

UNDERGRADUATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AGENDA

Tuesday, September 11th, 2018

- I. Call to Order 7:32 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Moment of Silence

Special remarks by the VPF

IV. Presentations

None

- V. Officer Reports
 - A. Report of the Vice President of Communications, Francis Yang
 - B. Report of the Vice President of Campus Services, Gage Carr
 - C. Report of the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Haigh Angell
 - D. Report of the Vice President of Student Life, Alex Cassado
 - E. Report of the Vice President of External Affairs, Ben Templin
 - F. Report of the Vice President of Internal Affairs, Pooja Juvekar
 - G. Report of the Joint Vice President of Information Technology, Nikita Rajput
 - H. Report of the Joint Vice President of Campus Organizations, Andrew Cahill
 - I. Report of the Joint Vice President of Finance, Vathsan Ramprakash
 - J. Report of the Chief of Staff, Carson Silbert
 - K. Report of the Executive Vice President, Ayodeji Aladesanmi
 - L. Report of the President, Evan Gillon
 - M. Report of the Advisor, VP & Dean John Stein
 - N. Report of the Secretary, Lexie Scott
 - O. Report of the Treasurer, Walker Nance
 - P. Report of the Speaker, Darryl J. Terry, II

Link to full Officer Reports -

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1vhu3N0RS8WyV8WVIjOrYTWOprIy2Ziy6T0mTvFk1RQQ/edit

VI. Open Forum

Rep Knauf - I am your sergeant in arms and I will spend the rest of this semester sitting in this panopticon spot so that I can see all of your laptops. I will be making sure that you are doing sga business during the meetings, not doing homework or being on facebook or shopping for clothes.. Also, you may have seen a petition circulating around about under the couch. They are currently a democratically run student organization within the student center. To ensure that they are going to maintain a student run position in the student center they are asking people to sign this petition. They already have many signatures. I'll put the link in the slack. We have also been talking about forming a new council in the college of computing. It would look at funding and such, kinda like a mini sga. If anybody has any kind of mini sga type orgs within their own majors, come talk to me. We would like to see how other colleges are doing it and get any advice

VII. Roll Call

27 Reps Present

VIII. Approval of the Minutes

Approved

IX. Fast Track

- 19J026 Physicians Assistant Club Author: Sarah Kate Carpenter
- 19J029 Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers National Conf. Author: Toku Shi
- 19J031 Women's Water Polo at GT CWPA Registration Author: Nathan Knauf VOTES: 25:0:0 PASSED

X. Old Business

- 191006 - American Mock Trial Association (AMTA) Dues - Author: Nathan Knauf

Org Rep - Harsha B Sridhar - We are a competitive speaking team that compete in mock cases. This season we are ranked number five in the nation. What we are asking for today is dues to our national association. These are necessary to join competitions. SInce we submitted our bill, our dues were increased to \$200 per member. We have also raised the dues for teams attending our invitational

Rep Knauf - Have ya'll made any attempt at fundraising the member dues?

Org Rep - Ya, we got corporate sponsorships that funded \$2000 last year. We also got the school of Public Policy to fund us. This request is knowing that even with those sponsorships we are dependent on your help.

Rep Hall - I would just like to voice my support for this bill. I am a former mock trial team member. Moc trail pulls from people from every different background. Like the org rep said, they are a very competitive team that goes up against ivy league schools

VOTES: 26:0:0 PASSED

19J028 - Airsoft Club at Georgia Tech Spending Bill 2018 - Author: Sarah Kate Carpenter Org Rep - Troy Zhao - Number one, we want a coaches stipend that was cut from our budget because we weren't deemed to be a competitive organization, even though we are. Our storage locker where we keep a lot of our replicas got broken into. We can't practice or compete without them so we are requesting funding to get rentals in the meantime. We are also requesting amo. For higher power replicas, you need amo with greater density so that it does not shatter inside the replica. We are also asking for CO2 cartridges. The CO2 powers our replicas. We are requesting tickets to a few competitions and transportation fees that we got from using the SGA travel calculator. All competitions we go to have simulated armor vehicles. There have been vehicles in every competition we have been to. To get through the armor you need a different kind of amo. We don't have anything to counter that so we are requesting that as well.

