

Student Life Committee Minutes
February 14, 2002

Members present: K. Bartanen, D. Frost, B. Gast, D. Kelley, C. Washburn, P. Wimberger

Member absent: D. Hulbert, R. Sweeney

Diane Kelley called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. Kelley reported that Ryan Sweeney will be at the next meeting.

The minutes of January 31 were reviewed and approved. Diane Kelley stated that Marilyn Bailey, Community Relations Coordinator will attend the March 14 meeting. Kelley also reported that Monica Nixon thanked the committee for its input and made suggested changes as communicated by Peter Wimberger. She plans to contact Safe Streets about the possibility of scheduling and funding a neighborhood event after Labor Day. Monica Nixon also will act on the ASUPS goals to elect an off-campus senator.

Darrel Frost gave an update on the "Conspiracy of Hope", asking when the appropriate time to contact faculty about the project might be. SLC advised him to let faculty know now for planning next year. Peter Wimberger stated that John Stallman is organizing an event called "Genesis" incorporating biology and art, the goal of which is to interest non-science students in the sciences and how they are evidenced in the world.

Diane Kelley had previously sent a copy of the draft of the Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities to SLC members so the remainder of the meeting was spent in discussion. Peter Wimberger began with a question to Darrel Frost asking what inspired this effort. Frost explained that the goal of the SBRR committee is to have a student-created document that informs students of their rights and responsibilities and which backs them up. He also said one intention is to bump up against university policy regarding jurisdiction over students. Kris Bartanen asked about the status of this document relative to the Integrity Code. Frost said that integration is being worked on and that, in a nutshell, the integrity code is a statement of expectations of students; this would be what is expected of the university. During discussion of the potential conflict between Articles XIII and XIV of this document and the Integrity Code, Bartanen stated that the courts are clear that university conduct procedures are not "double jeopardy" and that legal procedures and consequences students might incur are potentially very different from university procedures and consequences. She further explained the current legal stance based on case law that we cannot "shed our affiliations" and although there had been a swing in the courts from viewing the university *in loco parentis* to being a less involved "benevolent bystander", the swing is now moving back to recognizing the university's interest in student off-campus behavior.

Several questions emerged from the discussion: is there a way to address Article XIII on a continuum of severity, do we have a policy regarding students convicted of a felony, why haven't some of the specific issues articulated in the document been dealt with directly and again, what is the role of the SLC? Betsy Gast suggested that how the SLC responds depends on whether the committee views the SBRR as a vehicle for conversation or a formal document. Frost stated that the SBRR committee does want this to eventually become a university document. Wimberger responded that if this document is ultimately to stand, it needs to be congruent with the Integrity Code. Bartanen suggested we review Standard Five in the Integrity Code where judicial rights are addressed, before the next meeting.

Diane Kelley closed the meeting at 2:57 PM with the suggestion that SLC members review articles 1 – 4 and 11 – 13 for the next meeting on February 28.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Gast

