Student Life and Development Committee Minutes
Thursday, September 23, 2010

Members Present: Joann Bacon, Elisabeth Burgess, Steve Carey, Kristina Clement, Cheryl Delk, Lynee Gaillet, Larry Heath, Robin Huff, Ludmia Lamonte, Tammy Lyskowinski, Britney Penn, Ebony Rose, Rebecca Stout and Ben Williams

Guests: Dr. Richard Heller and Dr. Eric Blacknall

I. Welcome:
Steve called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

II. Action Items:

A. Approval of April 29, 2010 Minutes
Two errors were noted. Mary motioned to approve the minutes, after corrections were noted. Dr. Stout seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Student Organization Charter Subcommittee-Recommendations for Approval – Ebony Rose

Ebony stated that some of the organizations were held over from last year. In addition, she will be working on getting more graduate students participation in joining and starting new student organizations. Ebony motioned for ten (10) new student organizations be approved for chartering. Larry seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Code of Conduct- Individual Sanction Revisions-Rebecca Stout
Dr. Stout gave an overview of this policy. Highlights included colleges in the past have had limited sanctions, but because colleges are growing there have been “bounty” issues. Jurisdiction needs to be expanded to include on and off campus activities associated with GSU.

Petition to Charter 10-11 Academic Year

Adventist Students for Christ
Meet the social, emotional, spiritual needs of the students and faculty of the Georgia State University campus who are affiliated with the Seventh-Day Adventist church.

Art History Graduate Forum (AHGF)
AHGF is dedicated to the enrichment of graduate studies within the Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design at Georgia State University by providing a forum for supplementary reading, research and discussion among graduate students pursuing a Master of Arts degree in the area of Art History.

Council for Middle Eastern Graduate Studies (CMEGS)
CMEGS will unite graduate students from all disciplines at Georgia State University with a common scholarly interest in the Middle East. CMEGS will serve as a venue where students may present and discuss their research among peers with
common research interests since there is currently no graduate program in Middle Eastern Studies on campus to support this. CMEGS will make it a priority to support graduate students in their scholarly pursuits as related to the Middle East including sharing relevant CFP’s, new book publications and financial support for students attending regional and national conferences to present research on the Middle East. CMEGS will function as a purely scholarly student organization.

Educational Psychology & Special Education Doctoral Student Association (EPSE-DSA)
The mission will be to enrich the collegiate experience for doctoral students in the Department of Education Psychology and Special Education. EPSE-DSA strives to provide quality student-centered programs, services and involvement opportunities which will celebrate diversity, promote recruitment and retention and foster leadership and student development.

Global Soap Project
Our mission is to educate the university community about the merits of the Global Soap Project, to recruit local hotels to recycle their partially used soap, to raise money and awareness and to build a solid organization at Georgia State that will be a prototype for other universities throughout Georgia and the nation. Additionally, we aspire to advance the academic and professional development of our members, while helping displaced persons residing in refugee camps throughout the world.

The Green People
Provides a meeting place for Environment Science majors to discuss their degrees and courses, as well as explore topics relating to the environment. Promote learning in environmental topics by working with other organizations at GSU as well as other colleges and universities, along with businesses, community leaders and government agencies. Volunteer activities, workshops and presentations will be organized to help expose students in leadership roles by promoting environmental stewardship and responsibility in the community.

Keeping It Kingdom Outreach
The purpose of our organization is to bring love and encouragement to college students by sharing basic bible principles for everyday life and future success. We meet students where they are in their faith and provide a loving Christian atmosphere where students can gain hope, support and spiritual/practical advice. This organization will provide a safe haven where students can enjoy social events, discuss taboo topics, establish mentee/mentor relationships and give back to the community without the risk of compromising their faith.

League of Arab States
The primary purpose of League of Arab States Student Organization will be to expose students to politically focused international and regional issues, particularly those affecting the Middle East. The League of Arab States Student Organization will accomplish this by organizing panel discussions, screening documentaries, and hosting an annual lecture, each featuring an ambassador from the region.

Muslim Law Student Association (MLSA)
The organization is open to Muslim as well as Non-Muslim students in Georgia State University’s College of Law. The MLSA’s purpose is to provide a forum for the
discussion of legal and non-legal issues that are pertinent to the Muslim community, to the university community and to the community at large. The MLSA’s purpose is also to provide fellowship for Muslim Law students through monthly meetings, educational and religious events, and regular social activities.

Up Til Dawn
Up ‘Til Dawn is a campus-wide fundraising effort that helps to fight catastrophic childhood diseases while creating a tradition amongst the students involved in leadership, unity, teamwork, and compassion for the patients of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Up ‘Til Dawn is associated nationally with St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

III. Discussion/Information Issues

A. Smoking on Campus: Rules and Reinforcement
   Dr. Stout elaborated on past discussions regarding the issues and problems associated with enforcing a “non-smoking” policy and enforcement on campus. One problem area in particular involved monitoring or ticketing persons smoking in front of key areas such as in front of the General Classroom building. Elisabeth also stated that creating and establishing physical smoking boundaries were problematic.

B. Introduction of New Members
   New members introduced themselves.

C. Ebony informed the committee about OrgSync replacing old Club Manager system for student organizations.

IV. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.