Rep Luehm - What sort of stuff was stolen?

Org Rep - A bunch of members replicas

Rep Luehm - Was any of the stolen stuff stuff you're asking for?

Org Rep - No

Rep Hemrajani - Are the facemasks owned by the club?

Org Rep - Yes, and people who don't' have their own can use them

Rep Romero - what kind of fundraising have you done?

Org Rep - We haven't done any just cause gun shaped objects aren't super popular so we don't want to ask people

Rep Knauf - would all these stay in the storage locker or would members take them home?

Org Rep -Right now we don't want to use our storage area because there's a hole in the roof from the break in. We do fund some replicas and use of personal of personal replicas is encouraged.

Rep Knauf - That would be someone bringing a personal gun to an event?

Org Rep - They will only be used at that club event

Rep O'neil - what is your reason for renting instead of buying?

Org Rep - We are trying to get the insurance money back. We will give the \$900 or so to you guys for the replicas that have been funded by SGA and then the members who had replicas stolen will get the other part of it.

Rep McAlister - can you talk more about what competition looks like for yall?

Org Rep - The bill describes Ironclad 3. *reading of the bill*

Rep Andre - I would like to piggy back over onto the last rep's question... what's the difference in cost between buying and renting?

Org Rep - For it to be competitive replicas could cost up to \$800. We provide around \$200 replicas so that's why we encourage members to bring their own. Rentals are \$55 per use. If we don't get the insurance money back we would come to request funding for the replicas that were stolen.

Rep Andre - How much would you be coming back to us for?

Org Rep - About \$1000

Rep Carpenter - what's the deal with the competitive org status?

VPCO - that status is maintained by the competitive sports office in the crc. They have lots of safety bounds set by this office. Competitive sports orgs have to have things like a Risk Management Officer. But that office decides whether or not an org is a competitive org or not.

Rep Knauf - So um... do you have any insight into why the coaches stipend was struck?

VPCO - I do not know the history of that specific strike

Rep Knauf - Do you know if there was any reasoning for it being struck?

Org Rep - We thought it was a misclassification error. We are classified as a Competitive Sports Organization.

Rep Knauf - Then it seems like we should fund them for the coaches

Rep O'neil - when y'all rent the stuff, where do you keep it?

Org Rep - We rent it at the practice field and give it back to them the same day

Rep Carpenter - you requested \$750 in budget for the coach stipend, but now you are only asking for \$500. Is that for this semester only?

Org Rep - What happened in the price difference... We determined we weren't paying him enough. For the amount of work that he did last semester we thought it would be fair to give him a \$250 raise

Rep Knauf - will you come back for another stipend next semester?

Org Rep - Yes

VOTES: 26:1:2 PASSED

- 19J030 - Georgia Tech Rowing Club Regatta Entry Fee and Travel Bill - Author: Zoe Sieling Org Rep - Galvin Brady and Courtney Smith - I am submitting a bill for items that got struck from our budget last year. We struck line items three and four because we have purchased it. We also don't have as many boats as we thought so we cut down the number going on the Regatta competition trip. This is requesting travel to help mitigate the high dues for our members.

Rep Romero - on line number 5, it says there are 95 but you have 93 members?

Org rep - That is a spring regatta and so we try to predict how many members we would have. Our membership has already gone up to 94

Rep Knauf - can you explain why some are flying?

Org Rep - Because it happens just after the spring semester ends. All students who don't require the time to get back for co ops and classes and things like that we ask to drive, but those who wouldn't be able to make it in time fly.

Rep Knauf - motion to amend per GSS

Rep Butler - what exactly does that mean?

