

## **Minutes of the Student Life Committee: March 26, 2013**

**Members Present:** Ryan Del Rosario, Katy Appleby, Ian Latimer, John Wesley, Bruce Mann, Ben Tucker, Lisa F. Wood

**Guests:** Sarah Stall, Rachel Borsini, Santiago Rodriguez

Meeting called to order at 4:05 PM

The committee approved the minutes from the SLC Meeting on 3/12.

Mann began with discussion of the UPS Confessions page, and whether or not to intervene with it. Stall then introduced herself, and discussed the presence of/purposes behind official Puget Sound involvement in social media sites. She noted positive responses from UPS students to entries made on the Confessions page, and questioned the legality behind the use of UPS intellectual property, such as logos and titles.

Borsini discussed on-campus responses to the page, noting the ASUPS Senate reaction (an email that was sent out, which included information about potential campus resources [e.g. CHWS]), as well as other organizations' efforts. Rodriguez mentioned personal attempts to contact the page's administrator so as to set up/maintain a filter for the site, and the admin's failure to continuously respond to his attempts.

Borsini cited the importance of being able to offer resources to those cries for help from the Confessions page. Rodriguez then mentioned the under-staffing problem within CHWS, as their calendar is booked fully weeks in advance. Wood noted the relevance of these concerns, yet the lack of available on-campus resources other than CHWS.

Mann called attention to the lack of UPS policies regarding social media. Borsini noted the basic limitations placed on media postings/pages by the school's Integrity Code.

Wesley asked the student representatives at the meeting to present their perspectives on the issue. Rodriguez questioned the number of students that remain active on the page, as activity on the site has notably plateaued, rather than continuing to grow. Del Rosario then noted potential student fear of the page, due to the dark nature of some of the confessions. Appleby spoke about a sizeable split among the student population regarding views of the page's legitimacy. Lastly, Latimer expressed a changed view of the page, as he once subscribed to it but no longer does, due to the nature of the posts.

Stoll mentioned the potential problem that the page presents in terms of "image" for the school, noting that reputation is not solely spread through word of mouth, but

through other mediums of communication. Tucker remarked the difficulty in even locating the page, as one must be intentionally searching for it to find it. The group then discussed how acknowledging the page could, in a way, give the site power. Wood further questioned the relevance of the page, finding it to be insignificant for the general population of the school.

Mann called the meeting to a close at 4:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian Latimer  
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