Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Kurt Keppler, at 12:10 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the August 13, 1998 and September 3, 1998 SLDC were presented for approval. The motion to approve both meetings' minutes was made by Dr. Andrea Trinklein and seconded by Rob Jackson and Errol Danley. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Petitions to Charter

The following student organizations were chartered: American College of Healthcare Executives, the Asian American Law Students Association, the Nutrition Student Network, and Students for a Free Tibet.

Alpha and Omega

Kurt Keppler gave a review to the committee of the issues surrounding the petition to charter submitted by Alpha and Omega. The petition to charter was tabled at previous SLDC meetings. It was the request of the SLDC that the president of Alpha and Omega provide the committee with a list of all active GSU members. A second concern involves Alpha and Omega's solicitation policies. Julie Noteboom, president of Alpha and Omega, was a guest of the SLDC. Ms. Noteboom stated she was recruited to Alpha and Omega four years ago. At the request of the SLDC, Ms. Noteboom provided a list of the current Alpha and Omega members to the SLDC and also responded to questions and concerns raised by the SLDC committee. Ms. Noteboom admitted that most members of Alpha and Omega were also members of the Atlanta Church of Christ. She also noted that members of her organization did not engage in "harrassing" people to attend Alpha and Omega bible studies. Ms. Noteboom requested that any such incidents should be directed to her attention so that she might address the issue. Rob Jackson inquired as to whether or not the Atlanta Church of Christ was a "parent" organization to Alpha and Omega. Ms. Noteboom responded that yes it was, but that she also intended to follow the policies and procedures of GSU. At this point, Ms. Noteboom was excused from the SLDC.

Discussion amongst the SLDC members about Alpha and Omega revolved around the following issues: Montrine Thomas told of her own experiences with Alpha and Omega (negative). Jennifer Taylor raised concerns over the recruitment techniques exhibited by members of A&O. Thatcher Young noted that he thought Alpha and Omega had a much stronger affiliation to the Atlanta Church of Christ than Ms. Noteboom acknowledged. Timeka Lamback (also a CA at the GSU Village) expressed her concerns and experiences with members of A&O in the GSU dorms (door to door recruitment and the harrasment of student residents). Erroll also expressed concern for the soliciting procedures used by members of Alpha and Omega.

Dr. Keppler reminded the SLDC that we cannot tell groups to join other campus groups (e.g. tell the members of Alpha and Omega to work with Campus Crusade for Christ or some other Christian organization already chartered at GSU). He also stated that the SLDC cannot challenge the affiliation of the organization. Dr. Keppler did note that the SLDC can approve a petition to charter with specific criteria outlined in the charter.

Dr. Andrea Trinklein made a motion to table the vote of the petition to charter Alpha and Omega until the December meeting of the SLDC. This will allow the SLDC to check the list of student members of Alpha and Omega submitted to
the SLDC and allow for further review of the issues.

Food Services

Tony Murphy, Food Services Director for Aramark, was a guest of the SLDC. Mr. Murphy informed the SLDC of the relationship between Aramark and GSU. Mr. Murphy noted the locations of all Aramark facilities on the GSU campus, the hours of operation, and submitted brochures to the SLDC. He also noted the location of suggestion boxes and requested that students relay their opinions and concerns to him. Debra Snell inquired as to how the International Fair would be handled in the upcoming year. Last year, Aramark prepared the foreign cuisines from recipes submitted by the students hosting the fair. According to Mr. Murphy, food is not allowed to be brought onto the GSU campus for distribution at any public event due to health code regulations. Jennifer Taylor inquired as to the nature of the contract between GSU and Aramark. Mr. Murphy responded that the contract stipulates that all catered food must be acquired through Aramark in the new Student Center. A question was raised about establishing a cafeteria in the GSU Village. Mr. Murphy responded that currently this option would not be cost effective but that Aramark was looking at the possibility of establishing services in the GSU Village. He noted that services at the village could take as long as five years to realize. Mr. Murphy also informed the committee that Aramark was looking for new “concepts” (food court businesses) for the new Student Center. In closing, Mr. Murphy said he needs "secret shoppers" to evaluate the service and quality of Aramark's campus locations.

Announcements

Kevin Propst announced that the chartered student organizations mailboxes had been relocated to suite 390 of the new Student Center. He also noted that the SGA computer lab is scheduled to open during the month of November.

Dr. Keppler reminded the SLDC that once a student organization submits a petition to charter, then the petitioning organization does hold a temporary charter.

With no further announcements, the meeting was adjourned by the chair at 1:15 p.m.

Cynthia L. Martin, recorder