



**Committee on Student Communication – Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 20, 10:30 a.m., Cinefest, Student Center West**

Members Present

Daniel Varitek (*The Signal* Editor-in-Chief), Cayce Tiedemann (*Underground* Editor-in-Chief), Mabel Padilla (Undergraduate Student at-large), Meredith Pruden (Graduate Student at-large), Bryce McNeil (Director, Student Media), Wakesha Henley (Business Coordinator, Student Media), Boyd Beckwith (Senior Director, Student Center), Moraima Ivory (Faculty Member, College of Arts & Sciences)

Members Absent

Jody Brooks (Faculty Member, College of Arts & Sciences), Raina Morris (Album 88 General Manager), Alexandria White (Neo Network General Manager), Jeannie Barrett (ex-officio), Anna Sandy (*New South* Editor-in-Chief)

Guest(s)

Alec Prevett sitting in for Anna Sandy (*New South* Editor-in-Chief)

Call to order

Bryce McNeil called the meeting to order at 10:39 a.m.

Introductions

Once minutes were approved, Bryce asked each member of the Committee to introduce themselves to the audience. Boyd briefly discussed the new direction of the Student Center and the newly established Division of Student Engagement. Dr. Allison Calhoun-Brown will serve as the department's Vice President. The new structure will allow collaboration with academic advising areas and will prioritize the tracking of participation within Student Media groups.

Modern Media Conference

Bryce announced that MMC will be on the Decatur campus on October 10 and the Atlanta campus October 11 and 17. Fred Blankenship will serve as the kickoff speaker on the Decatur campus and Killer Mike will be the keynote speaker as part of the Spotlight Distinguished Speaker Series on October 17. The Atlanta portion will feature recent Student Media alumni that now work at Fox 5, CBS46, WSB-TV, 11Alive, WABE, Georgia Public Broadcasting and more.

Media Head Updates

The Signal- Danny reported that *The Urbanite* magazine was pulled from the orientation handbags as thus the staff still has 40% of its inventory. They plan to distribute most of these by hand to students throughout the year. Staff numbers and volunteerism has doubled in the last year. The organization now has an Editorial, Creative and Business Operations team.

Underground- Cayce reported that submissions for the newest issue are due on October 10. They will shutter off campus submissions for this upcoming issue. They are tracking ahead of last year in terms of the number of submissions coming in. The last spring reading at Condesa Coffee was a success with over 40 students in attendance.

New South- Alec reported for Anna. He first explained the concept of a graduate edited literary journal that publishes national submissions. The editorial staff were attending the Brooklyn Book Festival to promote the journal. The staff will host a release party in October for the latest edition. Bryce also added that the journal holds a reading the first Friday of every month at Javavino in the Poncey Highland neighborhood.

Album 88- Bryce reported that Raina Morris was officially hired as the new General Manager for Album 88. The application window for volunteer DJ positions was slated to be open until October 7 for students with an established institutional GPA. The Spring application windows would be the first available for freshmen students, with the first opening on January 27. Upcoming Album 88 sessions are on September 24 and October 27. Updates were available on the Student Media website. Boyd encouraged students who had yet to establish a GPA to pursue other volunteer opportunities that are available.

NeoN- Bryce reported that the Panther Report team would host has an interest meeting tonight at 6 p.m. There is a Digital Media leader position that the staff is looking to fill to help fill the new NeoN website with content. They have Panther Report, Primetime Sportz, and the creative side of film making for all those that have interest. Boyd also encouraged students to join the GSU Film Club to get involved with the school's filmmaking community.

Other Business/Announcements

Bryce introduced the Student Media Advisor for Perimeter campuses, Zoana Price, to the audience. Perimeter students were encouraged to contact her about volunteer opportunities across all media platforms. Aside from location clarifications for meetings, there were no additional questions from the audience.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m. The next meeting was scheduled for October 18, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in 455 Student Center West.