

Student Life and Development Committee Minutes
Thursday, April 24, 2014

Members Present: JoAnn Bacon, Elisabeth Burgess, Kristina Clement, Misty McDonald, Johnnae Roberts, Lionel Scott, Rebecca Stout and Jelena Subotic

Guest: Boyd Beckwith

I. Welcome and Introduction

Meeting called to order at 12:10 p.m.

II. Action Items

A. Election of 2014-2015 Committee Chair

Elisabeth Burgess was nominated by Rebecca Stout to serve as committee chair. No other nominations were forthcoming. Therefore, Joann Bacon motioned that nominations be closed. Johnnae Roberts seconded the motion. Votes were casted, resulting in Elisabeth Burgess re-election as this years' 2014-2015 committee chair. In addition, Elisabeth Burgess stated that this would be the last year she will be able to serve as committee chair due to upcoming departmental demands.

B. Approval of March 27, 2014 Minutes

One error was noted. JoAnn Bacon motioned for the minutes to be accepted. Johnnae Roberts second the motioned. The minutes were unanimously approved.

C. Student Activity Fee Committee-Approval of non-student members

A written motion from the Dean of Students was submitted, requesting that JoAnn Bacon (faculty member, Student Life and Development Committee), Boyd Beckwith (staff member-SGA Advisor, and Misty McDonald (staff member at large) serve on the 2014-2015 Student Activity Fee Committee. The rationale for this decision states that the Student Activity Fee Guidelines indicate that three non-student voting members are to be nominated by the Dean of Students and approved annually by the University Senate Student Life and Development Committee (see below).

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE GUIDELINES

III.MEMBERSHIP OF THE STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE COMMITTEE

The three non-student members of the committee are nominated by the Dean of Students and approved annually by the University Senate Student Life and Development Committee. The non-student members may be nominated from the members of the Senate committee, the University Senate, or the faculty and staff at large. This election will occur in the Spring semester for service for the following fiscal year. A representative of the Office of the Vice President for Finance and Administration and the Office of the Provost will serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the committee.

D. Student Organizations Charter Subcommittee – Recommendations for Approval

No student organizations were approved due to end of semester. Student organization approvals will resume in the fall (2014).

III. Discussion/Information Issues

A. Meeting times for the 2014-2015 Senate Year

Third Thursday of most months at noon

August – no meeting (classes start August 25)

September 18th - 12-1:30pm

October 16th - 12-1:30pm

November 20th – 12-1:30pm

December – no meeting

January 15, 2015

February 19th – 12:1:30pm

March 26th – 12:1:30pm (Note: The 3rd Thursday is during Spring Break-so this is actually the 4th Thursday)

April 16th – 12-1:30pm (if needed-meeting is tentative)

Also posted on <http://senate.gsu.edu/>

B. Student Code of Conduct Subcommittee Report

Rebecca Stout stated that currently, there is a standing committee, but they do not make the final decisions. The administrative counsel does. The Sexual Misconduct policy was revised in March 2014. In addition, Rebecca Stout handed out a detail report regarding the Student Life and Development Committee Meeting, held Thursday, April 24, 2014 to review recommended changes to the Student Code of Conduct prior to a presentation for approval of the University Administrative Council. The Chairperson of the University Senate Student Discipline Committee also attended the subcommittee meeting. The Subcommittee recommends support for the changes as presented.

- Changes to definitions (Section I.E.)
- Changes to the composition of the Sexual Misconduct Board (Section iii.B.7.c)
- Add the sanction of “Disciplinary Probation” to student organization sanctions (Section iii B.8.e.4)

Additionally, the recommended changes to the General Conduct section of the Student Code of Conduct reflects a modification of the number of resolution routes from the current three (3) options (Administrative Resolution, Student Judicial Board, Senate Committee on Student Discipline) to the following two (2) options: Administrative Resolution and Student Judicial Board.

This change is recommended in order to improve the consistency of formal hearing procedures and outcomes for students who select a formal hearing for adjudication of their cases; it also brings GSU into alignment with practices at peer institutions. The Senate Committee on Student Discipline would now focus solely on their core activity of reviewing cases related to the Academic Honesty Policy.

The subcommittee will be meeting over the summer to further the discussion. Meeting will included Rebecca Stout, Elisabeth Burgess and Misty McDonald.

IV. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.