

Student Life and Development Committee Minutes
Thursday, February 16, 2012

Members Present: JoAnn Bacon, Eric Blacknall, Allison Calhoun-Brown, Elisabeth Burgess, Kristina Clement, Chris Connelly, Vijay Ganji, Richard Heller, Brenna Helmstutler, Robin Huff, Deirdre Oakley, Allison Renyi, Ebony Rose, Nancy Schafer, Rebecca Stout and Ben Williams

I. Welcome:

Elisabeth Burgess called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

II. Action Items:

A. Approval of January 19, 2012 Minutes

One error was noted. Elisabeth Burgess asked for a motioned for the approval of January's minutes. Allison Renyi motioned that minutes be approved. Deirdre Oakley seconded the motioned. Minutes were unanimously approved.

B. Petition to Charter 2011-2012-Ebony Rose

Five new student organizations petitioned to charter. No student organizations petitioned to re-establish their charter and/or requested petition for provisional status.

Crescendo Machine (Show Choir at Georgia State University)

"We, as an organization at GSU, will provide a haven for any student who enjoys singing or just wants to be free to express themselves without having to worry about judgment. Furthermore open our arms to everyone as long as they come with a good attitude, a great work ethic, and a love for performing.

The J. Mack Robinson College of Business Honors Society

Provide opportunities for networking, development, and professional growth for the community of J. Mack Robinson College of Business Honors students; enable members to develop the business astuteness necessary to achieve high esteem and success in their chosen fields.

National Society of Pershing Rifles

The purpose of the National Society of Pershing Rifles is to develop to the highest degree possible, outstanding traits of leadership. Military science, military bearing, and discipline within the framework of a military oriented, honorary fraternity. It is our mission to uplift and assist in the development of our ROTC units, in order to raise the level of proficiency amongst cadets in the categories of discipline, military intelligence, physical fitness, and military customs and courtesies. Members should embrace the brotherhood at all times and nature constructive relationship with fellow Pershing Rifleman.

Nepalese Student Association (NepSA)

NepSA is non-profit organization run by the students studying at GSU. The main aims of this organization is to promote and introduce Nepalese culture in Georgia State University through hosting and assisting in social, cultural, and community service activities. It will provide a platform for interaction between NepSA members and other organizations/communities. It will also help new incoming Nepalese students to accommodate in Atlanta and facilitate the interactions between the NepSA students and alumnus. The organization will help NepSA members in case of emergencies (medical, social or as need be) and to acquire funds for research and academic activities for NepSA.

Voices for Planned Parenthood (VOX)

VOX®: Voices for Planned Parenthood® of Georgia State University exists to educate the university community about reproductive health and rights, to translate increased awareness into pro-choice activism on campus, and to serve as a coalitional partner to state, national, and international reproductive rights efforts. VOX® supports full access to comprehensive reproductive and complementary health care services in settings that preserve and protect the essential privacy and rights of each individual; advocates public policies that guarantee these rights and ensure access to such services; and supports access to medically accurate educational programs that enhance understanding of human sexuality.

C. Motion from Legal Presence Subcommittee – Elisabeth Burgess

Various GSU departments were in attendance. Wanting to “balance” the issue was a major issue. Chancellor gave testimony-send a letter of support to Chancellor, despite the fact that there are still unresolved issues. Elisabeth Burgess read the Motion to Petition the USG Chancellor Expressing Opposition to Policies Excluding Undocumented Student from Georgia Universities and Colleges. In addition, Elisabeth Burgess also stated that bill HB59 has been stalled. After the reading the letter Elisabeth Burgess opened the floor for further discussion and feed-back from committee members. Ben Williams motioned that Chancellor’s recommendation be approved. Allison Renyi seconded the motion. A vote was taken to support the Chancellor’s recommendation. The majority of SL&DC members approved the Chancellor’s recommendation with one member abstaining.

III. Discussion/Information Issues

A. Changes to Interim Suspension-Code of Conduct Revision-Rebecca Stout

Last spring Dept. of Justice made some changes relating to students with disabilities covered under ADA (American Disability Act). How to address and implement these changes are currently being discussed. Rebecca Stout asked for subcommittee volunteers. Jean Barrett wants to serve on this committee.

B. Other Business/Announcements

Ben Williams stated that the issue of “chalking” on GSU’s sidewalks and on the sides of some GSU building is a growing problem and wanted to know if GSU has a policy in place or needs one. Deidre Oakley and Ebony Rose will serve on subcommittee to address this issue.

Allison Renji would like to have the mandatory student six hour requirement revised for student leadership positions. Subcommittee members will include, Rebecca Stout, Ben Williams, Kristina Clement and Elisabeth Burgess.

Announcements included:

Last basketball game for the season will take place next week

John Lewis coming March 12, 6p.m. Interested parties will need to RSVP

Judicial Board recruitment will take place two weeks after spring break

Upcoming recruitment for . . .

SGA applications deadline tomorrow by 5p.m.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.