



**UNDERGRADUATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

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- V. Open Forum**
 - **Sean Alexander**: I'm the Chair of internal restructuring, if you have questions please ask! I just wanted to plug my committee.
- VI. Roll Call**

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VII. Fast Track

VIII. Old Business

- a. [21J015](#) Resolution on the Safety of Students and Workers - **Author: AJ Joshi**
- i. **Rep Joshi:** I'm going to yield to Rep Hobbs who is a co-author of the bill
 - ii. **Rep Hobbs:** This bill is a joint resolution to make requests to admin in response to covid and express actions in student interests. We have to move students off campus, many other schools are beginning to move online, we should offer future and compensative hazard pay, cancelling sports, urging a pass/fail decision.
 - iii. **Rep Alexander:** Some of these things seem unfeasible.
 - iv. **Rep Hobbs:** There are more factorea at play at a system level and a institute level, but this is important to represent student sentiment
 - v. **Rep Shirk:** Do you have plans on how to get admin to do the things you're requesting? They've previously denied or not been able to fulfill similar requests.
 - vi. **Rep Hobbs:** This is a first step to opening the conversation with admin to find a common ground between admin's agenda and student interests. We want to express student interests and then ask how we can work wiht admin to find a solution
 - vii. **Rep Paturi:** Refunds on tuition / pro-rated tuition - is this realistic?
 - viii. **Rep Hobbs:** There are many students who couldn't be on campus. In some capacity, charging full tuition and housing has put pressure on students who are here to stay. As we seem to be inching towards moving fully online, are we going to be recompensated? The idea is that students arent getting the same product offering and should be compensated.
 - ix. **Rep O'Neal:** You've said students support this sentiment, were any surveys conducted? Is there any data to back this up?
 - x. **Rep Hobbs:** This is more of a quick response of actions that would best suit the most vulnerable than a developed representation of student opinion. The idea is to make it the safest for the lowest common denominator. For example, out of thin air students weren't allowed to get a refund on housing recently.
 - xi. **Rep Alexander:** I agree with the previously stated: some of my constituents are on campus and want to stay here so there might be value is separating this out to separate resolutions. If that could be a friendly amendment.
 - xii. **Rep Hobbs:** I agree there may be value in splitting it up as there are many topics in one umbrella
 - xiii. **Rep Kandarpa:** I'm not sure what my constituency says on the issue, so I think I would like to table. Are you open to making the language more friendly to admin?
 - xiv. **Rep Hobbs:** Certainly I am interested in feedback on the bill
 - xv. **Rep Rege:** Yield to interim VP of External Affairs
 - xvi. **VP External Affairs:** One of my committees is specifically engineered to conduct thorough, unbiased, random sampling. We can start to have metrics as soon as next week, please reach out if you have interest in conducting
 - xvii. **Speaker:** Move into discussion
 - xviii. **Rep Joshi:** The bill is more than symbolic, it's a benchmark for how administration is failing us
 - xix. **Rep Shirk:** I think if we ask for more actionable things we'll see more of a response
 - xx. **Rep Alexander:** I think this bill would be better if it was divided into separate resolutions, I know some of my constituency wouldn't agree with certain parts
 - xxi. **Rep Paturi:** I don't find this language feasible.
 - xxii. **Rep Kandarpa:** More specific language
 - xxiii. **Rep So:** I understand the sentiment, immediate action is needed

xxiv. **Rep O'Neal:** The one concern I have is that we're making a statement saying what we feel but not how to come up with a means to an end. Historically, ambiguity has prevented our resolutions from coming to fruition.

xxv. **Rep Al-Aidi:** [Point of Information] what's the process to amend

xxvi. **Speaker:** Express interest in changes, move to make certain specific amendment

xxvii. **Rep Joshi:** I want to speak on specifics of the bill instead the tone or the need to divide it up, specifically regarding the SSM population that needs support and has been demonstrably forced into hazardous working conditions without adequate protection or hazard pay.

xxviii. **Rep O'Neal:** There's a conflict in the bill between things like decreasing occupancy on campus (thusly decreasing the and increasing support for RAs

xxix. **Rep Gupta:** This bill is vague.

xxx. **Rep Joshi:** I don't think data is needed for everything to best represent student interests, but I think we're talking a lot about dividing it up and about the language so I'd like to move to table it.

xxxi. **Rep Shirk:** Seconded

xxxii. **Rep Gupta:** If we do table it, what changes can we see?

