Student Life Committee Minutes
Thursday, February 18, 2016

Meeting called to order at 12:03 p.m.

Members Present: Boyd Beckwith, Kimberly Bennekin, Jeff Benson, Elisabeth Burgess, Kathryn Crowther, Jacob Hill, Terri Lewinson, Anthony Nguyen, Felicia-Yemi Okanlawon, Robert Pruvenok, Brett Reichert, Corey Sams, William Simson, Faye Stewart

Guests: Magie Huynh, Savannah White

Action Items
A. Jeff Benson moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Anthony Nguyen 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:

Real Models of Georgia State University
The purpose of Real Models of Georgia State University is to display varieties of fashion and bring subliminal messages to the runway. This organization’s purpose is to bring models to the sense of who they really are and display it to the public.

Film Club at Georgia State University
The purpose of this organization is to bring together students that thoroughly enjoy films. Whether by suggesting films for other members to view, to collectively reviewing an assigned film, and by even coming together for screenings, the Film Club gives students the opportunity to discuss a medium that they truly cherish.

United Muslim Relief at GSU
To fulfill, on campus, the UMR purpose of striving “on a daily basis to implement targeted, cost-effective relief and development programs that improve lives”.
To provide students an outlet for giving, community service, and a global impact on poverty.
To foster an environment of compassion and spiritual growth among students and members.
To raise awareness and support for victims of poverty, catastrophe, and disasters, natural or man-made.
To promote, encourage, and foster collaboration between similar organizations, Student Government, and other on-campus and community organizations.

Middle-Eastern Socio-Political Association Constitution
The purpose of this organization is to bring together those that are interested in cultural, social and political issues concerning the Middle East.

Recommendations were made to table Real Models of Georgia State University until further discussion and to approve the other 3 petitions. Brett Reichert second the motion. The petitions to charter were unanimously approved.

Information Items / Discussion
A. Boyd Beckwith provided an update on the Student Center.
1. The Student Center has a new Mission statement.
2. Students manage the Student Center Advisory Council. The council has grown in scope and is looking at the safety of the Student Center. Regarding safety and security in the Student Center: 69 police reported incidents from Jan 1. 2015-Feb 1 2016, 29 were related to trespassing and there were 17 larceny thefts. According to Sgt. Ware over 90% of thefts were preventable.
3. Facilities – name changes (Student Center East – Student Center West), new room numbers, digital signage, added built-in AV equipment, installed Burrito Bowl, Starbucks and relocated Pasta Creation, renovated Spotlight Office, locker process now online.
4. Over 1.2 million guest visited the Student Center last Fall, 4% less that Fall 2014.
5. Virtual EMS (events management) is online at https://studentcenter.gsu.edu/events. Everyone can see scheduled events and book available spaces in the Student Center. Recreation Center and the College of Law or looking to move the EMS.
6. Spotlight events – 14th annual movie fest, GSU night at the Woodruff (255 students attended), GSU night at Six Flags, Distinguished Speaker Series, Panther Palooza.
7. Student Government organization chart (see attachment)
B. Student Activity Fee Funding will be discussed at a later date.
C. Elisabeth Burgess will report on Free Speech Policy at March meeting.
D. Anthony Nguyen asked for suggestions on how to deal will recent credit card fraud / skimming at Saxby’s.
   a. Jacob Hill suggested an education campaign on protecting yourself against fraud.
   b. Elisabeth Burgess suggested invited Auxiliary services to speak to the Student Life committee at a later date.

Meeting was adjourn at 1:09 p.m.