



# SAC

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Student Advisory Council (SAC) Spring Conference Minutes**  
**Friday, January 25-Saturday, January 26, 6:00pm-9:00pm; 8:30am-4:00pm**  
**Georgia Perimeter College-Clarkston Campus**

University System of Georgia (USG) Campuses and Representatives in Attendance

Willie Dean	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Brad McRae	Albany State University
Kaitlen Fulp	Armstrong Atlantic State University
Tony Wright	Atlanta Metropolitan College
Isaac McAdams	Augusta State University
Keisha Tulley	Bainbridge College
Williams Azubike	Clayton State University
Alex Acton	Columbus State University
Nathan Smith	Dalton State College
Tricia Batchelor	Gainesville State College (Gainesville)
Ryan Greene	Georgia College & State University
William Johnson	Georgia Gwinnett College
Anu Parvatiyar	Georgia Institute of Technology
Jean-Francois Koly Onivogui	Georgia Perimeter College (Clarkston)
Danielle Evans	Georgia Perimeter College (Decatur)
Brandon Bragg	Georgia Perimeter College (Newton)
Tedrick Kelly	Georgia Southern University
Ellis Washington	Georgia Southwestern State University
Tiffani Rose Brown	Georgia State University
Wes York	Gordon College
Danica Lempert	Kennesaw State University
J. D. Money	Macon State College
Brandi Wynne	Medical College of Georgia
Eddie Lovett	Middle Georgia College (Cochran)
Chris Coursey	Middle Georgia College (Eastman)
Elizabeth Bradford	North Georgia College & State University
Wali Rasheed	Savannah State University
Kevin Moss	Southern Polytechnic State University
Michael Naghshineh	University of Georgia
Joshua Copeland	University of West Georgia
Jonathan Stroble	Valdosta State University

Al Harris	Armstrong Atlantic State University
Iris Shanklin	Atlanta Metropolitan College
Eddie Howard	Augusta State University
Jenny Greyerbiehl	Board of Regents
Tonya Lam	Board of Regents
Jeff Jacobs	Clayton State University

Angela Avery-Jones	Georgia Perimeter College (Clarkston)
Kaci Wilhite Jones	Georgia Perimeter College (Decatur)
Wesley Thomas	North Georgia College & State University
Ronald Zaccari	Valdosta State University

USG Campuses and Representatives Registered but Not In Attendance

Richard Ringwald	Coastal Georgia Community College
Shannon Hudson	Middle Georgia College (Dublin)

USG Campuses and Representatives Not in Attendance

Darton College  
East Georgia College  
Fort Valley State University  
Gainesville State College (Oconee)  
Georgia Highlands College  
Georgia Perimeter College (Dunwoody)  
Georgia Perimeter College (Lawrenceville)  
Georgia Perimeter College (Rockdale)  
South Georgia College  
Waycross College

**Friday, January 25, 2008**

**6:00pm-6:30pm**      **Check-in**

**6:30pm-6:50pm**      **Welcome**

*President Tricoli and Student Government President Jean-Francois Koly Onivogui, Georgia Perimeter College-Clarkston*

A welcome and introductions were given by Student Government President, Jean-Francois Koly Obivogui. Mr. Koly Onivogui introduced the President of Georgia Perimeter College, Anthony Tricoli. Mr. Tricoli also welcomed the SAC students to the Georgia Perimeter College campus and talked a little bit about what has been happening at GPC and the changes he has been able to make at GPC since becoming the President.

**6:50pm-7:15pm**      **Introductions/Icebreakers**

*Angela Avery-Jones, Georgia Perimeter College-Clarkston*

**7:15pm-8:15pm**      **Question and Answer with Chancellor Davis**

*Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr.*

Chancellor Davis spoke briefly about how happy he was to be at the SAC conference and how glad he was to have the opportunity to meet with the SAC students again this year. He opened up the floor for questions and several topics were discussed including: having a student representative on the legislative budget committee, the energy management initiative being headed up by President Adams from UGA as part of the Chancellor's strategic projects and how the initiative will be funded, how students can be leaders on the topic of energy on their own

individual campuses, the University System of Georgia restructuring of the core curriculum (according to the strategic plan), the new state purchasing card regulations and how those regulations have the potential to affect retention and lastly will the system be planning to open more new campuses to help with the projected enrollment (strategic plan goal #2) or will the system attempt to help smaller campuses in the system get larger.

**8:15pm-9:00pm      Review of 2007-2008 SAC Goals/Committee Work**

*Jeff Jacobs, Clayton State University*

Mr. Jacobs broke up the students into their goals committees and then asked the committee chairs to provide a brief report of what each committee had been working on since the fall SAC meeting. More time was given for committees to meet on Saturday.

**Saturday, January 26, 2008**

**8:45am-9:30am      Teambuilder**

*Eddie Howard, Augusta State University*

**9:15am-9:45am      2007-2008 SAC Goals/Committee Work**

**9:45am-10:00am      Break**

**10:00am-10:45am      SAC Committee Reports**

*Iris Shanklin, Atlanta Metropolitan College*

Each committee gave an update about what they had accomplished so far this semester, what they are currently working on and what they anticipate working on for the remainder of the academic year. Please see the SAC Goals 07-08 document for updates.