xxxiii. **Rep Joshi:** [Point of Order] is that a direct question to the author?

xxxiv. **Speaker:** it needs to be directed to the author for it to be a direct question.

xxxv. **Rep Hobbs:** we will be working on the resolution and collecting data this week

xxxvi. **Rep So:** Yield to GSS Sen Pailoor

xxxvii. **Sen Pailoor:** This was made in rapid response to administrative shortcomings. I can see how the language would need clarification or modification, I am prepared to work on an amendment.

xxxviii. **Rep Joshi:** call to question

xxxix. **Rep Shirk:** second

xl. MOTION TABLED

b. **21U003** 2020 Executive Cabinet Appointments - **Author: Brielle Lonsberry**

i. **President:** I'd like to reiterate some questions & answers. 2 members are IFC, 1 CPC, and 1 NPHC. 3 members of the cabinet are from our campaign team, 1 from an opposing team. The person who did not accept was for a personal reason. I'd like to reiterate that everyone is doing a phenomenal job.

ii. **Rep O'Neal:** As the Interim Campus Service is graduating in December, what's the transition plan?

iii. **President:** I have discussed with the EVP and chief of staff, and we're holding onto VP Campus Services for as long as possible and then following SGA bylaws. We hope to make the appointment 3-4 weeks before the end of the semester so that there's an adequate transition time.

iv. **Speaker:** Moving into discussions

v. **Rep Shirk:** I was able to talk to 1 or 2 vps and I am impressed and ready to vote them in.

vi. **Rep O'Neal:** We may have to waive bylaws for VP campus services with the definition of what a term is.

vii. **President:** I think the meaning behind that is that a term is a year long.

viii. **Rep Joshi:** Yield time to Caleb Torres to explain his term this summer and his plans as Chief of Staff

ix. **Interim chief of staff:** This summer has been very different, I've supported cab members and held all our meetings.

x. **Rep Joshi:** Yield time to Jackson Caruso to explain his term this summer and his plans as VP of Academic Affairs

xi. **Interim VP Academic:** Over the summer I was on the academic restart task force for Covid-19 respons (which discussed the formats classes are held in, the way LLCs are

structured, what goes on course syllabi, etc.) I got involved in the academics freshman year. I served as VP of Comms last year which pulled me away from academics but that position let me communicate with students and explain their rights. I was a member of the Institute Undergraduate Academic committee. I hope to find a silver lining out of COVID with expanded course offerings. There's also a new academic advising platform being launched. Personal finance course offerings are being developed.

- xii. **Rep Gupta:** Jackson reached out and asked if I had any concerns and I appreciate that
- xiii. **Speaker:** Yield to Joyce Karanouh-Schuler to explain her term this summer and her plans as JVP of Campus Organizations.
- xiv. **Interim JVP Campus Orgs:** This summer I worked with Pride Alliance & other underserved orgs, put out RSO & virtual engagement guide, looked for storage space for orgs, and worked with sports orgs to get proposals passed. I hope to work on the Leader Summit (prev Presidents Summit.) Last year, I was the VP of Internal Affairs - I understand the issues. I'm involved with orgs like SCPC, Phi Mu, and more. I'm a people-person so I form relationships with leaders. For example, the swim club president correspond frequently. I have an indepth understanding of orgs, and I want to understand what impacts RSO policy changes will have. I hope to have improved communication by proactively reaching out to orgs.
- xv. **Speaker:** Yield time to Emmet Miskell to explain his term this summer and his plans as VP of Campus Services.
- xvi. **Interim VP Campus Services:** Last year I was executive president of RHA and have been deeply involved with them since my freshman year. I have worked with the CRC, new housing maintenance, served on 13 advisory boards. I helped to write the strategic plan for Georgia Tech. I want to make sure that we do not have to go through the hoops we had to in the Spring to this semester.
- xvii. **Speaker:** Yield to Grace Swift to explain her term this summer and her plans as VP of Communications
- xviii. **Interim VP Comms:** I run all SGA social media accounts, work on press releases, reach out to students, and write newsletters. I was a freshman rep last year, and was on comm relations and gov relations committees. I track media in my research. I have formal & informal experience with social media and graphic design. This summer was a lot of putting out fires, as I was the first line of defense for confused and desperate students. I hope to filling empty slots in SGA by reaching out to underrepresented orgs.
- xix. **Speaker:** Yield time to Samuel Ellis to explain his term this summer and his plans as VP of External Affairs.
- xx. **Interim VP External:** I was on the government relations committee, organised the Wreck the Vote campaign in an off year. I work with Keisha Bottoms for census completion and organized census drives. Last year I was a UHR rep for INTA. I have been working for the government since I was 17; my resume includes an internship for the ACLU intern, voter registration in cobb and fulton. I have teamed up with UGA following title 9 reforms that would target survivors of sexual violence and urged that administration to work against that policy.
- xxi. **Speaker:** Yield time to Josh Eastwood to explain his term this summer and his plans as JVP of Finance.
- xxii. **Interim JVP Finance:** I have been the reasurer for small student org, business op director for all student publication which gave me direct control of \$45000. Fiscal and operational strategy development at KSU to secure fundraising. Worked within the MSVAC at KSU for the reduction of fees for all international students. I served on the analog of JFC at KSU and rewrote their entire fiscal policy- 22 pages- to reinstate the fiscal allocations to RSOs and departmental strategies. At GT I served on MSVAC and was a UHR rep. In light of RSO policy changes, I want to provide fiscal and developmental support. I want to also work on

