Student Life and Development Committee Minutes
Thursday, November 20, 2008

Members Present: Jarrell Anderson, Elisabeth Burgess, Steve Carey, Tom Caiafa, Jessica Ekhomu, Evan Eskridge, Alex Gallimore, Maria Gindhart, Andrew Jordan, Stacy Koshko, Quasaan Manuel, Akeem Mitchell, Nancy Schafer and Rebecca Stout. 

Guest: Andrew An

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

II. Action Items:
   A. Approval of Thursday, October 16, 2008 Minutes
      Tom Caiafa motioned to approve the minutes. Stacy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

   B. Student Organizations Charter Subcommittee Recommendations for Approval - Stacy Koshko
     Nine student organizations petitioned to charter. Stacy motioned that the organizations be approved. Maria Ginhart seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Graduate Risk Management Association
The Graduate Risk Management Association (GRMA) of Georgia State University is an official student organization whose mission is to serve the graduate risk management students of the university. Our main goals are: (1) to offer speaker sessions about the current events in the industry for graduate students. (2) to increase the networking opportunities available for risk management students and (3) to increase the available career resources.

Haitian Student Association
The purpose of this group is to enhance cultural awareness of GSU students through culturally entertaining and educational means. We strive to help orientate upcoming Haitian freshmen and Haitian transfer students to GSU. This group is not limited to Haitians but opened to all who are interested in Haitian culture.

Indoor Soccer Club
The goal of this organization is to create an enjoyable atmosphere for all who want to participate in the Indoor Soccer Club regardless of their level of play.

Latino Leadership Council
Latino Leadership Council aims to become the umbrella for the current and future Latino organizations by promoting cooperation among members organizations on the Georgia State University campus, also to represent the Latino community at Georgia State University.

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Phi Beta Lambda at Georgia State University
Phi Beta Lambda provides members with a prime chance to further their business skills, network with professionals, and even have a little fun and make a few new friends along the way. It is associated with the Future Business Leaders of America organization, founded by Dr. Hamden L. Forkner to Columbia University in 1947.

Progressive Student Alliance
The purpose of the Progressive Students Alliance is to encourage the students of Georgia State to work for peace and justice at home and abroad. The goal of the Progressive Students Alliance is to educate students on current social justice issues and provide a network for activism. The Progressive Students Alliance will provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and resources to all members. The Progressive Student Alliance will fight for peace and justice through non violent activities.

Salsa Club at Georgia State University
The purpose of the SCGSU is to create a community for Georgia State students/faculty/staff alumni who are interested in club-style Latin dancing to develop their talents beyond their academic field. Form a collaborative environment for various club styles of Latin dancing through dance practice and stage performance. We hope promote cultural communications by organizing dancing parties open to all students.

Soka Gakkai International USA-Nichiren Dishonin Buddhist Organization
The fundamental purpose of the Soka Gakkai International-USA is to help students unlock their hidden potential and achieve creative harmony with their environment through the philosophy and practice of Nichiren Buddhism in the SGI-USA.

Ultimate Frisbee Club
The purpose of this organization is to provide opportunities for student growth by learning and playing the sport of Ultimate in learning and competitive environments.

III. Discussion/Information Issues:

A. Update on Smoking Task Force-Jarrell Anderson
The correct name is Non-Smoking/Smoking Space Task Force. Question of whether task force could work with facilities in implementing non-smoking was presented. The issue of placing, size, etc., of smoking booths being placed on GSU campus, in particular in front of GCB was discussed. Discussion is still on-going.

B. Ideas from SL&D for Senate Discussion with New President Becker – Elisabeth Burgess
There will be no December meeting. Committee meeting scheduled for February. SL&D committee recommendations will be discussed in the January 09’s meeting and delivered to the GSU’s new president Dr. Becker in January. Recommendations/concerns included implementing future “green space” initiative in GSU campus expansion projects. Also, GSU student pedestrian issues and the continuous need to improve customer service initiative on GSU’s campus, especially for the Financial Aid office and One Stop Shop in particular.
C. Additional Old Business
   There was no old business.

D. Announcements/New Business
   On December 1, 2008 there will be an open forum on launching Panther Mail.

IV. Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.