

**Student Life Committee Minutes**  
**February 28, 2002**

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Present: Kris Bartanen, Darrel Frost, Betsy Gast, Diane Kelley, Ryan Sweeney, Carrie Washburn, Peter Wimberger

Chair Diane Kelley called the meeting to order shortly after 2:00. She welcomed Ryan Sweeney as a student representative to the committee and introductions were made around the table.

D. Kelley, with help from committee members, gave R. Sweeney a short summary of the committee's work this year.

The first item of business was a report from Darrel Frost on the Conspiracy of Hope project. This project is slated for a week in February 2003 and aims to involve students, faculty and staff in the greater Tacoma community for various types of community service. Members from the project have met with President Pierce, VP Cooney, and the members of the Student Affairs staff and received their endorsements for the project. ASUPS has voted to make the project an official campus organization and is considering a budget allocation.

D. Frost, one of the leaders in the project and also a Student Life Committee member, asked the committee to respond to a draft letter the Conspiracy of Hope (CH) group plans to send to faculty and staff. Committee members made suggestions about formatting and the best way to get faculty attention in a long letter.

The committee engaged in a rather lengthy discussion about the relationship between the performer of community service and the recipient of such service. There were several questions about the degree to which Tacoma is a partner in this endeavor and whether the relationships were reciprocal in any way.

The discussion then moved to the connotations of the title, "Conspiracy of Hope." Questions were raised about possible negative connotations of "conspiracy." There was a strong feeling among the committee members that the word "hope" was problematic.

All agreed the two words were certainly contrasting and would garner attention.

D. Frost will take the committee's suggestions to the CH project committee and will email the SLC the final version of the letter.

At this point in the meeting, the SLC approved the Minutes from the meeting of Feb. 14, 2002. Betsy Gast raised this issue: what is the role of the SLC in terms of the Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities (SBRP). D. Kelley suggested the committee discuss this question at the March 28 meeting. The March 14 meeting is devoted to discussing the off-campus students / neighbor issues with Marilyn Bailey is Director of Community Relations.

The meeting was adjourned before the 3:00 hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Washburn