campus funding with the end goal of streamlined funding networks. I want to generate a non-profit status for RSOs - requires work with legal and administration. Into the future- I'd like for more resources for RSOs. I'd also want to detail the several different account structures to give students a better understanding of how to allocate funding. I want to work to expand JFC in light of RSO policy changes.

xxiii. **Speaker:** Yield time to Cy Heffley to explain his term this summer and his plans as JVP of Information Technology.

xxiv. **Interim JVP of IT:** I manage 3 slack worksoaces, 6 teams on IT boards, building and improving the sga website, Course Critique, and Jacketpages. I also monitorwebsites, getting student opinion. I work on advocating ethical data practices at GT. Previous qualifications inclue building software for the last 3 years, 4 internships in IT and software engineering.

xxv. **Speaker:** Yield time to Alton Stovall to explain his term this summer and his plans as VP of Internal Affairs.

xxvi. **Interim VP Internal:** I was the UHR rep for ECE, got exposure to internal by working with Niveda. I want to make sure the cohesiveness of SGA stays really strong- that starts with effective communications - I can affect that by making the channels of communication strong. One thing that we can use is the Slack - we're all in the same space to be able to communicate so I want to build and grow that. I also will be the head oa retreat for all committee chairs. Outside of SGA, I've been involved in RHA and GTCOC. Outside of GT I've worked for BlackRock, GE and GTCOC. Those all helped create my connections that are relevant to our role.

xxvii. **Speaker:** Yield to Mykala Sinclair to explain her term this summer and her plans as VP of Student Life.

xxviii. **Interim Student Life:** Art has been a part of my life for all my life, I've been a part of art matters for a long time. I started my own minority mental health organization because I saw a gap in the level of knowledge and care for minorities. That org lasted from 2016 til 2019 and now I'm trying to institutionalize it to ensure it remains a resource for students in the future. I've had a great relationship with all health services since my second year, too much to list out. I want to finish launching care ambassador, get GT CARE bigger on social media, support the CRC. I want to work with health services' communications to professors. Within athletics, I want to foster community there as there's been historical detachment from athletes to the rest of campus. I want to especially focus on Black student athelets who can feel that detachment for powerfully. I've been working with the LGBTQIA resource center since before they were in office.

xxix. **Rep Joshi:** Thank you to all the cabinet members for sharing there qualifications. I hope representatives feel empowered to work with Cabinet members and utilize their experience and connections. With that, I call to question.

xxx. **MOTION PASSES 21:1:5**

c. **21U008** IWC Undergraduate Appointments - **Author: Brielle Lonsberry**

i. **President:** These are the appointments, more info about the committees are on the link

ii. **Speaker:** Move into discussion

iii. **Rep O'Neal:** I think that in the future we can recruit more from UHR

iv. **MOTION PASSES 20:0:7**

d. **21U005** Appointment of an Undergraduate JFC Member [Isha Palakurthy] - **Author: Brielle Lonsberry**

i. **President:** Yield to the JVPF

ii. **JVPF:** I'd like to preface all these appointments need to be tabled a week to get consent forms. I can explain the qualifications of all the members for all of the JFC appointments. I believe she is adequately qualified and she additionally will serve as secretary.

iii. **Rep Joshi:** I move to hear Bills 21U005, 21U006, 21J013, and 21J014 together.

