

Student Life Committee Minutes
March 14, 2002

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

Guest: Marilyn Bailey

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 PM. Marilyn Bailey, director of community relations, was introduced as a guest. She outlined the duties of her position: Director of the parent program, community/student relations, and editor of the "Neighbor to Neighbor" newsletter. She is a university liaison to the Northend Community Council and notifies the council on university events. In addition, she attends University District Committee meetings where she informs the community on events and discusses issues relating to the community on parking and traffic. Marilyn Bailey takes phone calls from neighbors on complaints involving university students living off-campus and works with Monica Nixon to address the problems. Most of these complaints involve traffic and noise. According to reports from neighbors, they feel UPS doesn't provide enough housing for students on campus.

A discussion ensued on the issues surrounding landlords and their relationships with offcampus students. The construction of Trimble Hall will leave some of the off-campus houses empty, creating more competition among landlords. The committee discussed the difference in the cost and convenience of living off-campus and living at Trimble. The need for increased parking around Trimble Hall was also discussed. The conversation moved into a discussion on campus parking in general. The sense was that even though parking was difficult at times, UPS is able to address many of the issues are being addressed and that compared to other schools, we don't have a big problem with parking.

The next item discussed was trash pickup at off-campus houses in the neighborhoods surrounding the university. Some of problems are: 1) Students often leave trash in the yards and streets after parties 2) Landlords don't provide enough space in trash cans. 3) Students bring excess trash from off-campus to dump in university trash bins.

The committee then discussed complaints having to do with careless driving in the neighborhoods around campus. Marilyn Bailey has worked with the City of Tacoma to add traffic control improvements such as traffic circles and speed bumps to control the speed of cars around the campus. Many committee members complained about the number of uncontrolled intersections in the university neighborhood and the danger they pose for students unfamiliar with the laws governing them.

The final item of discussion was the way the university handles noise complaints from neighbors. After determining the validity of the complaints, there is an investigative process handled by Marilyn Bailey, Kris Bartanen and Jim Hoppe that allows for three complaints against an individual student before any disciplinary action is taken.

The Student Bill of Rights will be discussed at the next meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved. The committee was adjourned just before 3:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Hulbert