Student Life Committee Minutes  
Thursday, September 15, 2016

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


Guests: Aaron Bessey - Athletics

Action Items

A. Approval of April 2016 Minutes – Need to correct a typo regarding Krista Graham’s name. Approved as amended.

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

Active Minds

1. Increasing the awareness of the students, faculty, and staff at Georgia State University about the following:
   a. Issues surrounding mental health
   b. Symptoms related to mental health disorders
   c. Mental health resources available both on campus and in the surrounding community
2. Removing stigma surrounding mental health disorders so that students will feel more comfortable openly discussing mental-health related issues and seeking help when it is needed
3. Promoting a general awareness of holistic health by emphasizing care of both body and mind
4. Providing students with easy access to information about Eating Disorders, Depression, Bipolar Disorder, Schizophrenia, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Anxiety Disorders, and other mental health disorders
5. Serving as a liaison between the student body and the mental health community by holding campus-wide activities such as hosting guest speakers, providing informational fact sheets, organizing fundraisers and running national Active Minds programs designed to reduce stigma and raise mental health awareness
6. Providing a forum and building an open environment for all students to speak up about mental health.

American Sign Language Panthers

The purpose of this organization is to bring together those that enjoy American Sign Language.

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

The ACFE will serve to help criminal justice and business students build their professional network, as well as help with personal development. The ultimate goal is to connect students with employers working in the field of fraud, and help raise awareness about unethical business behaviors in our globally connected community. Considering that fraud is continuously becoming a bigger concern for everyone, we believe it's important to help fight against it and educate our students.
**Brazilian Student Association**

The primary purpose of BRASA is to:

1. Uphold the traditions of Brazil at the Georgia State University;
2. Collaborate with Georgia State University's Brazil Task Force
3. Share and Promote Brazilian culture and the Portuguese language to members;
4. Establish prolific relationships between BRASA GSU and Brazil, creating a platform where our members can act to improve Brazil;
5. Assist prospective students with the application process;
6. Offer networking opportunities and professional exchange programs with Brazilian lead institutions.

**Clinic Diversity Committee**

The purpose of our organization is to advocate for the needs of the diverse clientele served by the Psychology Clinic at Georgia State University, promote and facilitate opportunities for diversity training within the Clinical Psychology program, and initiate and facilitate community partnerships, including continued outreach and engagement with community organizations.

**Dhadkan (Indian Dance Team)**

The purpose of this dance team shall be to create a Georgia State University co-ed Bollywood-Fusion competitive Indian dance team. We wish to promote and share the Indian culture through dance, while also allowing the students of Georgia State University to learn various dance forms. We also want to promote a competitive and strong team that will enhance and make Georgia State University proud. This is also a great way for students to build relations with other schools in and out of the state through various competitions. Our mission as a team is to provide the team members have personal goals of high academic achievement, increasing their dance ability, learning effective time management, and forming strong friendship.

**Eon Culture Communications Organization**

The purpose of this organization is to bring together students who are interested in film/broadcasting, production, journalism, and business to gather real world experience, creating real world opportunities, while seamlessly building each members portfolio and work catalog in their respective field.

**Georgia First Generation at Georgia State University**

The purpose of the Georgia First Generation at Georgia State University shall be to act in accordance with the Georgia First Generation Foundation, Corp. Mission statement which states the Georgia First Generation Foundation is a non-profit organization geared towards providing excellent resources for ensuring that first generation students are well prepared to succeed and become the next leaders of tomorrow. The Georgia First Generation Foundation builds quality programs and initiatives that provide choice for first-generation high school and college students, to:

1. Become a national model for first-generation students in achieving high academic success.
2. Strengthen the network of programs that assure the development of the next generation of leaders.

3. Understand the challenges of first generation students and developing practical solutions.

**Human Machines**

We will use Georgia State University’s MakerSpace to advance the fields of biomechanics and prosthetics.

**Immigration Law Society**

The purpose of the Immigration Law Society is to provide support academic and career support for law students interested in practicing immigration law, showcase immigration law topics to the law school at large, and engage in outreach to the Atlanta immigrant community.

**Korean Entertainment Club**

The purpose of this organization is to create an inviting community at Georgia State for K-POP lovers and those interested in Korean entertainment. The Korean Entertainment Club will focus on Korean culture and media such as music, television, and movies.

**Latino Initiative for Graduate Achievement**

The purpose of this organization is to create an academic community that helps empower and support the students through teamwork and competition through the qualities reflected upon the soccer culture. Through this community, we hope to decrease the dropout rate and increase the graduation rate of all of its members.

**Man Cave Society GSU**

The Man Cave Society is a community that believes in the building up and edification of members across campus. The goal of this organization is to gather believers together to help build a stronger sense of community. The Man Cave Society desires to inspire members to live Christ-centered lives, and works to that end through member-led fellowship groups.

