Student Life and Development Committee Minutes
Thursday, September, 18, 2008


Guest: Dr. Douglass Covey, Vice President of Student Affairs

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

II. Action Items:
A. Approval of Thursday, August 28, 2008 Minutes
   Jeannie Barrett noted a typographical error on the minutes (Student Organizations should be Mock Trial instead of Mock Trial). Timothy O’Keefe motioned to approve the minutes with said correction. Seconded by Nancy Schafer, the minutes were unanimously approved.

B. Student Organizations Charter Subcommittee-Recommendations for Approval
   Three new organizations petitioned to charter. Stacy motioned for approval and Pamela seconded the motion. The following charters were unanimously approved:

   Ascend Georgia State University Student Chapter
   The mission of the student chapters of ASCEND is to promote the development of and foster leadership skills in Asian and Pacific Islander students interested in pursuing a career in accounting and finance.

   Outlet College Ministry
   The Outlet College Ministry serves as the connection between Christ and college students, equipping them to become mature disciples who radically advance God’s Kingdom on earth.

   Revolution Club
   We believe that a world without classes, oppressive social relations and political/social structures that produce and reinforce those relations is possible. We believe that the youth are essential in creating this new world. Our work is defined by the slogan: “Fight the Power, and transform the people, for revolution.” Our purpose is political activity and discussion flowing from the preceding principles.

III. Discussion/Information Issues:
A. Dr. Covey provided updates on student housing and other initiatives at Georgia State:
   - Commons Market Place is now open at The Commons. This convenience store is exclusive to Georgia State students, faculty and staff. The store is a cashless operation and only accepts Panthercards for payment.
   - Panther’s Den is a new eatery located on the first floor of the Citizen’s Trust Bank building.
   - The University Lofts retail space has been converted into a lobby, lounge area and housing learning lab. Tutoring and additional academic space is now available. Various renovations occurred within the Lofts due to storm damage earlier this year.
• Georgia State University recently acquired green space, which is located approximately 6/10 of a mile from campus. The space will have practice facilities for football, marching band and other intramural sport activities.

• Construction for the next housing project is scheduled to begin in November 2008. The new housing project will be located across from the University Lofis and completion of the project is scheduled for July 09. The complex will consist of nine three-story townhomes for Greek housing. The townhomes will vary in size (9-bed, 16-bed, and 21-bed) to attract and accommodate all chapters. The community will house approximately 150 residents. Across from the Greek units will be a 350-bed freshman residence hall which will be designed to promote community-style living. There will be no internal kitchens or living areas; however residents will share common areas. The facility will also feature a dining hall and all residents will be required to purchase a meal plan.

Both housing initiatives lead to the university’s strategic goal of having a residential capacity of 10%.

• The new science complex is scheduled to open in spring 2010.

Amendments to the Campus Speech, posting and distribution policy-Jeannie Barrett

B. Campus Posting Policy
Jeannie Barrett presented recommendations regarding changes to the policy. Changes include the deletion of specific areas where posting can occur (referring patrons to the regularly updated list that is maintained by the Student*University Center) and a requirement that university employees posting materials for personal reasons do so in specific areas.

The rationale for the changes was to (1) clearly identify the First Amendment rights of persons and/or organizations as well as the University’s right to regulate the time, manner, and place of expressions of such rights; (2) resolve several internal inconsistencies; and (3) correct various grammatical and spelling errors. SLDC committee members were asked to review the recommendations for discussion and voting at the next meeting.

C. Old Business – none

D. Announcements/New Business
Jarrett Anderson discussed the recent meeting of the Non Smoking Task Force. The goal of the task force is to enforce the rule of no smoking within 25 feet of university buildings. The name was changed to Smoking Space Task Force in order to be more inclusive of smokers. The committee will meet October 2, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in the Golden Key Board Room.

The committee continued discussion about options for centralized posting. Recommendations included electronic listings and development of a common interface that could link to various areas. This topic will be ongoing.

IV. Adjournment:
Elisabeth adjourned the meeting at 1:18 p.m.