

SAC Business Meeting

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2011 Winter Meeting

Saturday, Feb. 5,
2011

3 p.m.

Atlanta Metro College

Atlanta, GA

Attendance:

41 delegates representing all 35 institutions were registered. CSU did not arrive.

The following schools were not present for the business meeting:

College of Coastal GA
Columbus State University
GPC—Clarkston
East Georgia College

Agenda Items

1. Update on Board Actions since last meeting
 - a. Introduction of New Regents
 - b. January meeting cancelled, no meeting in December
2. Board Agenda for February—Heidi reviewed the agenda that is posted online.
3. USG SGA Fact Book and Advisor Resource Guide (Heidi) - Heidi has been gathering institutional information for the fact book and it will be available in draft form in a few weeks. She will send it out by e-mail. Also, Heidi put together an advisor resource guide that is similar to what the SGA presidents received at the Fall retreat. This will also be sent out electronically so that advisors have this to assist with officer transitions.
4. Voting on Regent Potts Leadership Award: Martin Erbele, North Georgia College & State University was selected. Recipient to receive award at April Board Meeting.
5. Work Group Reports—Transition Committee discussed ideas for webinars in lieu of April Transition meeting. Suggested we do 2 sessions: One for outgoing and incoming SGA presidents on the experience with SAC and any unfinished business and one for new SGA officers to learn about the retreat and introduce each other.
6. Campus Announcements (see back of agenda)
Following the meeting there will be a presentation by Andrew Wilkinson on study abroad & networking.

Upcoming Dates:

April 15-16 SAC Conf.

Webinars to Replace!!!

-Webinar with Alton on

Chancellor Search TBA

Board Meetings:

Feb. 8-9

March 8-9

April 19-20

*Don't forget to notify Heidi one month in advance if you plan to attend.

USG Student Government Association Announcements

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

1. ABAC SGA is preparing for the return of the ABAC Rodeo!
2. Campout for the Homeless, an SGA event to raise money for a homeless children's shelter, was a success.
3. For semesters to come, ABAC now requires perspective students to submit an SAT or ACT score.
4. Several clubs and organizations have collaborated together to come up with a jam packed Black History Month
5. Students have a new student portal called My ABAC. It allows student to use one username and password to access all of their school accounts. It also allows the student to connect their Facebook and twitter accounts to the page.

Armstrong Atlantic State University

SGA:

- we have increased community service
- pass an restrictive smoking resolution in support of our clean air project. We have teamed up with the faculty senate at Armstrong in efforts to create a cleaner campus.
- We have experience a tremendous turnover in senate position due to graduation, inconsistent class schedule throughout the university.
- We have raised campus moral among the student, and we are working on the faculty and staff member.

University wide:

- Education program finalized accreditation.
- Our student body is becoming well acquainted with newly inaugurated president Linda Bleicken.
- University is experiencing a VPAA search as well as a VPSA search.

Bainbridge College

- SGA hosted our third blood drive of the 2010-2011 school year.
- Bainbridge College's new Student Wellness Center opened its doors to students on January 10. The SGA office is now located upstairs in the new building.
- SGA hosted three "Coffee with Carvajal" events to welcome our new president. These events served as a great opportunity for students to meet our new president in a low power distance situation.
- SGA has put together a full schedule for Black History Month including jazz bands, inspirational speakers, and a soul food luncheon.
- SGA appropriated funds for the study abroad programs at Bainbridge College to Scotland and Belize. Without these vital funds, the trips would have been canceled.
- SGA took part in two community service projects over the Christmas break. We hosted a toy drive for Toys for Tots and took Christmas presents to a local nursing home.