Speaker Terry - That the changes they made in GSS will be applied to this bill **Passed**

VPCO - rowing club is in good standing with the competitive sports office as well

Rep Murphy - I would just like to voice my support for this bill. I always hear wonderful things about the rowing club and the Regattas.

Rep Mcleroy - this may not really matter, but I am a little hesitant about the flying. I don't know that that is where the student activity fee should go with personal problems. I am in favor of the bill but it could be something to discuss

Rep Luehm - motion to strike items 7 and 8

Rep Scott - I am against this motion. We fund tons of other organizations to fly their members to competitions. Also, for students that live outside of Georgia, this competition is after the semester ends and they may not be able to get back if they live far away.

Rep Nance - I would also like to voice my contradiction to this motion. This is an event that occurs after the semester ends. These students are putting aside their time to go represent georgia tech. I am not in favor of striking this travel

Rep Andre - I agree... If you have students that live in New York or something, that is a distance if you are not living in ga.

 $\textbf{Rep O'neil -} I \ would \ like to echo \ the \ previously \ stated. This \ could \ be \ a \ detriment \ to \ out \ of \ state \ students$

Org rep - for line item 8, it is during the semester. We would have to dedicate a week to driving out there and we don't want to take that time away from students education. The other line item is to help students get back in time for classes because this competition will take place just before summer classes start.

Rep Knauf - how many people attended and completed last year?

Org Rep - I can tell you that we sent 9 people to one competition. All 9 competed. We sent 64 to another competition and we only give flying money to those who compete

Failed VOTES: 25:1:1 PASSED

19I032 - GPU Server Part 2 - Author: Nathan Knauf

Org Rep - Arda Pekis - In June we passed a bill for a server. This is part two. I messed up and we are missing these parts. These are basically additional line items. We are called the agency. We are named after intelligence agents. We are the AI machine learning club. We have more members now because the hype has reached all the freshman. We actually overloaded one of our meetings last week. On wednesday we give lessons and then we let students try out the tasks. We need an expensive server. We have some projects planned for this semester after we get the server running. **Rep Carpenter -** you said the COC would do a third of the cost, will you be good if we reduce it to 2/3rs?

Org Rep - We are already requesting 2/3rds

Rep Romero - you don't request dues?

Org Rep - No, we became an SGA org last semester. We didn't have dues before. We are still dual chartered with the COC and SGA. We will consider adding dues but it is too late in this semester. We don't really have stuff to offer our members. We don't have competitions or travel around. We do things that don't' really need money so we don't have a good case to ask people for money

Rep Mcelroy - i don't know what these things are but will they last?

Org Rep - Per the CO rules we are planning to use them for at least three years

Rep Knauf - some context... there are tons of COC organizations and they get funding from there. They get pizza which is great. To give some context, we have homework assignments about how to train AI and those can take up to 10 hours on laptops. For a lot of the projects they have been working on they will need dedicated machinery for.

Rep Luehm - motion to amend per JFC

Passed VOTES: 28:0:0 PASSED

19J033 - Scheller Marketing Association National Member Dues - Author: Davon Prewitt

Org Rep - Trisha Hariani - To be an official national chapter our members have to pay \$50 in dues and we can go to case competitions where we represent ga tech. We also do a tour and networking night once a semester. We are asking that you cover the \$50 dues for our members.

Rep Luehm - are these for being part of the American Marketing association necessary for your club to function?

Org Rep - Yes, we can't call ourselves an official chapter unless we pay these

Rep Hemrajani - what benefit does it give the club?

Org Rep - Like I said, we get to go to those competitions

Rep Knauf - is the way the national org structured so that you have to pay a minimum amount of member dues?

Org Rep - I'm not sure what the minimum is

Rep Huang - I see you have \$6000 in sponsorship. Is that not used for this?

Org Rep - We use most of it for space rentals and parking for events

Rep Bowing - where are you holding these meetings?