- iv. **JVPF:** Regarding bill 21U005, Wilson Hobbs applied through the normal process, and has worked on JFC for the last two weeks. Qualified and is able to produce data visualizations.
- v. **JVPF:** Regarding bill 21J013, competitive engineering sports all deal with specific issues of high priced materials that require in-depth knowledge. Chris Song is the business op for solar racing, acting business operations for competitive orgs.
- vi. **JVPF:** Regarding bill 21J014, event logistics and costs all require specific knowledge. Elliot Gardy is qualified for this position.
- vii. **Speaker** Moving into discussion
- viii. **Rep Joshi:** I move to table all four bills.
- ix. **Rep O'Neal:** Seconded
- x. **MOTIONS TABLED.**
- e. **21U006** Appointment of an Undergraduate JFC Member [Wilson Hobbs] - **Author: Brielle Lonsberry**
 - i. **MOTION HEARD WITH BILLS 21U005, 21J013, and 21J014.**
 - ii. **MOTION TABLED.**
- f. **21J013** Appointment of a Subject Matter Expert for JFC [Comp Eng] - **Author: Brielle Lonsberry**
 - i. **MOTION HEARD WITH BILLS 21U005, 21U006, and 21J014.**
 - ii. **MOTION TABLED.**
- g. **21J014** Appointment of a Subject Matter Expert for JFC [Events] - **Author: Brielle Lonsberry**
 - i. **MOTION HEARD WITH BILLS 21U005, 21U006, and 21J014.**
 - ii. **MOTION TABLED.**
- h. **21J012** Executive Order On Financial Allocation Process - **Author: Brielle Lonsberry**
 - i. **President:** This Executive Order was passed to legitimize JFC as the JFC written in the new policy. This will establish it as a decision making committee as opposed to an advisory committee. We met with the Speaker and their Graduate counterpart to give input on the order.
 - ii. **Speaker:** Any questions? It was sent out late yesterday so there was ample time to review..
 - iii. **Speaker:** Moving into discussions.
 - iv. **Rep Shirk:** [Point of Order]: We do not vote on this. If we disagree with the president's words, we can repeal sections.
 - v. **Rep Joshi:** I read over this order and it doesn't do anything besides effectively transfer funding power from UHR to JFC so I don't see any sections that need editing or repealing.
 - vi. **Speaker:** The order is seen with no changes.
- i. **21U007** Resolution on Polling Technology and Communication w/ Media - **Author: Rohan Rege**
 - i. **Rep Rege:** This was sent to GT Legal to make sure we're not overstepping our powers. This is to create a standardized way to poll the body. Be aware of communications on behalf of SGA by SGA members. Making sure our questions are correctly formed. We'd like to see this tabled for a week while we consult on the bill.
 - ii. **Speaker:** Move to discussion
 - iii. **Rep Rege:** I move to table this bill by a week
 - iv. **Rep O'Neal:** Seconded
 - v. **MOTION TABLED**

IX. New Business

X. Special Topics

- a. Election of 2 UHR members to the JPRC (one returning, one new representative)
 - i. **Rep Shirk:** I nominate Rep Paturi
 - ii. **Rep Paturi:** I accept the nomination (returning)
 - iii. **Rep Hobbs:** I'd like to nominate myself (new member)
 - iv. **Rep Rege:** I'd like to nominate Rep Gutta
 - v. **Rep Gutta:** I accept the nomination (returning)
 - vi. **Speaker:** Representative Gutta you have 5 minutes to explain to the body why you are fit for this role.

- vii. **Rep Gutta:** I started at SGA as a freshman rep, and I served as JVPF last year. I know the process for RSOs. I can use that experience to adapt that policy at an institutional level. That experience mixed in with my finance experience will allow me to explore the bounds of policy.
- viii. **Rep Paturi:** Previously I served as a freshman rep, and UHR has kind of lost its voice. Joining this committee would let me represent UHR's interests. I've looked over the policy changes.
- ix. **Rep Hobbs:** I'm running for this because I want to work and facilitate this policy change and communicate it to the orgs and their representatives. Additionally as a member of JFC I feel I am equipped for this position.

b. VPIA's Discussion

- i. VPIA is the liaison with the Speaker & Membership Chair. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please reach out.

c. Constitutional Amendments in concert with Freshman Election Ballot

XI. Announcements

XII. Presidential Review

XIII. Adjournment