

Student Life Committee Minutes

September 9, 2008

Attending: Lisa Ferrari, Duane Hulbert, Martin Jackson, Nick Kontogeorgopoulos, Tiffany MacBain, Aislinn Melchior, Mike Segawa
Visiting: Terry Beck

In his role as liaison from the Faculty Senate, Terry Beck convened the meeting at 4:00. He then led a brief discussion on appointing a chair. Nick Kontogeorgopoulos was appointed by acclamation. Terry reported that the Faculty Senate had issued charges to the Student Life Committee. These charges are appended below.

For the benefit of new committee members, Nick described the work done by the committee last year. The most significant project was designing a method to assess student engagement and learning outcomes for students participating in study abroad programs. The method will involve having each study-abroad student complete a survey prior to leaving and a second survey after returning. Students going abroad for Summer 2008 and Fall 2008 have completed pre-departure surveys. The committee will look at data from these surveys as part of its duties this year.

Nick next reviewed current charges from the Faculty Senate. He and Mike provided background on some of the charges. Regarding Charge 8, Mike noted that International Programs staff members prefer to have students come in person to get information on the experiences of returned students rather than posting that information on a web site. Regarding Charge 9, Mike noted that the IEC has a parallel charge. On Charge 9, Mike suggested we invite David Wright to talk about his vision for service-oriented Spring Break programs. Regarding Charge 12, Tiffany volunteered to represent the SLC on the committee developing a Four-Year Leadership Development Curriculum Plan. Regarding Charge 14, Mike pointed out the lack of a plan to parallel current evidence-based programs on alcohol education. It was suggested that Jill Nealey-Moore (Psychology) might be a good faculty resource in this.

Mike reported that the Residential Seminars program has received an endowed gift to sustain these programs after the Mellon grants are completed.

As a prelude to our next meeting, Nick provided more detail on the pre-departure surveys of study abroad students that have been administered. He reported a very high completion rate of 96%. Duane noted that he had recently observed the Milan program as an official observer for IES.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Martin Jackson

Charges to the SLC issued by the Faculty Senate on September 8, 2008

1. Revise Article V, Section 6f(b) of the Faculty Bylaws (Student Life Committee duties) to provide permanent reminders of the repeated duties of the SLC.
2. Request that ASUPS consider changing its bylaws to require (or at least recommend) that a member of the ASUPS Student Concerns Committee serve as one of the three students representatives on the Student Life Committee.
3. Review the progress of the Residential Seminar program and provide recommendations for its future.
4. Provide input to the Dean of Students on how to best structure the process of self-studies, or reviews, for departments within Student Affairs.
5. Analyze data from the Summer/Fall 2008 study abroad pre-departure survey, and revise the survey as needed.
6. Design a post-arrival study abroad survey to be given to students approximately six months after arriving back at UPS from studying abroad.
7. Ask the staff of the Office of International Programs to set up a system whereby faculty members receive, each semester, a list of students who have just returned from studying abroad. Draft a note to faculty receiving this message (and list) from International Programs on ways in which they may utilize the list.
8. Ensure that the Excel spreadsheet which lists returned study abroad students is posted, by September 1st, as a link on the International Programs website.
9. Communicate on a regular basis with the new International Education Committee (approved by the faculty at its April 22nd faculty meeting) about survey data being collected by the Student Life Committee from the pre-departure and (eventually) post-arrival surveys.
10. Establish regular correspondence between members of the Student Life Committee and campus committees that address issues related to student life.
11. In consultation with the Community Involvement and Action Center (CIAC), discuss the possibility of an alternative, service-oriented Spring Break program.
12. Review and provide recommendations for the development of a Leadership Development program that spans all four years of a student's Puget Sound experience. As part of this process, the Dean of Students shall appoint a faculty member of the Student Life Committee to serve on the "4-Year Leadership Development Curriculum Plan."
13. Explore the desirability of Multicultural Student Services devoting more attention to the support of individual students and their overall success rather than the primary mission now of program and event delivery. Solicit the advice of the Chief Diversity Officer regarding this issue.
14. Participate in finding options for comprehensively addressing drug education.