Student Life and Development Committee Minutes
Thursday, February 19, 2009

Members Present: Jarrell Anderson, Pamela Anthony, Jeannie Barrett, Allison Calhoun-Brown, Elisabeth Burgess, Tom Caiafa, Brittany Cummings, Jessica Ekhomu, Evan Eskridge, Maria Gindhart, David Houchins, Stacy Koshko, Tammy Lyskowinski, Akeem Mitchell, Kenne’ Stephens and Rebecca Stout

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

II. Action Items:
A. Approval of Thursday, January, 15, 2008 Minutes
   Corrections were noted. Elisabeth stated that under the heading Discussion Items the minutes needed to reflect that the committee complied and prioritized a list of ideas to present to Dr. Becker for discussion. Renee Stephens, Jeannie Barrett and Tammy Lyskowinski’s names were not included in members present. In addition, two grammatical errors were noted (Section II-B-under Student Organizations Charter Subcommittee-Recommendations for Approval-Bellydance Club at Georgia State University, a comma, instead of a semi colon, should be at the end of the word Middle East and an “s” should be at the end of the word performance). Elisabeth motioned that the minutes be approved. Tom seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

B. Student Organizations Charter Subcommittee-Recommendations for Approval- Stacy Koshko
   Six student organizations petitioned to charter. Several questions were asked about GSU having a number of student organizations with the same mission. Out of this discussion Elisabeth suggested that an Ad Hoc committee be started to address/discuss this issue. Elisabeth asked for volunteers to serve on this committee. Evan volunteered to chair this committee. Stacy was asked to select student organization representatives to sit on this committee as well. Elisabeth wants the committee to be expanded to include a variety of students from various programs. Andrew An suggested that two students serve on this committee in addition to himself. Stacy motioned that the student organizations be approved. Pamela seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B.O.M.B. (Bring Our Message Boldly) Campus Ministries
The B.O.M.B. Campus Ministries is an assembly dedicated to the enrichment of the GSU student body and those of the Christian faith with practical Bible based teachings. Our mission is to serve the student body through Bible Studies, Seminars, and discussions to help them manage their lives on a day to day basis.

Campus P.A.L.S. (Passing Along Lessons Socially)
The purpose of the Campus P.A.L.S. organization is to provide personal assistance to incoming freshman students by acclimating them to the University through social, academic and leadership programs. We will do this by effectively integrating them into campus life, through the dissemination of education throughout the academic school year.

Global Language Network
The Global Language Network purpose is to advance cross-cultural communication, make language and culture education free and fun for the community, and develop individual’s professional and personal skills. We train individuals who develop different skills and share their language and culture, which in turn facilitates the development of their communities and increases cross-cultural understanding. The Global Language Network-GSU Chapter member activities are related to language instruction and cultural education.

Social Justice Project
The Social Justice Project is to promote cohesiveness and community advancement through community service base activism. Social Justice Project shall act as a clearing house of various Georgia State and community organizations in which to facilitate collaboration for the betterment of the community at large. Social Justice Project shall promote a unified human rights advancement initiative.

Taking a Stand in Communities
Our goal is to reach out to those who are currently facing struggles which we as members have previously faced. We address issues such as self esteem, mental health, academic struggles, and the overall health of those in our
surrounding communities by providing proper education of how to improve lives one step at a time.

**Under One Sun**
Under One Sun (UOS) is an organization that aims to provide a platform for expression and grant mutual support to international students. UOS will provide a place of camaraderie and support to foster harmony and generate fellowship amongst members. UOS aims to make international students feel like they are not alone while they are away from home.

**III. Discussion/Information Issues:**

A. **Report from Senate Council of Chairs Discussion with New President Becker – Elisabeth Burgess**
   The Council of Chairs met with Dr. Becker to discuss the selected committees’ issues. Providing better customer service to GSU employees, students and guest was discussed, in addition to housing, safety and the idea of closing certain streets around the campus perimeter, either permanently or temporarily for certain events/occasions.

B. **Policy Library – An On-line Archive of GSU Policies**

C. **Additional Old Business – No old business**

D. **Announcements/New Business**
   - SGA meeting this evening at 7:30 p.m.
   - The re-enactment of the M.L.K. Jr. Dedication Play – February 23, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.
   - GSU’s N.A.A.C.P., play entitled, “We Speak Voices”-Saturday, February 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Speaker’s Auditorium.

**IV. Adjournment:**
The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.