Members Present

Pamela Anthony, Cameron Bridges, Elisabeth Burgess, Elizabeth Firestone, Mary Catherine Gebhardt, David Houchins, Kim Huhman, Timothy O’ Keefe, La Loria Konata, Stacy Koshko, Debbie Rupp, Mindy Stomber and Rebecca Stout

I. Welcome & Introductions

Dr. Stout called the meeting to order at 12:15pm. She welcomed new members and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. Committee Composition/Charges

Dr. Stout provided an overview of the committee and discussed its major functions, which includes making recommendations to the Dean of Students and to the University Senate on matters relating to student organizations and the following programs and services: student activities, student conduct, recreation, housing, media, orientation and leadership, student facilities, volunteerism, disability services and honors and awards. She emphasized that these areas relate to specific concepts rather than GSU departments. Dr. Stout indicated that the Office of the Dean of Students handles the Student Code of Conduct and Administrative Policies and is responsible for disciplinary action in general conduct violations.

Additionally, Dr. Stout provided information regarding regular items of committee business. These include:

Approval of Non-Student Members of the Student Activity Fee Committee

Dr. Stout indicated the need for a faculty representative to serve on the Student Activity Fee Committee. The committee meets two-three times in the Fall semester and four-five times in the Spring semester. The meetings are held on Friday afternoons.

Student members of the Student Activity Fee Committee are appointed by the SGA President. The SGA President, Joan Collier, will make these appointments upon her return from South Africa. Additionally, Dr. Stout selected the three Dean’s appointees to the committee: Cameron Bridges, Dominique Huff and Tekia Timmons. All of these students have been actively involved in student life at Georgia State.

Approval of Student Organization Charters

This sub-committee is chaired by Stacy Koshko, Student Organizations Advisor. The committee meets monthly to review new charter requests and to make recommendations regarding the overall charter process.

Approval of Revisions of the Student Code of Conduct (General Conduct Section)

This sub-committee meets on an as-needed basis or at least once a year to review any necessary changes to the General Conduct Section. The last major review of the Code was done in October 2004.
Approval of Revisions of various student policies
This ad-hoc sub-committee is chaired by Pamela Anthony, Assistant Dean/Director of Student Life and Leadership. The committee meets as needed to review student polices. Last year the committee reviewed and made recommendations regarding the Special Event/Late Night Policy and held initial discussions regarding noise amplification on Library Plaza.

III. Action Items
Election of 2006-2007 Committee Chairperson
Dr. Stout nominated Elizabeth Burgess to serve as the 2006-2007 Committee Chairperson. Elisabeth accepted the nomination. Elizabeth Firestone nominated Dr. Stout, who declined the nomination. David Houchins motioned to close nominations and called for the vote, which was seconded by La Loria Konata. Elisabeth was unanimously approved as chair.

Elisabeth assumed facilitation of the meeting. She thanked Dr. Stout for four years of leadership to the committee.

Approval of March 23, 2006 Committee Minutes
Dr. Stout motioned to approve the minutes from the March 23rd meeting. Seconded by Stacy Koshko, the minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Discussion/Information Items
Committee Meeting Times
A 2006-2007 meeting schedule was distributed. The committee will keep its regular meeting schedule by meeting on the third Thursday of each month. The August meeting will be held on the 4th Thursday to accommodate the academic calendar.

Report of the Discrimination/Discriminatory Harassment Pre-Hearing Panel Subcommittee
Dr. Stout discussed the background of the Pre-Hearing Panel sub-committee as well as the composition of the panel. In reviewing the panel composition, the committee decided to add a Student Judicial Board representative to the committee, for the purposes of having an odd number of members (to eliminate the possibility of a tie vote). This requires a policy change and committee members were asked to review the policy for discussion at the next meeting.

Committee Composition Update
Dr. Stout provided an update regarding the committee’s recommendation regarding its composition. The University Senate Committee on Statues and Bylaws did not agree with the committee’s request related to including non-elected student members appointed by the SGA. The recommendation was made that SGA senators who are appointed should be considered “senators” for the purposes of University Senate.

V. Adjournment
Mary Catherine Gebhardt motioned for adjournment. Timothy O’Keefe seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.