Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Blessing Akomas, Boyd Beckwith, Jeff Benson, John Bunting, Elisabeth Burgess, Debra Cannon, JaYoung Choi, Zehava Eichenbaum, Daryl Holloman, John Holman, Parjit Kaur, Maggie Kong, Terri Lewinson, Misty McDonald, Fortune Onwuzuruike, Corey Sams, Rebecca Stout, Whitley Tucker, Janae Williams

**Guest:** Douglass Covey, Gelila Kebede, Denise Ocasio, Daphne Orr, Karla Sandoval

**Action Items**

A. Jeffrey Benson moved that the April minutes be accepted as presented. Debra Cannon second the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

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

**Alpha Phi Omega**
This chapter shall be conducted as a co-ed Service Fraternity under the policies, principles, and provisions set forth in the National Articles of Incorporation, National Bylaws, the Student Code of Conduct of Georgia State University, and this Constitution of Alpha Phi Omega. To promote Leadership, Friendship, and Service on the Georgia State campus, and community.

**Ambassador of Global Awareness (AFGA)**
The purpose of Georgia State University AFGA shall be to spread awareness of the global issues and practical solutions to those issues that AKF actively engages in on a continual basis. Through this initiative by way of AKF’s operations, it shall exist to promote awareness and help communities in some of the poorest areas of Africa and Asia create long-term solutions to poverty. This shall give members of the Georgia State University community and the Greater Atlanta community as a whole an opportunity to actively take part in advancing human dignity and peace around the globe through volunteerism and other forms of contribution. In addition to promoting community service and global outreach locally, Georgia State University AFGA shall provide students with a means to garner leadership experience through the projects and promotions it undertakes.

**American Pakistani Student Association**
The purpose of this organization will be to bring the Pakistani community on campus together, and share the rich Pakistani culture, sports, and food with everyone in and outside the organization.

**Black Progressives for Unity**
The purpose of the Black Progressives for Unity is to acknowledge the calamity and grievous afflictions that transpires within Black and indigent communities. We look to follow through on methodologies that will educate the people through culture, economics, and politics so that they are able to become self-sufficient. We will coordinate and provide extensive services that will help eradicate the wide range of generational poverty that ensues within Black and poor communities.
Our services will include sending our ambassadors and members of the organization within the community to raise the social, economic, and political consciousness of their environment and the effects of their community on the local, state, national and global level. We will conduct fundraisers or whatever that may be deemed necessary, in order to provide immediate relief, and as well as to establish institutions that will have a progressive impact for those who have been imperiled under an apparatus that has historically disenfranchised them whether it has been because of race, gender, sexual orientation, class or otherwise. To maximize our initiative, we may seek to collaborate with other organizations that operate under the philosophy that our organization looks to instill in underprivileged communities. At times, per the discretion of the chair committee, we may perhaps provide internships or volunteer services that will function as applicable opportunities, in order to have a greater impact for change.

**Brazilian Student Association**
To encourage, support and promote cultural interaction between Brazilians and other students, faculty and staff members at Georgia State University, exposing them to Brazilian culture. Which will intent to facilitate and improve the relationship between Georgia State University and Brazil.

To become the reference organization on GSU campus, regarding its diversity, valorization of cultural expressions, professionalism and academic standards. To serve as a bridge of interaction between GSU and Brazilian government and Universities, not only to enhance cultural experience but also to increase partnerships that could increase knowledge contributions, while causing a positive impact on both countries.

**Club Managers Association of America**
Our Organization will promote closer ties between the Club Managers Association of America and the undergraduates or graduate students of the School of Hospitality Administration at Georgia State University.

**Computer Information Systems Networking Society (CISNS)**
The purpose of this organization is to bring together those students who are interested in networking with industry experts. We encourage them to attend events of their interest in various organizations like TAG (Technology Association of Georgia) and WIT (Women in Technology). This will further enhance the interpersonal skills of students and help them in their internship and job searches.

**Dominion City Fellowship**
The purpose of Dominion City Fellowship is to help willing and open minded students at Georgia State University develop a relationship with God that enriches every area of their lives. The club and lessons taught will be directed towards demonstrating how a relationship with God enhances academics, careers, relationships, family and several other aspects. Through weekly meetings, club functions, and fellowship on and off campus, we plan to establish deep and long lasting friendships centered around Christ.

