

# **Student Life and Development Committee Minutes**

## **Thursday, September 20, 2012**

**Members Present:** JoAnn Bacon, Jeannie Barrett, Gary Bingham, Elisabeth Burgess, Kristina Clement, Kim Darnell, Richard Heller, Brenna Helmstutler, Christian Hill, Kevin Hsieh, Marcus Kernizan, Brandon Roberts, Ebony Rose, Tammy Rosner, Rebecca Stout, and Ben Williams

Guest: Douglass Covey

### **I. Welcome:**

Elisabeth Burgess called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. She introduced Dr. Douglass Covey, 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. VP for the Division of Student Affairs, Dr. Covey**

Dr. Covey provided an overview of new developments in the Division of Student Affairs including:

- Dr. Darryl Holloman was recently hired as the Associate Vice-President for Student Affairs for Multicultural Programs. In this role, he has been charged with a broad based approach to multicultural education and the creation of a multicultural center. This new charge includes development of programs surrounding LGBT and women's issues. Dr. Holloman will also supervise the Office of African-American Support Services and Programs, Disability Services, and Intercultural Relations.
- University Housing will be moving to a new facility, which will allow for the creation of a multicultural center in the Student Center, Suite 250 - the current University Housing location.
- A reorganization in the career development area to address the need for career readiness as outlined in the strategic plan. This includes moving Civic Engagement, Leadership Development, and the Georgia Career Information Center under the direction of University Career Services.
- A reorganization in the Dean of Students office now has Dr. Matthew Robison supervising Student Organizations and Greek Life. The Dean of Students office is currently recruiting an Assistant Dean for General Conduct.
- Clinical services in the Counseling Center have been outsourced and initial indicators are it is working well. There is a 67% increase in counseling appointment.
- Downtown recreational fields will be opening within the next year.
- Major improvements are underway at the Indian Creek facility including a new Indian Creek Lodge which will be LEED certified.
- Freshman Hall will be renamed Patton Hall.
- Renovations have recently been completed in the Courtyard facility in the Student Center.
- The Piedmont North Complex has been fully renovated to include mailrooms and laundry rooms.
- The Division of Student Affairs has developed a strategic plan in line with the University's strategic plan to address global competencies, engaged citizenship, and innovative student experiences.

Dr. Covey also mentioned a new initiative to increase the presence of security personnel on the main pedestrian corridors in the evenings. This service is an initiative from the Finance and Administration area under the direction of Beth Jones.

### **III. Action Items**

#### **A. Approval of August 30 Minutes**

Christian Hill expressed the concern that it should be noted who abstains from votes in order to reflect to constituents the votes made in the committee. After some discussion, it was noted that the votes from the committee are reflective of a committee decision and it may not be in the best interest of committee members to identify specific votes. Kim Darnell suggested that a personal record of the committee proceedings could be kept by committee members to reflect votes and could be used alongside official minutes to convey to

constituents meeting proceedings. One correction was noted to the minutes. Ebony Rose motioned that the minutes be approved and Joann Bacon seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

- B. Student Organizations Charter Subcommittee – Recommendations for Approval (Ebony Rose)  
Ebony Rose shared that she has met with 400 students in the last few weeks as a part of the annual student organization orientation process. During these meetings, she reviews relevant policies and procedures for the university. At this time, there are 362 chartered student organizations.

One new student organization petitioned to charter. JoAnn Bacon motioned to approve the organization petitioning to charter. Gary Bingham seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

### **Panthers Allure**

Our purpose is to provide an engaging, enlightening, and esteeming experience for our members by actively engaging in community service. To this end, our goal is to remind creative artists and designers, models, actors and musicians of their occupations' original intent, which is to serve the greater good of humanity with their individual and collective talents.

## **IV. Discussion/Information Items, Part II**

### **A. Announcements**

- a. Elisabeth Burgess announced that President Becker would be giving his State of the University Address on Wednesday, October 3 at 3 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.
- b. Elisabeth Burgess asked for additional recommendation for speakers to the committee. Speakers for University Housing, Auxiliary and Support Services, and Centennial Celebration committee were suggested. Beth Jones was also recommended to come in and speak on the CSC Ambassador program.
- c. Tammy Rosner invited members to consider volunteering with Experience American Tastes, a program designed for international students to experience a meal in an American home. The program will take place on November 7 in faculty and staff homes.
- d. Christian Hill mentioned that Student Government Association was working on an end of year banquet to celebrate faculty and staff that may be under recognized on campus.

## **V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.