



**UNDERGRADUATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
MINUTES**

*Tuesday, October 30th, 2018*

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Presentations**  
NONE

**IV. 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 Membership Chair**, Madhu Baskaran
- O. **Report of the Secretary**, Lexie Scott
- P. **Report of the Treasurer**, Walker Nance
- Q. **Report of the Speaker**, Darryl J. Terry, II

Link to the full officer reports can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xqvebhhDvyCcrccy8KCGIvVxEYr1xgdolyO6BTnhIqO/edit#slide=id.p1>

**V. Open Forum**

**Rep Grey** - I know I have no reason to do this, but I wanted to say that I have a friend that attempted suicide and luckily didn't succeed. It was a result of a memo that recently came out saying that gender aligns strictly with what you are assigned at birth. That really affected me, being sent to a Pray the Gay away camp in the past. All of that is to say that I will no longer be standing for the pledge of allegiance. I also feel that we shouldn't have the pledge of allegiance anymore because we do have a lot of international students as well and I just don't feel comfortable pledging allegiance to this country when it is marginalizing the LGBTQIA population.

**Rep Romero** - The observatory is working to make it accessible to more people. If you have connections or resources, please let me know

**VI. Roll Call**

**36 MEMBERS PRESENT**

**VII. Approval of the Minutes**  
**Approved**

**VIII. Fast Track**

- **19J105** - Table Tennis - Baskets for Multi-ball Training - **Author: Madhumita Baskaran**
- **19J110** - GT Bhangra - Travel - **Author: Ria Thakkar**
- **19J126** - Women's Club Soccer - Travel to Regionals - **Author: Emily Dykstra**

**VOTES: 35:0:0**  
**PASSED**

**IX. Old Business**

- **19J100** - SGA - "Revolutionaries" Lecture Series Bill 2018 - **Author: Zoe Sieling**  
**Rep Kabariti** - I am the Chair of Student Faculty Relations. Exec wants to create a change of culture and our committee is trying to create that through an inspiration initiative. We want to bring some of the best faculty forward. Revolutionaries, Lecture series with three speakers per series. It's going to be up to 250 people in the academy of medicine. They offered us a great deal and parking places for the faculty coming. Dr. Mostafa, Dr. Ashok (created a virtual TA), and Dr. Younan Xia (5th most cited professor in the world), Dr. Dunham-Jones, Congressman Sam Nunn, Dr. Cobb, and finally Dr. Hu. This is the cost of the venue booking for all three days.  
**Rep Grey** - Do you have any way of including distinguished members of our faculty that are not in STEM Fields  
**Org Rep** - We tired. We reached out to Dr.'s in Business and LMC but when we discussed how we wanted to divide up the day... we didn't want to have two speakers to speak on the same topic.  
**Rep Choudhury** - time  
**Org Rep** - 6pm  
**Rep Grey** - While I appreciate the idea, I feel very strongly that one of GT's bigger issues is its focus on stem and only stem and neglecting the arts. While I like the idea, I don't feel that I can vote for this in good conscious because I don't fee  
**Rep Luehm** - You have someone from school of Architecture?  
**Org Rep** - Yes  
**Rep Luehm (hereafter referred to as "Rep Eazy-E")** - I am under the understanding that the school of Architecture is a more art focused  
**Rep Hemrajani - Motion to amend per JFC**  
**Passed**  
**Rep Kimar** - I heard a couple of these professors speak and they are truly inspiring. I walked out of there genuinely curious about what they did. Dr. Cobb brought in a lot of artistic concepts in her environmental theory with social media and things like that. I fully support this bill  
**Rep Grey** - I truly want to like this bill, however with my best friend being a masters in architecture and that is Suffering = Success. One of the biggest issues that I would like to touch on is expanding empathy and our ideas about the world... I might be wrong but I don't feel that there is enough there to change the culture. That is my issue with it and I would wish and hope that we could expand that into those fields  
**Rep Huang** - I think there was a very strong attempt to bring that into this event. Considering all the work the representative has done, I think it fills a need that we already have. There may be other needs that need to be addressed but that could be addressed in other events. There has been a proven need and desire for this.  
**Rep Knauf - motion to call the question**  
**Passed**  
**VOTES: 36:1:2**  
**PASSED**
- **19J109** - Film Club - Filmmakers @ GT Equipment - **Author: Madhumita Baskaran**  
**Org Rep - Zhihao Wang** - We are pretty new org on campus. We started last semester. We have 54 current active undergrad members. We mainly run as a production club that focuses on collaboration between members and peer mentorship. We don't have professionals that teach filmmaking so we teach each other. We submit to film festivals every year to bring Tech more into the limelight of the film industry. We also do a lot of community work. We want to help other orgs on campus filming things they need. We are starting a new initiative where we go to underserved communities and bringing film to them to help express themselves in different ways. We have raised 3000 worth of equipment. We are looking for 2000 more to finish up our equipment kit. This would help us give our members a way to constantly be able to make films without having to