Also, Anu Parvatiyar and Eddie Lovett discussed their experiences of attending the Board of Regents meeting in January.

**10:45am-11:30am      Strategic Plan Application/Feedback**

*Wes Thomas, North Georgia College & State University*

Students were provided with a copy of the USG Strategic Plan document ([http://www.usg.edu/regents/strategic/strategic\\_plan2007.pdf](http://www.usg.edu/regents/strategic/strategic_plan2007.pdf))

Regent Potts asked for feedback specifically on the following topics:

- Financial Aid
- Class Availability
- Retention

Mr. Thomas suggested following up with the university president's on campus if they are chairing one of the system-wide projects for the University System of Georgia to get an update on that system-wide project that you can bring to the April SAC meeting. There is a list of the system-wide projects in the Strategic Plan document. One of the system-wide projects not listed

in the Strategic Plan document is the student behavioral and mental health committee being chaired by the president of Clayton State University.

**11:30am-12:30pm Question and Answer with Regent Potts**

*Regent Willis Potts*

Regent Potts talked about the goals and objectives SAC has; Regent Potts believes the goals and objectives SAC has are good. He also talked about how the goals and objectives of SAC tie into the USG strategic plan in ways such as transferability and increased enrollment. Regent Potts asked students to share stories about issues on USG campuses regarding financial aid. He also asked those students who have had good experiences with their financial aid offices to email Tonya Lam those experiences ([Tonya.Lam@usg.edu](mailto:Tonya.Lam@usg.edu)).

Regent Potts asked each SAC student to communicate with him why their individual campus is a great institution and what they like about their campus in an effort to publicize institutions other than the research institutions as the system needs to publicize the other great systems in the state.

Regent Potts talked about and presented the assignment he gave SAC this fall: to dig up data about where the USG institution's tuition rates fall among the 16 southern state's public institution's tuition. The data proves that Georgia has the lowest average tuition rate (for in-state undergraduate tuition) among the 16 southern state's public institutions. One of the students found information that claimed the state of Georgia is ranked 8th in the nation in the lowest average tuition rate.

Regent Potts again asked SAC to gather data about all of the anecdotal information and complaints they have in an effort to legitimize their goals.

**12:30pm-1:30pm Lunch/Institutional Round Tables**

*Al Harris, Armstrong Atlantic State University*

SAC broke up into institutional sizes and discussed issues common to their institutions in an effort to make students aware of the issues faced by each institution size.

**1:30pm-2:30pm Legislative Update/Academic Freedom Presentation**

*Tom Daniel and Sandra Stone, Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia*

Mr. Daniel provided handouts of the Governor's Recommendations for the FY 2009 Budget. He said this information is what the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia will be presenting and advocating for during this year's legislative session. For more information please refer to the memorandum written by the Chancellor and handed out at the conference.

Mr. Daniel also spoke about the recent Board of Regents January retreat, and said there was a lot of discussions focused on how to address the needs of students within the university system. He talked about how the Board of Regents strategic plan is focused on current and future system students. Mr. Daniel also talked about how Chancellor Davis makes time when he visits

campuses to meet with students and how that is a real testament to his ability to be a great Chancellor. He also noted that he personally has had many interactions with individuals in state government who previously served on SAC and how great it is that students on SAC are on SAC.

In terms of legislation, Mr. Daniel spoke about the following:

- Intellectual diversity bill: House Bill 154; not in favor of the bill (chancellor and BOR); are interested in the idea of intellectual diversity, the BOR will be dealing with it internally/administratively instead of asking the general assembly to dictate it for them; wants to limit the general assembly's dictation of how the BOR runs the USG institutions (i.e. the state is trying to dictate what should be happening/creating policies for higher education and the BOR does not want that to happen).
- Carry-forward legislation: legislation addressing being able to carry-forward technology funds and continuing education fees that the BOR does now; the BOR wants to continue to carry-forward those funds
- Optional retirement plan: affects USG employees
- Firearms on campus bill: appears this legislation will not move forward for university system campuses
- A legislative proposal change from age 62 to age 60 regarding: if space is available, institutions allow adults ages 62 and above to attend any USG institution for free (excludes professional schools, currently)
- Following a bill created by the Speaker of the House: about the bridge program: dual diploma (for the 9th graders that begin this year, there is one diploma track); the USG will be following that
- International Baccalaureate-adopt a policy (the BOR will be asked to look at it at the next meeting)

Ms. Stone spoke about academic freedom and asked students to share what experiences they have had on their campuses with the issue of academic freedom or whether or not they have had any issues. Ms. Stone also provided several handouts talking about what the USG currently has as policies about academic freedom and what the American Council on Education has asked institutions to adopt regarding a stance on academic freedom.

