



**Georgia Association of Student Councils**  
**Fall Meeting ( Fourth Official Board Meeting)**

**January 6th, 2024**

**Members not in attendance:**

Jocelyn Raygadas - Secretary

Milena Bringman - President

Grayson Peters - Vice President

Evan Greene - MMAL

Kenly Ogden - District 3 Representative

Jennifer McDaniel - Advisor Liaison

**Call To Order: 10:10 AM**

The fourth official board meeting for the Georgia Association of Student Councils was held on January 6th, 2024 with Milena Bringman, Lexi Groff, Eeshani Malkar, & Dawson James presiding as President and Wendy Garcia serving as Secretary.

**Finance Report - Kelly Cooper:**

- GASC Finance
  - Discussed money and books
  - Discussed outstanding dues (membership dues mostly)
    - Sending out collection letters
  - Keeping an eye for registration for convention with Kristen Murphy (Webmaster)
  - Discussed costs of District Conferences

- Discussed cost per event (speaker, travel, per person cost)
  - Discussed logistics of District conferences and presented questions

## **Business by Pillar:**

### **I. Leadership development**

- Leadership Development Coordinator - Holly Shih
  - Blast Event Information
    - BLAST will be July 13-15 at Rock Eagle.
    - We will probably follow the same format as last year and stick to a first year only program.
  - Honor Council
    - We will present the students that were awarded as Honor Council at the Convention.
  - Counselors & Staff
    - We are thinking of allowing second year students to apply to be Junior STAFF (not counselors) and help with set up of activities and bringing the hype (rules skit etc.)
    - Senior Counselors would interact with students due to liability issues.
    - Discussed other questions and considerations
  - CSLP - Certified Student Leadership Program
    - Program Recap

- Students completed 4 online sessions, homework assignments, a capstone project, and attended 1 GASC event. The speakers this year were Kent Julien, Sarah Nilles Freauf, & Scott Backovich.
- Graduation
  - We will have the graduation ceremony at Convention. Students will receive their certificate and a graduation cord during the ceremony.
- Convention Workshops
  - I have sent out convention workshop invitations to the most outstanding workshops presented at CSLP.
- Next Year - Middle School Changes & Involvement of MMAL
  - MMAL will definitely do one workshop, but can do two
  - Middle School Capstone Projects will all be presented on the same night
  - Need help managing the middle school students that typically need additional support for CSLP.
    - Discussed proposals and possible ideas
- District 1 - Divya & Mehek (GSMST)
  - Held District 1 Conference
  - Executed 9 workshops (including VP)
    - 3 variations
- District 2 - Lauren & Luke (West Forsyth)

- Held District 2 Conference
- Able to execute 3 workshops
- Attendees were able to experience all three workshops plus the VPs
- District 3 - Kenly & Caredith (Wayne County)
  - District Conference was overall successful.
    - Survey results were overall positive
- Middle School Member at Large - Luca & Evan (Hillsman Middle)
  - We included a Middle School Feature in our last edition of the consulus.
- Communications - Isabella & William (Meadowcreek)
  - We have continued to post a weekly segment on our instagram titled Lead the Way Monday
    - Encouraging students to strengthen their leadership skills with tips and inspirational quotes.
- Secretary - Wendy & Jocelyn (Mountain View)
  - Parade of Ideas from Summit
    - Sent it out to advisors, presidents, and other people on the email list
- President - Lexi, Milena, Eeshani, Dawson (H.V. Jenkins)
  - Convention Updates
    - Discussed schedule
    - Discussed Materials and Activities
      - Registration activities
      - Table book created for swap shop facilitators
      - Created draft of a program book that each school will receive

- Digital copies will be available to every student
    - We plan on giving schools at least one physical copy plus an additional copy for schools that have more than 20 students
  - Family time removed
- Staffing
  - HV Jenkins Student Council members and adults will be attending
  - Will be including district representatives
  - Students from Hilsman Middle School could help & volunteer
- TShirt
  - Colors discussed
    - Green for delegates
    - Purple for execs
    - Yellow for staff
  - Shirt Schedule discussed for E-Board and Convention Staff
- Snacks discussed
- Decorations discussed along with other questions and logistics
- Executive Director - Laura Droms
  - Registration Plan discussed and expectations expressed
  - Awards Program (Corey Stillwell)
    - Awards are due after registration, Feb 2nd