**Enactus**
The purpose of this organization is to enable progress through entrepreneurial action. Enactus is an international organization that connects student, academic and business leaders through
entrepreneurial-based projects that empower people to transform opportunities into real, sustainable progress for themselves and their communities.

**First Generation Society**
The purpose of the First Generation Society is to aid, educate, mentor, and promote the advancement of First Generation & independent college students by maximizing the access to knowledge, resources, and opportunities available at higher learning institutions ensuring success post-graduation.

**Georgia Restaurant Organization**
The purpose of the Georgia Restaurant Organization (GRO) under the Georgia Restaurant Association is to support the interests of a diverse set of students focused on Foodservice and Restaurants. Our students will gain a broader understanding and greater exposure to food-related businesses and industry professionals to create value in a wide variety of food-focused organizations.

The Georgia Restaurant Organization will strive to encourage continued interest in Foodservice and Restaurants by engaging student members and incorporating industry professionals and venues into chapter activities. Introduction to real-world industry affiliates and businesses will increase our understanding of how individuals, organizations, governments, and markets effectively interrelate to heighten foodservice-community welfare.

**Global Brigade**
Global Brigades is the world’s largest student-led global health and sustainable development organization. Since 2004, Global Brigades has mobilized tens of thousands of university students and professionals through skill-based programs that work in partnership with community members to improve quality of life in under resourced regions while respecting local culture.

**Hair, Make-Up & Ministry**
Hair, Makeup & Ministry is a life group dedicated to helping women feel good about themselves in the beauty that God created them. Our purpose is to educate women about their inner and Godly beauty that will help improve their self-esteem and find their purpose. This will be obtained by providing a safe and encouraging environment and ministry where women can be themselves, discuss their beauty challenges, and open up about the struggles of women, so that they can continue their spiritual growth within the collegiate community. Students will be equipped with the Word of God while giving them practical tools to effectively apply the Word into their lives that aid in building self-esteem and self-worth with biblical principles. We will offer an environment where women will learn to be comfortable in their own skin by teaching beauty tips with hands-on tutorials. We will also strategically educate women to identify beauty in every aspect of life and women’s lifestyles, thus preparing them to be positive role models and mentors for young girls struggling with issues of low self-esteem and identity.

**Horn of Africa Exchange**
The Horn of Africa Exchange is a region-based group dedicated to sharing and cultivating knowledge, experiences, and relationships amongst Diasporas from the Horn of Africa and all university students. In order to carry out this mission effectively, the members hope to raise collaborative empowerment of the Horn, promote cultural literacy, and encourage the exchange of Ethiopian, Eritrean, Somali, and Djiboutian history and cultures. Through group seminars, cultural events, collaborative projects, and fundraisers, the organization will create
unforgettable experiences, memories, and opportunities for Horner Diasporas and all university students within the Georgia State community.

**Hosea Feed the Hungry GSU Chapter**
The purpose of Hosea Feed The Hungry is to provide volunteer services to any organization that facilitates community outreach. This organization will strive to be proactive throughout the community and will provide members with community service opportunities on a regular basis. Hosea Feed The Hungry will connect people who share the same goodwill and create a social environment of volunteers at Georgia State.

**Inclusive STEM**
The purpose of Inclusive STEM is to take steps to eliminate some of the barriers that inhibit minorities who choose a career in the physical sciences. Specifically, we aim (1) To create a safe space to talk about the issues faced by minorities without fear of judgment, misunderstanding, or retaliation; (2) To provide access to support, mentorship, and resources to help minorities to overcome some of the issues they face; and (3) To hold a broad range of events that are relevant to minorities in the physical sciences, including invited speakers, social events, community outreach, and discussions.

**Navigators**
The Navigators is an interdenominational Christian group that exists to help students grow spiritually through personal outreach, individual mentoring, small group Bible studies, leadership development, large group fellowships, fun events, and regional conferences and retreats.

**Panther Hackers**
The purpose of this organization is to generate a general interest in coding and computer science at Georgia State and in Atlanta by creating a space for members to work on projects in an open setting and learn about topics related to the software development industry.

**Peace Corps at Georgia State University**
Peace Corps at Georgia State University seeks to inform the student body about the Peace Corps and community service related projects. Our mission is to promote awareness of the Peace Corps by fulfilling volunteer needs within the community, bringing together the Georgia State community of those who share a common interest in service learning, sustainable development, and cultural awareness.

