1. Call to Order: 11:12AM

2. Approval of Minutes: Yes.

3. Officer Reports
   - President Report – Marc Canellas
     - Emailed report slides… not on the website yet!!!
     - Most important thing: Advertisement about Graduate Student Experience Survey!
     - We will ask you to work with your chairs, graduate advisors… to provide food/relaxing environment while they complete the survey (as an incentive)
     - Your voice matters → Student Center Re(in)novation survey
     - New web site for GSS meeting documents: http://sga.gatech.edu/g/minutes-and-presentations/
   - Joint Finance Committee Report – Decker Onken
   - Joint Campus Organization Report – Justin Eisenberg
   - Coordinating Officer Report – Quintin Kreth
     - Bills passed last week passed in same fashion as in GSS.
   - Treasurer Report – Joy Kimmel

4. Roll Call: 27; Q = 26; mQ = 13

5. Unfinished Business:
   - 16J118 - Joint Allocation to Lacrosse Club (Men’s) - Author: James Hite (Postponed One Week)
     - Org Rep: Daniel Coughlin
       - Budget was cut in fall… making up the difference / more reflective of what we do
     - JFC
       - Amending ~every line
       - split “shafts” line
       - Strike Line 1; covered in budget
       - Strike Line 8; same line in budget
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- Many line items were cut because they were unused in previous year…
- Long poles and short poles → CO, but there are additional concerns that they may not be CO, strictly

Questions
- Fundraising, how you spend the money?
  - Run about $100K budget, cover lodging, travel outside of formula, food. Things SGA doesn’t cover…
- They already receive money for “conference dues” in their budget, required insurance allowed to be used for that.
  - This request is being withdrawn (lines struck by JFC) as they are unnecessary
- Joy: poles being PY instead of CO?
  - Have some broken ones… they break fairly often, warranty is only 6 months at best from different manufacturers… They won’t last 3 years, hence, should be classified as PY
  - We also want to add these to our budget since we need them every year
- No graduate students on team?
  - Our league doesn’t require graduate or undergraduate status

Discussion
- Motion to amend per JFC; passed
- Given author’s discussion, these poles may not last 3 years…
- Motion to change line items 5 and 6 to PY from CO; passed
- Vote: 24-3-0

Joy: Motion to take authorship of Thom’s bills; passed.
Motion to move up 16G013… ok to unfinished business; passed.

- 16J125 - Joint Allocation to DramaTech Theatre - Author: Sasha Azad
  - Org Rep: Samuel Hunter
    - asking about getting a new communications system for the theater
    - used by the crew to communicate; “cue go” cue goes
    - System we have now is falling apart; want money for new one.
  - JFC
    - Amend lines 4, 5, 6, 8 , 9….. to CO, amount stays the same because Tier II
    - 90 members, 5 grad students
  - Questions:
    - How old is current system? How is it falling apart?
      - 10 years old. Operates on COM boxes, they get old, and every time they fall apart we have to replace them. would cost $30K
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- Cheaper option to buy iPod touches
- What is the cheapest option? Did you search for other quote?
  - Current system replacement is $30-40K
  - Walkie-talkie system, most standard radio stuff will not work because we are in a concrete building; people we work with will not like them
- Fundraising?
  - Ticket prices
- QK: The apps you use are free, you are buying iPod touches for infrastructure?
  - Each iPod will have a license to access a dedicated server
- QK: how will you secure these?
  - We have two/three locked doors between room & closet where we keep them & public space. They can be kept inside a locked cabinet, barcoded and inventoried
- How many shows per year? Typical attendance?
  - 2 Fall, 1 Spring, 1 Summer, + improv troupe
  - Host outside organizations (5-10 per year)
  - Attendance… depends largely on show & space… 30-70 people per show, depending on nature of show.
  - So equipment used 20-30 times a year?
    - Yes, but somewhere between 3-4 weeks at a time; shows run 3-4 days a week
    - Probably 10 shows per year… total number of performances… probably 80-100 times a year, if not more
    - 50 is a good average number for our attendance
    - Everyone loves Sweeney Todd
- Marc: it seems this entire bill is based on the premise that you cannot use the cheaper alternative of walkie-talkies. How much would that cost?
  - No, if we use them people could jump on---
  - How much would it cost?
    - If walkie-talkies can work inside concrete buildings, we could price them…
- Marc: the argument for $15K is needed… you should be able to demonstrate a need over that of the likely cheaper alternative
- Org rep: we host outside organizations…
- How much time can we give you to evaluate other options?
  - No more than a week.
- How long would this system last?
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- We replace individual COM boxes every year; they’re failing as we speak
- This option is more “future-proof”
- Decker: Why can students not use smart phones they already have?
  - The application doesn’t work on android phones, first… and a lot of students have android phones… it doesn’t work when you use iPhone and android phones at the same time… A surprising number of people don’t have smart phones
  - It would complicate hosting because it requires a license, so we would have to ….
- Decker: it appears that you are paying for licenses for the number of concurrent users…
  - I think you have to base it on a user ID though which would be attached to the iPod (device), so you would still be basing on people’s personal IDs
- Kimmel: How many people would be using this system / generally how many do you need?
  - During a run of a musical (heaviest time); you’ll need… probably at least 15-17 people
  - During tech week, when we are testing things / designing… it can go up to 20-22 people
- But then with the 25 and the current 15…
  - We aren’t planning on using the current equipment… other than hardwired communication installed in the building
- A new COM box would cost upwards of $1000
- Ballpark how many people you use with this system have iPhone / apple device?
  - Depends on the show. perhaps ¼…
- Have you asked for input from the Ferst Center?
  - They have a hi-tech RF system…
  - Someone else: Well, they are looking to replace their system as well… it’s more plug and play… cost efficient
- Discussion
  - Inclination that there may be ability to pool resources with Ferst Center
  - Joy Kimmel: I motion to postpone the bill… for more information to be found about alternative systems / pooling resources; 1 week
  - Motion to postpone 1 week, passed.
16J126 - Joint Allocation to Hapkido - **Author:** Richard Gabriel Birge
- No org rep
- Motion to postpone 1 week; passed.

