



REGENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON STUDENT LIFE (RAC-SL)  
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
September 17, 2020  
3:00 PM (Via Microsoft Teams)

**Agenda**

**Welcome & Agenda Review- Nadirah Mayweather**

**Updates from System Office- Dr. Joyce Jones**

- Institutions are doing their best to follow guidelines set in place from their return plans during pandemic.
- Encouraged institutions to continue to communicate with one another about the different types of successful programs taking place in USG System on different campuses.
- Wants to invite the Legal Affairs team to answer questions about topics such as: Freedom of Expression Rights; Georgia Hate Crime Legislation; Political Speech and Upcoming Elections; Registered Student Organizations.

**Dedra S. Williams**

- Albany State is finishing up a Three week "Buck Back Week" for all students with hybrid programming for two weeks followed by Labor Day Programming directed toward students staying on campus for Labor Day. It included Drive in Movies, Line Dance Fitness Session, Yoga on the Lawn, Panel Discussions and the launch of a Plant and Wellness initiative.

**Joseph Pierce**

- Had success moving a lot of events to multiple locations concurrently. Spreading them across campus allowed them to stay close to prior year #s, but in a safer way.
- Doing a Silent Disco for the annual student appreciation.

**Melissa Dempsey**

- Got hybrid events, multiple dates for fairs and altering Homecoming to include a Drive-In with Fireworks. Clocktower space now has the distancing circles so they are trying that out for an outdoor movie coming up. They also have a campus demonstration soon, so a lot of planning has gone for that to keep at 50 people (campus limit).
- They have a courageous conversation series, diversity (racial bias) was one of the required fall trainings for RSO leaders. The MAP program does a monthly 'barbershop talk' or workshop that is more open discussion directed for African American males.
- Columbus State is proceeding with Homecoming, Melissa just put up the schedule, and will add a few more events. <https://events.columbusstate.edu/homecoming/student-events.php>

### **LaToya Stackhouse**

- Had a Social Justice Conversation and will follow-up to those conversations next month with Sustainability Sessions focusing on Implicit Bias and Microaggressions.

### **Amber Lesicko**

- Having a series of crucial conversations on campus. They will be in person and streamed online. They have partnered with faculty on campus.
- Will also host homecoming in the spring with Basketball.

### **Gail Louise Sutton**

- At Georgia State, if students have ended up with all online classes essentially by default rather than by intention to be all online for coursework, they are still collecting student activity fees if they would have been a campus student even if all of their classes happen to have turned into virtual classes this semester. They have not been officially permanently reclassified as "online only" that do not pay fees.
- GSU Alumni office is ONLY doing virtual programs for their alumni this fall. Homecoming has been postponed to Spring and will be associated with the spring football game.

### **Veronica M. Cheers**

- East Georgia is hosting Spring Homecoming with Basketball

### **Memory Littles**

- Georgia Southern is moving forward with Fall Homecoming

### **Jez Catambay**

- Emphasis on viewpoint neutrality during training is very important. Jez mentioned that at her previous institution it went through some legal challenges when the faculty senate denied a political org because the neutrality element was not clearly maintained.

### **Clifton Puckett (Guest)**

- Focusing on local elections and how real change happens through those with a series of speakers in October. It's speakers from both sides and they've been asked to refrain from "campaign speak" and stay on topic of how impactful local elections are.

### **Lindsay Baily**

- Lindsay mentioned that they had this program virtually and that it was a great choice they made. <https://www.catharsisproductions.com/programs/say-what/>

**Meeting Ended at 4:19pm**