1. Call to Order @ 11:10AM
2. Approval of Minutes - N/A
3. Officer Reports
   · President Report – Marc Canellas
   - Senate Introduction, slides included after these minutes
   · Joint Finance Committee Report – Decker Onken
   · Joint Campus Organization Report – Justin Eisenberg
   · Coordinating Officer Report – Quintin Kreth
   · Treasurer Report – Joy Kimmel
     JOY NEEDS HELP WITH CRIDIC
4. Roll Call - 31 Attending
5. Unfinished Business:
   · 16G011 - Appointment of Graduate Student Senators - Spring 2016 - Author: Marc C. Canellas
     Vote on appointments!
     Motion to approve by unanimous consent (Gable)
     - Motion passes (Effective vote 31-0-0)
   · 16G010 – Resolution on Absence Policy for Graduate Student Government - Author: Marc C. Canellas
     - Let’s formalize the absence policy people
     - Motion to adopt by unanimous consent; passes (31-0-0)
   · 16G012 – Support of the Mutual Expectations Document - Author: Marc C. Canellas
     Next week…
   · 16J116 – Joint Re(in)novation Referendum to Student Government Association
     Author: Marc C. Canellas
     - Organization Rep: Peeps from the place thing (no buzzcard to me) → presentation slides
       - Lindsay Bryant, Student Center Director + 2; Kate C., someone else - student center expansion committee
       - You’ll be voting on resolution to take a thing to the student body to vote on it
       - Slides go over project, renovation
     - Questions
       - Thom: Not voting on anything they showed, only voting on allowing them to survey students on their opinions on what they showed. Simply voting on allowing the students to vote.
- Thom: Do you plan to continue to get feedback about design after referendum? Do we have a finished plan for the referendum / or is it more general?
  - No, design is not ready. Right now, it’s really funding, need to secure. More feedback may be requested in design period.
- How long students be charged fee?
  - Don’t know yet, still looking at it, probably 30 years once it starts.
- Garba: Concern about how you formulate the referendum question. The fee will not be over $85… I would like to see the “fee will be X amount” …
  - It’s very difficult for us to figure out what that fee will be.
  - Marc: they are setting an upper limit, the fee might actually be less.
- Call the question: passed
- Vote: 28-2-0

Motion: Joy → Author of this bill

- **16J117** - Joint Allocation to Alpha Kappa Psi – Georgia Tech Professional Business Fraternity **Author:** Joy Kimmel
  - Organization Rep: Murtaza Bambot
    - CEOs are coming to event
  - JFC (see attached JFC report)
- Questions
  - Anyone can attend this event
  - Name tags (badges) will be collected at end of event, the cost here is for the badge holder
  - NO graduate students in organization
  - College of Business for funding?
    - They are pretty much not able to fund this
- Discussion
  - Motion to Amend per JFC, Thom
    - Motion passes
- Vote: 23-7-0

- **16J118** - Joint Allocation to Lacrosse Club (Men’s) - **Author:** James Hite
  - Postponed 1 week, needs quotes for JFC

- **16J119** - Joint Allocation to Art of Living - **Author:** Shivangi Jain
  - Organization Rep: Kartik Kothari
    - it’s an international, nonprofit, spiritual, and personal development organization
    - vision of organization is stress-free campus
    - GT has reputation for stress
    - Want to bring environment for… developing leadership skills
    - University’s resources fall short of providing a holistic, wellness… YesPlus leadership retreat combines….
  - JFC (see attached JFC report)
- Questions
QK: Can you just elaborate on what the retreat is?
- It combines scientifically proven breathing, yoga techniques… enhance soft skills… has been used across universities in US… John Hopkins… reduces stress levels… enhance …. positive relationships

- Open to campus in general; expected students… capped at 50
  - Cap because of room size available

- Gable: group that puts this on, who is this? (bill name)
  - Nonprofit organization, do not earn any money from this seminar - correct

- QK: POI regarding spiritual / religious activities: cannot support one religion over another … This event does not seem to be in violation

- 20 org members + 30 non members could potentially attend

- Event will be publicized in various ways; not restricting 50 students to particular set; essentially first come, first served

Discussion
- Motion to amend per JFC; passed
- Gable: what are peeps’ opinions, seems weird that they call it a retreat, seems strange
- Member senator: uses meditation and breathing techniques, someone comes to introduce folks to these techniques
- same doubts as Gable, not sure about funding this amount for such a small number of seats
- Gable: Question for org
  - All it would cost is $20 per person attending to pay for it themselves; If you charged them money, that would cover expense. So why…
    - The idea is they won’t be paying…
    - Students will be paying?
  - Decker: Pay $250 per person to attend, or $3500 for unlimited number; policy restriction has us funding it at $1000… Thus they will get $20 per person from us, they will have to come up with other amount / attendees will have to pay.

