Student Life and Development Committee
Minutes from September 16, 2004 Meeting

Members Present
Pamela Anthony                      Sandra Miller
Michael Binford             Doug Podoll
Elisabeth Burgess                        Debra Schober-Peterson
Elizabeth Heidler Debra Snell
Shelby Frost Tourgee Simpson
Richard Glover Tarianna Stewart
Josue Heredia Rebecca Stout
Marissa Johnson

Guest(s)
Greg Jones
Greg Manning
Hazel Scott

Call to Order
Dr. Rebecca Stout called the meeting to order at 12:19 pm.

Approval of Minutes
Doug Podoll motioned to approve the minutes with the following amendment:
- Remove Elizabeth Heidler’s name from the members present list as she was not in attendance at the August meeting.
The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Heidler and passed unanimously.

Old Business – Action Items
- Discrimination/Discriminatory Harassment Policy and Procedures
  The Ad Hoc Committee formed at the August meeting to discuss the rights of complainants met. After further review, the committee determined that it was not necessary to consider complainants’ rights exclusive to the Discrimination/Discriminatory Harassment Policy and Procedures but rather they recommended consideration of complainants’ rights for the Student Code of Conduct in general.

  The Cultural Diversity Committee reviewed the policy and made one amendment suggestion related to clarifying “fighting words” throughout the document. After consultation with Legal Affairs, the committee proposed to amend the definition to read:
  “Fighting words may include, but are not limited to, words, pictures and symbols…”

  Michael Binford motioned to accept the proposed amendment. Seconded by Debra Snell, it was passed unanimously. Deborah Schober-Peterson motioned to accept the document (Discrimination/Discriminatory Harassment Policy and Procedures) in its entirety. It was seconded by Michael Binford and passed unanimously. The document will next be forwarded to the full University Senate for approval.

Guest Presentation
Dr. Hazel Scott, Vice President for Student Services announced that Georgia State would be moving to a new athletic conference, the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA). She then introduced Greg Manning, Athletic Director, who presented information about the conference, its participating institutions, the benefits to Georgia State and students, and the need for student support in increasing the athletic fee from $82 to $112 per semester.

**New Business – Action Items**

**Charter Subcommittee**
Elizabeth Heidler made a motion to accept the charters of 9 organizations. The motion was seconded by Debra Schober-Peterson and unanimously approved. Approved charters:

- Black Student Theatre Ensemble
- Club Football at Georgia State University
- Dancers on Point
- Equestrian Club at Georgia State University
- Infinite Appeal Modeling Organization
- Korean Undergraduate Student Association (KUSA)
- Lacrosse Club at Georgia State
- Paintball Club at Georgia State
- Sankofa Society
- Tau Sigma Honor Society for Transfer Students

Elizabeth motioned that the subcommittee not accept the charter of Bangledesh Cultural Association (BCA) because the grades of the president and vice president are too low. The motioned was seconded by Debra Schober-Peterson and unanimously approved.

Elizabeth motioned to accept the charter of Hillel at Georgia State University pending a correction to their charter. The organization needs to delete faculty, staff and alumni as members in their constitution (it is listed correctly on the charter application, but not in their constitution). The motioned was seconded by Debra Schober-Peterson and unanimously approved.

**Student Activity Fee Committee Non-Student Members – Approval**
Rebecca Stout nominated Elizabeth Heidler and Lovell Lemons as non-student members to the Student Activity Fee Committee. The motion was made by Debra Schober-Peterson, seconded by Tourgeee Simpson and passed unanimously.

**Discussion/Information Items/Announcements**

**Meeting Times**
It was determined that the meeting times for the committee will stagger between start times of noon and 2:30 pm. This is being done to accommodate the various schedules of the group. In addition, the October meeting will be moved to October 14th or October 28th; an email will be sent to confirm the date and location.

**Announcements**
Pamela Anthony announced the development of *Evolving Experiences: A Dialogue Series*, a new initiative from the Office of Student Life and Leadership/Intercultural Relations. This series will provide an opportunity for students to participate in small group discussion in one of three topic areas (race, gender, women’s identity). Students were encouraged to join the dialogue groups and to inform their organizations about this new opportunity.
Elizabeth Heidler announced that 70 student organizations participated in the Welcome Week Student Organization Fair. This was an increase in participation from last year.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 pm.