

Student Life Committee
Minutes: 10/27/2015

Meeting Commenced: 8:02 am

Members in attendance: Beatrix Evans, Lisa Ferrari, Megan Gessel (minute taker), Jennifer Hastings, David Latimer, Brad Reich (chair), Wayne Rickoll

Others in attendance: Eli Gandour-Rood

Members absent: Elena Becker, Quinelle Bethelmie, Mike Segawa

Reich asked for student business. Evans had no official business to report, but called the committee's attention to the Wetlands article "Burn down ASUPS" which touches on free speech issues. The article is in response to Wetlands receiving roughly half of their requested budget and contained language which ASUPS members found threatening. Evans also reported that ASUPS recently held elections and that some positions remained unfilled.

Evans also suggested that members of the SLC committee be familiar with student publications on campus.

Reich asked for old business.

Reich asked for comments on minutes from 9/8/15. Ferrari noted that some of the formatting is incorrect, such as alphabetizing names, although all agree that the content is correct. Ferrari moved to approve the notes with changes to the formatting. The motion was seconded by Latimer and passed unanimously.

Gandour-Rood summarized the previous meeting (9/29/15). Specifically, he outlined the official charges and other issues that had been discussed by Segawa in the previous meeting. These secondary issues are potential topics for the committee to act upon, including mental health/CHAWs wait times, changes to admissions criteria, diversity (including POSSE and ACCESS programs), and retention. These issues are not covered by official senate charges.

Reich distributed the senate charges to the Student Life Committee, which were passed at the senate meeting on September 29, 2015. Reich explained last year's charges to new members. Rickroll asked for a clarification on the faculty procedures on the SLC. Gandour-Rood explained past topics of discussions and committee purviews. Ferrari explained that the committee has in the past functioned as an advisory group for the Dean of students.

Reich reviewed each of the three charges: The first charge encourages the SLC to continue its work to determine its internal operating procedures and that much of the work concerning this charge will be folded-in towards the end of the year.

Charge 2, pertaining to SLC committee members serving in additional co-curricular service assignments, will require a discussion among the members. Charge 3, pertaining to work with the PSC, BHERT, and CoD may involve sending liasons to the other committees or forming a working group.

Reich also explained Segawa has asked if the SLC would like to send a liason to the Prelude committee. SLC members discussed whether the SLC's role would be to review the specific content or review the role of prelude itself. The committee decided on the latter and that a liason to the Prelude committee is not necessary. Instead, either Ferrari can speak with Dean Jackson or Prof. Christoph to determine the current status of Prelude or, alternatively, the SLC may invite a member of the Prelude committee to attend an SLC meeting. The committee agreed that the first step will be to discuss with Segawa what he would like reviewed and to determine our own questions concerning prelude.

The committee returned to Charge 3 to discuss how many people should be assigned to this charge. Reich proposed 3 people, Hasting proposed one person. Latimer clarified that the 3 people would consist of one faculty, on library representative, and one student. Gandour Rood proposed contacting the PSC, BHERT, and the CoD to form a working group to address the charge. The proposal to initiate a working group was approved unanimously. Hasting proposed that 2 people, the library representative and the student work on the committee, without SLC faculty, as other faculty would be present. This proposal was approved by Evans, Ferrari, Gessel, Hastings, Latimer, and Rickroll; Reich dissents. Evans and Gandour Rood will be members of the working group, with the provision that an additional SLC faculty member may be recruited if needed.

For Charge 2, Gessel and Latimer volunteered to examine the co-curricular service assignments and assess the workload and expertise required for those duties and advise the committee on this Charge.

Riech noted that Charge 1 will likely require work at the end of the year, with the next chair soliciting reports from individuals to assess the procedures and responsibilities of the committee.

At the next meeting, committee members agreed to discuss the issues surrounding a review of Prelude with Segawa and come prepared with questions to pose to the Prelude committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 am

Submitted by Megan Gessel