

Student Life Committee Minutes October 16, 2002

Members present: Heather Douglas, Duane Hulbert, Diane Kelley, Carrie Washburn Kelley, chairing the meeting in Gast's absence, convened the meeting at 8:10 AM. The minutes from the October 2nd meeting were revised and approved. The amended charges included in the minutes are as follows:

1. Give comments on the revised Student Bill of Right and Responsibilities.
2. Continue to give suggestions on the Conspiracy of Hope project.
3. Hear from Monica Nixon about the "Safe Streets block party and improving off-campus student/neighbor relations."
4. Hear from a range of students living *on*-campus to gain students' perspectives on their experiences in campus residences and with campus security."
5. Communicate with appropriate offices to streamline the recommendation process to which faculty members contribute for R. A.'s, Peer Advisors, Orientation Leaders, *Trail* editor, theme houses, etc. One goal is to make routine recommendations less burdensome for the faculty. The SLC may want to consider whether recommendation forms might be simplified.
6. Explore ways of encouraging campus conversations aimed at promoting greater responsibility, accountability, and civility on campus.

The SLC will move forward on the above charges unless we hear otherwise from the Faculty Senate. A discussion on charge #5 was taken up. Regarding the role of secondary advisors for students, Douglas questioned the need of such advisors, except in the case of double majors. We also discussed the decision that no longer requires faculty recommendation letters for students applying for the Peer Advisor program. Kelley suggested the creation of a single recommendation form for all programs requiring one. (e.g. Peer Advisors, Orientation Leaders, R. A.'s and possibly Study Abroad and Scholarship applications) We decided to let the general campus-wide efforts take effect before beginning a review of those processes in the spring. Washburn suggested the SLC collect information from the various organizations on how faculty recommendations are used on application forms. After reviewing the information, the SLC will address the issue again in the spring.

According to Ben Shelton, ASUPS president, the revised Student Bill of Rights should be ready in time for the SLC to have the document reviewed and approved by February 2003.

Regarding Charge #6, Douglas suggested giving students more access to resources in finding ways to contribute to the campus community (e.g. having access to facility services telephone numbers). This would give the students a better sense of ownership.

At the next meeting on October 30, Monica Nixon will be invited to join us to discuss charge # 3 and we'll continue the discussion on charge #6.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Hulbert