**2:30pm-2:45pm      Break**

**2:45pm-3:45pm      What is Your Institution Doing?**

*Angela Avery-Jones, Georgia Perimeter College (Clarkston)*

SAC students shared institutional/organization best practices, campus updates, or innovative programs taking place on their campuses.

- Atlanta Metropolitan College: created a new website ([www.atlm.edu](http://www.atlm.edu)), expanded book program, revised by-laws, enrollment up 3.8%, had meeting with President new parking lot, has a lot going on on campus

- Bainbridge College: February 6th: dancers at noon, February 16th: mid-term study day, February 19th: Black History Trivial Pursuit (10am-2pm), February 26th: soul food (11:30am-1:00pm)
- Gordon College: improve campus, SGA getting a bigger voice, will be serving on President's Council now, new residence halls, new student center, new nursing building, technology center, etc., SGA approving budgets this month, recycling is coming out of SGA now (President says so).
- Kennesaw State University: night escort service (OWL watch), getting football team, building new residence hall in 08, working on voter registration drive, building new parking deck, attended executive budget meeting with President: two main goals, implement 3 semester in advance course scheduling and increase student involvement, new OWL radio
- Middle Georgia College (Eastman): recently joined with Middle Georgia College (became aviation campus of MGC)
- North Georgia College & State University: two construction sites (park and rec deck and media center), adopted a new residence policy (non-military men can now live on campus), staff luncheon for appreciation, doing same thing with faculty this semester
- Clayton State University: SGA hosting student forum with President and Vice Presidents, restructured SGA elections, student housing will open in August, student activities center will also open in August, new science building
- Columbus State University: presidential search committee just began, new buildings: student success center, student rec center (break ground next year), Senate having go green initiative month in March, SGA elections will take place in the next few weeks have a lot of contested elections and are happy to see that, educator of the year, 50th year anniversary, orientation leaders conference being hosted on campus
- Dalton State University: building new parking deck (construction in April or May), building a new bell tower, changed from academic divisions to schools, getting a new college president
- Georgia College and State University: tv's on campus for student advertising, trying to get a fall break, make homecoming a bigger deal (happens in the Spring), they are bringing Sister Hazel on campus, designs and details for Rec Center currently being planned, helping with the advising software, keep university email?, GCSU will get a license plate, purchased a new mascot, trying to install and get students involved in Ruckus, SGA putting out newsletter now, restructured SGA senate-to talk about students needs
- Georgia Gwinnett College: parking deck will not be open until February, started mascot election, breaking new ground on library and student union, purchased a new rec facility and will renovate it, submitted application to SACS and will be voted on June 26th, SACS will visit end of March/early April
- Georgia Perimeter College (Clarkston): we are changing, 20 active clubs that meet weekly-history and politics club bringing political speaker who will predict the national election, academic advising policies and procedures will change
- Georgia Perimeter College (Newton): campus is less than a year old, ideas for homecoming (salsa dance lessons before dance), public safety issues (student cars being booted), encouraged voicing problems with concerns, had variety show on campus for

Homecoming, also using tv's to advertise, had bathroom graffiti (trying to initiate town hall meetings to address concerns)

- Georgia Southwestern State University: recently appointed a new VP for Academic Affairs, preparing first ever coronation ceremony on February 10, 2008 during week of homecoming, trying to encourage political candidates to come to campus (John Edwards came in November)
- Macon State College: started new BA in history, new building, SGA working on book drive for New Orleans (for the 9th ward), growing enrollment, identity of school shifting- SGA working on what it means to be "Macon State College", strengthening student-faculty relationships, working on combining student clubs that are very similar in an effort to increase participation and involvement, joining with nearby restaurants to get discount with student ID, wants feedback from schools who have dances and a debate club
- Middle Georgia College (Cochran): campus growing, doing big ad campaign, building new facilities (baseball and softball facilities, new science wing, nursing building, residence halls), in the process of selecting a new president, approved computer and gaming club, improving town-gown relationships-getting 10% discounts
- Southern Polytechnic State University: campus re-designing entrances, new degrees (electronics, ecology, chemistry, psychology), students battling over a parking deck proposal as students don't want to pay for it, building new engineering building, SGA had money issues this year they spent a lot, write standard operating procedures for budget committee
- University of Georgia: elections in two weeks, increasing drop-add dates, withdraw status concerns, peer advising, Tate II is going up, improving the weight room, wants to get music rooms in the residence halls

**3:45pm-4:00pm      Evaluations and Wrap-Up**  
*Jenny Greyerbiehl, Board of Regents*

Jenny Greyerbiehl thanked Georgia Perimeter College-Clarkston Campus for hosting the Spring 2008 SAC Conference.

Evaluations about the conference were filled out.

A reminder was made about the Transition 2008 SAC Meeting, which will be held on April 18-19, 2008 at Clayton State University.

**4:00pm-4:30pm      Georgia Perimeter College-Clarkston Campus Tour**  
*Student Government President Jean-Francois Koly Onivogui, Georgia Perimeter College-Clarkston*