**Student Life and Development Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes from Thursday, February 22, 2007**

**Members Present:** Pamela Anthony, Edward Bullwinkel, Elisabeth Burgess, Joan Collier, Jeannie Barrett, Evan Eskridge, Amina Kirk, La Loria Konata, Stacy Koshko, Alaycia Reid, Debbie Rupp, Brandon Sistrunk, Rebecca Stout, Tekia Timmons

**Guest:** Lanette Brown

I. **Welcome**

Elisabeth Burgess called the meeting to order at 12:25pm.

II. **Action Items**

A. **Approval of Minutes**

La Loria Konata motioned to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2007 meeting. Seconded by Pamela Anthony, the minutes were approved.

B. **Student Organization Charter Subcommittee – Recommendation for Approval of New Charters**

La Loria Konata motioned to approve the following charters as recommended by the subcommittee. Pamela Anthony seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

- **Petition for New Charter 06-07**
  - Bowling Club at Georgia State University
  - Collegiate Neuroscience Society
  - Global Rights Organization
  - GRADPRIDE
  - Improv Club
  - Poetry Society of Georgia State University, The

  Total = 6

- **Former Charter Terminated (did not meet re-charter deadline or requirements)**

C. **Student Code of Conduct Subcommittee Report**

Lanette Brown reviewed the actions of the subcommittee appointed to review the Student Code of Conduct – General Conduct. Members of the subcommittee include: Jean Barrett, Lanette Brown, Edward Bullwinkel, Elisabeth Burgess, Joan Collier, Chad Hardy, La Loria Konata, Valerie Miller, Mindy Stombler, Rebecca Stout, and Tekia Timmons. The subcommittee recommended the following changes:

- **Sexual Assault Policy**: Rename the current Sexual Assault Policy to Sexual Misconduct Policy.

  Changing the policy to sexual misconduct broadens it to encompass a range of non-consensual actions that include, but are not limited to acts of sexual assault, rape, sodomy, aggravated sodomy, assault, child molestation, non-consensual kissing, voyeurism, and public indecency.

  Additionally, the following procedural changes to the policy were recommended:
A Sexual Misconduct Board would be established for adjudicating alleged sexual misconduct violations. The establishment of the Sexual Misconduct Board addresses the special needs of the students, particular policy adjudication requirements, and the legal requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Membership of the Board would include five faculty members identified from the membership of the Senate Committee on Student Discipline and Student Life and Development, five students from the Student Judicial Board and three staff from Staff Council. Annual training would be provided to the Board by the Office of the Dean of Students and Legal Affairs.

Students may now request a formal or informal resolution of alleged incidents of sexual misconduct

a. Informal
   Mediation would be the informal resolution of the complaint. Meditation would require the consent of the complainant, the referred student and the Dean of Students.

b. Formal
   A hearing by the Sexual Misconduct Panel would be the formal resolution route. The members of a Sexual Misconduct Hearing Panel would be identified from the membership of the Sexual Misconduct Board. Each Hearing Panel would be comprised of two faculty, two students and one staff. The Dean of Students will identify the chair of the Hearing Panel.

Corresponding changes for the Student Code of Conduct include:

- The definition of sexual misconduct would now be included in the Definition Section.
- An investigation of each reported incident “shall” occur in order to foster a safe and healthy campus environment for students and to minimize the University’s liability.
- Georgia State University would reserve the right to act as the complainant in cases where the University interests of the University community would be served by a continuation of the investigation and/or judicial proceeding.
- The University would reserve the right to close hearings for alleged violation of sexual misconduct against student organizations. Closed hearings will continue to occur for an alleged violation of sexual misconduct against individual students.

After thorough review of the proposed changes, each section was unanimously approved with the following exceptions:

Sexual Misconduct Policy
Section 4.a.5. – Membership of the Sexual Misconduct Board – 2 abstentions (Koshko, Sistrunk)

General Conduct and Policies
Section B.7.c. – Student Judicial Board or Senate Committee on Student Discipline or Sexual Misconduct Board – 1 abstention (Koshko)

Elisabeth thanked Lanette and the other members of the subcommittee for their hard work and indicated that she will present the policy recommendations at the March Senate Executive Board meeting. Rebecca Stout indicated that the goal is to have the changes go into effect as of July 1, 2007.

III. Discussion/Information Items

A. Other Announcements/Concerns
   Joan Collier expressed concerns with the following elements of the Special Event/Late Night Policy:
   - The policy that requires guests to be accompanied by a Georgia State student is unrealistic if the student is a participant in the sponsored event. This is particularly cumbersome for parents and family members attempting to attend events. Additionally,
students have expressed concerns with the decrease from 5 to 2 in the number of guests allowed per student.

- The number of police officers required for security coverage is excessive and expensive, which impacts a student organization’s ability to profit from fundraising events.

Pamela indicated that she will share these concerns at the next Safety and Security meeting, and that she would like to see policy variations to account for public events vs. student-only events.

Ed Bullwinkel expressed concerns about safety and challenged the committee to be proactive in its efforts to ensure campus safety. Elisabeth asked Ed to provide a one paragraph summary of his concerns and she will share them at the March Senate Executive Board meeting.

IV. Adjournment

Elisabeth adjourned the meeting at 1:19pm.