

Student Life and Development Committee Minutes

Thursday, October 18, 2012

Members Present: JoAnn Bacon, Jeannie Barrett, Elisabeth Burgess, Debra Cannon, Kristina Clement, Kim Darnell, James Dutton, Brenna Helmstutler, Christian Hill, Matthew Robison, and Rebecca Stout

Guest: Rion Fields, Kevin Gaw, and Brandon Roberts

I. Welcome:

Elisabeth Burgess called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. She introduced Kevin Gaw, the invited guest presenter for the meeting, and noted we would have a change in agenda in order to accommodate his schedule.

II. Discussion/Information Items

A. Dr. Kevin Gaw, University Career Services

Kevin Gaw provided an overview of services in University Career Services (UCS) including the new addition of Civic Engagement, the Georgia Career Information Center, and Leadership Development under the umbrella of UCS. Kevin highlighted the following points about UCS:

- Serves all students in all majors – both undergraduate and graduate students – as well as alumni. Services are provided for free to alumni who graduated less than one year ago. Alumni who have graduated over one year ago may pay a flat fee of \$75 for services for the year including career counseling and resume review.
- The Career Development area of UCS provides career counseling and assessment for clients including inventories such as the STRONG Interest Inventory and strengths-based inventories. They currently are collaborating with the Student Advisement Center to provide resources to students who may be struggling with their choice of major. They are also involved in an initiative with the Federal Workforce Recruitment Program and the Office of Disability Services to provide programming and training for students with disabilities to prepare them for interviews. Students who are successful in the interview process with the federal program have opportunities for internships and are considered in the applicant pool for federal positions.
- The Employer Relations area of UCS provides opportunities for students and employers to connect through career fairs and on-campus interviews. Currently, UCS implements twelve to fifteen boutique fairs catered to specific career fields to ensure that employers are seeing candidates qualified for open positions. Employers are generally hoping that 30% of candidates are career fairs are qualified for open positions and the current rate is 28%.
- The Graduate and Professional School Planning helps prepare students for graduate admission processes through assistance with personal statements, graduate school fairs, and test prep opportunities.
- Service usage indicates that 3,963 students have utilized the UCS this between July 2012 and October 2012 with a total of 6,077 visits. Seniors have the highest rate of usage followed by first year students, juniors, and sophomores.
- One challenge UCS faces is helping students to understand the money does not equal happiness and helping them to move past the socialization that directs them towards financially lucrative careers versus careers more suited to their talents and interests. Another challenge is combatting the perception that there are no jobs out there. In a survey of recent graduates, 92% indicated that were involved in something meaningful post-graduate and 80% indicated that they were employed.

III. Action Items

A. Approval of September Minutes

Joann Bacon motioned that the minutes be approved and Kim Darnell seconded the motion. Minutes were approved with one abstention.

- B. Student Organizations Charter Subcommittee – Recommendations for Approval (Matthew Robison)
Matthew Robison announced the departure of Ebony Rose from Georgia State. He will be overseeing the Student Organization area for now. Six new student organizations petitioned to charter and one organization petitioned to re-establish charter. There was some confusion as to the origin of the Georgian Student Association and it was suggested that Matthew Robison talked to the organization regarding clarification of their mission in regards to Georgians, so it is clear they are referring to the country of Georgia versus the state of Georgia in which we are located. James Dutton motioned to approve the organizations petitioning to charter. Joann Bacon seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Petitions to Charter

Doctoral Students for the Advancement of Mathematics Education

The purpose of this organization shall be 1) to recognize and encourage scholarship, leadership, and service in the field of mathematics education; 2) to facilitate and encourage collaboration with mathematics education faculty members, researchers, and classroom teachers; 3) to serve as mentors within the mathematics education unit; and 4) to build healthy relationships within the community of doctoral scholars in mathematics education.

EmpowHER

EmpowHER is made for the empowerment of women of all races, ages, cultures, economic statures, and religious affiliations. We are geared towards uplifting GSU women through self-awareness, academic enrichment, career development, one on one self-improvement clinics, and health awareness. Our goal is to work towards the empowerment of the women in our community in order to become positive contributing members of society.

The Impact Movement

The Impact Movement is a national organization whose purpose is to take the truth of Jesus Christ to the campus, community and world by producing leaders of African descent who are spiritually focused, financially responsible, and morally fit.