16J127 - Joint Allocation to Unmanned Flying Club - **Author:** Sasha Azad
- Org Rep: Stephen Haviland
  - Drone flying club; do different competitions; initial budget submission
  - AMA will insure the field we fly at... grounds / people
- JFC:
  - Amend several lines PY --> CO
  - Line 13 is insurance, tied to the individual, not institute/property; spirit of these line items seems to be within policy
  - 7 graduate students
- Questions
  - What is event at Burger Bowl?
    - It is a one-time fee for reserving the space for an event
    - Perhaps allow non-members to compete
    - Fee includes police/firefighter presence
- Garbo: Dues?
  - We haven’t charged any members yet because we are a new organization … we are going to have two types: Racing and Non-racing... which would have different levels of dues
- Membership is limited only to anyone at GT
- Our mailing list is ~70; 20 active participants
- Discussion
  - This organization is so new, they don’t even have members paying dues yet… they are asking us to pay everything… they should at least have their members pay dues
  - Garbo: I’m pretty in favor of these types of bills… because they don’t have dues, any student can be involved… even if it’s new, he seems pretty passionate about this… give them some initial effort, I think SGA can support them
  - Prasad: agree partially, but if we should fund $250/person… that’s large amount of money; we have had …
  - Canellas: this is sort of “startup”… these are the organization’s initial capital costs, they will probably par
  - James: they will be expected to have dues in the future, esp. if they will be asking for SGA budget (as it is a requirement)
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- Joy Kimmel: AMA insurance can be taken off campus, if you flew a vehicle off campus, could you use that insurance on an AMA sanctioned field?
  - Part of that fee will cover AMA sanctioning GT space
- Decker: individual dues not tied to the institute… Joy: I think this insurance item falls under that … if there are no dues-paying members yet, in order to have an event … I would be comfortable funding it if you had dues-paying members… it would make more sense to get yourself on track with membership, build vehicles, prior to having such an event.
- Prasad: when are you planning the vent? Does it require having built the … in advance?
  - Fees in general: Two types: Racing/Non-Racing; minimum is $50, I think; the reason we haven’t taken fees yet … to get someone to give $50 without any incentive yet… if they weren’t a member, to race they would have to pay something
  - Plan on hosting in late Spring; not many people like the cold; May possibly
- Garbo: Line 32: a fee to reserve a space at Georgia Tech, a student organization to reserve this space has to pay $1000?
  - Yes. Includes overhead/costs…
  - Decker: GT doesn’t fully own Burger Bowl (I think); why wouldn’t they just use SAC fields (CRC doesn’t want damage + hard to reserve entire field), you can’t have vehicles flying at 70mph on Tech Green with people walking around… just not safe
- Expected attendance? This organization doesn’t even have a date yet for this event… and asking for $1100 for the reservation… the event isn’t even planned
- Motion to Strike line item 32
  - Motion to amend motion to also adopt JFC; passed
  - How much advance do you have to get that space in May?
    - Since not much is going on… so almost nobody actually reserves it anymore… shouldn’t be a problem
    - Would also like to strike line item 31, the insurance… these members haven’t paid dues yet, can cover them ($15); Motion to amend the motion to also strike line 31; passed
  - Motion passed
- Vote: 26-2-1

