

**Student Life and Development Committee Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 20, 2014**

**Members Present:** Jeannie Barrett, Elisabeth Burgess, Debra Cannon, Misty McDonald, Gary Bingham, Johnnae Roberts, Rebecca Stout, Caroline Sullivan

**I. Welcome and Introduction**

Meeting called to order at 12:05 p.m.

**II. Action Items**

**A. Approval of January 16, 2014 Minutes**

No errors or corrections were noted. Rebecca Stout motioned for the minutes to be accepted. Debra Cannon second the motioned. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**B. Student Organization Charter Subcommittee-Recommendation for Approval-Misty McDonald**

Five student organization petition to charter, no student organizations petition to re-establish charter and no student organizations petitioned for provisional status. Rebecca Stout motioned that the organization's petition be approved. Caroline Sullivan seconded the motion. The organizations were unanimously approved.

**Petition to Charter 2014-15 Academic Year**

**Anime Club**

The purpose of this organization is to bring together those that enjoy the art of Japanese animation, and to further understanding of both the art and Japanese culture as a whole.

**Sneaker Community**

We will provide a network of sneaker association that enriches the sneaker world by uniting enthusiast. We will use sneakers as a tool to develop leaders in the Georgia State community by providing services that will greater impact not only the Georgia State community but the entire Atlanta community.

- A. Programs will center on the exchange and culture of sneakers and will enhance the educational experience of students through hands on experience for future career fields, and exposure and design, economics, and art.
- B. Involvement in SCGSU exists to give hands on experience in future career fields and the development of leadership skills through participation as an executive board member or committee member.
- C. To build bridges and encourage collaboration with fellow campus entities.

**Students for Justice in Palestine**

The purpose of this organization is to **raise awareness** about the ongoing Israel/Palestine conflict: its history, the current state of the conflict, as well as America's relevance, **advocate** for basic human rights of all, promote a dialogue amongst the many different perspectives pertaining to said conflict, **collaborate** with other organizations of shared interest and principles, and **endorse** methods of nonviolent resistance to the Israel's military occupation of the disputed territories in violation of international law.

### **Student Health Informatics Association (S.H.I.A.)**

The purpose of this organization is to encourage and promote academic excellence through skills and experience in healthcare and to enhance unity amongst all Health Sciences and IT majors.

### **Tree Campus USA**

Tree Campus USA is a program developed by the Arbor Day Foundation with the purpose of engaging university students and the broader community to promote the establishment and health of trees on campus and beyond. This organization will:

- Educate Georgia State University students about the importance of trees in regard in their contribution to sustainability and quality of life.
- Initiate and take part in activities that help increase and preserve the tree canopy on and near the Georgia State University campus.
- Plans and implement the student activities associated with Tree Campus Certification, including Arbor Day activities.
- Maintain two student members, at a minimum on the Tree Campus Advisory Board of Georgia State University.

### **Petition to Re-Establish Charter**

None

### **Petition for Provisional Status**

None

## **III. Information Items/Discussion**

### **A. Boyd Beckwith, Presentation on Student University Center**

Boyd Beckwith delivered an extensive presentation, regarding new and upcoming changes designated for the Student University Center. Some highlights included:

- Established a new Student University Center mission statement
- Constructed a user friendly campus map
- Reorganized various offices and spaces, including relocating vending machines to more high traffic areas: Office of African American Studies and Programs otherwise known as OAASP has been renamed to Black Student Achievement and will have a “clear door”.
- Bryce McNeil’s office has been relocated from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Student University Center to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the University Center, making Bryce McNeil’s new office more centralized to the offices/departments he oversees.
- One thousand new ballroom chairs have been added to current inventory
- Installing addition water bottle filling stations
- Increase outside lighting
- Digital signage for posting signs forthcoming this fall
- Reservation booking system (EMS) to be upgraded, allowing online reservations

- Cinefest will become a rental or reservable space

B. Sexual Misconduct Policy-Rebecca Stout

A number of Student Code of Conduct stipulations are currently being revised. Jeannie Barrett will serve on this committee. Update forthcoming.

C. Next meeting –March 27<sup>th</sup>

D. Additional news/information-New Student Organization Fair

**IV. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.