Student Life and Development Committee Minutes
Thursday, January 15, 2015

Meeting called to order at 12:09 p.m.

Members Present: JoAnn Bacon, Jeannie Barrett, Boyd Beckwith, Jeff Benson, Elisabeth Burgess, Oliver Greene, Misty McDonald, Cristina Migles-Schmitt, Rebecca Stout, Jelena Subotic

Guest: Marilyn DeLaRoche

Action Items
A. One spelling error was noted and corrected. Rebecca Stout moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Oliver Greene second the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

B. The Student Organization Charter Subcommittee – Jeff Benson presented the following list of organizations seeking to be chartered:

Petition to Charter 2014-15 Academic Year

Comic Book Club
The purpose of this organization is to bring together those that enjoy reading comic books, graphic novels, manga, and other forms of visual media associated with comic books, so that they can discuss, view, and celebrate this form of media. This organization shall also help those who are aspiring comic writers or illustrators and provide them with a place where they can express their art and collaborate with other interested individuals, in the field of journalism and comic book publication.

Dramatic Writers of Stage & Screen
The purpose of this organization is to provide aspiring dramatic writers a forum to have their work(s) read in public and be critiqued by likeminded dramatic writers. To foster an environment where creativity can be expressed in script form. To provide education on writing scripts for stage and screen, the protection of work, and other matters related to playwriting and screenwriting.

Fulbright Student Association
The mission of the Fulbright Student Association is to create an association devoted to diversity we acknowledge cultural, academic and professional backgrounds of our student members. We work towards enlarging our international network of not only students, but also individuals dedicated to promoting mutual understanding, civic engagement and community outreach. We build a bridge of meaningful interactions between students, faculty, staff, and professionals of different fields. We establish and maintain an effective relationship with Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, IIE, AMIDEAST, LASPAU and embassies of member Fulbrighters. We increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.” In alignment with the objective of Fulbright program. We unite and build a network with other Fulbright associations and have a participatory approach on common goals. We act as ambassadors of our respective countries. As such, we are dedicated to supporting students and members-led ingenuity that facilitate the democratization of educational and cultural
exchange. We thrive to strengthen sustainable capacity building of Fulbrighters and empower women and men alike to engage proactively in this association.

**Heart to Help**
The purpose of Heart to Help is to Inspire and Empower others to give back to the community, with the organization’s primary focus being the youth, elderly, and those affected by homelessness. Heart to Help is committed to fulfilling its vision of a world where Every Voice Is Heard, and helping those in need.

**Science Fiction and Fantasy Society**
The purpose of this organization is to bring together members of the GSU community with interests in the area of science fiction and fantasy.

**Toastmasters at GSU**
The purpose of this organization is to develop communication, leadership and presentation skills. Also to encourage and enhance public speaking thereby making a wholesome development.

**Young Opportunist Uplifting Through Hope Charity (Y.O.U.T.H.)**
The purpose of this organization is to bring together youth from all over the world and assisting them to reach their full potential. We strive to uplift kids from ages six through eighteen in a positive influential manner. They are our future and they need our help.

**Petition to Re-Establish Charter 2014-15 Academic Year**

**Black MBA and MS Students**
The mission of the Georgia State University Black MBA & MS Students Association is to provide innovative programs to strengthen the intellectual and economic quality of life for minority men and women, by encouraging and supporting those interested in pursuing careers in management as this will enable them to become catalysts for developing innovative solutions for increasing the number of minorities in business, management, and educational programs throughout the world.

**Muslim Law Student Association**
To inform law students of the truth about the Muslim faith, and to teach all those who wish to learn about Shari’a law and current events related to Islam via interfaith dialogues, seminars, and speaking panels.

**Persian Student Association**
A. The purpose of PERSA is to:
[1] Provide an interactive community for Iranian students and others with an interest in the Iranian culture at Georgia State University.
[2] Be a support system for members of PERSA and Iranian students planning to attend Georgia State University.
[3] Introduce the Iranian culture to affiliates.
[4] Provide a link between the Iranian community at Georgia State and other Iranian communities.
PERSA shall not be biased towards any political or religious views; it will serve as a forum for promoting Iranian culture and Iranian traditions at Georgia State University.
Joann Bacon moved to approve the petitions. Misty McDonald second the motion. The petitions to charter were unanimously approved.

C. The bylaws subcommittee met in December to make recommendations for changes to the bylaws. Elisabeth Burgess presented the following recommendations (see attachment). Amendments to the proposal include (1) writing out all acronyms when used the first time (e.g. VP) and (2) eliminating an abbreviations (e.g. Assoc.).

Oliver Greene moved to approve the recommendations as amended. Joanne Bacon second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Information Items / Discussion
A. Housing Presentation– Marilyn de LaRoche gave a brief Housing update. Georgia State University currently has 4200 student living on campus and plans to add 1125 beds in 2016. Legislation to approve P3 was passed. This will allow partnerships with private companies to build housing. The university will still maintain control over the running of the facility. There is a target goal of having 7500 beds on campus. The University will introduce gender inclusive housing in August.

B. Recommendations for Student Code / Policy Revisions – Misty McDonald recommended updates and changes to Administrative Policies section of the Student Code of Conduct (see attachment).

Committee would like to vote on recommendations at the February meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. The February meeting will be held at in suite 605 at One Park Place.