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COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
RULES – 2017 & 2018

1. These Committee Rules of Operations shall be consistent with Senate Rule 2-1.5 (d) regarding the establishment of Rules of Operation.
2. Quorum of the Committee shall be five (5) members.
3. The Chairman shall have the authority to refer bills and resolutions to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered; the Chairman shall have the authority to call a bill, resolution, substitute or amendment for debate and explanation only.
4. The Chairman shall have the authority to refer bills and resolutions to subcommittees for study. Such subcommittees in turn shall have the authority to make recommendations on such measures to the full Committee at such time as shall be designated by the Chairman.
5. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
6. A bill or resolution will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or other legislator whom he/she may designate. The principal author shall be the legislator whose name first appears on the list of authors.
7. The Chairman reserves the right to delay action on substitutes and amendments not provided to the Chairman at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.
8. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree (s) with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report if they so desire.
9. These rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by two-thirds of the members of the Committee.
10. Where these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate as adopted shall govern. (Senate Rule 2)

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER
EDUCATION
January 23, 2018**

The joint Senate Committee on Higher Education and the House Committee on Higher Education met on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 406 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Chairman
Sen. P. K. Martin (9th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Secretary
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)
Sen. Burt Jones (25th)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)

NOTE: Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) was absent.

Chairman Millar (40th) called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

The following guest speakers from the Board of Regents, the Technical College System of Georgia, and the Georgia Independent College Association spoke on their current and immediate future policies on sexual assaults, due process and mandatory reporting.

Ms. Kimberly Ballard-Washington, Associate Vice Chancellor of Legal Affairs, University System of Georgia

Ms. Washington spoke on current policy requiring incoming freshmen to complete online modules on sexual assault and alcohol abuse. She stated that problems include a percentage of students who have not completed the modules in their first semester. She stated that the University System of Georgia keeps reports of sexual assault and crime statistics.

Ms. Linda Osborne-Smith, Deputy Commissioner, Technical College System of Georgia

Ms. Osborne-Smith explained current Technical College System of Georgia policies on sexual assault. In 2017, the Technical College System of Georgia received a total of 6 sexual assault complaints. Sexual assault awareness and prevention training are included in new student orientations and employee training. Ms. Osborne-Smith explained that Technical College System of Georgia policies require administrative investigations upon sexual assault allegations. Criminal investigations are separate from administrative investigations and are conducted by law enforcement. If the complaint involves a student under 18 years old, Technical College System of Georgia reports it to the Division of Family and Children Services as required by law. Colleges begin the disciplinary process

if an investigation substantiates the complaint. If the sanction is suspension or expulsion, the student has the right to a hearing before any action is taken and may appeal the recommended sanction to the president, who makes the final decision.

NOTE: Sen. Jones (25th) left at 3:26 p.m.

Dr. Susanna Baxter, President, Georgia Independent College Association

Dr. Baxter explained sexual assault policies for private colleges. She explained that federal Title IX law is the basis for student codes of conduct and faculty/staff policies. There is a distinction between “due process” at public institutions and “fair process” at private institutions. Only students attending a public institution can sue that institution for a due process violation. The code of conduct policy at a private college serves as a contract between the student and the institution. Georgia Independent College Association members include a “Fair Process” (notice of hearing; hearing and right to appeal) in these policies. If a student believes that the private college did not follow its policy, the student can sue the private college based on a “breach of contract.” Dr. Baxter stated that it is considered best practice to not have mandatory reporting. Dr. Baxter explained that the Georgia Independent College Association has created a statewide coalition with over 100 participants from over 33 institutions to address campus health issues, including sexual violence. She added that private colleges have partnered with the University System of Georgia to ensure that all students, including dual enrolled students, complete online training courses.

Chairman Millar (40th) adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
January 30, 2018

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Chairman
Sen. P. K. Martin (9th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Secretary
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) – (arrived late)
Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th)

NOTE: Sens. Brandon Beach (21st) and Burt Jones (25th) were absent.

Chairman Millar (40th) called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

[HB 432](#) LC 40 1446 (Rep. Dubnik, 29th) - Tuition grants; certain institutions that lack accreditation be approved for tuition equalization purposes; provide...

