

Student Life Committee Minutes

March 10, 2015

Present: Lisa Ferrari, Poppy Fry, Eli Gandour-Rood, David Latimer, Jennifer Neighbors, Brad Reich and Mike Segawa

The meeting began at 8:07 am. As there were no students present, no student input was solicited.

M/S/P February 25, 2015 minutes were approved.

Neighbors stated that working group three had determined that, in light of other committees on campus, they were redundant. Reich indicated that it would be best to wait on working group three until after Wood's pre-circulated motion was considered. Wood introduced the revised motion (attached). Reich asked her to clarify the nature of the motion. Wood said specifics could be discussed but she conceived the motion as being directed towards the Senate. She asked if, as part of the broader shift in committee focus, administrative help might be available for minute-taking. Ferrari noted the Senate's state preference for faculty minute-taking. Reich asked Segawa's opinion of the motion under consideration. Segawa said the motion makes sense and ratifies some changes that have already come into practice, but noted that the Senate will need to deliberate on the issue as well. Wood clarified that the motion consists of points one through four, with point five an additional note.

M/S/P Wood's motion was unanimously approved by voting members of the committee.

Neighbors re-raised the issue of working group three. Fry proposed a motion disbanding working group three while still maintaining the committee's commitment to the first year experience and intellectual life on campus.

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Wood raised the question of how to convey the motion to the Senate. She suggested speaking with both Senate Liaison Nila Wiese and the Senate Chair. Reich indicated he would speak with Wiese.

Wood asked how the committee intended to proceed on the freedom of expression charge added by the Senate during the fall 2014 term. Segawa noted that the Senate wants to ensure that faculty drive the conversation around freedom of expression. He suggested that some kind of triangular effort bringing together the Diversity Committee, the Professional Standards Committee and the Student Life Committee would be necessary, most likely during the 2015-16 academic year. Wood asked how such an undertaking would work, and whether a faculty statement might be a useful tool or starting point. Neighbors suggested proposing an ad hoc committee on freedom of expression, and she volunteered to write such a proposal prior to the next SLC meeting. The committee agreed that this would be a good step forward.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Poppy Fry