

# **Student Life and Development Committee Minutes**

## **Thursday, September 18, 2014**

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

**Members Present:** Jeannie Barrett, Jeff Benson, Elisabeth Burgess, Debra Cannon, Cheryl Delk-LeGood, Oliver Greene, David Jackson, Jr., Misty McDonald, Lionel Scott, Rebecca Stout

**Guest:** Douglass Covey, Boyd Beckwith, Daryl Holloman, Mike Townsend

### **Action Items**

- A. Misty McDonald moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Lionel Scott second the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- B. The Student Organization Charter Subcommittee – Misty McDonald presented the following list of organizations seeking to be chartered:

#### **American Math Society Graduate Student Chapter**

The purpose of the American Mathematical Society Graduate Student Chapter is to help graduate students at Georgia State University advance their careers, build a community founded on mathematics, and promote the values of the American Mathematical Society.

#### **Astro PALS (Astronomy Peer Advising Leaders)**

The Astronomy Peer Advising Leaders at GSU provides non-professional guidance for incoming graduate students (mentees) from senior students (mentors) who have completed a significant portion of the program. The purpose is to help mentees with the different stressors they may face while in graduate school by providing support and advice through similar experiences. This program serves to ensure the mentee's successful adaptation to his or her new responsibilities, lifestyle, and work environment.

#### **Be You!**

The "Be You!" organization's purpose is for Georgia State students to become the best version of themselves. We place an emphasis on three areas which are the mind, body and the soul. For the mind we teach and promote healthy eating habits and lifestyle changes. For the body we promote an active lifestyle that will enrich our fitness levels. For the soul we want to give back to our community by participating in outreach programs and service projects.

#### **College Girls Rock**

The purpose of this organization is to serve to inspire today's youth to pursue a post-secondary education and motivate people who are in, or recently graduated college, to be outstanding members in society. We aim to uplift and enrich the minds of the college female population with the encouragement through mentorship from outstanding members in the organization, bonding days, social and educational programs, and community service opportunities. Our function is to promote academic success by hosting informational meetings and workshops that can provide the school knowledge and resources that will be accessible for all members and the student body.

### **DECA**

DECA is a diverse group of hard working individuals who plan to pursue a career in business. DECA seeks to prepare emerging business leaders at GSU for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management by providing resources, opportunities and rewards for good performance in business merits.

### **Intelligent Investing Club**

The purpose of the Intelligent Investing Club is to broaden member's knowledge to help them make intelligent decisions about investing through readings and discussions of financial markets, financial literacy, and investments- specifically through value investing. The club will promote ideas and discussions and will not make any investments through the club.

### **International Science and Education Club**

This organization is designed to contribute to rising the quality of science, education and culture. The purpose of this organization is to share the gift of a college education with and to promote the academic success of high school and middle school students, to enhance college level learning through teaching, to offer hands-on experience to future teacher, and to provide role models for young students. ISEC's vision is an organization of volunteers who serve their community by helping public school educational background especially in science education. One aspect of such help is tutoring students in their courses and the other aspect is mentoring them on their path to college. When we have graduate students tutoring undergraduates, and undergraduate students tutoring high school and middle school students, the level and quality of education will flow to younger generations. The service of our volunteers will inspire the students to succeed and, in the future, serve the community themselves. Moreover, we will have science discussion meetings that educate students about current research topics and many about the research of many scholars in these fields. Along with education, there is a cultural aspect to these discussion meetings. After the presentation of science research is finished, a small presentation will take place about a country's cultural aspect such as art, music, food etc. and have a small sample of food of that country will be served to attendees.

### **Royals Dance Team**

The purpose of this organization is to bring together those have a love for dance, and want to continue their dancing at a nationally competitive level.

### **Skateboard Club**

The purpose of this organization is to bring together those that have a shared interest in skateboarding. Everyone is welcome, from; beginners to experts, long boarders to street/park skaters.

### **United for Reproductive and Gender Equity (URGE) at GSU**

URGE envisions a world where all people have agency over their own bodies and relationships, and the power, knowledge, and tools to exercise that agency. URGE builds this vision by engaging young people in creating and leading the way to sexual and reproductive justice for all by providing training, field mobilization, and national leadership for a youth-driven agenda. The URGE Chapter at Georgia State will seek to unite our student body under the goals of URGE and reproductive and gender equality.

Debra Cannon moved to approve the petitions. Rebecca Stout second the motion. The petitions to charter were unanimously approved.

## Information Items / Discussion

- A. Dr. Covey gave a brief overview of the State of GSU Student Affairs.
  - 1. Organizational changes in Student Affairs
    - Dr. Stout stepped down as Dean of Students, but will remain Associate Vice President of Student Affairs.
    - Dr. Holloman is the Dean of Students and Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs.
    - Scott Levin stepped down as Director of Recreation Services.
    - Melissa Buchheit is serving as Interim Director of Recreation Services.
  - 2. Current Initiatives: Restart of Cooperative Education at GSU, The P3 Initiative, Sustainability Fee committee, Student Health Center 24 hour hotline, Speaker Series, Panthers at Woodruff, Changes to Cinefest , WRAS / GPB, new Law School, 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the Petit Science Center, University Innovation Alliance.
- B. Elisabeth Burgess put out a call for a subcommittee for Code of Conduct revisions
- C. Changes regarding Student Organizations –
  - 1. Misty McDonald stated she will be reviewing the Student leader policy, student travel, and late night / special events policy
  - 2. Code of Conduct revisions – Rebecca Stout stated that guidelines for the sexual misconduct revisions will be finalized around November
  - 3. Changes to the code itself will be discussed by Daryl Holloman later.
- D. By-laws Revisions for Student Life & Development
  - 1. Name of committee and charge of the committee
  - 2. Subcommittee to look at what committee is doing and what it should be doing.
- E. Upcoming Meetings

Meeting was adjourn at 1:16 p.m.