

Student Life and Development Committee Minutes

Thursday, November 20, 2014

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

Members Present: JoAnn Bacon, Jeannie Barrett, Jeff Benson, Elisabeth Burgess, Oliver Greene, Misty McDonald, Cristina Migles-Schmitt, Brett Reichert, Johnae Roberts, Nicholas Smith, Rebecca Stout, Jelena Subotic

Guest: Boyd Beckwith, Eric Cuevas

Action Items

- A. Oliver Green moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Johnae Roberts second the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- B. The Student Organization Charter Subcommittee – Jeff Benson presented the following list of organizations seeking to be chartered:

Petition to Charter 2014-15 Academic Year

Ayn Rand Study Forum at Georgia State University

The Ayn Rand Study Forum at Georgia State University is a group that studies and discusses culture, politics, and the philosophy and novels of Ayn Rand.

Autism Speaks U

Our purpose is to raise awareness about autism and how it affects families, persons with autism and our community as a whole. We are committed to raising funds through Autism Speaks U events to help support families affected by autism in our community.

Barbell Club at Georgia State University

The goal is to support one another, grow stronger, push limits, work on form, and hold mock meets in the future. We want to create a positive environment for collegiate lifters to compete and be healthy and strong and a platform for powerlifters to compete. Beginners, casual, intermediate, experienced powerlifters, Olympic lifters, bodybuilders, are welcome.

Colleges Against Cancer of Georgia State University

Colleges Against Cancer is a national collaboration of college students, faculty, and staff dedicated to fighting cancer, volunteering for the American Cancer Society, and improving college communities by instating and supporting programs of American Cancer Society.

Mock Mediators Association / Peer Mediators Association

The purpose of this organization is to bring upon awareness and encourage activism on conflict resolution skills. We will also educate peers on the benefits of resolving conflicts with positive suggestions that benefit both parties.

Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity, International

The purpose of this Fraternity shall be to form a strong bond uniting students and teachers of the law with members of the Bench and Bar in a fraternal fellowship designed to advance the

ideals of liberty and equal justice under law; to stimulate excellence in scholarship; to inspire the virtues of compassion and courage; to foster integrity and professional competence; to promote the welfare of its members; and to encourage their moral, intellectual, and cultural advancement; so that each member may enjoy a lifetime of honorable professional and public service.

Redeemed Gospel Choir

The Redeemed Gospel Choir is a Christian based organization founded by college students in search of creative outlets to serve God. We aim to demonstrate positivity, inspire and motivate our peers, and exemplify an innovative form of praise for our generation. Our ultimate objective is to spread the gospel throughout Georgia State University and surrounding areas.

Rhetoric Society of America at Georgia State University

RSA at GSU establishes a space for graduate students to foster the study of rhetoric. It seeks to cultivate community among rhetoric scholars across disciplines and is committed to promoting rhetoric and civic engagement at GSU.

S.T.A.N. (See, Talk, Acknowledge, No exceptions)

This organization is to discuss the causes and effects of bullying. It is also to help spread awareness of what bullying looks like and how to prevent it in our GSU community and our neighboring schools.

Students Working for a Better Business Experience

The purpose of this organization is to connect local businesses in GSU area that are in need of business solution with GSU students who seek to apply up-to-date knowledge gained in class.

Teaching and Teacher Education Doctoral Students

The purpose of this organization is to bring together doctoral students with an interest in teacher education. The members of T-TEDS will build community and support each other in their teaching, collegiality, service, and research endeavors. The organization will host events to bring members together through reading and writing sessions, and other events focused on teacher education.

Petition to Re-Establish Charter 2014-15 Academic Year

Art History Student League

AHSL is an assembly dedicated to the enrichment and completion of the education of the students of the Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design at Georgia State University. As an organization, AHSL promotes professionalism by sponsoring lectures, symposia, and workshops. AHSL also acts as the liaison between the diverse students of the School of Art and Design and the university population, as well as local, national, and international communities involved in the art histories.

Rebecca Stout moved to approve the petitions. Nicholas Smith second the motion. The petitions to charter were unanimously approved.

Information Items / Discussion

- A. Student Code and Policy Revisions – Additional federal regulations for sexual misconduct were presented in October, but we had already incorporated them in our document, so there are changes at this time.
- B. Boyd Beckwith – Update on Student*University Center – Boyd Beckwith distributed a copy of the Student*University Center Annual Report to all members in attendance. Updates to the Student*University Center include the name change to the building from Student*University Center to Student Center. The two distinct parts of the Student Center will be identified by calling them Student Center East (current Student Center) and Student Center West (University Center). New room numbers will also indicate which building. Low numbers (1- 50) indicates the room is in the Student Center East and high numbers (51 – 99) indicates the room is in the Student Center West.

Student Center is now working with the Student Government Association. Voting for SGA will now be done on Orgsync and the Student Center will have iPads available to encourage voting. Students will only be able to vote for their college. Information sessions will be held for students interested in running for office.

Other updates included a new mission statement for the Student Center, renovation of the Information Center, Spotlight's successful revamp of Cinefest, seeking to increase third party usage of the Student Center on the weekends, Distinguished Speaker Series, and Georgia State State University discounts to Atlanta Botanical Gardens, and Panthers at Woodruff

- C. New Business- Follow up on Free Speech – Jeannie Barrett, Daryl Holloman, and Boyd Beckwith met to discuss the short term and long term possibilities about free speech. The municipal volume guidelines regarding public or private owners has very complicated wording/ language. Jeannie is working with a graduate student on various versions of the guidelines to get a better understanding. Police are on board with letting them know what is learn and relaying it back to them. Hurt park was suggested as a possible location to move programs, but have to keep in mind that Hurt park is owned by the city.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m. Housing on next meeting agenda. If you would like to add to agenda please send to Misty McDonald or Elisabeth Burgess.