Student Life and Development Committee Minutes  
Thursday, October 16, 2008

Members Present:  Pamela Anthony, JoAnn Bacon, Jeannie Barrett, Elisabeth Burgess, Jessica Ekhomu, Evan Eskridge, Alex Gallimore, Andrew Jordan, Terkquyose Kennehrew, Stacy Koshko, Tammy Lyskowinski, Timothy O’Keefe, Nancy Schafer, Mindy Stombler, Kenee’ Stephens, Rebecca Stout

Guest: Andrew An

I. Welcome:
   Elisabeth Burgess called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

II. Action Items:
   A. Approval of Thursday, September 18, 2008 Minutes
      There was a typographical error in the Announcements section (change 11:0 to 11:00). Timothy O’Keefe motioned for approval with the above correction. Nancy Schafer seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

   B. Student Organizations Charter Subcommittee—Recommendations for Approval
      Stacy Koshko introduced her new Graduate Assistant Andrew An to the committee. Andrew will assist Stacy with new student organization charter petitions.

      Four new organizations petitioned to charter. Stacy motioned for approval, and Pamela seconded the motion. The following charters were unanimously approved:

      **Astronomy Club**
      The aim of this club is to help students learn about the universe that surrounds them along with how and when the universe was created.

      **Capoeira**
      The purpose of the Capoeira Club is to teach both the musical and physical aspects of Capoeira Angola, as well as acknowledge the beauty of Brazilian culture.

      **Georgian Student Association**
      GSA’s primary goal is to help Georgian students at Georgia State (GSU) to adjust to campus life and life in Atlanta, to enhance the intellectual development of its members through cultural and educational activities and to broaden the overall appeal and awareness of Georgia community. **Note – it was recommended that this purpose statement be modified to distinguish that the organization is about the country of Georgia and not the state of Georgia.**

      **Neuroscience Graduate Student Association**
      The purpose of the NGSA is to foster relationships among graduate students across departments and disciplines that are focusing on neuroscience-related questions in their research.

   C. Recommendation for Amendments to the Campus Speech, Posting and Distribution Policy
      The committee reviewed the changes as proposed by Jeannie Barrett at the September meeting. As there were no substantive changes, Timothy O’Keefe motioned to approve the changes as presented. Seconded by Nancy Schafer, the motion was unanimously approved.
III. Discussion/Information Issues:
A. Update on Admissions Disciplinary Review Process

Dr. Stout provided information regarding the Motion on Admissions Discipline Questions as follows:

Rationale:
The motion updates the questions to ask about issues arising while serving in the military, has currently pending charges. It also clarifies the nature of various sorts of pleas that have the same effect as a guilty plea but are not official pleas of guilty. These changes are recommended by a subcommittee in light of some recent student cases and a review of the questions asked by other institutions.

Motion:
The current admissions discipline policy is repealed and replaced with the following:

If an applicant

(a) is on academic probation, suspension, exclusion, or any other type of academic warning at any previously attended institution,
(b) is ineligible to enroll at any previously attended institution,
(c) is currently charged with, or has been found guilty of any violation of academic honesty, honor code, or conduct regulations of a previously attended institution,
(d) left a previous institution while there were pending charges of any violation of academic honesty, honor code, or conduct regulations,
(e) is currently charged with, or has been found guilty of, any violation (including first offenses) of a federal, state or municipal law, regulation or ordinance other than minor traffic violations,
(f) has ever entered a plea of guilty, no contest, nolo contendere, or an Alford plea, or otherwise accepted responsibility for the commission of a crime,
(g) has received any type of discharge from military service other than an honorable discharge,

then the applicant’s case will be reviewed to insure that the applicant meets the satisfactory academic performance, good character, and good conduct requirements noted above.

If, after a letter of acceptance has been issued, information comes to light that shows that an applicant did not meet all admission requirements or that an applicant’s application contained omissions or misrepresentations, the applicant’s offer of admission will be automatically revoked. If this information comes to light after the student has enrolled, the applicant’s enrollment at Georgia State will automatically be terminated and earned credit may be revoked.

Any changes in a student’s record prior to enrollment will necessitate a new review of the application.

Timothy O’Keefe suggested that the words “noted above” be replaced with “of the university” for to avoid confusion in the language.

The purpose of the review is to articulate, clarify and update the current admissions discipline policy. The two offices involved in the process are the Office of the Dean of Students and Undergraduate Admissions. If approved through the Senate, the policy would most likely take affect for next Fall (2009) applications.

B. Update from Council of Chairs

Elisabeth provided information regarding the Presidential search. Two finalists were announced today and the official announcement of the next President is expected by the end of the month.

Each senate committee has been asked to identify 1-2 issues from their committee to place on the President’s agenda. SLDC committee members decided to brainstorm issues and submit them to Elisabeth via email by November 8, 2008. Elisabeth will compile a list for the entire committee to review at the next meeting.
Elisabeth also announced that the Attendance Policy has been referred to Faculty Affairs and is now a new subcommittee with representatives from SLDC, Admissions and Standards, Faculty Affairs and CAP. Athletics has continually expressed concerns that the policy will negatively impact athletes.

C. Additional Old Business - none

D. Announcements/New Business
   October 18 – Leadership Conclave, Student Center
   October 20 – Ben Stein lecture, 3:00 p.m. Student Center
   October 23 – Panthers Jam
   October 30 – SGA Town Hall Meeting (re: football), 4:30 p.m. Alumni Hall
   October 30 – Men’s Basketball exhibition

   Rebecca announced that the university’s conversion to the new student email system has started. It is imperative that all students convert in order to continue to receive important university announcements as the old system will deactivate on November 13. Rebecca encouraged committee members to make proactive efforts to communicate the urgency of this conversion to all students.

IV. Adjournment:
   Elisabeth adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.