worry about not having access to the equipment. We would like to push to override the 2/3rds rule because most of our items do need to last. As a small org that is relatively new, we don't have a means to fund it ourselves.

**Rep Scott** - Film Lab Cameras?

**Org Rep** - We have been doing that for the last semester but the problem that arise is that the equipment that is set out for people who are in classes. We don't have any priority over that. Our advisor is the head of department at Georgia Tech so we have . Hugely under funded. We have looked for as many different funding opportunities as possible

**Rep Knauf** - Have you interacted at all about storage

**Org Rep** - We have storage but not equipment

**Rep McLeroy** - if we could only fund the 2/3rd

**Org Rep** - We would have to find funding for that 2/3rds and it's going to be awhile before we can do that. This year is a big year for us because we want to help other orgs film their projects. We do a big production every year to push GT into things like Sundance

**Rep McAllister** - you have 54 members, why no dues?

**Org Rep** - We don't have an SGA budget and so we aren't required to. Since we are new, we don't have the equipment to sustain a club so we didn't feel it was

**Rep Grey** - as an underserved population, and having potentially non stem related. I think this is a valiant club and we should support it wholeheartedly. Underserved populations may want to participate in this club. I would like to ask them to set up a way of funding, but an option to opt out if you can't afford it.

**Rep Scott** - departmental funding?

**Org Rep** - I feel like this bill would help the filmmaking community. They are filming for other orgs so it does have a broader reach

Motion to waive article 8 of JFC Policy to allow for full funding

**Rep Eazy-E** - Representative Eazy-E. I am a big fan of this club and I like what they are doing here. I would love for them to get the 2000, but just since we like what a club is doing doesn't mean we should waive JFC policy

**Rep Holstein** - we need to consider precedent because if we do it because we support and organization

**Rep Grey** - I think it is silly to think that our opinions of the club has no say on how much we fund it. I think that is a silly policy. That would be zero tolerance. If other clubs come in and ask for the same, we would expect to look at the . It would be nonsensical to ask for more money than you need

**Rep Knauf** - if we support a club, we pass a bill. I do not like the attitude of giving them more money . If they need more equipment they can come back and ask for more

**Pres Gillon** - A long standing saying in UHR is the main purpose is to gauge whether or not it is a good use of the Student Activity Fee and not the Merit of the Organization. I would be weary of going into that territory

**Rep** - I spoke to this org previously and they said they couldn't function as an org if this is not put through. I feel that essentially, we are deducing some of the money they could have added. To save them time, they wanted to get full funding

**Rep Hemrajani - motion to call the question**

**Passed**

**Failed**

**Rep Knauf** - given the info that we would love to invest more into the club, would you potentially like to delay this to come up with amendments to this bill

Sure

**Rep Knauf - Motion to postpone one week**

**Passed**

**POSTPONED**

- **19J119** - BAPS Campus Fellowship - GT Diwali: In the Joy of Others (Kindheartedness) - **Author:**

**Nilay Mehta**

Speaker Terry will cast his vote to be the tie breaker since

**Speaker Terry** - negative

**Holstein** - the speaker can only vote on undergrad bills

Where is that in policy

It is in the bylaws

It says the speaker casts the tie breaking vote but doesn't say anything about the type of bill

**Rep Holstein - motion to lay on the table**

Rep Mehta - the org said they decided that they didn't want to move forward with this bill. They wanted me to postpone indefinitely.

