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Today marks the twenty-ninth legislative day.

Friday, March 3rd, was Crossover Day for the 2017 legislative session which marks the point by which all legislation must pass to the other chamber for consideration this year. See page 2 for an update on bills from our watch list.

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Jen Abrams, fifth year Public Policy major at Georgia Tech, spoke at the Zell Miller Legacy Dinner on February 28 about the impact of the HOPE Scholarship on Georgia college students.

Student leaders host meeting at Capitol



On Thursday, February 23rd, members of the undergraduate Student Government Association and Government Relations Committee met with State Representative Matt Dubnik (pictured far left) at the Capitol. Rep. Dubnik is the newest Georgia Tech alumnus to be elected to the General Assembly and is serving his first term this year in the House of Representatives. Students discussed topics of interest such as workforce development and college affordability.

ATDC Statewide Program Manager, Amy Love, presents to House Committee

Amy Love is the new Statewide Program Manager for the Advanced Technology Development Center (ATDC). She focuses on growing the incubator's already strong reach across Georgia by partnering with local communities to serve startups. Amy was invited to present to the House Small Business Development Committee on February 23rd about ATDC's efforts across the state. For more information about ATDC and the statewide program, visit atdc.org/about/locations online.



Library Renewal Project Update



Pictured above: photo of proposed Library Renewal Project

Currently, the Fiscal Year 2018 budget is under consideration in the Senate Appropriations committee. Governor Deal recommended \$47 million in bond funding for phase one of the Library Renewal Project. The House retained full project funds in its budget before passing to the Senate for consideration.

This project will transform the Library Complex from a central repository for books and journals, to a space that supports new instructional technologies to further scholarly research. The renewed Library will double the amount of study space for students in both individual and collaborative spaces.

Intern Spotlight



Lucia Lombardo is an International Affairs major from Atlanta, GA. This session "Lucy" is working for the Office of Senate Majority Whip Steve Gooch (R-51).

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Updates on selected bills and resolutions from our watch list:

- HB 51 Passed House; Assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee Provides regulations related to the reporting of certain crimes and investigation by officials and employees of postsecondary institutions.

- HB 280 Passed House; Assigned to Senate Judiciary Subcommittee Changes current provisions to allow certain licensed firearm holders to carry weapons on college campuses and restricts those persons from carrying into buildings or property used for athletic sporting events, daycare centers or student housing.
- HB 307 Will not move forward this session Students from foster care or homeless situations are classified as in-state residents for tuition purposes.