Today marks the fifteenth legislative day.

The House is expected to pass the amended FY 2018 budget this week, and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees are scheduled to begin hearings early this week.

The General Assembly adopted an adjournment resolution setting the legislative calendar through Sine Die on March 29th. The full calendar is available online: www.legis.ga.gov.

Capitol Jackets meet Roddy Jones


Phase one construction of the Library Renewal Project is currently underway as a result of the generous state funding allocation in FY18. Both physical spaces and library services are changing to meet the growing research, teaching, and learning needs of Georgia Tech. As the physical space is being reconstructed, library staff members are working to re-imagine and redefine the 21st Century technological research library. This comprehensive renewal project will vastly increase core campus space for students. In 2016, the Library Service Center opened on Emory University’s Briarcliff campus, and allowed for the majority of Georgia Tech’s print collection to be jointly housed in this new facility with Emory’s collection.

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Library Next

With construction well underway in the Crosland Tower building, services remain open to campus in the Price Gilbert Memorial Library. Construction crews are currently moving forward with glass installation and multi-level metal framing. Georgia Tech’s request for $30.6M for phase two construction funding is currently under consideration in the General Assembly. Tech is dedicating a total of $9.1M in institutional funds to leverage state funding components.

Project photos and renderings are pictured at right. Read more about the library project at librarynext.gatech.edu.

Intern Spotlight

Hannah Kitzmiller is an International Affairs major from Alpharetta, GA. This session she is working for the Senate Majority Whip Steve Gooch (R-51).

Emily Anderson is a Public Policy major from Mableton, GA. This session she is working for the House Energy Committee Chair Don Parsons (R-44).

Bassem Americani is a Business Administration major from Brooks, GA. This session he is working for the Senate Research Office.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDPUP

Bills and Resolutions from our watch list:

HB 218 ............................................................. Tabled in House Retirement
 Provides that an eligible University System employee may revoke his or her election to participate in the Regents Retirement Plan in lieu of the Teachers Retirement System.

HB 648 ............................................................. Assigned to House Higher Education
 Establishes the “Pay As You Earn” student loan program within the Georgia Student Finance Commission.

HB 686 ............................................................. Passed House Appropriations Committee
 Amended Fiscal Year 2018 appropriations bill.

HB 700 ............................................................. Passed House Higher Education
 Expands current service cancelable educational loans to include graduate degree programs.