We have to have the vote to be final

Rep Grey - Considering the aforementioned, we should reject that motion and vote to delay it indefinitely

Passed

13:14:8

Rep Holstein - motion to postpone indefinitely

- **19J120** - Phi Beta Sigma - Ms. Phi Beta Sigma Pageant - **Author: Danae Manson**  
**Org Rep - Jefferson Patz** - we are delaying this a week so I'm not entirely sure why I'm here  
**Rep Eazy-E - motion to postpone one week per unanimous consent**  
**Passed**  
**POSTPONED**
  
- **19J123** - Theta Chi - Rise Against Hunger with Theta Chi Event Funding - **Author: Connie Huang**  
**Rep Huang - motion to postpone the bill one week**  
**Passed**  
**POSTPONED**
  
- **19J124** - Wreckless - 1st not annual Harvest Festival - **Author: J. Tommy Clark**  
**Org Rep - Paulina Locicero and Rhett Redshaw** - We are a positive mental health organization on campus. We throw substance free events for students on campus so they don't feel pressure to consume substances. We are asking for funding for an event on November 8th. We are asking for a booth at the fall festival.  
**Rep Grey** - I have a concern and perhaps an alternative. There is a plague going around campus and it is terrible and bobbing for apples is something I'm concerned about because that . Jack O'Lantern carving or something. Is there any way that you can amend this with an alternative?  
**Org Rep** - There is a way we can make it so that it is sanitary. We could use hands instead of mouth and have hand sanitizer there  
**Rep Grey** - I feel that you should change it. At that point it is just nonsensical. I have  
**Rep O'Neill** - what is the corn and doughnuts and pie for?  
**Org Rep** - The corn is for ring toss. Pies and doughnuts were originally going to be for an eating contest but we are not using SGA funds for those  
**Rep McLeroy** - food not intended for human consumption  
**Org Rep** - There is a \$50 cap. We changed it to  
**Rep Caruso** - Where will this event be held?  
**Org Rep** - Tech green  
**Rep Jain - motion to amend per JFC per unanimous consent**  
**Passed**  
**Rep Grey** - I really like this bill and after hearing that the org rep is going to explore an alternative to Plague Spreading  
**Rep Hemrajani** - So seeing the nature of the bill, if you were to move this to JAC, would they have to come to a Thursday meeting before you guys said yes to it  
**Rep Eazy-E** - I don't know that we can move the account to JAC. It is under 10000 but I think they would have to submit and be heard on thursday  
**Rep Hemrajani** - I would not like to move it to jac because of time sensitivity  
**Rep Knauf** - I don't think it is good for JAC, but I think it's a great idea  
**Rep O'Neil** - You guys said that you weren't going to be doing apple bobbing, seeing as they can't eat them, would they just be walking up  
**Org Rep** - We could do dry bobbing for apples  
**Rep Grey** - dry bobbing for apples does not mean you won't get . Could you please amend this to jackolantern carving  
**Org Rep** - with the dry bobbing, we can replace the apples.  
You still will have saliva in the tub. It's a bad idea. Please don't do this  
**VPF** - we talked about this in JFC. The primary intent of the apples is organization and they are trying to get them. It just so happens that they eat it too  
**Rep Knauf** - For concerns about sanitation... food not intended for human consumption does not specify what food so they could get other . It's a prop and an activity. It could be eaten as a secondary purpose

**Rep Eazy-E** - I am in favor of plague spreading and there should be an option for those who do not want to contract the plague, maybe dental dams

**Rep McAllister - motion to call the question**

**Passed**

**VOTES: 36:0:0**

**PASSED**

- **19J125 - HyperJackets - Vehicle Parts Phase 1 - Author: Nitin Jain**

**Org Rep - Matthew Corrado** - We are GT Hyperloop design competition team. It is sometimes referred to as the fifth mode of transportation. It is a vehicle propelled through a vacuum tube. There is lots of research into developing these vehicles, but we want to compete in California. We are currently designing and manufacturing one of these Pods on campus. We have students in the College of Engineering, Computing, and possibly Business. We are trying to find some of the parts we are needing to start the manufacturing process. Some of these are our first control system electronics, batteries, radio networks for communication with the vehicle during the competition, power supplies for testing, and the electric motors powering the vehicle.

