

Student Life and Development Committee Minutes
Thursday, August 30, 2012

Members Present: Jarell Abrams, JoAnn Bacon, Jeannie Barrett, Gary Bingham, Elisabeth Burgess, Allison Calhoun-Brown, Debra Cannon, Kristina Clement, Kim Darnell, Brenna Helmstutler, Christian Hill, Marcus Kernizan, Sean Richey, Ebony Rose, Rebecca Stout, and Ben Williams

Guest: Jill Lee-Barber

I. Welcome:

Elisabeth Burgess called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. She instructed everyone to introduce themselves and recognized the presence of invited guest, Jill Lee-Barber.

II. Action Items:

A. Student Organizations Charter Subcommittee – Recommendations for Approval - Ebony Rose

Two new student organizations petitioned to charter. One organization petitioned to re-establish charter. Ebony Rose and Rebecca Stout responded to questions regarding the re-establishment of charter for Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Ben Williams motioned to approve the organizations petitioning to charter and re-establish charter. JoAnn Bacon seconded the motion. The motion was passed with two abstaining.

Delta Phi Omega Sorority, Inc.

The purpose of Delta Phi Omega shall be to foster unity among South Asian women, build community awareness, and gain a greater understanding of oneself and others. The sorority aspires to instill leadership traits, excel in all academic endeavors, to encourage an active relationship between the sorority and its respective university, and shall do so with the utmost compassion, dignity, and fortitude.

Psi Upsilon Fraternity

United in friendship, Psi Upsilon members aspire to moral, intellectual and social excellence in themselves as they seek to inspire these values in society. Psi Upsilon is a select group sharing similar ideals, hopes, and purposes; bound together by deep friendship and mutual understanding. Such a bond provides the foundation which enables the college student to become and poised and self-confident adult equipped with a keener mind, a greater appreciation, and broader sympathies.

Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

Our purpose is to promote multiculturalism with an emphasis on Asian awareness, to reach out to the community as a whole, and to embrace fellow collegiate women into a nurturing environment. We hope to develop well-rounded individuals by both nurturing our natural talents, as well as by helping each other strengthen our weakness. By accomplishing these two tasks, we feel that our members are better prepared to walk into the real world with confidence. Delta Phi Lambda provides a once in a lifetime experience that exhibits our unique sisterhood, community involvement, preparedness for the real world, and tremendous leadership.

B. Approval of April 19, 2012 and May 3, 2012 Minutes

Elisabeth Burgess asked for a motion for the approval of the April minutes. Gary Bingham motioned that minutes be approved. Debra Cannon seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Three corrections were noted on the May minutes. Elisabeth Burgess asked for a motion for the approval of the May minutes with corrections. Kim Darnell motioned that the minutes be approved. Ben Williams seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

C. Motion Regarding Membership of Student Activity Fee Committee

Rebecca Stout presented a motion to approve Ebony Rose as a non-student voting member of the Student Activity Fee Committee for the 2012-2013 year as a nominee of the Dean of Students. The motion was seconded by JoAnn Bacon and unanimously approved.

D. Formation of New Standing Committee for Student Code of Conduct and Policy Review – Rebecca Stout

Rebecca Stout explained that in order to stay in compliance with increasing federal regulations, the University needs to be able to act more swiftly in regards to decisions and implementation of changes resulting from federal regulations. In the past, our ability to be compliant with federal regulations has been challenged due to the limited meetings of the University Senate (three times per year) and the Administrative Council (monthly) and the current committee structure. The formation of a Standing Committee for Student Code of Conduct and Policy Review would allow for members to meet regularly to review changes and forward recommendations on to the Administrative Council on behalf of the Student Life and Development Committee.

Christian Hill expressed concerns related to the formation of a Standing Committee and suggested tabling the discussion. Members of the committee address concerns raised by Christian Hill in order to help him understand the issue. Specifically, Jeannie Barrett explained that this new practice has been created to help the university stay in compliance and meet legal obligations.

Rebecca Stout motioned to form a Standing Committee for Student Code of Conduct and Policy Review to participate in discussions of the Code of Conduct and Policy revisions as frequently as they occur. Elisabeth Burgess added a friendly amendment to state that the committee would allow as many interested members as possible to participate in the discussion. Ben Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. Discussion/Information Issues

A. Report on Changes to the GSU Counseling Center – Dr. Jill Lee-Barber, Director

Jill Lee-Barber noted the continuing services provided by the Counseling and Testing Center such as individual counseling sessions, emergency response to housing students, and outreach presentations. She stated that in the past 41% of students did not return to the Counseling and Testing Center for services after completing initial paperwork and waiting for an open appointment. The new walk-in service has resulted in a 67% increase in consultations when students were able to see someone on the same day. The new model allows for 191% increase in individual counseling hours per week. Students are able to get assessment by licensed providers on the same day service is requested. Data will be collected over the coming year to assess customer satisfaction and ensure that services stretch as far as possible. Jill Lee-Barber invited members to call her directly at 404-413-1655 with questions or feedback.

Jill Lee-Barber responded to questions related to concerns that had previously been raised by committee members. She noted that accreditation has been maintained with the APA and they are currently inactive in regards to internships, but will be reshaping the internship experience they hope to provide in the 2013-2014 year. She addressed concerns related to the elimination of the practicum program by noting that in order to maintain accreditation no more than 40% of students can be seen by graduate students. In the past, there were concerns with compliance to this standard. The focus of the Counseling and Testing Center was skewed toward training of graduate students and is now moving back to providing needed mental health services to the general student population. Current post-doctoral students are focused on multicultural counseling, which will be a focus of the new internship opportunities in the future.

B. Revisions to SL&D Committee Membership – Rebecca Stout

Given time restraints of the meeting, Rebecca Stout stated that she would be presenting in the next meeting proposed changes to the committee membership to reflect changes within the Division of Student Affairs.

C. Members for the Standing Committee on Student Code of Conduct and Policy

The following committee members expressed interest in serving on the standing committee: Ben Williams, Christian Hill, Marcus Kernizan, Jarell Abrams, Jeannie Barrett, and Kristina Clement.

D. General Announcements

Elisabeth Burgess announced that she was in the process of scheduling guest speakers for the term and was open to suggestions. Dr. Covey will speak on the state of Student Affairs at the September meeting. Kevin

Gaw, Director of University Career Services, has agreed to speak at a future meeting. Elisabeth Burgess encouraged everyone to pick up a copy of the Student Leadership Series brochure.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.