Rep. Dubnik (29th) presented the bill. He explained that the bill would allow institutions that transition to not-for-profit institutions to remain eligible for state aid. He stated that two institutions would be affected by this bill: Herzing University and Argosy University.

Sen. Thompson (14th) made a motion for HB 432 to **Do Pass**. Sen. Jackson (2nd) seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0). Sen. Butler (55th) will sponsor HB 432.

HB 432 LC 40 1446 DO PASS

NOTE: Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) arrived at 3:12 p.m. She did not vote on HB 432.

[SB 331](#) LC 36 3457 (Sen. Henson, 41st) - Relating to general provisions regarding the Georgia Lottery for Education Act, so as to allow a winner of a lottery prize to remain anonymous under certain conditions...

Sen. Henson (41st) presented the bill. He explained that the bill would allow a lottery winner to remain anonymous if the winner makes a written request for confidentiality and if the winner pays up to 4 percent of his or her winnings based on anticipated cost of maintaining confidentiality. He believed that the legislation would stand up to an open records request. Sen. Henson (41st) stated that four states already have this legislation, and four more states are in the process of passing it.

Sen. Jackson (2nd) made a motion for SB 331 to **Do Pass**. Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The vote was 5-1. The yea votes were Sens. Hufstetler (52nd), Jackson

(2nd), Martin (9th), Orrock (36th), and Strickland (17th). The nay vote was Sen. Thompson (14th).

SB 331 LC 36 3457 DO PASS

HEARING ONLY

SB 215 LC 40 1414ER (Sen. Williams, 27th) - Relating to postsecondary education, so as to freeze tuition for particular students at the amount established for freshman year...

Sen. Williams (27th) presented the bill. He explained that the bill would freeze tuition for some students at the amount charged their freshman year. He said that the bill is intended to slow down rising tuition costs and address the lack of internal control on money lost in the University System of Georgia.

SB 215 LC 40 1414ER HEARING ONLY

HEARING ONLY

SR 255 LC 40 1413 (Sen. Williams, 27th) - Authorize the General Assembly to regulate the amount of tuition and fees for institutions of the University System of Georgia...

Sen. Williams (27th) presented the resolution, which would authorize the Georgia General Assembly to regulate the amount of tuition and fees for University System of Georgia institutions. The resolution accompanies **SB 215 LC 40 1414ER**, which was presented in this meeting.

SR 255 LC 40 1413 HEARING ONLY

Chairman Millar (40th) adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
February 6, 2018

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Chairman
Sen. P. K. Martin (9th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Secretary
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)
Sen. Burt Jones (25th)

NOTE: Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) and Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) were absent.

Chairman Millar (40th) called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

[HB 448](#) LC 41 1332S (Rep. Jasperse, 11th) – An Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to postsecondary education, so as to require certain education and postsecondary educational institutions to qualify for exemptions with the Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission and the maintenance of exemptions provided for under such part...

Rep. Jasperse (11th) and Ms. Corinna Robinson, Executive Director, Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission, presented the bill. Rep. Jasperse (11th) explained that the bill allows certain educational institutions to qualify for exemptions with the Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission.

Sen. Jones (25th) made a motion for HB 448 to **Do Pass By Substitute**. Sen. Martin (9th) seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (6-0). Sen. Martin (9th) will sponsor HB 448.

HB 448 LC 41 1332S DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

[SB 82](#) LC 21 5932S (Rep. Blackmon, 146th) – Relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to provide that members of the Georgia National Guard and reservists meet residency requirements...

Rep. Blackmon (146th) presented the bill. He explained that the bill would provide for members of the Georgia National Guard and reservists to meet the residency requirements to qualify for HOPE scholarships and grants.

Sen. Jackson (2nd) made a motion for SB 82 to **Do Pass By Substitute**. Sen. Jones (25th) seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

SB 82 LC 21 5932S DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

SB 354 LC 41 1280 (Jackson, 2nd) – An Act to amend Code Section 20-4-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tuition fees, so as to require that the Technical College System of Georgia classify certain active duty service members as in-state for tuition purposes...