East Georgia College

- November 2010: Began working on projects to promote safe driving and discourage drunk and distracted driving, as part of a grant we received from the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety; hosted an American Red Cross Blood Drive and the Annual EGC Talent Show.
- December 2010: Participated and won 2nd Place in the Swainsboro, GA Christmas Parade with our float "A Bobcat Christmas Tail" and conducted unannounced seatbelt check at EGC's Fall Graduation ceremony as part of our GOHS grant.
- January 2011: Began work on decorations for the Miss East Georgia College Pageant; helped with EGC's Spring Orientation; SGA President Drake Oglesby gave a speech and hosted a Q&A session with incoming freshman and their parents; and planned and executed a "Kickoff to End Drunk and Distracted Driving" party as part of our GOHS grant.

Georgia College

1. Georgia College will host its annual Homecoming celebrations the week of February 14th 2011, with our annual concert featuring B.o.B, Stokeswood, and Playboy Tre on February 17th, LIVE! at Centennial Center at 9pm - Doors Open at 8 p.m. The concert is FREE for all Georgia College students (w/CURRENT Bobcat card) and Other College Students - \$10 (w/ID)! Ticket sales will begin Monday, February 14 in the DEN at the Student Activities Center. Tickets will also be available the day of the event at Centennial Center's box office.
2. We have launched a front campus web-cam so that anyone across the world can see a live feed of our historic front campus at <http://www.gcsu.edu/sga/webcam.htm>.
3. We are in the final stages of installing signage on the Greek houses in the community to identify them with their organization
4. the DEN had a successful Grand Opening following the SAC Conference here last semester and we continue to break attendance records. We will be hosing a series of upcoming events like Grammy Awards, Super Bowl, etc.
5. Plus/Minus Grading System discussions are ongoing
6. Recycling program is in full swing and we are pleased with the progress so far.

Georgia Gwinnett College

- Successful Halloween Party (attendance increased by 400%)
- First Town Hall -- amazing turnout and even better feedback
- Student Center is fully operational (Ribbon cutting this month)
- Printing/Smoking Resolutions passed
- Looking towards an Athletic Program (Students voted on a mandatory student fee for the program and was passed)

Gainesville State (Oconee)

1. We recently held our 3rd town hall meeting, where we unveiled the plans for a purposed new parking deck and building
2. This week we are beginning the process of SGA elections
3. Along with other campus clubs SGA is promoting recycling by collecting from the bins that we purchased
4. We are gearing up for our college's GCLC Conference next Saturday Feb 12th

Georgia Health Sciences University

1. As of February 1, 2011, The Medical College of Georgia is now Georgia Health Sciences University. The SGA supported President Azziz in changing the name.
2. The SGA is drafting a petition to send to local county commissioners supporting the closure of Laney Walker Boulevard, a street that literally cuts the campus in half. The street has been a safety issue with many accidents and one student fatality in the last 2 years.
3. SGA hosted a "Casino night" that was very successful.
4. Plans are being made for updates to the interior and the exterior of the student center.
5. The SGA is hosting a Kickball tournament to benefit the Kids Wish Network.
6. The new dental school construction is nearing completion.

Georgia Perimeter College (Alpharetta)

We had our first successful event during homecoming week and we had roughly 107 attendants. We had our first club form at the Alpharetta Center for GPC, The Juntos Club and awarded them money. On January 28th, the SGA will hold the first College-Wide at the Alpharetta Center. We have a planned Welcome Week event, Movie day, and a Think Fast event for the upcoming months.

Georgia Perimeter College (Dunwoody)

- Speaking to classes about the Student Activity Fee
- Raising Awareness of the Student Government Association
- Conducting Student Surveys
- Working on Smoking Policy for all campuses
- Informing our Student Body about the Hope Scholarship and it's future
- Talking to Legislatures about the 20% budget cuts to the University System

Working with Faculty and Staff to gather Student Information
Reaching out to our Community through service projects and attending monthly meetings.

Kennesaw State University

1. Installing a cap on stipend amounts in our SGA.
2. We are re-visiting the school's smoking policy in order to ameliorate the policy while addressing the concerns students have raised.
3. We recently attended the American Student Government Association (ASGA) national conference in Los Angeles, California. We found this to be highly informative and recommend other SGA's consider attending a conference with ASGA.