Org Rep - In scheller which is free, but once a semester we host a networking event at the GT hotel which we have to pay to rent out

Rep Murphy - This is probably a stupid question but is this the same as GTMA?

Org Rep - Yes

Rep Huang - why don't you host a networking event in the scheller lobby?

Org Rep - It's not as big. We get a really big room in the GT Hotel. Also, they haven't always been available. We have looked into some other spaces on campus. Also people can walk in and out and it's not as professional

Rep Carpenter - would scheller fund you?

Org Rep - I'm not sure but I could look into that

Rep Luehm - can you talk more about what your club brings to the gt community at large?

Org Rep - Anyone interesting in marketing can come learn about marketing. It's really a place to help develop students professionally

Rep Knauf - I am a member of an org that has member and national dues. We just require as few as possible to pay national dues. They could move money around by holding their events somewhere else

Rep Knauf - Motion to strike line item 1

Rep Manson - would it be possible to amend the quantity to the minimum number to remain a national chapter?

Rep Knauf - we'd need to know the number

Rep Hemrajani - is there such a number?

Org Rep - I'm not sure but I can check on that

Rep Knauf - whatever the number is I would say it is within their ability to have their members pay for it

Rep Murphy - I would like to postpone this one week until they have those numbers

SOFO - When you read the bill, they are requesting money to pay for their membership. There are dues to be part of the GT org and then \$50 for national dues. They are requesting it because they believe students don't have the money to pay for it. If we see this as a registration, they already got the \$1000 cap in budgets. When they submit a bill now they are asking for members, not just participating in the competition. You can't fund it now. What SGA funds is the dues for participating in the competition. What they are asking is paying for students to represent themselves so we can't fund it. If you try to, all the greek orgs can come and ask for funding for national chapter memberships and you can't say no.

Rep Andre - So you're saying there is no doubt you can't fund them?

SOFO - This one is against the JFC policy

Rep Hemrajami - is there a process to pay dues as a chapter instead of by individual members?

Org Rep - No you have to pay as your members sign up. To be a chapter you have to say that this many many members have joined and will pay dues.

Rep Knauf - so the \$1000 in your budget, did that go to members dues?

Org Rep - We started out with that because we did not know how many members we would have but it will be for individual memberships

Rep Knauf - I think that budgetary allocation was an error

Rep Bohling - have any of your members already paid these dues?

Org Rep - Yes

SOFO- When they presented the budgets, they did it as registration. If we find out it is for membership we will say we cannot reimburse it. There is no way we can pay for it

Rep Mcleroy - What is the difference between striking and failing?

Speaker Terry - You want to fail the bill

Rep Huang - we all now know about where we stand on this issue now and that we can't fund it

Rep Huang - Motion to call the question

Passed

Passed

Rep Huang - motion to call the question

passed VOTES: 0:28:0 FAILED

XI. New Business

- 19J*** Cycling Collegiate Track National Championships
- 19J*** Funding for participation in cricket tournaments
- **19J***** Ramblin' Raas Season Expenses 18-19
- 19J*** Taal Tadka SoJam (A Cappella Conference)
- 19J*** Taal Tadka Recruitment Concert
- 19|*** Men's Club Volleyball Uniforms
- 19J*** Satrangi Fall Costume Costs
- **19I***** VSA Moon Festival
- 19J*** Alternative Service Breaks Fall Break Trips
- 19J*** Club Unicycles
- 19J*** Away Games at USC, UA
- **19J***** Georgia Tech Astronomy Club Trips
- 19J*** 46th Annual NOMA International Conference & Design Competition
- 19J*** Men's Lacrosse Equipment 2019
- 19I*** SAISA Match Racing Championship Travel
- 19J*** Men's Basketball Coach Stipend

XII. Announcements
XIII. Presidential Review
XIV. Adjournment - 9:34 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Representative Scott Student Body Secretary