

Student Life Committee Minutes
April 24, 2008

Attending: Nick Kontogeorgopoulos, Mike Segawa, Jack Royce, Cathy Hale, Mita Mahato, Jan Leuchtenberger, Glynnis Kirchmeier, Emma Green.

The Chair updated the Committee on his visit to the pre-departure meeting for students going to study abroad next year:

- About 138 students will be studying abroad this summer and fall, and all were sent an email alerting them to the online survey (4 did not receive the email because they had previously opted out of participating in Survey Monkey surveys).
- The pre-departure survey was included on the list given out at the meeting of things students needed to do before they left.
- Over 70 had responded by the time of this meeting – the Chair plans to send follow-up messages to those who have not yet responded.
- Some of the more interesting results to date are:
 - About 80-85% started thinking about studying abroad before they came to college.
 - About 85% said they come to UPS again, if given the chance to change colleges.
 - When asked their motivation for studying abroad, the top two answers to date are “to have fun” and “to get away from campus.”
- The Chair hopes to have more responses to share with the Senate when he meets with them to give the final report for the Committee.

In other news about returning Study Abroad issues, Kate in Institutional Development now has the list of students who will be returning for next semester. Mike Segawa will soon try to get permission from all on the list to have their names sent out, and the list will then be sent to faculty around the start of the semester so they can take advantage of the students in their class with experience abroad.

The Chair has also met with the new ASUPS president and hopes to have new student members chosen by the fall. The first ASUPS meeting will be September 11, and the Chair hopes to attend. The goal is to have the ASUPS bylaws changed to reflect the

desire to have the head of the Student Concerns Committee of ASUPS always be one of the three student members of this Committee.

The Chair also sent a message to James Luu, new head of the Students Concerns Committee, about being on the Student Life Committee next year.

The Committee then proceeded to go through the charges and minutes for the past year to help the Chair identify action the Committee has taken over the year and how each action relates to the charges. This helped the Chair in preparing the final report and also helped the Committee to identify issues to follow through on in the coming year.

A Committee member noted that communication between this Committee and Wednesdays at 4 has been fruitful. Next year Julie Christoph will take Cathy Hale's place at the Center for Writing and it would be nice if she could be on this Committee.

The Committee identified the following issues that should be addressed next year:

- Identify committees where issues related to student life come up and try to assign members to communicate with them. Some of these committees include ISAC, CWLT, Diversity, Wednesday at 4, ASUPS, Budget Task Force, Orientation Planning Committee, Leadership Committee (working on the Senior reflective experience).
- Communicate with Peggy Burge on data on research for Residential Seminars.
- Give input on the upcoming Student Affairs self-assessment.
- Communicate with Jimmy McMichael on sending minutes.
- Give input on the Leadership Seminar and Alternative Spring Break.
- Analyze data on study abroad and pass it on to relevant committees (perhaps the International Education Committee).
- Get lists of returned students to faculty in early fall.
- Follow up on the above list with suggestions on how to use the information on the list and with information learned from surveys.

This final meeting of the spring semester was adjourned at 9:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan C. Leuchtenberger