Committee on Student Life and Development
Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2002
12:15pm  Sinclair Suite

Members Present:  Justina Emmanuel, Andrea Trinklein, Christine Bohuczky, Debra Snell, Heather Housley, Rebecca Stout, Shelia K. Bradley, Ralph LaRossa, Doug Barthlow, Guan Tao Chen

Members not Present:  Kimberly Smith, Fernando Reati, Jim Boles, Marian Meyers, Marolyn Wells, Kathleen Pittman, Sarah Scharber

Call to order:
Meeting called to order at 12:25pm.

Committee Chair Selection:
Dr. Stout opened the meeting by stating that the University Senate does not require that the chair of the university committees is a faculty member. The committee would have to hold an election otherwise the University Senate says that the SLDC cannot continue to meet without a chair. There was also miscommunication between former chair Janet Gabler-Hover and Dr. Chen regarding who will chair the committee. Dr. Snell motioned to nominate Dr. Stout as SLDC chair, and Doug Barthlow seconded the motion.

Discussion:
Dr. Barthlow stated that back in April’s meeting, Dr. Gabler-Hover stated that the chair has to be a senior faculty member, however, Dr. Stout’s report from the University Senate disputes that. Dr. Chen made a clarification that the Strategic Planning Committee person selected from the SLDC should be a senior faculty member. Heather Housley asked Dr. Snell if she would be interested in taking the position as chair. Dr. Snell said yes if Dr. Stout declined the nomination. Dr. Chen expressed his interest in chairing the committee. Dr. Barthlow asked who the SLDC reports to and also raised the question whether Dr. Stout’s being chair would be a conflict because of her other committee involvement and status in her current job duties. Dr. Stout stated that she would like to review the committee’s purpose and use the fall for organizing the committee before a permanent chair is selected. Dr. Trinklein stated that the VP of Student Services is actually responsible for the department and Dr. Stout would not impose as chair. Dr. Trinklein suggested that since the committee has not been productive in it’s last 3 meetings, that we should move forward. Shelia Bradley asked if anyone else was interested in chairing the committee, no one responded, so Dr. Snell’s original motion to nominate Dr. Stout was voted on unanimously, no abstentions. Dr. Stout accepted the position and moved on with the agenda.

University Senate Meeting Report:
Dr. Stout was asked to give a report on the SLDC chair, because the committee just voted on a chair, she will give that report at the next Univ. Senate meeting.

Approve Last Meeting’s Minutes:
Dr. Trinklein motioned to approve last meeting’s minutes, seconded, minutes approved.

Old Business:
Charters
Leslie Wilson gave a report on the number of charters received as of October 1st, 139, and gave an overview of the chartering process.
New Business:
Student Fee Committee:
Dr. Stout reported that there have been two meetings so far this semester, the Fee committee heard proposals from 4 of the 5 media groups. The committee approved $351,000 of the 1.8 million dollar fund balance. The media groups should be back in the university center by winter break in time for the start of the spring semester.

Mandatory Student Fee Committee:
Ki Song gave a report from the student fee committee meeting held last week. There was one proposal from Transportation who wanted to increase parking fees to $10 per semester for offsite parking and Marta increases. The increase would reduce the running debt in the transportation budget. The Student Fee Committee will vote on it in their next meeting. Dr. Chen stated that Georgia Tech’s student fees are less than GSU’s fees and that may possibly discourage students from attending GSU. Dr. Stout gave statistics about UGA ($58), GT, and GSU’s ($23) transportation fees. Christine Bohuczky explained the justification for why the Transportation department wants to increase their fees: GSU uses Marta and GSU is helping Marta with their revenue. SGA senators were not comfortable with the $10 increase. There has already been a 11% increase in revenue b/c of the student body increase this semester. Dr. Stout added that during the Fee Comm. Meeting, all groups were asked if they needed increases and Transportation was the only group who asked for one. There was more discussion regarding the proposed transportation fee increase. Christine commented that each Village resident is issued a Marta pass and all of students do not use them, so that’s extra revenue for Marta even if the students don’t use the passes. Dr. Stout mentioned that the cost per space to build a new parking deck is 10-12 thousand dollars per space, so using Marta is more cost effective. Christine stated that one of the business senators in SGA will make a presentation to the Mand. Student Fee Comm. at their next meeting.

Panther Walk Of Fame:
Sarah Scharber Jarrett gave an update on the progress of the walk of fame. It’s located on the 3rd floor of the student center. The CDC coordinated the project. There are umbrella organizations featured and there are rotating boards highlighting student leadership initiatives.

Student Services Forum:
Christine gave a report on the forum being held tonight at 5:30pm in Speaker’s Auditorium. It will be an open forum for students to speak with administrators in a panel format. The theme for the forum is “Bridging the Communication Gap”. Patrice Royster, VP Student Services for SGA is the coordinator for the event. Dr. Patton, Dr. Scott, Dr. Stout, Auxiliary Services are some of the panel members.

Conclave:
Sarah Jarrett gave details on the upcoming Leadership Conference (10/19/02). It will be in a different format this year. 173 students have paid their fees to attend the conference. There will be 20 workshops and a presenter and networking opportunities.

Hands On Atlanta:
On 10/5/02 staff and students from GSU volunteered at Benteen Elementary School. They cleaned the outside, planted flowers, and the children made window art. Each student group brought 5-7 members.

Homecoming:
Dr. Patton has put together an Operations Coordinating Committee for homecoming. Colleges, Alumni, and Student organizations are all involved. The charge to the committee is to create the ability to promote homecoming more inclusively, to create excitement and a sense of tradition. Homecoming will be held
February 11-14\textsuperscript{th}, 2003.

\textbf{Suggested Speakers for next meeting:}
Representative from Transportation
Representative from Mandatory Student Fee Committee
Someone responsible for maintaining classroom environment (including desks and chairs)
University Librarian

Next meeting 11/21/02
\textbf{Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm}

Recorder, Leslie Wilson