**Mindfulness in Law Society**

Mission Statement: MILS GSU seeks to improve the mental health and well-being of students at the College of Law (COL) through mindful practice. Mindful practice in this context includes secular meditation and mindfulness in all of its forms, and specifically mindfulness-based stress reduction (MBSR) meditation techniques and yoga.

**National Lawyers Guild Student Chapter at Georgia State**

The mission of the National Lawyers Guild Student Chapter at Georgia State is to represent progressive political movements, using the law to protect human rights above property interests, and to attain social justice for our community as a whole regardless of standing, position, or individual resources. NLG at GSU pursues basic change in the structure of our political and economic system. We seek to unite the lawyers, law students, legal workers, and jailhouse lawyers of America in an organization which will function as an effective political and social force in the service of the
people, to the end that human rights will be regarded as more sacred than property interests. We aim to bring together all those who regard adjustments to new conditions as more important than the veneration of precedent; who recognize the importance of safeguarding and extending the rights of workers, women, farmers, and minority groups upon whom the welfare of the entire nation depends; who seek actively to eliminate racism; who work to maintain and protect our civil rights and liberties in the face of persistent attacks upon them; and who look upon the law as an instrument for the protection of the people, rather than for their repression.

**Phi Alpha Theta**

We are a professional society whose mission is to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians. We seek to bring students, teachers and writers of history together for intellectual and social exchanges, which promote and assist historical research and publication by our members in a variety of ways.

**Pretty Girls Sweat Georgia State**

Our purpose is to cultivate a community of active female students, train future health leaders, erase the ingrained negative perceptions sweat holds, encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, promote unity and friendship, and keep alive within graduates an interest in healthy living.

**She’s the First**

The purpose of this organization is to raise donations to give to the national She's the First organization, which in turn will give the donations as scholarships for education to women and young girls in third world countries.

**Sisters Helping Each Other**

SHE aims to empower women through dialogue, campus/community involvement, and the overall promotion of self-love. Our purpose as a community service based organization is to equip women for future success through service while focusing on the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of college women. This organization will serve as a support system by encouraging sisterhood and opportunities for self-growth and community involvement.

**Spoon University at Georgia State University**

The purpose of Spoon University is to provide college students with the chance to learn, share and talk about food via an online food publication and to build a community around food. Ultimately, the mission is to help college students eat intelligently. Spoon University has three main goals: (1) to empower students to create something meaningful and long-lasting on campus (2) to give students experience in food, journalism, online media and marketing (3) to create a strong community on campus focused on food.

**Students Expressing Life through Fashion**

SELF’s four pillars comprise of leadership, creativity, scholarship, and service. Thus, the purpose of this organizer is to bridge the gap between the fashion industry and Georgia State University through those pillars.
**UPROAR: The Student Coalition to Prevent Dating Violence and Sexual Assault**

The objective of UPROAR shall be to take an active role in raising awareness and increasing dialogue about dating violence and sexual assault. The coalition of students will work to prevent violence at Georgia State University through educational workshops, awareness events, and other activities. Membership in UPROAR will allow students to take an active part in preventing violence and advocating for survivors within the Georgia State community, as well as having opportunities to volunteer for like-minded Atlanta-based organizations. UPROAR will also serve to assist any member of the community who has been affected by sexual assault in any form by providing resources, such as meetings to talk through their issues as needed.

**United Students Against Sweatshops Local 23**

The purpose of this organization is to organize a progressive student movement that fights for economic justice for students and working people and transforms the lives of students, advances the frontiers of knowledge and strengthens the workforce of the future.

**Women's Soccer Club at Georgia State**

The purpose of this club is to have a club soccer team for women and continue on the passion of soccer and staying physically fit and in shape. In addition, increase leadership roles as women at Georgia State, and allow women of all different levels to come play soccer.

Recommendations were made to table Man Cave Society GSU until further discussion and to approve the other petitions. Gabriella Batista-Vargas moved, Jeff Benson seconded the motion. The remaining petitions to charter were unanimously approved.

**Information Items / Discussion**

A. Aaron Bessey from Athletics presented on different initiatives Athletics has been working on to build a student following for Football. This includes:
   a. Blue Lot has been reconfigured for tailgating. Students can pick up free parking passes and tailgate in half of the lot while the other half is used for PAC members.
   b. Students continue to get free tickets. To claim a ticket, students can request it online or stop by the ticket window with their student ID
   c. Spotlight is offering Tailgate Packs to student organizations that include a grill, charcoal, grilling utensils, and a pop-up canopy for each home game.
   d. Fan From Day One campaign was successful. This campaign allows new students to run out on the field at the start of the first home game.

Meeting was adjourn at 12:51 p.m.