

Student Life Committee Minutes October 3, 2001

Members attending: Kris Bartanen, Betsy Gast, Duane Hulbert, Diane Kelley, Carrie Washburn, Peter Wimberger

Student member absent

Diane Kelley called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

The committee agreed to meet on Wednesdays at 11:00 AM in Wyatt 236 on the following dates: October 10 & 24 and November 14 & 28.

Washburn reported that she told David Bahar we need another student representative. Wimberger suggested we announce the need to our classes and direct interested students to contact David Bahar for official appointment to the committee.

In response to the Faculty Senate's two charges to this committee, Kelley reported that she had requested a copy of the Student Bill of Rights draft from David Bahar for the committee to review and is awaiting a response.

Bartanen described what was accomplished by Student Affairs in response to recommendations about campus communications forwarded by last year's committee.

1. Campus communication: The University continues to provide information in print and via the Web.
2. The Logger was updated: the directory and map were all moved to the front to join the "Puget Sound Traditions" section added a year ago, the linear calendar was deleted and all deadlines and many events are listed in the monthly calendar, a mail services and electronic communications policy was added on pages 124-125, pages 138 - 154 were rewritten to match the Parent Resource Guide.
3. A list of student organizations is being coordinated with ASUPS and will be distributed at a later date.
4. Voice-mail instructions are provided in all rooms and houses at move-in. Washburn noted that voice mail instructions have not yet been put in the phone book but that suggestions have been made to HR.
5. Frequency of dormitory floor meetings will be increased to discuss university policies, plan activities and deal with issues as they arise.

In reference to the committee's current charge to examine off-campus student/neighbor relations, Bartanen brought copies of relevant materials from Student Affairs: Logger, Neighbor to Neighbor newsletter, Parent Resource Guide, statistics re: neighbor complaints, Party Smart flyer. She noted sections specifically pertaining to neighbor/university relations.

Discussion ensued about the need for annual re-education of students living off campus and incoming freshman and of the problem of large groups of students moving through neighborhoods under the influence of alcohol. Bartanen said Student Affairs is increasing on-campus weekend events to encourage students to stay on campus and out of neighborhoods. Other proactive actions include using a resource like the Stanford Party Planner which gives preventive information, i.e. potential liability for hosts of a party. Washburn made a call to Monica Nixon suggesting the university solicit donations of house and yard cleaning equipment from neighbors, faculty or staff to be made available for check out by off-campus students.

Bartanen described the process which exists for responding to neighbor complaints about student behavior. Third complaints about chronic situations or a very serious first complaint situation are handled through the University's conduct process; Bartanen described the continuum of consequences for students found responsible for Student Integrity Code violations. Bartanen stated that the conduct process alone is not very effective in providing consequences to students for neighborhood problems.

Meeting adjourned at 11:57.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Gast