**Rep Grey** - From my background in medicine, there was a 2017 policy that required women and minorities in research studies. I have heard there is a lack of addressing the needs of those that are marginalized and can't afford certain things. Is there an attention or could you make one to address these concerns to address that problem

**Org Rep** - Most of that question is outside of the scope of what we are trying to accomplish right now. Soon there will be a stronger push to put humans in these vehicles but right now it's more about developing the vehicles and tracks. It would be appropriate going forward to make it a concern of ours.

**Rep Grey** - feminist theory states that technology is built in a certain way that inherently disenfranchises certain people. Jet Engine Cockpits have been designed for men and has prohibited women in the field because. I would encourage you in these early phases to incorporate the needs of the marginalized into this technology

**Org Rep** - I think we can start to think about those things.

**Rep Andre** - Why is it five motors?

**Org Rep** - It is dictated by the power requirements of the vehicle

**Rep Andre** - It will be all five operating at once

**Org Rep** - Yes,

**Rep Eazy-E** - how early in the design process are you currently

**Org Rep** - The comp was announced in August and our preliminary designs are due at the end of this week. Towards the end of the semester we will be working towards our final design. The spring semester will be manufacturing

**Rep Eazy-E** - Will you need funding later on

**Org Rep** - We will need a little bit more when we finalize other components. We have reached out to several corporate sponsors. Last year we did have a few that were interested in funding us if we make it to the final stages of the competition

**Rep Eazy-E** - This is really cool and I am excited. Will you come to us for more funding if you need it

**Rep Knauf** - what was the thought process between the 12 per semester dues

**Org Rep** - We are a new organization. We are planning to submit a budget. Since we are a competitive team, it would raise our dues to 15 per semester. Next semester we will be increasing from 12 to 25 to give our members a work up to that 50. That is still in the worlds

**Rep Knauf** - have you reached out to other SCC teams?

**Org Rep** - Yes, we have found out it is pretty difficult to get started as one of these organizations. We do have the makerspace for low level building but we are trying to secure more space. We are collaborating with GTMS.

**Rep Knauf** - is it a single user pod or multi passenger

**Org Rep** - It will have no humans on board or space for a human. Once we can get it to go at high speeds then we can look at that. It essentially just has bare components to make it as light as possible

**Rep** - What is the majority of your org

**Org Rep** - As per last semester 50 mechanical, aerospace, ECE

**Rep** - Are you pursuing other students in recruiting

**Org Rep** - We are primarily undergrad, but we have been working with a grad projects that is closely related. We have been working with their laboratory

**VOTES: 35:0:0**

**PASSED**

- **19J127** - Men's Water Polo Club - Flight Tickets to CWPA National - **Author: Akarsh Hemrajani**  
**Rep Nance - motion to postpone indefinitely**  
**Passed**  
**POSTPONED**
  
- **19J122** - Invention Studio - Software Required for Operation Fall 2018 - **Author: J. Tommy Clark**  
**Org Rep - Walker Poole** - We are the invention studio and we are an entirely student run maker space. Anyone on campus can come in and use our tools for free. We get lots of people from every department. We are run entirely by volunteers. They help people use the tools and make sure they are using them safely. We get a lot of funding from the Mechanical Engineering department. If we want to buy things outside of Buzzmart, as P-card is phasing out, we can't buy things that aren't on buzzmart. We would have to get a student to buy one of these and wait a couple months like an interest free loan and hopefully get reimbursed. We wanted to get funding in a different way so we don't hurt those that are volunteering their time to the invention studio. One of these items is a tour coordinator. Today we had over 50 middle schoolers in our space. We have a couple per day at least. The other is a way to email to a lot of people. That tells them things that are upcoming. This week we have LGBT night and several workshops. This is a major way that we interact with campus.  
**Rep Grey** - when is the LGBT night?  
**Org Rep** - It might be tonight, but if you go to our events night  
**Rep Grey** - Could you have another night not on SGA  
**Org Rep** - Sure thing  
**Rep Hemrajani** - why not use mailchimp?  
**Org Rep** - I think it's because of our Director of Communications said the number of users we're sending out and formatting that fits with our branding. It send to several thousands  
Have you looking into how other tier II  
**Rep Scott** - listserv  
**Org Rep** - We have one for our volunteers. It's not all GT emails. Today they teachers needed to be brought into the loop  
**Rep Grey** - I loved how prepared the speaker was and I think this is a good use  
**Rep Choudhury** - the org rep mentioned how both of the line items help in retaining volunteers and building strong relationships. I think it is important for us to support that.  
**Rep Knauf** - I was concerned about the Mailchimp caps out at 2000 for free and then after that is similar pricing.  
**Rep Murphy** - Mailchimp is fine, but if you have an org that touches a lot of students and people outside of GT, we should enable them to have the software that helps them do that efficiently  
**VOTES: 34:0:0**  
**PASSED**
  
