Student Life and Development Committee Minutes
Thursday, January 15, 2009

Members Present: Jarrell Anderson, Elisabeth Burgess, Steve Carey, Tom Caiafa, Brittany Cummings, 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, November 20, 2008 Minutes
Several grammatical errors were noted (Section II. B – delete “ed” on the ends of the words motion and open; also, delete space in the word “this” within Ultimate Frisbee Club description). Stephen Carey motioned to approve the minutes with corrections. Tom Caiafa seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

B. Student Organizations Charter Subcommittee-Recommendations for Approval- Stacy Koshko
Two student organizations petitioned to charter. Both organizations are considered sports clubs and are supported by the recreation center. Stacy motioned to approve these organizations. Alex Gallimore seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Bellydance Club at Georgia State University
The purpose of the Bellydance Club at Georgia State University is to learn, practice, and exhibit the art of bellydance, a dance originating from the Middle East; in performance for the school as well as other venues in order to build healthy bodies, establish peer connections, and increase cultural arts knowledge.

Rock Climbing Club
This club provides a social and competitive rock climbing organization for all levels of experience. It also provides members with private climbing time in the climbing wall room, outdoor climbing trips, climbing competitions, and transportation to/from events. Members can participate in public and collegiate level competitions.

III. Discussion/Information Issues:

A. Ideas from SL&D for Senate Discussion with New President Becker- Elisabeth Burgess
Elisabeth compiled and distributed a list of items to discuss with President Becker. The committee was asked to choose 3 to 4 items for discussion. Elisabeth also stated that Dr. Becker wants to know what areas are working and what areas need improving. In addition to the list below, various committee members expressed concerned about other items for discussion including; moving toward a smoke free campus, providing better customer service (One Stop Shop and the Financial Aid office in particular were mentioned), housing for International Students, access to late night parking when Georgia State is hosting evening/late night events, using Hurt Park for Georgia State activities, creating/establishing an open door policy with the president to meet with students, securing top levels of parking decks, etc.

1. Greening of Campus
   Incorporating into new construction
   Recycling
   Bicycle racks

2. Infrastructure and Capacity for Growth (and increasing traditions) in Student Body
   Student Housing
   Increased use of Facilities
   Access to Parking for late night events
3. **How will he work with City leaders**
   - Use of Hurt and Woodruff Park
   - Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Issues

4. **Commitment to a globally-competent campus**
   - International students, faculty and staff
   - International Education-Study Aboard

5. **Visibility and Accessibility for Students**
   - Importance of working across the university
   - Round-tables with student leaders

6. **Highlight the positive**
   - New Student Fee has been a great success
   - New Speakers
   - Enhanced Programming
   - Diversity
   - Need to continue to capitalize on this
   - Visibility of Georgia State

B. **Additional Old Business**
   There was no old business.

C. **Announcements/New Business**
   - MLK Jr. Convocation Week activities begins today with keynote speaker Michael Eric Dyson
   - King Center tours-Friday, January 16, 2009
   - Live feed of Presidential Barak Obama’s Inaugural Address – Student Center Ballroom
   - Re-enactment of Dr. King’s “I Have a Dream Speech”
   - Men’s Basketball Game
   - Free lunch on January 22, 2009

IV. **Adjournment:**
The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.