- Speech Contest
- Outstanding Awards
- State Service
- Council of Excellence
- Scholarship (Some have applied)
- CSLP Graduation
- OTY Awards (Advisor / Member / Admin)
- Quenzer Loving Cup
- Separate emails for awards and registration
- VISION Conference- June 21-23- Lasso Your Leadership
  - Rio Rancho, NM (near Albuquerque, NM)
  - Registration (\$200) + hotel (\$200) + airfare (\$500-\$600) + excursions
  - GASC Delegate Rate: \$1200
  - HARD April 1st, 2024 deadline
    - Minimum 300 Deposit due (NON-REFUNDABLE), Payment plans
- Webmaster report (Not by pillar):
  - Advisor resources page on the website have are being updated
  - Expressed responsibilities for Executive Members to send information for the website
  - Credit cards
    - If you pay with a card, you must pay service fee + registration

## II. Membership Engagement

- District 1 - Divya & Mehek (GSMST)
  - Discussed number of attendees and schools that attended District 1 Conference
- District 2 - Lauren & Luke (West Forsyth)
  - Discussed an increase in students/teachers at District 2 Conference
- District 3 - Kenly & Caredith (Wayne County)
  - Encouraging high school members to run for office
  - Considering contacting one of the schools that plans on coming to the conference to be on the voting committee.
- Middle School Member at Large - Luca & Evan (Hillsman Middle School)
  - We publish multiple of the issues Consulus while being in office
  - We have released the consulus to the GASC Middle School's that we could contact
  - Promoting other middle schools to run for MMAL
- Parliamentarian - Krupa & Yasmen (North Gwinnett)
  - Created a post to share on the Instagram advertising elections; will continue to post often during January
  - Sent out emails to member schools and advisors which included all information regarding elections, updated election policies, and an updated election packet
    - Letter of intent

- Make sure to send anything received to Executive Director, Mrs. Droms
- Communications - Isabella & William (Meadowcreek)
  - 3 Weekly Instagram posts
    - Lead the Way Monday, Wellness Wednesday & Spotlight Friday
      - Engaging social media followers
  - Posted a 2023 GASC events recap
  - Worked with President school to create a social media plan for convention promotion.
- Secretary - Wendy & Jocelyn (Mountain View)
  - GASC Gazette
    - We are working on sending our Monthly Gazette to CSLP Members
    - We are working on creating a subscription to the Monthly Gazette to increase engagement
    - Create an organizational canva account that will house all newsletters in one site
- Vice President - Abby, Om, Grayson (Houston County)
  - Planning pre-conference:
    - Working on pricing for animal encounter at Rock eagle
    - Amazing Race Planning
  - Games:
    - Volleyball tournaments on the field
    - Kickball tournaments on the field



- Basketball tournament on the courts by the Senior Pavillion
    - Board/group/card games in the Senior Pavillion
  - Close down the Senior Pavilion at 11
    - Activities can be left in the pavilion
- President - Lexi, Milena, Eeshani, Dawson (H.V. Jenkins)
  - School guides for Convention discussed
- Advisor Liaison - Jennifer McDaniel
  - Discussed gratitude ideas to show appreciation to advisors
- Executive Director - Laura Droms
  - Membership Rate- \$150 on-time; \$200 late (October 1st or later)
  - Benefits of Membership:
    - Access to all events
      - Starting next year, you cannot go to anything unless you have payed
    - Gazette/Consulus/Advisor Advocate
    - CSLP
    - Awards Program/Speech Contest/Scholarships
  - Expressed renewal expectation with VP to have renewal info ready to go online by the convention meeting on 2/20

### **III. Service**

- Secretary - Wendy & Jocelyn (Mountain View)
  - Looking for Community Service initiatives to promote on Gazette