Undergraduate Journal Club

The purpose of the Undergraduate Journal Club is to prepare undergraduates for graduate school programs in the STEM fields. Members of the organization will present scientific works that can include current research in STEM field and current research journal articles. Members will provide feedback and thought-provoking questions to help improve presentation skills that will prepare them for conferences and eventually graduate programs.

UNICEF Campus Initiative at Georgia State University

The purpose of UNICEF at Georgia State University is to raise awareness and support UNICEF's work on children's protection, survival, and development all over the world through education, advocacy, and fundraising.

Women's Rugby Football Club

To promote the physical, mental, and social well-being of the individual through her participation with the group by playing this internationally known sport.

Petition to Re-Establish Charter

Georgian Student Association

GSAs primary goal is to help Georgian students at Georgia State University (GSU) to adjust to campus life and life in Atlanta, to enhance the intellectual development of its members through cultural and educational activities and to broaden the overall appeal and awareness of Georgian community. GSA will try to create ties with other international associations at GSU in order to develop new friendships and make members more knowledgeable through intellectual interaction.

- C. Motion to approve nomination of Matthew Robison as member of Student Activity Fee Committee
With the departure of Ebony Rose, Rebecca Stout proposed Matthew Robison to take her place on the Student Activity Fee, since he is familiar with the committee having served on it in the past. Rebecca Stout motioned

to approve the nomination of Matthew Robison as member of the Student Activity Fee Committee and James Dutton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Discussion/Information Items, Part II

A. Revision to General Code of Conduct Review Procedures (Elisabeth Burgess)

Elisabeth Burgess reminded the committee about the changes that were discussed at previous meetings regarding the need to establish a standing subcommittee to address changes to the code of conduct that would allow the university to move more expeditiously in complying with federal regulations. Elisabeth Burgess, Douglass Covey, Rebecca Stout, Kerry Heyward, and Don Reitzes met to review the procedures and ensure that the voice of the committee would be represented in code changes. Elisabeth Burgess reviewed the new procedure for addressing changes to the General Code of Conduct that would be approved through the Administrative Council and noted that the University Senate will be informed of all recommendations to the Administrative Council through the committee reports.

James Dutton expressed concerns of student participation in the standing subcommittee. Elisabeth Burgess and Rebecca Stout ensured that the standing subcommittee would be open to all committee members and committee members would be informed in advance of meetings, so they could participate if interested. It was suggested that Audree Irons email the committee membership in advance of subcommittee meetings to inform them of the meeting and topic to be addressed.

B. By-laws Changes (Elisabeth Burgess)

Given the changes in recent years in the Division of Student Affairs, Elisabeth Burgess suggested it may be time to examine the membership of the committee as well as its responsibilities to ensure it is reflective of the work the committee is doing. This would include the creation of a new member list to reflect the actual positions within the University and Division of Student Affairs and an updated purpose outlining the responsibilities of the committee. The new member list and purpose would be forwarded to the By-laws Committee and ultimately to the University Senate for approval.

Kim Darnell mentioned that when considering our responsibilities we should reflect on the recent changes in the university including the addition of on-campus housing which has brought with it additional concerns of campus safety. Elisabeth Burgess reminded the committee that there exists a committee that addresses campus safety. Kim Darnell suggested it would be helpful to review the other committees' responsibilities.

Jeannie Barrett stated that she appreciated the way in which this committee has been able to serve as a general forum to address student, faculty, and staff concerns. Rebecca Stout suggested the committee could serve in an advisory capacity to Douglass Covey, since the Division of Student Affairs does not have an advisory model for various areas such as the student center or housing.

Elisabeth Burgess asked for members to volunteer to serve on a subcommittee to review membership and by-laws. Elisabeth Burgess, Brenna Helmstutler, Rebecca Stout, Christian Hill, Rion Fields, and Brandon Roberts volunteered to serve on the committee. Elisabeth Burgess suggested an email be sent to the entire membership to let them know about this subcommittee and interested individuals could contact her directly.

C. Announcements

- a. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 29 at 12:00 p.m.
- b. The University Senate will be meeting today at 3 p.m.
- c. Homecoming Activities are happening all week with the game on Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.