Sen. Jackson (2nd) presented the bill. He explained that the bill provides in-state tuition in the Technical College System of Georgia to members of the National Guard and reservists stationed in Georgia.

Sen. Jackson (2nd) made a motion to amend the bill by adding the phrase “who physically resides in the state of Georgia.” Sen. Beach (21st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Sen. Jackson (2nd) made a motion that SB 354 **Do Pass By Substitute**. Sen. Beach (21st) seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

SB 354 LC 21 5935S DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

Chairman Millar (40th) adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
February 13, 2018

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 3:00 p.m in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Chairman
Sen. P. K. Martin (9th), Vice-Chairman – (arrived late)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) – (arrived late)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)
Sen. Burt Jones (25th) – (left early)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) – (arrived late)
Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th)

NOTE: Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Secretary, was absent.

Chairman Millar (40th) called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Martin (9th) arrived at 3:18 p.m. Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) arrived at 3:26 p.m.

HEARING ONLY

[SB 339](#) LC 43 0797ERS (Sen. Ligon, 3rd) – Relating to the board of regents and university system, so as to provide for the establishment of free speech policies for institutions of the university system; to provide for a cause of action and remedies...

Sen. Ligon (3rd) and Mr. Stanley Kurtz from the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D. C. presented the bill. Sen. Ligon (3rd) explained that this bill would strengthen the free speech policies of University System of Georgia institutions and provide for effective penalties.

Guest speakers on the bill:

- Mr. Douglas Brown, Student, University of North Georgia, “The Great Exchange,” spoke in favor of the bill.
- Dr. Mark Bauerlein, English Professor, Emory University, spoke in favor of the bill.
- Ms. Ruth Malhotra, Alumna, Georgia Institute of Technology, spoke in favor of the bill.
- Dr. Pat Daugherty, President of the Georgia Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

NOTE: Sen. Orrock (36th) arrived at 3:39 pm.

- Mr. Edward Tate, Vice Chancellor of Legal Affairs, University System of Georgia, spoke against the bill.
- Mr. Jere Morehead, President of the University of Georgia, spoke against the bill.
- Mr. Mark Becker, President of Georgia State University, spoke against the bill.

NOTE: Sen. Jones (25th) left at 4:21 p.m.

SB 339 LC 43 0797ERS HEARING ONLY

Chairman Millar (40th) adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Chairman

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
February 15, 2018

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Chairman
Sen. P. K. Martin (9th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Secretary
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) – (arrived late)
Sen. Burt Jones (25th) – (arrived late)

NOTE: Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) and Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) were absent.

Chairman Millar (40th) called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

[SB 377](#) LC 33 7236-EC (Sen. Strickland, 17th) – Relating to the State Workforce Development Board, and to amend Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to transfer the State Workforce Development Board from the Department of Economic Development to the Technical College System of Georgia; to revise duties and obligations of the State Workforce Development Board...

Sen. Strickland (17th) presented the bill. He explained that the bill moves Workforce Development from the Governor's office to the Technical College System of Georgia.

Sen. Beach (21st) made a motion for SB 377 to **Do Pass**. Sen. Martin (9th) seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (4-0).

SB 377 LC 33 7236-EC DO PASS

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (2nd) arrived at 3:10 p.m. and did not vote on SB 377. Sen. Jones (25th) arrived at 3:11 p.m. and did not vote on SB 377.

[SB 405](#) LC 21 5954S (Sen. Millar, 40th) – Relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to provide for grants for certain eligible students enrolled in an institution of the University System of Georgia; to define certain terms; to provide for application and administration...

Chairman Millar (40th) and Mr. Dave Spence, President, Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), presented the bill. Chairman Millar (40th) explained that the bill creates needs-based aid based on the criteria laid out in the bill, and does not apply to students eligible for Zell or HOPE scholarships. Chairman Millar (40th) added that the program would allow students who lose HOPE to qualify for needs-based aid. He stated that the

bill would cover some remaining costs for federal Pell Grant recipients and require that recipients of the program work 15 hours per week. Chairman Millar (40th) and Mr. Spence explained that the bill would allow University System of Georgia institutions to serve an additional 28,000 students for \$40 million.

