Student Life Committee Minutes  
Thursday, February 16, 2017

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

**Members Present:** Boyd Beckwith, Jeff Benson, Ian Campbell, Ja Young Choi, Kristina Clement, Jacob English, Darryl Holloman, John Holman, Trisha Kanan, Mona Matthews, Brett Reichert, Jonathan Jones, Greg McLean, Diamond Miller, William Simson

**Guests:** Johnny Tooson

**NOTE:** Due to illness, Chair Bunting was not present. Dr. Darryl Holloman chaired the meeting.

**Action Items**

A. Approval of January 2017 Minutes – Moved by John Holman, Second by Trisha Kanan. Motion passes.

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

**A Foreign Exchange**

A Foreign Exchange is an organization that introduces students to different cultures and allows them to explore the importance of diversity and different cultures around the world.

**Anchor ATL**

The purpose of Anchor ATL is to unleash healthy students to do ministry where life exists while grounding them for growth. The specific goals of Anchor ATL are to: grow in community, gaining a deeper knowledge of the gospel, and serve the campus of Georgia State University.

**Aurora Game Development Club**

Aurora Game Development Club exists to aid in the professional development of its members by providing opportunities to network, gain work experience, and learn about the game development process and industry.

**Bermuda Delegate Association**

The purpose of this organization is to educate, unify and support Bermudian students who are studying at Georgia State University.

**Harnessing Young People Early (HYPE)**

The purpose of HYPE is to help willing and open minded freshman students at Georgia State University develop the skills necessary to maximize their enrollment through college. The lessons taught in the club will be directed towards helping students dominate in their academics, careers, relationships, family and several other aspects of life. Through weekly meetings, club functions, and engagements on and off campus, we plan to establish deep and long lasting friendships.

**Screenwriters' Film Association**
A place for members of Georgia State's film program to meet and discuss their ongoing or newly begun scripts. Classes can take over students' time and we wanted an organization for students to be able to discuss their new or current ideas while handling the workload. We would workshop screenplays and branch out new ideas for members of the club.

**United Voices of Zion**

United Voices of Zion is an organization that introduces students to a different meaning of music and song. United V.O.Z represents people from different nationalities, backgrounds, and walks of life that come together as one to share their story through song. United Voices of Zion is a Gospel choir whose mission at Georgia State University is to express the love of God through praise, worship, and dance, enabling us to successfully impact the lives of those we come in contact with throughout the campus. Our goal is to bring a modernized feel of song to our campus while we develop the gifts and talents God has given us. United Voices of Zion are open to all students regardless of their faith background, however we encourage students to develop their individual relationship with God. We encourage participation from instrumentalists as well as praise dancers and from this institution we plan to raise leaders that transform society.

**Young Men's Christians Association- GSU Chapter**

The purpose of this organization is create another chapter under the national YMCA Campus Congress. This organization engages college students by developing their public service skills. Our mission is to train public servants as servant leaders, emphasize policy over politics, and make public service relevant to all college students, regardless of their field of study.

Discussion: Concerns were brought up regarding the Anchor ATL group focused on the first sentence of their purpose statement, specifically what a “healthy student” is and what “where life exists” meant. There was also a concern about whether this group was affiliated with a ministry that just wanted access to the Atlanta Campus. Jeff Benson will clarify with the group and report back next month. Ian Campbell moved to approve all petitions except Anchor ATL, John Holman seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

**Information Items / Discussion**

A. Dr. Holloman discussed several questions brought up at the last committee meeting:
   a. Smoking Ban: Smoke free enforcement is based on education and having staff and students hold each other accountable. If a student is identified as smoking on campus, the Dean of Students Office can follow up with that student. GSUPD can also tell the person to stop if it is brought to their attention.
   b. Travel Ban: Several students were impacted by the travel ban, but now students can freely move in and out of the country. Many international students are nervous, but International Student & Scholar Services has been active in educating students about their rights. More information can be found online at [http://isss.gsu.edu/2017/03/06/recent-updates/](http://isss.gsu.edu/2017/03/06/recent-updates/)
   c. Turner Field: There have be protests regarding the Community Benefits Agreement (CBA). The university and partners in the development are working to address any concerns.
d. House Bill 51 on Sexual Misconduct: This bill states that if police and the University are doing an investigation into alleged misconduct at the same time, the University cannot conclude their investigation until the police do.

B. Code of Conduct: Dr. Holloman proposed a language change to the Code of Conduct regarding Free Speech section to remove subjective language. There were no objections from the committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.