Student Life and Development Committee Meeting
Minutes from Thursday, October 18, 2007


Guests: Lanette Brown, Douglass Covey, Richard Heller

I. Welcome
Elisabeth Burgess called the meeting to order at 12:38 pm.

II. Action Items

Approval of Minutes
Pamela Anthony motioned to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2007 meeting. Seconded by Nancy Schafer, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Student Organization Charter Subcommittee- Recommendation for Approval of New Charters
Stacy Koshko motioned to approve the following charters as recommended by the subcommittee: Club Volleyball at Georgia State University
Total=1

Seconded by Pamela Anthony, the motion were unanimously approved.

III. Discussion/Informational Issues

“State of Student Affairs at GSU”
Dr. Douglas Covey, Vice President of Student Affairs, provided an update of initiatives and activities impacting student life at Georgia State. Highlights include:

- The opening of University Commons, which represents the largest privately-funded student housing project in the country; impact seen immediately as increase in foot traffic on Piedmont and increase in students returning to campus for programs.
- Additional housing options are anticipated in 2009, including Greek/Special Interest Housing as well as a traditional residence hall that promotes community involvement and interaction. The plans for Greek Housing are still underway, and it is anticipated that there will be nine three-story units in the first phase. Chapters who have houses will relinquish their rooms on the 4th floor of the University Center.
- Retention, Progression, Graduation (RPG) is a major priority for the university, and Student Affairs work is designed to impact students outside of the classroom. In an effort to create a vibrant campus life, the Student Activity Fee has proposed a $35 fee increase to broadly increase student engagement. The proposal is now with the Mandatory Fee Committee to approve; it will then go to the Fiscal Advisory Committee to the President, then to Dr. Patton, to the Board of Regents, and finally to the Chancellor for approval.
- Conversations regarding football at Georgia State are ongoing; in addition to football, a marching band, and three additional women’s sports will be added to the athletic program. Dan Reeves will be attending tonight’s SGA meeting in The Commons to provide more insight regarding the football initiative.
There are plans to develop field space in the downtown area for the Student Recreation Center sports teams.

The Student Health Center has relocated to the retail space area at University Commons, and the operating hours have been extended to 8:00 pm.

As student involvement grows, there will be higher demand on various departments to provide services; therefore extended hours for the Student*University Center and other facilities are being considered.

Announcements

Georgia State Night at the Aquarium is Friday, November 2, 2007 from 7pm-10pm. Tickets are available on campus for $12/person in the Bookstore, RialtoCenter Box Office, and the Student Center Information Desk. Online tickets can be purchased through the Rialto Box Office for $15/person. Tickets purchased on site at the Aquarium will be $24/person. Kids under 3 are free.

IV. Adjournment

Elisabeth adjourned the meeting at 1:13pm.