Guest speakers on the bill:

- Susanna Baxter, President, Georgia Independent Colleges Association (GICA), spoke in favor of the bill and noted that she believes it should apply to private institutions as well.
- Amy Lancaster, Director of Workforce Development, Metro Atlanta Chamber, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Jackson (2nd) made a motion for SB 405 to **Do Pass By Substitute**. Sen. Jones (25th) seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

SB 405 LC 21 5954S DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

Chairman Millar (40th) adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
February 20, 2018

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Chairman
Sen. P. K. Martin (9th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Secretary
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) – (left early)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)
Sen. Burt Jones (25th) – (left early)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)

NOTE: Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) was absent.

Chairman Millar (40th) called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

SB 339 LC 21 5969TS (Sen. Ligon, 3rd) – Relating to the board of regents and university system, so as to provide for the establishment of free speech policies for institutions of the university system; to provide for a cause of action and remedies...

Sen. Millar (40th) presented the first amendment to the bill. He explained that the amendment strikes the language requiring that institutions of the University System of Georgia include information on all policies and regulations regarding free expression at freshman orientation.

Guest speakers spoke on the bill:

- Ms. Kimberly Hermann, General Counsel of Southeastern Legal Foundation, spoke for the bill.
- Dr. Tom Rush, The Great Exchange, spoke for the bill.
- Mr. Ken Craft, Georgians for Educational Sovereignty, spoke for the bill.
- Dr. Bob Boehmer, President, East Georgia State University, spoke against the bill.
- Dr. Cheryl Dozier, President, Savannah State University, spoke against the bill.
- Dr. David Bridges, President, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, spoke against the bill.
- Ms. Cita Cook, former Professor, University of West Georgia, spoke against the bill.

NOTE: Sen. Beach (21st) left at 3:47 p.m. Sen. Jones (25th) left at 3:50 p.m.

There were three amendments presented on the bill. The following actions were taken:

Amendment 1: Sen. Orrock (36th) made a motion to vote on the first amendment to the bill, which strikes the language on freshman orientation. Sen. Strickland (17th) seconded

the motion. The amendment was adopted with a vote of 4-1. The yea votes were Sens. Hufstetler (52nd), Martin (9th), Orrock (36th), and Strickland (17th). The nay was Sen. Jackson (2nd).

Amendment 2: Sen. Ligon (3rd) presented the second amendment to the bill. The amendment inserts another concept into the bill providing that the Board of Regents must establish a range of disciplinary sanctions for anyone under the jurisdiction of an institution who materially and substantially interferes with the free expression of others. Sen. Martin (9th) made a motion to vote on the amendment. Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) seconded the motion. The amendment was adopted with a vote of 3-2. The yea votes were Sens. Hufstetler (52nd), Martin (9th), and Strickland (17th). The nay votes were Sens. Jackson (2nd) and Orrock (36th).

Amendment 3: Sen. Millar (40th) presented the third amendment to the bill. The amendment strikes “including” and inserts “notwithstanding” to clarify and acknowledge that leaders of organizations may be required to adhere to certain standards that student members would not be held to. Sen. Martin (9th) made a motion to vote on the amendment. Sen. Strickland (17th) seconded the motion. The amendment was adopted and the vote was unanimous (5-0).

Sen. Jackson (2nd) made a motion to table. With a vote of 3-2, the motion failed. The nay votes were Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Martin (9th), and Strickland (17th). The yea votes were Sens. Jackson (2nd) and Orrock (36th).

Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) made a motion for SB 339 to **Do Pass By Substitute**. Sen. Strickland (17th) seconded the motion. The vote was 3-2. The yea votes were Sens. Hufstetler (52nd), Martin (9th) and Strickland (17th). The nay votes were Sens. Jackson (2nd) and Orrock (36th).

SB 339 LC 21 5969TS DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

Chairman Millar (40th) adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
March 13, 2018

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 3:00 p.m in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Chairman
Sen. P. K. Martin (9th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Secretary
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Burt Jones (25th)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (2nd) and Sen. Thompson (14th) were absent.