- **19U012** - SGA- SGA Week Materials - **Author: Kelly O'Neal**  
**VP Juvekar** - This is the funding bill for SGA week. That is next week so get excited. This is a bill for funding tabling materials.  
**Rep Grey** - do you think this is a good use of the SAF  
**VP Juvekar** - Yes  
**Rep Manson** - do bills out of ULR need to meet JFC policy  
**Speaker Terry** - No  
**Rep Romero** - what are the hot chocolate mixing cups for? Hot chocolate with a police officer... I don't see the point  
**VP Juvekar** - it is hopefully for engaging students and cultivating conversation. The hot chocolate is to get the original buy in  
**Rep Hemrajani** - Can we add apple cider for people that are vegan  
**VP Juvekar** - Yes  
**Rep Grey** - Coffee?  
**VP Juvekar** - Great questions, I'm up for all beverages that are warm and seasonal. Contact francis  
**Rep Eazy-E - motion to add line item 17, Coffee and Apple Cider, \$50**  
**Passed**  
**VOTES: 33:0:0**

**PASSED**

- 19U013 - Resolution Affirming Separation of Powers - Nate Knauf

**Pres Gillon** - the speaker can't author bills

**Rep Knauf - motion to assume autorship**

**Passed**

**Rep Nance - motion to pass per unanimous consent**

**Pres Gillon** - there is a few . one week advance public notice. If this was discussed in executive session, that is a misuse of executive session. I don't have problem with changing the bylaws and that needs to be a public conversation.

**Motion Withdrawn**

**Rep Grey - motion to postpone one week**

**Rep Knauf** - I was absent last week, was this discussed in exec session?

**Speaker Terry** - I can't answer that

**Pres Gillon** - I know you talked about it in exec session and that is an issue. Bylaws changes are permanent and they last forever. I would say get some larger organizational input . That could mean differences midway through they year. Feel free to reach out for questions

**Rep Butler** - there is language in this document restricting it to this school year, therefore it won't carry on to later bodies.

**Rep Knauf** - I support the content of this change but I have concerns about it not following the proper . Skeptical about it not being published in advance and I would like to look into the Roberts Rules of putting temporary changes on the bylaws

**Rep Murphy** - I support the general message of the bill, but I support postponing it one week just to make sure we are in line with SGA policy in general

**Passed**

**Rep Knauf - motion to enter executive session**

Rep Grey - propose a bill to no longer do the pledge of allegiance

You have to state a purpose

Rep Knauf - to learn what was said in the previous executive session

**Gutta**

**X. Executive Session**

**Rep Thakkar elected to JAC**

**XI. Return to Old Business**

**Rep Grey - authoring bill to abolish the saying of the pledge at the beginning of the session.**

Reasons for this... I personally have had multiple people talk about how they desire suicide right now because of the memo that came out form the current administration. Since GT has many international students, I don't think it makes sense to say the pledge of allegiance anymore at the beginning of our sessions. I think it would be more appropriate

**Rep Knauf** - if people are going to argue over this, I think it is necessary to draw up language around it.

**Rep Knauf - Motion to postpone one week**

**Passed**

**POSTPONED**

**XII. New Business**

- **19J128 - \*\*\*JAC REQUEST\*\*\* Nap Pods for Student Center - Author: Evan Gillon**

**XIII. Announcements**

Dramatech show

How do you feel about dining - oneil

Andre - obama

Chucking pumpkins

Haunted house

**XIV. Presidential Review**

**XV. Adjournment - 10:08 pm**