- Call the question; passed

- Vote: 20-13-2

Motion passed to → Gable Author of J20-J22, see all as one bill
- 16J120 - Joint Allocation to Gymnastics (Women’s) - Author: Thom Gable
- Organization Rep: Kaityln Wilmer-Fierro
  - First bill: national meet in Sacramento, CA; two teams, men’s/women’s, team and individual fees required + travel
  - Second bill: Meets we participate in throughout season, each one has registration fee for the two teams, individual membership fee
  - Third bill: gym space rental, closest gym to Tech with full men’s/women’s

- JFC (see attached JFC report)

- Questions
  - Not considered multidisciplinary; treated fees as ‘conference’ fees, so it works out
- This bill makes six events if all line items pass (including Nationals)
- What is the gym rental?
  - Not CRC, it is off campus.
  - What’s wrong with CRC?
    - They don’t have it; this is specialty gym.
- Same organization for gym rental from last semester… yes
  - Is this the same amount you… yes, same rate.
  - But, last semester they paid a coaching fee, not paid this semester.

- Discussion
  - Motion to amend per JFC; passed
  - Garba: these bills are not open to all students for free, I am against all these types of bills
- Vote (J120 counts for ALL 3 BILLS): 23-5-3

16J121 - Joint Allocation to Gymnastics (Women’s) - Author: Thom Gable
16J122 - Joint Allocation to Gymnastics (Women’s) - Author: Thom Gable
16J123 - Joint Allocation to Management Information Systems (MIS) Club - Author: James Hite
  - Organization Rep: Fabiola Navarro
    - Organization under Scheller COB, geared towards info. technology majors
    - Asking to help renew membership to AIS; they grant us access to bigger network, resources, leadership conference, and competitions...
- JFC (see attached JFC report)
- Questions
  - Are these individual dues?
    - No, this is the annual chapter (to national organization) dues
  - QK: have you asked Scheller about sponsoring this fee?
    - No, but they do help us sponsor other things
      - Could you ballpark their sponsorship?
        - Help pay for speaker gifts, food, event materials….
    - The national organization does not help us put on our own events… The benefit to being a member is access to the organization’s events, competitions, resources
- Discussion
  - none
- Vote: 24-4-2
16J124 - Joint Allocation to Lacrosse Club (Women’s) - Author: Sasha Azad
  - Organization Rep: Jacqueline Howard
    - Our team has grown, have 25 members how; asking for funds to help outfit our whole team now / equipment we need
- JFC (see attached JFC report)
- Questions
- When’s the last time you got new equipment?
  - Champion used to sponsor uniforms, got them for free last year; they do
    not sponsor us anymore… Every member pays for their own stick, which is
    not on here.
  - Why 32 uniforms and not 15? Cannot order the same uniform, Champion
    no longer does that design
  - The long sleeves are mandated by our league, and we don’t have enough
    - We weren’t required to have matching in the past, but now we are,
      so we cannot use the ones we have…
  - Gloves: we never had gloves before; now they are recommended
  - Eye google: why 30 now? Each member brought their own in the past…
    some did some didn’t, some borrowed extra pairs…
    - Now you are asking us for 30 pairs of goggles when you have
      members that have 30 pairs
  - Why are we buying equipment if members already have them?
    - These would stay with the team
  - Gloves are recommended, and have to match
  - Stick bags stay with the team, need to match - or recommended? Yes, they
    have to match… They need to / recommended to match?
    - League is *recommending* that they match now
  - How big should your organization be in 2 years?
    - 30 members
      - If that happens, will you be able to order the same
        uniforms? We want you to order small amounts in the
        future for expansion.
  - Prasad: You said it’s recommended that things match, but stick bags… do
    they *have* to match?
    - After this season, it’s going to be mandatory - just recommended
      this year.
  - How long do you expect this equipment to last?
    - At least 3 (hence, CO), probably five (5)

- Discussion
  - Gable: move to amend per JFC; passed
  - Gable: want to cut some out… but if the league is going to require matching
    equipment eventually… we may see bill(s) requesting this in the future

- Vote: 26-5-0

**New Business:**
- 16J125 - Joint Allocation to DramaTech Theatre - **Author:** Sasha Azad
- 16J126 - Joint Allocation to Hapkido - **Author:** Richard Gabriel Birge
6. Officer Report Cont’d
   · Committee Report
   · Secretary Report – James Hite
   · Vice President Report – Matthew Miller

   Grad SGA website: make a profile

7. Open Forum

8. Adjournment

9. Account Totals: Prior Year Account $286,065.67; Capital Outlay Account: $1,168,635.79; GLR $7,999.20

Final Votes

16J116 29-2-0
16J117 25-8-0
16J119 18-13-2
16J120 22-5-3 (same votes for J121 and J122)
16J123 25-4-2
16J124 27-4-0