Members Present: Pamela Anthony, Jeannie Barrett, Lauren Bradford, Tiffani Brown, Elisabeth Burgess, Tom Caiifa, Evan Eskridge, Randy Kent, Stacy Koshko, Kenee Stephens (replacing Gary Longstreet), Rebecca Stout, Holly Williams (replacing Doug Podoll)

Guests: Jarrell Anderson, Jaray Harvey-Gillespie, Jessica Howell, Bharath Parthasarathy

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

II. Action Items

Approval of Minutes
Pamela Anthony motioned to approve the January 17th minutes. Seconded by Rebecca Stout, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Student Organization Charter Subcommittee- Recommendation for Approval of New Charters
There were no new charters submitted for approval. Stacy announced that the next New Student Organization Orientation is Friday, February 29, 2008 at 10:00 am. Additionally, the Club Manager website has been upgraded.

III. Discussion/Informational Issues

A. Smoking Policy for Students

Jarrell Anderson and Evan Eskridge acknowledged that SGA passed recent legislation to request that GSU police enforce the current smoking policy. Along with Jessica Howell, a Public Health graduate student, they expressed their concerns regarding the non-existent enforcement of the policy. After a lengthy discussion, suggestions for next steps included: remove ashtrays; create smoke-free zones, create an educational campaign to inform students about the policy, and add the smoking policy to the Student Code of Conduct. Rebecca Stout recommended and volunteered to assist the students in coordinating an anti-smoking walk.

B. Student Code of Conduct Review Committee - Progress Reports

There is a recommendation to change the title of the Student Code and Conduct to indicate that it contains both the Student Code of Conduct as well as other Administrative Policies that are developed by a variety of sources within the University. The new recommended title is Student Code of Conduct and Administrative Policies and Procedures.

Section I: Introduction - within the Student Rights and Obligations section, there is a recommendation to add a requirement that indicates students’ continuing duty to disclose unlawful activity at any time it occurs.

Section II: Academic Conduct Policies and Procedures - per Admissions and Standards Committee of the University Senate, no changes are recommended to the Policy on Academic
Honesty.

1. **General Conduct Policies and Procedures (Rebecca Stout)**
   The following changes were recommended:
   - Modify language to reflect current practice
   - Link a student’s right to a formal hearing to their denial of a Code violation (Jeannie Barrett will rewrite this section)
   - Remove “tape recording” as a specific form of the record of a hearing
   - Allow the Dean of Students to take Interim Action for a “significant” threat
   - Indicate that, in addition to mitigating factors, “aggravating” factors are considered in the resolution of conduct cases
   - Reflect current title of the Vice President for Student Affairs
   - Indicate that the University will notify parents of minor students of violations of alcohol or other drugs as allowed by federal law (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)
   - Add a new section to reflect how judicial records are handled in accordance with the law and University System policies

2. **Administrative Policies**

   *Disruptive Student Conduct (Rebecca Stout)*
   There are no updates as the policy is still in Faculty Affairs for review.

   *Alcohol Policy (Jeannie Barrett)*
   Review of the policy is still in progress.

   *Policy on Class Attendance (Evan Eskridge)*
   The policy will be presented to the Senate at the March meeting.

   *Privacy of Student Records (Elisabeth Burgess)*
   The policy has been brought to Administrative Council for approval.

   *Chartering Student Organizations (Stacy Koshko)*
   The subcommittee is discussing a mechanism to create categories and classifications for student groups on campus. Potential categories include chartered student organizations and paraprofessional groups.

   *Student Leadership Positions (Pamela Anthony)*
   The following changes were recommended:
   - Use the term “recognized” versus “chartered” student organization to incorporate chartered, paraprofessional, and other categories of student organizations
   - Delete Incept Orientation Team because they are student employees not student leaders
   - Clarify minimum enrollment hours for undergraduates (6 hours) and graduates (3 hours)
   - Increase GPA requirement to 2.5 to hold leaders to higher academic standard.
   - Additionally, a student leader whose average drops below 2.2 (from 2.0) must relinquish their position.
   - Regarding term limits, update current position titles and include Spotlight Committee Directors
   - Change responsibility for verifying eligibility to student organization advisor so that students are not given access to their peers’ academic records
Pamela motioned to approve the above recommendations. Seconded by Evan Eskridge, the policy revisions were unanimously approved.

**Distribution of Literature, Petitions, Surveys and Questionnaires (Jeannie Barrett)**

Bharath Parthasarathy of Legal Affairs presented the first draft of the policy. The recommendation is to delete sections I (Distribution of Literature, Petitions, Surveys and Questionnaires) and M (Campus Posting Policy) within the current code and replace them with a new policy entitled *Campus Speech, Distribution, and Posting Policy*. The committee was asked to read the proposed policy for review at the March meeting.

**Long-Distance Phone Usage Guidelines for Student Organizations (Pamela Anthony)**

Pamela recommended that the policy be deleted from the Code as it is outdated and reiterates current university policy that prohibits personal use of university resources. Additionally, the policy applies only to a limited group of student organizations which have offices equipped with long-distance access. The advisors of these organizations should reference the university internal control procedures to ensure that students are using telephones and other resources appropriately.

Stacy Koshko motioned to approve the above recommendation. Seconded by Rebecca Stout, the policy was unanimously approved for deletion from the code.

**Student Travel Agreement (Pamela Anthony)**

The following changes were recommended:
- Simply language and broaden scope of activities as travel may not be limited to conferences and workshops
- Indicate responsibility to Code while on travel and refer back to Code in general, rather than outlining specific disciplinary actions
- Delete summary of experience requirement as this practice is not currently enforced
- Acknowledge responsibility to comply with Alcohol Policy while on university travel (Jeannie Barrett recommended to delete the ability for university personnel to impose stricter guidelines regarding alcohol use while on travel. After some discussion, it was determined that these provisions can be incorporated into the Alcohol Policy)
- Clarify that rules for usage of university vehicles are imposed by both Student Life and Leadership and Recreational Services

Pamela motioned to approve the above recommendations. Seconded by Evan Eskridge, the policy revisions were unanimously approved.

**Amorous Relationship Policy (Rebecca Stout)**

The following change was recommended:
- 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.”

Pamela motioned to approve the above recommendation. Seconded by Elisabeth Burgess, the recommendation was unanimously approved.

**Hazing Policy (Rebecca Stout, Jaray Harvey-Gillepsie)**

Based upon an increase in reports of hazing, a new policy was created to more clearly
articulate the institution’s position and expectations about hazing. Jaray presented the first
draft of the policy, creating by the Hazing Task Force Committee. The policy includes a
more comprehensive definition of hazing and indicates that the University will investigate
each reported alleged violation to determine whether there is sufficient basis to believe
that any violations of the Student Code of Conduct may have occurred. In instances in
which there is sufficient evidence, appropriate charges will occur and the University will act as the
complainant.

C. Additional Business

Jeannie recommended that the Student*University Center broaden opportunities for posting
announcements and events within the Center. She further suggested that the Student*University
Center should be responsible for the tables on Library Plaza rather than Facilities. Currently the
Reservations Office coordinates the reservation process but does not have physical responsibility
for the tables.

Pamela announced the Greek housing ground breaking occurring today at 2:30pm.

D. Announcements/New Business

The next meeting is March 20, 2008 at 12:30pm.

IV. Adjournment
Elisabeth adjourned the meeting at 2:12 pm.