Chairman Millar (40th) called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

HEARING ONLY

[HB 392](#) LC 33 7089S (Rep. Fleming, 121st) – Relating to the “Move On When Ready Act” and dual credit courses, so as to allow funding for students taking dual credit courses at certain eligible postsecondary institutions which utilize nonstandard term systems to be eligible for payment for up to five nonstandard terms per academic year; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes...

Rep. Fleming (121st) and General William Caldwell, President of Georgia Military College, presented the bill. Rep. Fleming (121st) explained that the Georgia Military College offers a dual enrollment program that utilizes 5 nonstandard terms. He stated that the bill would allow students to receive HOPE for the fifth nonstandard term, which is currently not possible.

HB 392 LC 33 7089S HEARING ONLY

[SR 977](#) LC 21 5979 (Sen. Williams, 39th) – Creating the Senate Study Committee on Historically Black Colleges and Universities; and for other purposes...

Sen. Williams (39th) presented the resolution, which creates a study committee on historically black colleges and universities.

Sen. Jones (25th) made a motion **Do Pass**. Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

SR 977 LC 21 5979 DO PASS

HEARING ONLY

[HB 713](#) (FA) (Rep. Chandler, 105th) – Relating to definitions relative to HOPE scholarships and grants, by providing for eligibility requirements to receive the

HOPE scholarship as a Zell Miller Scholarship Scholar relative to students who graduated from an ineligible high school or a home study program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes...

Rep. Chandler (105th) presented the bill. She explained that the bill would allow homeschooled and private schooled students to receive Zell Miller going into college if they score in the 92nd percentile on the SAT or ACT. She stated that currently homeschooled and private schooled students do not receive Zell Miller until they have completed 30 hours of college credit. Rep. Chandler (105th) stated that the bill will help keep bright homeschooled and private schooled students in Georgia.

HB 713 (FA) HEARING ONLY

Chairman Millar (40th) adjourned the meeting at 3:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
March 20, 2018

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Chairman
Sen. P. K. Martin (9th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Secretary
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) – (arrived late)
Sen. Burt Jones (25th)

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (2nd), Sen. Orrock (36th) and Sen. Thompson (14th) were absent.

Chairman Millar (40th) called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

HB 713 LC 21 5992S (Rep. Chandler, 105th) – Relating to definitions relative to HOPE scholarships and grants, by providing for eligibility requirements to receive the HOPE scholarship as a Zell Miller Scholarship Scholar relative to students who graduated from an ineligible high school or a home study program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes...

Sen. Strickland (17th) made a motion to **Do Pass By Substitute**. Sen. Jones (25th) seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (4-0). Sen. Harbin (16th) will sponsor the bill in the Senate.

HB 713 LC 21 5992S DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

NOTE: Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) arrived late at 3:08pm. He did not vote on HB 713.

HB 392 LC 33 7428S (Rep. Fleming, 121st) – Relating to the “Move On When Ready Act” and dual credit courses, so as to allow funding for students taking dual credit courses at certain eligible postsecondary institutions which utilize nonstandard term systems to be eligible for payment for up to five nonstandard terms per academic year; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes...

Sen. Martin (9th) made a motion to **Do Pass By Substitute**. Sen. Jones (25th) seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0). Sen. Jones (25th) will sponsor the bill in the Senate.

HB 392 LC 33 7428S DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

Chairman Millar (40th) adjourned the Senate Higher Education meeting at 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

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April 4, 2018

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

RE: Senate Higher Education Committee – 2018 General Assembly Legislative Session

Dear Secretary Cook:

The Senate Higher Education Committee respectfully submits the following bills left in the committee after the 2018 General Assembly Legislative Session. They include the following:

SB113 SB144 SB208 SB209 SB215 SB268 SB287
SR191 SR252 SR253 SR255 SR716
HB51

Listed below are the bills that passed out of the Senate Higher Education Committee for the 2018 General Assembly Legislative Session. They include the following:

SB82 SB331 SB339 SB354 SB405
SR977
HB392 HB432 (Recommitted and Passed)
HB448 (Recommitted and Passed)
HB713

Thank you.

Sincerely

Senator Fran Millar
Chairman Senate Higher Education
Committee

Donna Nealey
Legislative Assistant Senate Higher Education