

**Minutes of the Student Life Committee
September 26, 2013**

Present: Faculty Members Mike Benveniste, Poppy Fry , David Latimer, Ben Lewin, Brad Reich, Lisa Fortlouis Wood; Library Liaison Eli Gandour-Rood; Student Representatives Ryan Del Rosario, Jenica Holt, Jeff Walton; Dean of Students Mike Segawa; Associate Academic Dean Lisa Ferrari

Previous Minutes: none

Meeting was informally **convened** at 8:15 a.m.

Wood suggested that the meeting begin by electing a chair, noting that she had been nominated at the previous meeting. Ferrari solicited additional nominations and received none; the committee elected Wood unanimously by acclamation.

Business: Wood requested that committee members take turns taking minutes. Ferrari noted that the faculty senate had discussed last year a preference that minutes for faculty committee meetings be taken by a faculty member, but had acknowledged that it might not always be possible.

Wood distributed copies of the Fall 2013 charges for the committee from faculty senate (see Appendix), and noted that it would be helpful for the committee to prioritize the charges, and take action on the charges outside of the scheduled committee meetings, so that committee time could be used to check in about the status of work, rather than only as a time for gathering information. In order to facilitate that work, Wood suggested that the committee form working groups to take up each charge in order to make progress on the charges, and report back to the group for consideration and final action. Each working group would consist of four members of the committee, and one member would serve as a lead to convene the group and serve as the contact point for receiving information and materials. The working groups could then focus on their particular charge and, before the next full SLC meeting, come up with realistic goals to address that charge this semester.

This plan was met with general approval.

Reviewing the charges, Wood noted that the fifth charge did not need the attention of a working group at this time. The committee, with the advice of Segawa, further decided that the second charge would be best served by being addressed in the spring after the First Year Experience Task Force had completed more of its work, and that the sixth charge would not suffer from being addressed in the spring. The committee therefore decided to start with three working groups, to address the first, third and fourth charges from the list. Wood pointed out the benefit of having three groups of four or five members each in that the groups were small enough to avoid scheduling difficulties but still allows opportunity for collaboration and collegiality.

Committee members volunteered for the working groups as follows:

Working Group A (addressing charge # 1)

Lisa Ferrari, Eli Gandour-Rood, Jenica Holt, Brad Reich (lead)

Working Group B (addressing charge # 3)

David Latimer (lead), Mike Segawa, Jeff Walton, Lisa Wood

Working Group C (addressing charge # 4)

Mike Benveniste, Ryan Del Rosario, Poppy Fry, Ben Lewin (lead)

The working groups separated from 8:40-9:00 to discuss their charge, determine the information they needed to move forward, and begin planning goals for the semester. Segawa consulted with each group. Upon return, the groups reported back as follows:

Group A: Brad Reich agreed to serve as lead and convener. The group decided to review the SAWG report and a report recently issued by the Department of Justice about sexual violence on college campuses (the 'Montana Report'), to be sent by Dean Sagawa.

Group B: David Latimer agreed to serve as lead. The group made plans to gather information and review existing documents before setting goals for the semester.

Group C: Ben Lewin agreed to serve as lead. The group decided to gather data from CHWS from the last several years, and began developing the goal of creating a survey to get information about student attitudes toward CHWS.

Wood thanked all groups for their work, and reminded the groups to have big visions and set small, realistic goals. Wood suggested that the groups document all big ideas, even those that turn out to be unsuitable for pursuing in the current semester, so that they can be a resource for the future. Wood suggested that the working groups consider meeting during the Thursday at 8:15 timeslot (or whenever the members choose) during the week of October 3rd to begin their work, and then return to the large group on October 10th to report back, and set specific goals and timelines.

The meeting **adjourned** at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eli Gandour-Rood

Appendix A

Student Life Committee Charges from Faculty Senate
Fall, 2013

1. Review the Sexual Assault Work Group report and provide feedback to the Dean of Students on its recommendations.
2. Monitor the work of the First Year Experience Task Force and provide feedback to the Dean of Students and to the Faculty Senate on its work.
3. Review the programmatic initiatives of Commencement Hall, including the potential role of the IEX in the Rocchi International District program.
4. Evaluate the efficacy of Counseling, Health, and Wellness Services, including ways by which the University promotes good health practices. Issues to consider are a) the impact on access due to the co-pay fee, b) the provision of University-sponsored health insurance, and c) the adequacy of staffing for mental health services.
5. Serve, on a rotating basis, on Integrity Board, Honor Court, and Sexual Misconduct Board hearings and review the efficacy of this process.
6. Evaluate and provide recommendations to the Dean of Students and the Faculty Senate regarding the Residential Seminar program.