- Sent in from other schools
- Advisor Liaison - Jennifer McDaniel
  - Advisor participation in something Dance Marathon related at convention, possible dress-up
- Executive Director - Laura Droms
  - State Service Project
    - Promote via social media and email
    - Will recognize those who did a project
    - Next year's State Service Project will be Work2BeWell
      - Mental health, stressors, self care
      - Split into specific committees that you would like to be apart of
      - Member schools at Convention will get to select 2 students to attend an extended workshop on being a Work2BeWell Ambassador
        - Non seniors, no eighth graders
        - Ambassadors would create the GASC Road to Wellness with checkpoints each month.
      - In this workshop, students will create a roadmap for the year
      - T. Y. McGill will come "kick-off" the State Service Project for the Year
        - Alumni of Wayne County will come speak about the state service project

- Third “speaker”

- Tasks for schools to do to implement Work2BeWell ideas into their school
- Ambassadors will receive stickers to cover their old workshop with the name of the Work2BeWell workshop

#### **IV. Networking**

- District 1 - Divya & Mehek (GSMST)
  - On schedule to email all schools about registering for State Convention and Executive Board elections
- District 2 - Lauren & Luke (West Forsyth)
  - A survey feedback was emailed to all attending schools and was provided to scan at conference
  - Sent a round of informing emails to schools about running for office and coming to convention
- District 3 -
  - Sent emails about running for District 3
- Parliamentarian - Krupa & Yasmen (North Gwinnett)
  - Communicated with communications school to begin posting election information
  - Constitution on the website is not updated
  - District Representatives can send Parlis fliers about running for state office and create their own fliers about running for District Rep.

- Secretary - Wendy & Jocelyn (Mountain View)
  - Through our monthly Gazettes, we have been releasing information regarding leadership development; Leadership Summit, District Conference, SASC Convention, and CSLP
  - Releasing information about VISION
- Advisor Liaison - Jennifer McDaniel
  - Smore has been receiving good review numbers, every issue is viewed over 200 times and sent to 278 advisors
- Executive Director - Laura Droms
  - NASSCED/NA4SA- Corey & I attended these conferences in December in San Francisco. Corey was awarded the Earl Reum Award for the Southern Region. We saw numerous speakers and workshop presenters that we hope to bring to GASC soon (starting as soon as Convention 2024!).
    - Student activities conference
    - 200-250 people
  - CADA 2024- Corey & I will be attending CADA in Reno, NV. We will be gathering ideas for workshops, advisor programs, potential speakers, etc.
    - ~2000 people
  - **Motion:** Executive Director (Laura Droms) moved to recess the meeting for lunch
  - The motion was seconded by District 3 Representative (Wayne County)
  - Motion carried
    - Meeting recessed at 11:56 AM

- Meeting re-called to order at 1:05 PM by Lexi Groff

## V. Democratic Principles

- Merging District 2 and 3 discussion is brought back up by President school, HV Jenkins, Dawson James
  - North and South Representatives
  - We should have a transition year
  - At this years convention, District 2 and 3 should meet in the same space and the current District Representatives will facilitate the conversation
    - Explaining one unified district in the south
  - One school to represent each region
- Rockdale will be allowed to attend District 1
- Augusta schools will most likely go to Savannah
- Should district 2 continue emailing people in District 2 for running
  - If there are multiple people wanting to run, a dual position could be considered
- Motion: Communications (Meadowcreek) moved to combine District 2 and 3 together
- District 2 Representatives (West forsyth) seconded the motion
- Motion carried
- Amendment proposals requests should be added to a different email from Parli