Macon State College

Currently have a new Smoking policy as of 1/1/11
President is Soon to Retire
Two more semesters and our Education Building will be finished
Looking for a new Student Life coordinator
Have new sports clubs/teams that have already started playing games

Middle Georgia College (Cochran)

1. We have managed to organize a political events (Meet the candidates of our city commissioner) the events will be a debate that all our community will participate.
2. We have managed to acquire an office full furnished where we meet our students every day.
3. We have a suggestion boxes where our students drops their grievances

Middle Georgia College (Eastman)

Renovated a lounge into a student area. We have a pool table, ping pong table, and aviation simulators.
Installed security video cameras in our student area to prevent theft/damages.
Hosted student events like poker, ping pong, trivia.
Invited the community to our biannual Flight Line picnic where food is served, inflatables are available for play, and our student body builds and flies remote controlled aircraft.
Gotten approval to place both a mailbox and appropriate signage outside our campus' aviation dormitories.
Approved a slight rise (\$1.50 more per credit hour) effective next semester in student fees to build a school-wide contingency fund, instead of increasing in increments over a few years.

North Georgia College & State University

1. Currently searching for a new President to replace Dr. Potter on campus. Search is already in full swing.
2. Recently (upon overwhelming student support) NG updated its campus smoking policy and continued to allow smoking on campus, but with a complete relocation of designated areas to reflect new campus growth and development.
3. In an effort to reduce an increasing number of alcohol related incidents on/off campus, SGA Exec. established a Student Leader Alcohol Task Force. The 12 person group included the leaders of the largest campus communities and organizations. Our recommendations received support from the Leadership Council and are beginning to be put into place now. It was a very successful concept.
4. Attempting to create a bike share program with other green efforts on campus...ANY help on how you got your school to stand behind the concept of recycling/going green would be greatly appreciated. Particularly with the collection of recycling...

Savannah State University

Retracted the proposed New housing Policies
We now have students sitting in every committees on campus to make sure that we are all represented including Student Representation in every Academic Affairs Committee
The Senate is restructured
Fall break back in the calendar
Voted to Increase the Health & Wellness so that WE can have a nurse practitioner on duty all day at the clinic
Voted to Increase Transportation fees to extend the shuttle bus' hours of service and taking students off campus to

local stores and mall.

Together with the Student Body Voted on an Increase of Athletic Fees from 248- 298 starting Fall

Implemented the First Friday initiatives

Hosted a Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week

Academic Advising ("Degree Work " Software)

Voted on having Starbucks coffee in our new student center

Implemented a 'Complaint Form' for student use

Voted on having a the athletic complex

Upcoming Events: The State Of African American Youth: A Town Hall Meeting featuring Mr. Roland S. Martin

March 7th, 2010 at 7pm in Tiger Arena and An Evening with "Spike Lee": America Through My Lens

March 23rd, 2010 at 7pm in Tiger Arena

Waycross College

1. SGA's website is up and running!!! Here is the address: <http://www.waycross.edu/sga/index.htm>

2. We now have extended hours in our Student Services Department...this is due to SGA requesting that they do so!

3. February 10 is Waycross College's first Homecoming Pep rally. We will be having many student activities such as Faculty/Staff vs. Students intramural basketball game and the announcement of the first Waycross College Homecoming Queen and King.

4. February 12 is the actual Homecoming date. During this time we will have Inflatables, disc golf, campus tours, music, free food and we will be recognizing the 20th Anniversary of WC championship golf teams along with our newly elected Homecoming King and Queen.

5. Our 1st girl's softball team starts their season on February 4th.

6. WC Basketball team is 17-4 as they near the end of their 2nd season.

7. SGA elections have started at WC. Our Candidates Forum is February 17 and our elections are being held March 2 and 3. SGA is working with Computer Services to try to set up online voting.