Members Present: Pamela Anthony, Jeannie Barrett, Elisabeth Burgess, Evan Eskridge, David Houchins, La Loria Konata, Stacy Koshko, Nancy Schafer, Rebecca Stout

I. Welcome
Elisabeth Burgess called the meeting to order at 12:40 pm.

II. Action Items

   Approval of Minutes
   Two amendments were made to the minutes from the November 15th meeting:
   - From Rebecca Stout: modify sentence in Amorous Relationships Policy: “This has also been referred to the Joint Subcommittee with Faculty Affairs for review.”
   - From Elisabeth Burgess: correct misspellings of her name in Academic Conduct Policies and Procedures

   Motioned by Elisabeth and seconded by Pamela Anthony, the minutes were approved with the above corrections.

   Student Organization Charter Subcommittee- Recommendation for Approval of New Charters
   Stacy motioned that the following seven charters be approved as recommended by the subcommittee. Seconded by Pamela Anthony, the motion was approved:

   1. American Institute of Professional Geologist
   2. American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) - Stacy will add chapter name or “at Georgia State University” to reflect that this is a student chapter of a national organization
   3. Arab Society of Georgia State University
   4. Geology Club
   5. Out of the Blue A Capella Group
   6. Phi Alpha Theta/Mu Tau Chapter
   7. Textiles Artisans Guild (TAG)

   The next New Student Organization Orientation is Friday, January 25, 2008.

III. Discussion/Informational Issues

   A. Student Code of Conduct Review Committee- Progress Reports

      Academic Conduct Policies and Procedures (Elisabeth Burgess)
      Elisabeth met with George Rainbolt of Admissions and Standards to inquire whether a full review of these policies is needed. George indicated that the policy has been reviewed twice in the last five years; as such, the policy will stand as current.

      General Conduct Policies and Procedures (Rebecca Stout)
      Minor revisions to the policy will be presented at the February meeting.
Administrative Policies

Disruptive Student Conduct in the Classroom or Other Learning Environment
(Rebecca Stout)
The committee discussed the differences in the meanings of ‘class’ vs. ‘course’, with the former referencing a specific class period and the latter referencing an entire semester. To coincide with the Faculty Affairs definition, they recommended a modification of the title of the policy to “Disruptive Student Conduct in the Classroom or Other Course-Related Learning Environment.”

Additionally, in Step Three: Appeals Process, change “mail” to “email” in the last sentence of the first paragraph.

Alcohol Policy (Jeannie Barrett)
In an effort to combine all alcohol-related issues within the code, the policy is being significantly overhauled to create one policy as opposed to the separate policies currently in place. A major focus is to address the instances of underage drinking, i.e. implementing age requirements, service time for alcohol, as well as considering how off campus events are regulated.

Policy on Class Attendance (Evan Eskridge)
The subcommittee is meeting with Elisabeth Burgess, Carol Cohen, and several others to discuss policy revisions. The next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2008. The main concern is that the current policy of a 15% limit of classes missed poses a problem for athletes due to the fact they must miss class for away games, particularly given the new athletic conference schedule.

Privacy of Student Records (Elisabeth Burgess)
Jeannie indicated that the policy was re-written two years ago and is currently being reviewed for organization rather than content. A major suggestion is to remove student email addresses from the university directory/website to prevent blind solicitation. To ensure that faculty/staff still have access to students via email, an idea is to create the ability to email a student without disclosing the actual address.

Chartering Student Organizations (Stacy Koshko)
No major updates are needed. Dr. Stout mentioned that language regarding paraprofessional student organizations should be included in the policy.

Student Leadership Positions (Pamela Anthony)
Students who reviewed the policy made recommendations regarding GPA and credit-hour requirements. Revisions will be presented at the February meeting.

Long-Distance Phone Usage Guidelines for Student Organizations (Pamela Anthony)
Jeannie recommended that the policy be changed to reflect the university’s current policies about personal use of university resources. Rebecca Stout also recommended a review of the internal control documents and an indication of how organizations may gain access to long-distance.

Distribution of Literature, Petitions, Surveys and Questionnaires (Jeannie Barrett)
The subcommittee is discussing size specifications of displays on Library Plaza and other campus venues. Jeannie suggested that the Campus Posting Policy be combined with the
Distribution Policy. Interested stakeholders (i.e. Student*University Center) should be involved in this decision.

*Computer Policies (Nancy Schafer)*
Nancy will write the introduction to the policy which will provide a link to the IS&T webpage.

*Amorous Relationship Policy (Rebecca Stout)*
Currently, there are two separate definitions in both the faculty and student handbooks regarding amorous relationships with two different titles. The committee recommended that the title and numbering in the student handbook be modified to match the policy in the faculty handbook: “Potential Conflict of Interest in Amorous Relationships.”

*Miscellaneous*
Jeannie Barrett indicated that she will be reviewing legal issues related to student organizations’ rights to restrict membership. Additionally, she recommended that the code include a statement and URL link that acknowledges where the most current version of the code can be found online.

B. Presidential Search
Elisabeth announced that the Council of Chairs in conjunction with the Executive Council of the Senate recommended six faculty members for the search committee. However, the Chancellor prefers a pool of candidates rather than specific names.

C. Additional Business
Rebecca announced that the Student Activity Fee Council will award additional money during this fiscal year. SGA will facilitate the process for student organizations within the University-wide and Diversity fee councils, while College fee councils will coordinate their own processes.

D. Announcements/New Business
Stacy announced plans for Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Week which include the 25th Annual Convocation, a dedication program, Project Empty Bowls, tours to the King Center, and participation in the city-wide King march.

IV. Adjournment
Elisabeth adjourned the meeting at 1:55pm