

Student Life Committee Minutes
October 30, 2002

Members present: Kris Bartanen, Betsy Gast, Duane Hulbert, Diane Kelly, Kurt Walls, Carrie Washburn

Guest: Monica Nixon, Associate Director for Student Services
Moriah Blake, student and intern in the Student Service office

Betsy convened the meeting at 8:05am.

Monica reported on the "Safe Street" block party as a pilot program to encourage communication between students living off-campus and their neighbors. This fall (2002) attempt was thwarted partially do to the complicated permit process with the City of Tacoma. Plans are already in the works for next fall (2003).

Duane suggested that a faculty or staff member might volunteer to host a block party.

When asked if off-campus students would attend a block party, Moriah's response was positive because of the prospect of free food. Also she thought that most students choose to live off campus for independence over anonymity.

Monica also provided the committee with a copy of the "Fall 2002 Survey of Off-Campus Students" and a copy of the "Guide to Off-Campus Living". Of the approximate 900 students that live off-campus, Monica's office has received about 300 responses. Monica asked the SLC to review and make suggestions on both publications. Kris provided the committee with a brochure entitled "Partying Planning" created by the UPS Substance Abuse Prevention Advisory Committee.

Monica also shared with the committee a new gathering place or off-campus lounge located on North 11th St.

Monica and Moriah had to leave at 8:30.

Following the student insight provided by Moriah, the committee discussed the fact that the SLC did not have a single student member.

Discussion turned to the confusion relating to the wording changes to the SLC charges from the Senate. Kris said she would email a clean copy and it is as follows-

The Senate has approved the following charges to the SLC for 2002-2003:

1. Give comments on the revised Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities.
2. Continue to give suggestions on the Conspiracy of Hope project.
3. Hear from Monica Nixon about the "Safe Streets" block part and improving off-campus student/neighbor relations. Hear also from a range of students ~~living off-campus~~ to gain students' perspectives on student/neighbor relations, ~~relations with campus security, and so on.~~
4. ~~Survey students and faculty to find out what problems they think the SLC might effectively address.~~ **Hear from a range of students to gain their perspectives on their experiences in campus residences and relations 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.

Discussion continued on how to “hear from a range of students”

Suggestions included

1. Survey
2. Email
3. Focus groups
4. Conversation
5. Inviting students senators to SLC for suggestions
6. Hearing from students not in a leadership position

Discussion then focused on “relations with campus security”. Kris shared with the committee a past incident that security had to use force on a student and procedures that followed including an independent investigation. The committee plans to invite Todd Badham to talk to the SLC but wanted to draft some questions prior to the invitation. This matter will be discussed at the November 13th meeting.

With a slight revision the minutes from the October 16th meeting were approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55am.

Submitted for my first time, Kurt Walls