Committee on Student Life and Development
Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, October 2, 1997
10:00 a.m. 212 UC


Members Absent: Greg Lisby, Dennis Thompson, Robert Flourney, Kevin Franklin, April McLeod, Kelly Cervany, Greg Moreland, David DeMarco, Katie Owrey, Traci Gori, Elizabeth Heidler, Don McCance, Bill Thomas.

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by chair Dr. Kurt Keppler.

Approval of August Minutes
The August minutes were approved unanimously.

Chartered Student Organization Petitions
Business Law Society, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta, and the Student Affiliate Chapter of the American Chemical Association at Georgia State University submitted petitions to be chartered student organizations. John Diehl moved to approve the four new organizations' charters. It was seconded by Kevin Propst. The motion passed unanimously.

The Plus/Minus Grade System
Dr. Keppler briefly reviewed and then requested input from the SLDC regarding the pros and cons of the Plus/Minus Grade System which has been implemented at other universities. He expressed interest in gathering feedback from both students and faculty members, the possibility of creating a student survey on the issue, and the presentation of the subsequent recommendations of the committee at the November meeting of the SLDC.

Semester Conversion
GSU will be converting to a semester system in Fall 1998. Dr. Keppler stressed the major impact this will have on the University, especially in the area of allocating student activity fees. Dr. Keppler suggested that because of the timing differences between the quarter and semester system, the new system of collecting student activity fees could have an impact on non-tuition based budgets.

New Business
Technology Fee Proposal
Dr. Keppler requested that the members of the SLDC review and evaluate the Technology Fee Proposal submitted by the IS&T Senate Committee. While the SLDC cannot vote on this issue, Dr. Keppler was interested in the committee's opinions and concerns about the proposed fee. Students fees would increase at a proposed amount of $70 per semester. As proposed, this fee would fund the addition of 100 new computer terminals for student usage, help fund upgrades to existing
computer equipment, and attempt to secure free Internet dial-up access for Georgia State students. Dr. Keppler wanted to open this issue to the students of the University and requested the help of the SLDC in soliciting student feedback on the proposal.

**Student Court Procedural Revisions**

Dr. Keppler submitted a copy of the draft of the updated *GSU Student Judicial System Procedures* to the SLDC. He requested that members of the SLDC should review the document for the October 30th 1997 meeting. The new draft was designed to make the procedures more user friendly, less legalistic, and less bureaucratic in nature.

**Village/Student Center Updates**

Dr. Keppler announced that the opening date for the new Student Center was scheduled for March 30, 1998. He highlighted the benefits to the University community of the new ballroom facility, the new auditorium with a capacity to seat 400 people, and the addition of meeting rooms and conference facilities. Tours of the new Student Center will tentatively be available between December of 1997 and February of 1998 for faculty, administrators, and staff relocating to the new building.

Dr. Keppler announced that the Georgia State Village was filled to capacity as of Fall Quarter 1997.

Dr. Keppler asked if there was any further business. With no further announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Cynthia L. Martin, Recorder

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Please send questions or comments to Mary Nell Stone