Minutes
Student Life Committee
November 5, 2021
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I. Welcome and Introductions – Called to order at 9:35 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes – Approved as submitted 16-0-3

III. Guest Speaker: Katy Crowther

   A. Discussed concerns from students regarding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
      a. Discussed an SGA initiative called United Student Organizations, which is
designed to increase community for students via Registered Student Organization
involvement.
      b. Suggested to reach out to Student Success CCI area for feedback
      c. Discussed attempting to set up safe spaces for students to discuss and share
feedback and concerns, as well as process their feelings on these issues
      d. Suggested to reach out to Shannon Corey, Director of Housing, to discuss how
Housing is addressing DEI
      e. Discussed that faculty diversity does not reflect the current diversity of the
student body and the perception that students may have regarding that.
      f. Survey departments around campus to see how student feedback is being
elicited
         i. Are student committee members being selected fairly?
      g. Any additional feedback should be sent to kcrowther@gsu.edu

IV. Guest Speaker: Boyd Beckwith

   A. Presented on the Atlanta Campus Student Life area and Student Center
   B. Org Chart for Student Life / Student Center
      a. Question about other offices that are located in the Student Center, but not on
the chart:
         i. There are 8 primary groupings in Student Engagement, reporting to Dr
Michael Sanseviro: Health & Wellness; Rights & Responsibilities; Student
Life & Involvement; Cultures, Communities & Inclusion; Leadership &
Service; Student Transitions & Family Engagement; The Perimeter College
Experience; Administration & Resource Management
      b. Student Center Advisory Council overview
         i. 12 Student reps
         ii. 2 staff reps
iii. 1 faculty rep
iv. 1 alumni rep
c. Shared Student Center Usage Data
   i. Still down from pre-pandemic
   ii. Pivoted to offering more rooms with teleconferencing equipment
   iii. Doing many renovations and revamped their website
d. Discussed movement of offices within the Student Center
   i. Question about Student Organizations that have 4th floor rooms and if/when they will no longer have private rooms
      a Why would that happen?
         i Equity issue since there are only 18 rooms and over 400 RSOs
         ii Student Center is supported by SAF, so equity of the allocation of those funds is paramount.
      b How will they be notified?
         i Dr. Sanseviro attended the Fraternity & Sorority Life President’s Roundtable
         ii Student Center hosted a meeting with RSO residents
      c There is no timeline for RSOs to transition from those rooms nor a full plan for the use of that space.
e. Snapshots of departments in the Student Life area
   i. Fraternity & Sorority Life
   ii. Spotlight Programs Board
   iii. Student Media
   iv. Student Organizations
      a Includes Student Government Association (SGA)
C. SGA is not offering free scantrons?
   a. They are not supposed to be anymore, because scantrons are considered “personal items” that are not supposed to be purchased with Student Activities Fees per USG Policy
      i. They are still giving out the remaining supply
D. Perimeter College staff asked if a similar report can be given based on PC campuses
   a. Jeff will reach out to Dr. Coletta Carter and Jez Catambay-Lopez to see if they can do a similar presentation on the PC campuses.
V. RSO Presentation
   A. Presented the following organizations:
   1. **StalliSisters** stands for Shining, Transcending, Aspiring, Leading, Liberating, and Inspiring. StalliSisters will thrive in community service and spreading body positivity. This organization was founded to promote body positivity amongst tall women. The collegiate organization aims to create a space where tall women can come together, uplift one another, and elevate others through sisterhood and community outreach.
2. **Faith Hope Love Chinese Christian Fellowship** - The purpose of the organization is to create a warm community for students, scholars, faculty and staff from Georgia State University to worship the Lord and share the evangelism, especially for Chinese speakers.

3. **Pokemon Video Game Championships Team** - The purpose of the Pokemon VGC Team is to allow students who want to get into competitive Pokemon to come together. Members will learn about team building, top battle strategies, and metagame standards. We hope to create a strong team of players who can represent GSU in various Pokemon VGC Tournaments.

4. **Asian American Student Organization** - The Asian American Student Organization initiative fosters a welcoming, inclusive environment to learn about the different Asian cultures through education, service, action, and socio-cultural activities. In doing so, we plan to achieve this goal by working with individuals and organizations on and off-campus.

5. **Georgia PIRG Campus Action at Georgia State University** - Georgia PIRG Campus Action is a training and action program started by the Student PIRGs and is based on a model that has been helping students make positive change for almost 50 years on issues such as protecting the environment and public health, revitalizing our democracy, feeding the hungry and more. Through our various campaigns, Georgia PIRG Campus Action helps students organize grassroots campaigns that help their communities. We solve real issues through coalition building, planning events, gaining media attention and lobbying decision makers.

6. **Music United Scholars Innovating Change Society** - School of Music organization focused on student community, development, and brother/sisterhood. Our members will include students currently pursuing a degree in the music industry or students who are fascinated with developing as an artist, gaining networks in the music industry, and growing their knowledge about the music business as future industry leaders.

7. **Federal Bar Association Law School Division Chapter** - The activities of the Law School Student Chapter shall primarily serve to encourage learning about federal law, courts, and legal practice, to advance the FBA Law Student Division’s purposes, to promote and to serve the interests of the Division members, and to support growth in the Division’s membership.

8. **Wrestling at Georgia State University** - Wrestling is man's first sport. This combat sport focuses on self-defense on your feet and on the ground. Our goal is to provide a space for new wrestlers to learn the sport and better themselves. Veteran wrestlers can continue their craft and compete at one of the highest competition levels possible for the sport. Benefits of this club include staying in shape, mental growth, and learning how to defend oneself when the need arises.

B. Jeff will work with the following groups:

   a. Wrestling at Georgia State University to use non-gendered language.

   b. PIRG to acknowledge their national organization in their mission to add transparency

VI. Adjournment: 10:58 a.m.
Attendance:

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