**Professional Sales Club**
The primary purpose of Professional Sales Club is to prepare students for successful careers in the sales profession. The club will accomplish that goal through the following activities:
1) honing sales skills learned in the Sales program classes through sales role plays, presentations, and peer and faculty feedback
2) improving student's knowledge of the profession through guest speakers from the profession, field trips to sales organizations and internships and externships.
3) Improving student's networking in the profession though multiple contacts with professionals in the field.
**Sigma Alpha Omega**  
The purpose of this chapter shall be to assemble women who affirm the ideals of the Christian faith in a Christ-centered sisterhood for the purpose of enjoying Christian fellowship, service, and social activities in accordance with the purpose of the national sorority, Sigma Alpha Omega Christian Sorority, Inc.

**Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF)**  
The SALDF is dedicated to providing a forum for education, advocacy, and scholarship aimed at protecting the lives and advancing the interests of animals through the legal system, and raising the profile of the field of animal law.

**Undocumented Student Alliance**  
The purpose of Undocumented Student Alliance at GSU shall be to engage in service and advocacy in favor of the immigrant community regardless of documentation. Undocumented Student Alliance will work to promote inclusiveness and equality within our community despite a person’s documentation status.

**Women in Physics**  
The purpose of this organization is to bring together academic, social, and cultural interests of the graduate and undergraduate female students in Physics and related scientific fields at Georgia State University. Women in Physics Organization is encouraging the recruitment, retention, and career development of women physicists and related scientific fields at all levels. Together with the Committee on the Status of Women in Physics (CSWP) via American Physical Society (APS) which has been an active, national sponsor of studies, programs and publications to foster women in physics, Women in Physics at Georgia State University is devoted to recognizes female physicists and related sciences who are making an impact in the physics and scientific community.

**Youth On the Run**  
The purpose of Youth on the Run is to help students gain faith and understanding in Jesus, to teach virtue, and to sharpen character that will be used in and outside of the classroom. Youth on the Run is open to all GSU students from all walks of life and does not discriminate, for we are a group that is founded in love. Once a week Youth on the Run will meet for bible study where we will pray, talk about each other’s week, dive into the word of God, and encourage each other in all aspects of life.

**Petition to Re-Establish Charter 2015-16 Academic Year**

**Campus Ministry International** (Last chartered 2011)  
**Purpose:**
  a. To reinforce the faith of Christian youth attending Georgia State University. 
  b. To provide for the students, faculty, and staff a basis from which to learn about biblical teaching and the experience of the Apostolic faith.

**Criminal Law Association** (Last chartered 2012)  
The purpose of this organization shall be to provide professional development and networking opportunities for law students interested in the practice of criminal law. The organization will
promote the practice of criminal law through informational sessions, seminars, networking opportunities, speakers and other activities.

**Young Democrats at Georgia State** (Last chartered 2013)
Support and elect Democratic candidates for public office; widen and increase the interest and knowledge of young people in government and the political process; train and develop students for positions of leadership; increase the role of under-represented people in our party, government, and society; and get students involved in the local and state Democratic Party campaigns.

Fortune Onwuzuruike moved to approve the petitions. Terri Lewinson second the motion. The petitions to charter were unanimously approved.

**Information Items / Discussion**

A. Dr. Covey gave a brief overview of the State of GSU Student Affairs.
   1. Facilities: the dedication of the new Law School, 2nd phase of the Petit Science Center, 55 Park Place, additional housing.
   2. Consolidation: Enrollment, business affairs will be done by the central office. The academic programs will be kept discreet. The financial part will be kept discreet, will not combine funds. Downtown campus will extend programs to GPC when it can be done at no cost to downtown campus. Perimeter’s athletic program going away.

B. Elisabeth Burgess asked the committee to submit any questions you would like to have addressed to her by email or to Misty McDonald.

C. Darryl Holloman discussed briefly the services available to homeless students. The Dean of Students office launched the Embark Georgia program to focus on the retention of students that are homeless or have been in foster care.

D. Committee members asked for updates on previous Student Life discussions (i.e., Free Speech and Hurt Park)

E. Upcoming Meeting – October 15, 2015 at noon in 460 Student Center West

Meeting was adjourn at 1:12 p.m.