Student Life and Development Committee Minutes  
Thursday, October 21, 2010

Members Present: Joann Bacon, Jeannie Barrett, Eric Blacknall, Michael Brandenburg, Allison Calhoun-Brown, Elisabeth Burgess, Steve Carey, Kristina Clement, Andrew Cohen, Cheryl Delk, James Dutton, Richard Heller, Ludmia Lamonte, Elise Laplante, Tammy Lyskowinski, Britney Penn, Allison Renyi, Ebony Rose, Nancy Schafer, Rebecca Stout and Ben Williams

Guests: Dr. Douglas Covey

I. Welcome:
Steve called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

II. Action Items:

A. Approval of September Minutes
One error was noted. Steve motioned to approve the minutes, after corrections were noted. Dr. Stout seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Student Organization Charter Subcommittee—Recommendations for Approval—Ebony Rose

Five new student organizations petitioned for approval and two student organizations petitioned to be re-established. Ebony motioned for these student organizations be approved for chartering and re-chartering. Elisabeth seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Petition to Charter 10-11 Academic Year

Moving University Students Closer to Leadership in Exercise Science (M.U.S.C.L.E.S)
It shall be resolved that the principles and purpose of the M.U.S.C.L.E.X organization shall be to promote a union among collegiate men and women sharing similar interests in the human sciences; to establish programs, projects, and mentorship that provides a support system for the members of the organization that will aid them as they strive to become successful in the competitive and ever-changing fields of the human sciences.

Project Nur
Nationally, Project Nur is recognized as a student-led initiative of the American Islamic Congress. The goal of Project Nur relate to the name and mission which reach out to students to promote understanding of each other in the spirit of enlightenment. Project Nur’s goal is to build a student led initiative for human rights and civil rights led by students in order to denounce hate speech and violence, by being committed to co-existence, tolerance and individual human and civil rights. Nur, defined in Arabic as enlightenment, will position itself as a Muslim-led forum for students from various backgrounds, cultures, and faith to come together to celebrate their difference, solidify their commonalities, and bring light or knowledge to their respective communities.
Synthetic Biology Club
Synthetic Biology Club exists to provide undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to collaborate ideas, research, and laboratory techniques related to the field of synthetic biology. Involved students will have the opportunity to participate in journal readings and discussions, as well as fellowship with other like-minded scientists, in both informal and formal manner. In addition, students will be allowed to try out for the Georgia State University iGEM (International Genetically Engineered Machine) competition team. Although club membership is not a requirement for the team, joint affiliation within both organizations will be likely, due to the nature of the subject matter.

The Talented Tenth
The purpose of The Talented Tenth organization is to “decrease the widening educational gap between the affluent and impoverished in America”. Recognizing that education is the key to social, economic, and political equality, we at The Talented Tenth strive to engender in our youth a renewed zeal for education and an awareness of its transformative and uplifting power. Through an intensive mentoring and tutoring program, we focus our efforts primarily to low income youths with minority backgrounds and target schools that fit this demographic as historically, this area has the greatest need.

Tomorrow’s Peacekeepers Today
Tomorrow’s Peacekeepers Today at Georgia State University is committed to increase international awareness of students with respect to the United Nations peacekeeping operations, humanitarian crises as well as global initiatives through educational programs and dialogues.

Petition to Re-Establish Charter 10-11 Academic Year

American Society of Interior Designers (ASID)
ASID is a community of people driven by a common love for design and committed to the belief that interior design, as a service to people, is a powerful, multi-faceted profession that can positively change people’s lives. Through education, knowledge sharing, advocacy, community building and outreach, the Society strives to advance the interior design profession and, in the process to demonstrate and celebrate the power of design to positively change people’s lives. Its more than 36,000 members, including more than 10,500 students of interior design, engage in a variety of professional programs and activities through a network of 48 chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

Drawing and Painting Authority (DUPA)
DUPA aims to create a strong artist community at GSU through creative exploration in drawing and painting. The club offers a variety of events including pin-up shows, sketch jams, guest artist talks, student art shows and an annual drawing marathon.

C. Code of Conduct- Individual Sanction Revisions- Rebecca Stout
Dr. Stout reported back from the University Senate meeting regarding proposed changes to the GSU Student Code of Conduct that were asked to be reviewed further. Dr. Stout presented information from the Urban 13 regarding their jurisdiction policies for comparison to the proposed changes.
Steve asked for a motion to create a subcommittee to reconsider the revisions of the “A. Prohibited General Conduct” section of the GSU Student Code of Conduct that were passed by the Student Life and Development Committee on September 23, 2010 and bring any recommended changes for consideration in a future meeting of the 2010-2011 Student Life and Development Committee. James Dutton made the motion and it was seconded by Elisabeth Burgess. The motion passed. The following members expressed interest in the subcommittee: Steve Carey, Allison Renji, Elise Laplante, Ebony Rose, Rebecca Stout, Michael Brandenburg, Britney Penn, Ben Williams, and Ludmia Lamothe.

A motion to send the revisions of the “B. Judicial Procedures for General Conduct Matters” section of the GSU Student Code of Conduct to the University Senate Executive Committee for placement on the December 9, 2010 University Senate Meeting Agenda was made by Elisabeth Burgess. The motion was seconded by Ben Williams and passed by the committee.

III. Discussion/Information Issues

A. Creation of new fee committee for new student organization – Ben Williams
Ben Williams presented a recommendation from the Student Life and Development Committee be made to the Student Government Association Senate and Executive Board and then to the Student Activity Fee Committee to create a Fee Council for new organizations. Ebony Rose elaborated that new organizations often missed the timetables for funding and the creation of some fund would be helpful for new groups in the building phase. Dr. Stout stated that there were a number of ways for groups to receive funding and for funding changes to be made. The recommendation was not passed by the committee. It was suggested that Ben take the recommendation directly to the Student Activity Fee Committee for consideration.

B. Smoking on Campus – Dr. Covey
Dr. Covey brought up the issue of a smoking on campus that has been discussed in the President’s Cabinet. Particular issues discussed were the creation of a smoke-free campus and the issue of enforcement of the policy. Elisabeth Burgess suggested creating an ad hoc committee made up of members from Faculty Affairs, P&D, and Student Life and Development Committee. Students expressed their desire to talk with other students before making any decision on this matter.

IV. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.