayton College & State University*).
- 10 Encourage all faculty to devote at least one hour per week to assisting students in campus learning centers.
- 6 Increase faculty support and cooperation for students with learning disabilities.
- 5 Identify and implement higher system wide standards for Public Safety (Campus Police) Staff and Operations.

16 Promote Student Retention by Increasing Student Involvement Among All Student Populations.

- 31 Encourage USG students to register to vote and participate in community elections.
- 22 Require USG students to join and participate in at least one recognized student organization.



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13 Promote Student Retention through the development of new programs

- 31 Promote more networking programs between colleges and businesses via apprenticeships, shadowing programs and internship fairs (*Jamie Williams, Columbus State University*).
- 16 Increase System resources for facilities and faculty/staff availability for other duties by replacing or allowing the substitution of existing area and other tests deemed acceptable for the Regents Test (*Theresa Godbold, Georgia Perimeter College, Rockdale Campus*).
- 15 Promote student success by providing required orientation/academic success classes during one of a new student's first two semesters on a System campus.
- 15 Encourage the development/expansion of internship opportunities at two year institutions.
- 14 Increase the development and participation within learning communities at the System level.
- 11 Implement a system that identifies outstanding non-tenured faculty and promotes their retention.
- 8 Promote the development of more honors programs on two year campuses.

8 Decrease the Bureaucratic Realities and/or Perceptions by the Academic Community Regarding the Board of Regents.

- 46 Increase awareness of Board actions by adding system institution SGA members to the System Summary mailing list (*Jon Crider, Kennesaw State University*).
- 36 Include a USG Student as a voting representative on the Board of Regents
- 25 Increase community awareness of Board of Regents composition and district representatives.

Dinner was served at 7:00pm followed by a trivia night in the student center.

Saturday October 22nd

Breakfast was Available from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. Keynote Address- Dr. Daniel Kaufman, President Georgia Gwinnett College

Dr. Kaufman thanked the group for a warm welcome and proceeded to speak to the students about the importance of leadership. He spoke of his experiences as a soldier and how these experiences have shaped him. He discussed his thoughts on what makes a good leader and highlighted three key aspects of a leader. First was integrity in which he informed the students you “do what is right because it is right”, stated by General Gordon R. Sullivan, Chief of Staff in the U.S. Army. People will respect you for your personal integrity and that will help you throughout life. Second he spoke of vision where leaders set direction, articulate their views, and represent a well rounded team player. Third was communication which consisted of three parts 1) strategic, in which you find out who is important and who you should be talking to, 2) personal, which consists of the



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impressions you have on others and 3) Be kind in which Dr. Kaufman states that you should always treat people with respect.

Dr. Kaufman went on to mention that leadership is hard work and you are the future of our country. To see a copy of Dr. Kaufman's presentation you can click below.

9:30 a.m Chat with Vice Chancellor, Dr. Frank Butler, Vice Chancellor for Academic, Faculty, and Student Affairs

Dr. Butler's main purpose was to provide answers to questions developed through the summer retreat and at the start of the Fall meeting. Before answering questions Dr. Butler spoke on some of the initiatives the Board of Regents is currently taking.

Retention, Progression, Graduation (RPG) is the systems main focus. The idea behind this initiative is to look at why the system is not graduating more students with 4 year degrees. He stated only 56% of our students are coming out with baccalaureate degrees and we need to find out why. The goal is to provide more degrees to more of our population. The System office is asking each institution to present a plan as to how they plan to increase graduation rates and identify financial barriers holding students back. There is a RPG liaison at each institution in the system.

Dr. Butler followed up with a question and answer segment.

10:30 a.m. What is your institution doing?

This session was to provide a place for other institutions to turn if they are in need of guidance on a particular topic.

ABAC- Looking at their constitution and issuing out an order for each organization to up-date constitutions and enforcing that each constitution include the non-discrimination clause and hazing clause.

Darton College- Looking at student involvement campus wide and better communication between members.

Georgia Institute of Technology- Looking at online ticket distribution with basketball and football. They do not have an honors program and are working on implementing one in the next four years. Also, they would like to standardize their academic advisement.



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University of Georgia- Planning to have a basketball tournament with the goals of bringing all the minorities together and try to promote more voter turnout for their SGA race.

Gordon College- Want to get their senators out on campus in the hope that people will get to know them and they will have more of a face on campus. They are also promoting that senators get the contact information each time they speak with a person and encourage them to come to their general meetings.

Clayton College & State University- Looking to start a residential council, a system for talking to each other about professors and a voter registration drive.

Middle Georgia College- Looking at food service transfer. They held a petition in hope to aloud students to say what they want out of their food service (Sodexo current provider). Also, want to change communication problems between college and SGA.

Georgia College & State University- SGA had allocated 20,000 to Sweetwater which is an annual festival in Milledgeville. Looking at the academic Bill of Rights, combining a student code of responsibilities and also an academic bill of rights.

Augusta State- Starting a committee to re-write constitution. The have built new student apartments and SGA is talking about creating a residence hall association that will be houses under SGA.

Coastal Georgia Community College- They haven no food on campus because they are a 2 year college and would like to provide some to their students. Also have a problem with not having dorms and then students having to live off-campus.

Columbus state- Senate working on constitutions. Executive council is working on radio station, golf tournaments and match people up with people in the community to network with. They are also trying to get their SGA known on campus.

Armstrong Atlantic State University- They are moving up elections to coincide with SAC so to ensure people are trained and prepared for the next year.

Macon State- Instituted a minimum vote, election committee which helped to motivate senators. They wrote a New constitution in two senate meetings.

Kennesaw State University- Their President is stepping down and have a search committee to work on this, Student Government is part of this committee.

Georgia Southern University- They have a new transit system. They are also having a United Way campaign.



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Atlanta Metropolitan College- They want to promote student involvement. President of clubs and organizations voted on new SGA president and there are now 2 chairs heading up the presidency.

11:30 p.m., Chancellor Search Update, Phillip Pope, SGA President, Armstrong Atlantic State University

Who is Corlis Cummings? She is the Interim chancellor and the first African American to be in the position. On Nov 4,5,6 interviews will be held for the position. There should be a Chancellor appointed by January 6th.

Phillip challenged each individual to write down an issue that they would like presented to the new chancellor candidates.

Lunch was held at 12:00pm followed by a team builder.

1:00-3:00p.m. Working on goals and objectives established earlier in the conference.

The SAC committee broke up into two groups and took action to send a letter to Mr. Tom Daniel at the Board of Regents. The letter focused on the groups concerns about the textbook issues and encourages the idea of eliminating the sales tax.

3:00 p.m. Looking down the road with the Board of Regents, Tonya Lam, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Tonya Lam's key talking points were the budget process of the Board of Regent's, System wide planning and goals, the 2007 fiscal year key issues and the 2007 fiscal year budget requests.

3:00 p.m. Wrap-Up

The Spring SAC meeting will be held at Kennesaw State University on February 3rd & 4th. All campuses are encouraged to send a representative from their institutions. The SAC committee decided to stick with the agreement to limit SAC to having only one representative from each institution. The Spring Conference will start on Friday February 3rd at 7:00pm with the understanding that those who can make will be there on time and those who must come late will arrive as soon as possible.