Student Life and Development Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
September 18, 2003
Lanier Suite
12:15PM

Members present: Rebecca Stout Pamela Anthony Doug Podoll
Elizabeth Heidler Debra Snell Nancy Floyd
Johannes Hattingh Marian Meyers Jim Boles
Ptlene Minick Marolyn Wells Corey Thompson
Rashida Davis Jeffrey Benson Jamaal Schoby
Renee Douglas Andrea Hill Tiffany Armstrong
Sandy Miller LeRickus Burt Leslie Wilson
Leslie Williams

Call to order:
Meeting called to order at 12:20PM by Committee Chair, Dr. Rebecca Stout.

Approval of minutes:
The committee reviewed the minutes from August’s committee meeting. Ptlene Minick motioned to approve
minutes, Al McWilliams seconded, minutes unanimously approved by committee.

Committee Representatives/Appointments:
Dr. Stout announced that faculty member Marolyn Wells was appointed to the Enrollment Management
Committee. Dr. Stout opened the floor for volunteers for the University Strategic Planning Subcommittee,
Sandy Miller volunteered. Dr. Stout also recommended two of the three non-student members of the Student
Activity Fee committee for the committee’s approval. The two members are Heather Housley from
International Student & Scholar Services and past member of the Student Activity Fee committee, and
Elizabeth Heidler, Student Organizations and Greek Life advisor, from the Office of Student Life and
Leadership. Debra Snell volunteered to be the third non-student member of the committee. Nancy Floyd
moved to accept all three subcommittee members, Doug Podoll seconded the motion, motion unanimously
approved by the committee.

Subcommittee Reports:
Elizabeth Heidler distributed copies of the section in the Student Handbook that outlined the Chartering
process for Student Organizations. Dr. Stout pointed out some points of interest that the subcommittee
considers when reviewing the charters, such as, the use of GSU as a prefix – any student organization cannot
prefix their organization with GSU, it must state “Blank Organization at Georgia State University”. Also,
Sandy Miller mentioned that the use of the acronym GSU is to be avoided; Georgia State University or
Georgia State is the preferred use. The chartering sub-committee met Wednesday, September 17, 2003, and
reviewed 26 applications. Since Marolyn Wells was appointed to another University Senate sub-committee,
Ptlene Minick volunteered to take her place on the chartering sub-committee. Debra Snell motioned to
approve all charters approved by the sub-committee, Nancy Floyd seconded the motion, and the committee
unanimously approved all charters approved by the sub-committee.

Approved Charters:
Alpha Upsilon Alpha
Guest, Leslie Williams, representing the Student Judicial Board and Code of Conduct subcommittee member, presented issues for potential review (see attached), where the code is unclear. The items listed for review were brought about based on issues found in Student Judicial Board hearings. Leslie Williams also presented an overview of a proposed change to the Student Code of Conduct. In section 9.2, paragraph 3, there is an unclear sentence regarding whether or not the student who is being charged will be able to choose the person who reviews their case – “DOS or designee”.

Also, wording in the paragraph was changed to reflect that students who choose the Student Judicial Board to review their file must sign the FERPA release waiver. Al McWilliams mentioned that the paragraph should clarify the student’s choices. In choosing not to sign, the student limits their choices to options 1 or 3. The proposed changes are shown below:

Proposed Change to the Student Code of Conduct and Policies

9.2 Overview of Judicial Matters

….Paragraph 3

An accused student may choose (1) to waive a hearing and have the Dean of Students resolve the case; (2) to have a hearing before the Student Judicial Board; or (3) to have a hearing before the Senate Committee on Student Discipline. The Dean of Students,
in his or her sole discretion, may decide to personally hear the case or designate another to hear the matter. At the time a hearing route is decided, the accused student who chooses a hearing before the Student Judicial Board must sign a waiver authorizing the University to release case-related information from his/her educational record to the Student Judicial Board. Choosing not to sign such a release limits a student’s hearing options to (1) or (3) above.

1. Deleted: or Designee
2. Deleted: T
3. Deleted: may
4. Deleted: Choosing not to sign such a release may substantially limit the ability of the student Judicial Board to make meaningful investigations into the charges.

The committee unanimously approved the changes made to the Student Code of Conduct Overview of Judicial Matters, as amended.

Administrative Policies Subcommittee:
There will be a new subcommittee that will review issues such as travel for students and late night events policies. Dr. Stout solicited interest in the subcommittee. Pam Anthony, Asst. Dean and Director of Student Life and Leadership will chair the subcommittee, Elizabeth Heidler, LeRickus Burt, and Andrea Hill will make up the remainder of the subcommittee.

Committee Self Study:
The University Senate Executive Committee asked each university committee to conduct a self study based on three questions: Is the mandate or description of your committee still appropriate? In what way might it be changed to be more effective for its own work and that of the entire Senate? Is the membership (size and composition) appropriate? This will be a discussion item for the next meeting.

Information Items:
Panther Roundtable 9/22/03.
SGA week is currently occurring – issues currently being handled by SGA – Library Fee, Financial Aid, Housing, Meal Plans, Academic Forgiveness policy.
GSU alumnae will be competing at the Miss America pageant on Saturday 9/20/03.

Discussion Items:
Dr. Stout announced to the committee that we can invite speakers/guests to give 10minute presentations to our committee if the committee desires.


Leslie Wilson, Committee Secretary