Minutes
Student Life Committee
September 17, 2020
WebEx

I. Welcome and Introductions – Called to order at 11:05 a.m.

II. Action Items
   A. Approval of previous meeting minutes
      a. Approved unanimously without change
   B. Committee Make-up
      a. Proposed changes to the Student Life Committee Make-up:
         i. Replace “Director for Leadership Programs” with “Director for Student Life & Programs”
            a. Justification: Functionally, student organization management was transitioned from Leadership Programs to Student Life & Programs
         ii. Replace “Leadership Programs Staff Member” with “Student Life Staff Member, ATL Campus”
            a. Justification: Functionally, student organization management was transitioned from Leadership Programs to Student Life & Programs
         iii. Add “Student Life Staff Member, Perimeter College”
            a. Justification: Student organizations are managed by different staff on the Perimeter College Campuses than on the Atlanta Campus. Having staff from both areas makes sense to ensure all campuses are represented.
         iv. Adjust the Assistant Vice President for Student Retention or Designee role, as I do not believe that title exists anymore
            a. For now, I replaced it with Dr. Calhoun-Brown as Vice President for Student Engagement & Programs
      b. Motion to recommend the proposed changes to the Administrative Committee of the University Senate – Motion approved unanimously.
   C. Student Organizations Charter Subcommittee
      a. Petitioning Organizations – Perimeter College
         i. No petitions this month
      b. Petitioning Organizations – Atlanta Campus

1. American Medical Women’s Association – The American Medical Women’s Association is an organization that advocates for women’s health, advancement in medicine, and provide young women with the tools need to become great leaders. Our purpose is to
give premeds mentoring, education, and volunteer opportunities in their communities while also maintaining a diverse and inclusive space.

2. **Creative U** – Our mission at Creative-U is to provide a safe place for all individuals seeking to bring some wild ideas to life by way of various creative studios, workshops, DIY events, networking, team building, self-expression, whilst relaxing and distressing. Everyone is welcome. No experience is required. All supplies are provided for every session. We aim to give everyone a space to be free and explore their creative minds. Be creative. Be-U.

3. **Emerging Writers Workshop** - The Emerging Writers Workshop is a new undergraduate-focused, semester-long, career-oriented workshop aimed at helping creators of all fields improve their craft! Open from 3pm- 5pm on M on W.

4. **Hindu Yuva at Georgia State University** - Hindu YUVA aims to provide a platform to preserve, practice, promote and protect Hindu Dharma by bringing together Hindu youth across college campuses in the United States. The purpose of Hindu Yuva is to create a community within Georgia State that all people who wish to follow the path of Hindu Dharma can join and meet other like-minded students.

5. **Machine Learning Club** - This club is dedicated to fostering students' interest in machine learning and giving them the tools in order to continue to explore and learn as they continue onto their careers. The purpose of the Machine Learning Club is to increase interest in the emerging field of Machine Learning by introducing students to machine learning topics as well as the mathematical concepts behind them.

6. **MS Hopping 4 a Cure** - The purpose of M.S. Hopscotch “Hopping 4 A Cure” is to advocate and spread awareness for Multiple Sclerosis on campus at Georgia State University. Hopping 4 A Cure is a nonprofit organization that fundraises for multiple sclerosis through outdoor recess activity events. All funds go directly back into the community in the form of college scholarships, caregiver support, and medical research.

7. **Pi Epsilon Theta** - Pi Theta Epsilon is a national honor society that recognizes and encourages scholastic excellence of occupational therapy students. The purpose of Pi Theta Epsilon is to advance the field of occupational therapy through scholarly activities of students and alumni members. Our chapter provides a vehicle for students enrolled in Georgia State's occupational therapy program to exchange information and to collaborate regarding scholarly activities.

8. **Pre-Student Osteopathic Medical Association** - The purpose of Pre-SOMA is to inform the community at Georgia State University about osteopathic medicine by providing resources that can help build stronger applicants and increase the amount of medical school applications representing our institution. The organization wishes to promote the networking of students who share common goals and interests to create a united group. Pre-SOMA at GSU commits to welcome all members including but not limited to
differences in age, culture, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity, gender and disability.

9. Serving Others Unconditional Love - SOUL is a faith-based service organization at GSU that allows students opportunities to get involved and volunteer in the Atlanta community. The goal of SOUL is to brighten the lives of others and build relationships through regular service events. SOUL partners with local non-profits in the Atlanta area. Members are given weekly opportunities to attend service events with these non-profits and build relationships with those they serve. SOUL holds 1 monthly meeting as well provides roughly 10-15 service opportunities each month. We also host "Spread the Joy" events that are geared towards loving people in the community by passing out notes and treats on GSU’s campus or in downtown Atlanta. The mission of SOUL is to brighten the lives of others through acts of kindness by building relationships with those that we serve.

10. Sikh Students of Atlanta - Introducing to the GSU campus an organization that brings together students of ATL to learn and spread awareness about Sikhism, to study and address issues that affect the Sikh community, and to spread knowledge on Sikh traditions, heritage, and culture.

11. Triviology - To bring stem majors and people interested in science together in a fun, supporting, game show/ Quiz Bowl format to practice and review science related topics to help prepare and refresh them for Graduate school admission tests such as the MCAT or DAT. This club operates like a quiz bowl where we will learn about science topics and memorize information that should help on graduate school admission tests for stem majors.

12. Underground Perspective - This organization is mainly being creating to build a social community through diversity. I have noticed while being at GSU, that most of the organizations here on campus are business-oriented and are not as socially inclusive in building the community as a whole through a relaxed, socialized environment. A lot of students have voiced their concerns that they would like an organization more inclusive to giving students an outlet to be free and enjoy each other without the business aspect. I wanted to create this organization as a space to establish comfortability and have an organization that can unite socially with active fun events.

Motion to approve all petitions – Motion passes unanimously

III. Information Items/Discussion

A. No items

a. The School of Public Health is piloting a peer education program around COVID 19. Six students will be trained to have discussions with their peers around healthy choices during the pandemic and hopefully help ease some of the worries students have regarding their return to campus. If the pilot goes well, they will look to expand the program in the spring.
IV. Announcements

V. Adjournment – 11:24 a.m.

Attendance:

Abubakar Mohammed Sirajo
Afnan Abu Sarar
Aijaz Parpia
Allison Calhoun-Brown
Amy Jean Horner Reber
Ashleigh Brooke Cochran
Boyd Randall Beckwith
Carlos Alexander Porter
Chandra Therese French
Christopher Daniel Moffat
Debora D Constable
Enrique Marin Pujals
Ewa McGrail
Full Name
Gail Louise Sutton
Gina Blankenship Flowers
Jay P Dunn
Jeannie Barrett
Jeffrey R. Benson
Jez Catambay
Ken Rice
Kim Renee Ramsey-White
Laura Green
Meng Sun
Michael Sanseviro
Michelle A. Nelson
Michelle Nelson
Muskan Amin Virani
Spence Carr
Trisha Kanan