- Assistant Executive Director - Corey Stillwell
  - Legacy Youth Leadership - 4 track free programs funded by corporate donors.
    - Prioritization, Ethical storytelling, Money track, & Vote track
  - Partnership with Legacy Youth Leadership
    - 2 hour seminar
    - 3 students from each school at convention will get to attend a Voting extended workshop
      - 2 kids in work2bewell and 3 kids to LYL
    - Workshop will not be political, but rather the power of your vote, history, impacts of voting, and the connection to student council elections
    - Legacy Youth Leadership is born out of the Thirst Project (clean water to other countries)
    - They will go out to your school and do free presentations for your school
    - Activity based
    - 150-200 students, ideally
    - Voice track could be used at BLAST!
    - Professional learning for our delegation
- Executive Director - Laura Droms
  - Proposed Constitutional Amendments

- Must be submitted in writing to the Parli & Executive Director 4 weeks prior to convention (Jan. 24th)
  - Cannot accept a constitutional amendment after Jan. 24th
- Must be sent to all member schools along with the author's name and contact info 2 weeks prior to convention (Feb. 7th)
- Anyone speaking against must register to speak against at registration of convention
  - Sign-up sheet for anyone speaking against
  - They cannot speak from the floor if they did not sign up prior
- Are there any areas we need to address/amend?
  - Read the constitution for areas of weakness and any changes that could be made
  - Parli should compare the old and new constitution to review changes that need to be updated
- Legally bound to have a board of directors, could lose 501C3
  - Board of directors is currently made up of current Executive Director and 2 previous Executive Directors
  - Since Droms has served for 12 years, it would be ineffective and unreflective of our board
  - GASC Previous Board of Directors given oversight, cannot hire and fire
  - Droms should be on the board, made up of 4 people in addition to Droms

- 1 Executive Director
- 1 previous Executive Director
- 1 Community Member
- 1 Advisor
- 1 previous student (GASC alumni)
- Panel of people, appointments would have to be approved
- Serve for a term of 3 years, but with no term limit
- Staggered terms or all at once?
  - Does not have to be decided until now, but must be decided by 4:00PM
  - Meet in January 2025 for a state organization meeting, they would have oversight on the budget and provide direction/advice
- Amendment to take place this year before the reelection of the Executive Director to make the term a 4 year term (Corey Stillwell)
  - Staggered term with the Advisor Liaison (2 year terms)
    - Odd and even years of election
  - If you would want to propose the amendment email to Corey for help in constructing it, to be sent to Parli
  - GSMST would like to propose the amendment
- Election Committee



- Committee Make-up
  - District Reps UNLESS they are running for office. If a District Rep school is running for office, please let us know as soon as possible so Parli can recruit a different school from your district.
    - One student and adult rep from district
    - Houston County will most likely be on the election committee for District 2
  
- Responsibilities
  - Assist in the election meeting, approving campaign materials, previewing skits & reading/previewing speeches
  - Managing clock and warnings for all timed elements of campaigning
  - Serving as Tally Clerks
  - Overseeing District elections/campaigning for their district
  
- Eboard Elections
  - Recruit for board positions!
  - Letters are due by Jan. 24th (18 days to go!)
    - Droms and Parli
  
- District Rep Elections
  - Recruit!!! The best way to recruit is by simply encouraging a school to take a chance!
    - Except for District 2, not too aggressive

## **VI. Advisor Development**

- Secretary - Wendy and Jocelyn (Mountain View)
  - Advisor Hospitality Room preparations
- Vice President - Abby, Om, Grayson (Houston County)
  - Advisor meet and greet - designated room
- Advisor Liaison - Jennifer McDaniel
  - Would we like to do something for the preconference?
  - I would like to know what will be needed for convention advisor time.
- Executive Director - Laura Droms
  - Advisor Program for Convention
  - Advisor Gifts
- Finance - Kelly Cooper: One pager for new advisors
  - Basic advisor information
- Adding an advisor experience section to registration to facilitate advisor help/resources
  - Dan emailed Webmaster (Kristen Murphy)
- Silent disco discussion

### **GASC Upcoming Dates:**

- February 20, 2024: Eboard Meeting/Convention Prep
- February 21-23, 2024: GASC State Convention

**Adjournment: 1:55 PM**

The fourth official board meeting for the Georgia Association of Student Councils was adjourned at 1:55 PM from H.V. Jenkins High School by Lexi Groff.