- 16J128- Joint Allocation to Yellow Jacket Airsoft Club - Author: Joy Kimmel Motion to postpone 1 week (no rep); passed
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· **16J129** - Joint Allocation to African American Student Union - **Author:** Joy Kimmel
  - **Org Rep:** Gregory Williams
    - organization is to promote social and cultural awareness for African American students and the rest of the student body
    - big events throughout the year are black history month, particularly keynote speaker
    - want to bring in Dr. Benjamin C. Lawyer for Michael Brown (*Sec’y Note: Unsure?*) and Trayvon Martin
  - **JFC:**
    - Amend line 1, per speaker fee rule
    - All undergrad students in org.
  - **Questions**
    - **SenISYe:** So he’s a lawyer for … so does he have… Melissa P.H.; why did you decide for this guy as a speaker?
      - We looked at biographies... He gives motivational type speeches… the event is open to the entire campus… so anyone can come and take something out of it.
    - **So, what was the decision having a lawyer come to speak**
      - He speaks quite often… especially in his articles… so he has experience speaking, he is a speaker as well as a lawyer… not just from his experience as a lawyer, but experience within the community
      - Links to the Black Lives Matter organization;
    - **Senator:** I think he is a little too controversial coming…. as s speaker
    - **Prasad:** how are you planning to raise the other $2500; reaching out to different sources, have an event that we will be charging attendance for, selling t-shirts
    - **How many people will attend?**
      - Anticipating about 350, 250 of which are GT undergrads
    - **Event is free to attend**
    - **Event held in Student Center**
    - **Garbo:** What does this fee include, hotel, travel..?
      - We are covering part of the speaker fees, office of student diversity is covering majority of that
    - **How many people were involved in his selection?**
      - our president, Rihanna Brown… board, office of student diversity
      - **Not sure**
    - **How many GT students had their hand in this?**
      - A few… a committee 10-12 were involved in the selection of this
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- So somewhere around 15 GT students were involved in this decision
- Prasad: I don’t think it should matter to us how this person was selected. As long as it meets policy, I don’t think we should be deciding whether or not it is controversial… I don’t think we should be making a value judgement on this
- I disagree with that; I have no problem having a controversy… I don’t think my constituents would be comfortable for this
- Just what she said “they don’t shoot white people in the back”... I think this is a very excellent event they are putting on… I don’t think we should be giving this amount of money to someone
- Canellas: GT is a fairly, and I don’t mean this in a political sense, they are conservative. If this was actually going to be a problem in the president’s eye, it would not be garnering this support.

- Discussion
  - Motion to amend per JFC; passed.
  - Vote: 21-5-2

Just so everyone knows: you can look up funding history for all organizations on Jacketpages! *(if the planets are properly aligned)*

- **16J130**- Joint Allocation to Taiwanese American Student Association - **Author:** Thomas Gable
  - Org Rep: Wayne Lu
  - sending a member to intercollegiate event; U. Maryland (gave date)
  - get to connect with folks in the Taiwanese community
- JFC
  - Line 2: ament cost per air travel cost calc.
  - Org. 32 members, 6 grad students
- Questions
  - Garbo: in the bill you submit, there is a second sentence that says the …. Learning → leadership skills. Why do Taiwanese students need to go to a conference to learn about their own culture, and how will that translate into leadership skills?
    - The problem with being Taiwanese in the U.S. is that there are not a lot of us, most of the world doesn’t recognize us as countries
    - personally I think it’s good for people to come together to celebrate their identity
    - Get a good idea on how you can succeed as a Taiwanese American
  - Have you considered any other modes of funding/ former members, it’s common for cultural events to get funding from alumni
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- I don’t know if we’ve looked into that
- This is just to cover the student’s registration and travel

- Discussion
  - Garbo: I’m completely against this types of bills. One reason: it seems they are going one person to a conference to celebrate their own culture, while I have friends that are not going home for four years. No one is paying me a ticket to go back to Italy.
  - Hite/Prasad: pretty typical request for organization conference travel, it would appear discriminatory if we did not fund this.
  - Motion to amend per JFC; passed.
  - Vote: 22-7-0

