Call To Order
The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. by chair Kurt Keppler.

Approval of Minutes
A motion was made to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Future Meetings
The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23 at 12:15 p.m. Dates for future meetings will be decided in May once students are appointed to the Committee.

Introduction
Kurt Keppler gave a brief introduction to the committee for new members. A notebook with information on the committee was passed out to new members. Kurt listed four keys responsibilities for the committee:

1. Responds to other committee requests for information, review of work and feedback (i.e. Disruptive Student Behavior Policy, Student Housing);
2. Approves and renews petitions for student organization charters;
3. Approves, discusses and recommends student fee issues and the student fee process;
4. Reviews, recommends, alters and updates the Student Code of Conduct.

Sometimes the committee works as a whole and other times subcommittees are formed and then their recommendations are brought before the committee. This is one of the few Senate committees where faculty, students and staff can have open communication in a not as structured/formal environment.

Selection of New Chair
Kurt indicated that he was leaving the role of Dean of Students and going into academic affairs, so he is likely not going to be on this committee after July 1. Kurt suggested that the new chair be a faculty member.

Ralph LaRossa spoke about the issue. He indicated that the Senate bylaws state that the chair should be a faculty member. He also discussed the advantages of a faculty member being the chair or co-chair of a student related committee. He felt faculty are in a better position to relay concerns of the student to the
administration. He also felt a faculty member could argue on a student’s behalf and not have the same vested interest as the administration. Ralph cited the switch to semesters as an example. The students felt that faculty members were just piling on more work in the additional five weeks of the semester instead of reworking their classes to accommodate the longer term. The faculty members were able to express this concern to the larger faculty body and get results.

Chip Gallagher asked if there was any downside to a faculty member as chair. Kurt indicated the only downside would be if the faculty member was not accessible to students. Jan Gabler-Hover asked if the Dean of Students should continue on as a member of the committee. Kurt indicated that at a minimum the Dean should be ex-officio just so he or she can provide critical background information. Kimmy Smith felt the idea of having a faculty member as the chair might help students feel like the faculty are more empathetic to their needs. Christine Bohuczky thought it was important that the President of Vice President of SGA continue to serve in the co-chair role. The committee agreed.

After discussing pro and cons, it was decided to accept nominations and elect a faculty chair at this meeting since the students would still have a co-chair. Janet Gabler-Hover was nominated and seconded for chair. Nominations were closed and Jan was elected unanimously as the faculty co-chair of the committee.

Petitions to charter and recharters:
The question was asked if there is a minimum number of students that had to be in an organization for it to charter. Kurt answered no, and that membership just had to be open to all students.

A motion was made to approve all charters pending Ju-jitsu and Global Outreach Campus Ministry including in their criteria for membership that members must be GSU students. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Recorder, Leslie Williams