

**Student Life Committee Minutes
February 11, 1997**

Members Present: Carol Merz, Laura Thornburg, Carrie Washburn, Elizabeth Mileti, Judith Kay, Helen Schurke, Laura Folkwein, Barry Anton (Chair), and Sunil Kukreja

Guests: Melissa Wiens and Justin Cathcart

Meeting called to order at 2:05 pm.

Carrie Washburn informed us that when minutes have been finalized, they can be directly posted to "Facultycoms".

Following introductions, the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

As planned, discussion in the committee focused on the role of the media and news groups for helping raise awareness, promote, and stimulate the intellectual climate on campus. Barry Anton noted that the Open Forum had been a successful approach and encouraged reviving it.

Judith Kay also raised the prospect of using certain technologies to promote campus conversations and dialogue.

Justin Cathcart (KUPS representative) noted that the campus radio station is programming half hour segments on issues and on Wednesdays, it broadcasts an ASUPS talk show while the station also provides the service of broadcasting announcements and other programs on campus.

Justin Cathcart also noted that the station currently lacks the necessary technology and equipment to conduct any live call-in shows in compliance with broadcasting policies and regulations.

Laura Thornburg inquired about the type of technology necessary for live, call-in type programming. The discussion then centered on the type of programming at the station, the target audience, the peak hours or prime time for the radio station.

Other issues relating to the radio station, such as censorship and FCC regulations regarding live call-in shows, were also discussed. Both Judith Kay and Justin Cathcart noted that along with FCC regulations, internal (UPS) guidelines and policies regarding broadcasting also are in place.

Carrie Washburn inquired about the rationale, goal or purpose of (a possible) live, call-in talk show at the radio station. The committee considered some of the drawbacks of such programming.

Judith Kay raised the suggested that panel discussions on radio might serve as an alternative to live, call-in shows. Laura Thornburg also noted that faculty members can be invited as experts to discuss and address a range of topics.

Carrie Washburn also noted that if the Open Forum were revived, the radio station might also be encouraged to broadcast these forums. Justin Cathcart noted that as programming for this year has been largely determined, these new ideas could be considered for next year's schedule.

Melissa Wiens noted that another option would be to explore the lectures series on campus as an avenue for promoting awareness of issues. Carrie Washburn also noted that teach-ins have been successful in the past and may be another approach to examine.

Barry Anton inquired about the role of the Trail as well. The discussion briefly centered on the appeal of the Trail and Laura Folkwein noted that student contribution to the Trail is one unique feature about the Trail.

Carrie Washburn encouraged us to we examine a way to revive the Open Forum and attract faculty involvement in it. Barry Anton suggested that perhaps an "Open Forum" coordinator could be designated as part of the faculty service component. The committee also discussed the scheduling of Open Forums. Anton reminded the committee about taking up the issue of procuring big name speakers that the committee will consider at the meetings. Carrie Washburn requested we further discuss the relevance of "news groups" as well.

Meeting adjourned: 2:55 p.m.

Submitted respectfully,
Sunil Kukreja