- **16J131** - Joint Allocation to Barbell Club at Georgia Tech (GTBCC) - **Author:** Joy Kimmel
  - Org Rep: Obiora Anachebe
    - Pres. of barbell club; weird convoluted story about …
    - Spring 2015: received allocated funding for Spring → summer; then applied for budget for this current FY
    - Received $7500 for this current FY, but when went to receive check were only given $4700, because we didn’t request for bill funding from previous FY to be rolled over
    - Deadlift suit: competition need
    - Competition fees
  - JFC
    - Amend line 1 (quantity game)
      - Funding that had been allocated was reincumbered as a result of a mistake on our part / lack of notification
  - Questions
    - Why don’t you just use the CRC?
      - it doesn’t have a lot of equipment we use to compete, they don’t allow the lifts we do (safety / legal)
    - Marc: You had a budget that was supposed to fund you through this FY, and we are just giving back what was accidentally
  - Discussion
    - Motion to amend per JFC; passed
    - Decker: they negotiated their gym rental down as they promised when they initially submitted request for gym rental funding.
  - Vote: 23-2-1
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- **16J132** - Joint Allocation to Engineers Without Borders - **Author:** Joy Kimmel
  - Org Rep: Alicia Sze Robang
    - Developing a clean cooking solution for … in Nicaragua
    - Requesting travel fees for four people to go on a (May 2016)
  - JFC
    - All line items meet policy; 64 members, 1 grad student
  - Questions
    - Planned trip is 7 days
    - Intent of trip is only to build a cooking solution
    - QK: is this a joint exercise with other schools
      - It’s us and a non-profit
    - QK: how much money are you raising?
      - We have $7000; requesting travel money
  - Discussion
    - It’s a noble cause, but how does it benefit the Tech community?
    - Garbo: I would like to ask same question from previous bill. How can -- *(Out of order)*
    - Marc: It makes GT look good; it’s a benefit to campus image and experience for students (it is a student activity, SAF funds meant to subsidize such activities
  - Vote:

- **16J133** - Joint Allocation to Student Government Association (Salary/Fringe Increases for SGA-Funded Personnel) - **Author:** Quintin Kreth
  - Org Rep: Decker
    - Last fall Peterson approved plan to increase campus minimum salary
    - Included raise plan for folks making less than $43K
    - Applies to two line items we have in our budget (SGA)
    - Secretary and Accountant line items
  - JFC
  - Questions
    - Marc: As the organization rep, can you answer why GRA/GTA don’t get this salary increase as well?
      - *(That’s classified)*
  - Vote:
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16G013 -- …
- Org Rep: Marc C. Canellas
  - Who is this guy??
  - They want money for flyers?? Or sliders??
  - Posters are for putting up
  - We’re asking for as much as we possibly need, and we’ll only use what we possibly need.
  - ¼ page PRE-CUT fliers (flyers?) to senators to hand out
  - This money coming from GLR (current account total = ~$8K)
- Vote: 21-1-1

There is a follow-up link for the DramaTech bill, please enter your concerns.

New Business:
- 16J134- Joint Allocation to Delta Sigma Pi - Author: Sasha Azad
- 16J135- Joint Allocation to Society of Women Engineers - Author: Sasha Azad
- 16J136- Joint Allocation to American Nuclear Society - Author: Etizaz Shah
- 16J137- Joint Allocation to Delta Phi Lambda Society, Inc. - Author: Thomas Gable
- 16J138- Joint Allocation to Georgia Outreach Advancing the Lives of the Special-needs (GOALS) Author: Joy Kimmel
- 16J139- Joint Allocation to UNICEF at Georgia Tech - Author: Quintin Kreth
- 16J140- Joint Allocation to DanceTech – Author: Joy Kimmel

6. Officer Report Cont’d
   - Committee Report
   - Secretary Report – James Hite
   - Vice President Report – Matthew Miller

7. Open Forum
Marc: Sign up for committees!

President Peterson berated at state capitol yesterday about a thing -- Read the Technique to find out? You can get involved if you have strong feelings about this.

Incentives for Grad Student Experience survey…
- You will give out flyers
- You will host some sort of food/space event
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Have you read the Mutual Expectations document? This is a thing that is going to happen. Once this is approved as a resolution, there will be a task force to look into giving teeth to this document (enforcement).

A comment was made on the affordability part in the Graduate Experience survey… Feedback on the current form is appreciated, but it may not get integrated at this point. We updated how you can indicate how you get paid / where your money comes from.

Joy requires aid with CRIDC! [http://sga.gatech.edu/g/cridc/]

8. **Adjournment - 12:46PM**

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

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