

## **Student Life Committee Meeting Minutes October 11, 1996**

Present:

Faculty: Barry Anton, Chair; Bill Haltom and Laura Thornburg

Ex-Officio: Judith Kay and Carrie Washburn

Students: Laura Folkwein, Elizabeth Mileti, Helen Schurke

Absent: Sunil Kukreja

Anton called the meeting to order and welcomed new student members Laura Folkwein and Helen Schurke.

Kay proposed revisions to the minutes from our 9/20 meeting. The revisions were approved.

Washburn raised a question about the process of approving minutes. The usual procedure is to distribute the minutes to the University community before they are approved by the committee. Revisions are made after the fact. Haltom was concerned about potential problems of distributing unedited minutes, including libel. After a brief discussion, the committee decided that a draft of the minutes would be sent to committee members for review and they would send revisions back to the recorder by a specified "suspense date." The recorder would amend the minutes and send the revised version to the committee members and to Washburn's office for posting to the University community on the campus only Web. If meetings continue on Friday, minutes would be sent to the committee for review by Tuesday and back to the recorder by the following Friday. Failure to respond will signal affirmation of the draft.

Anton informed the committee of our general charges from the Faculty Senate:

- 1) serve as liaison to Dean of Students' Office
- 2) advise Dean of Students
- 3) evaluate Residential Life surveys (work with diversity committee)

Kay presented six proposals from the 9/20 meeting to help us prioritize activities for this year. Kay argued that three of the proposals should be deferred.

Those issues to be deferred were:

Co-Curriculum: Rationale: There is a co-curricular task force within the Division of Student Affairs developing assessment tools for the co-curriculum.

Dining facilities: Rationale: The Board of Trustees released a plan for new dining options and a coffee house, and a process is already underway to make those changes.

Health Center: Rationale: Due to health center staff changes, and recent integration of the health and counseling centers, it would be premature to evaluate the programs.

SLC's focus this year:

1) Wheelock Student Center:

a) Mailbox Issue: The main concern is that about 40% of UPS students live off campus and the only way to contact them is through first class mail. Washburn added that mailboxes on campus would encourage interaction and the mail itself might be handled by fewer non-postal service employees.

b) The Cellar - Financially unsound; uncertain future with advent of new coffee shop.

c) Rendezvous Room - Poor utilization; Kay reported that Financial Vice President Mike Rothman asked her to recommend students to serve on a focus group to consider a 10 year facility plan, including this room. SLC could also make recommendations to Rothman. The SLC will review business services' report on the Cellar and the Rendezvous room.

2) Bookstore: The image the bookstore presents is thought to reflect on the priorities of the University and may not be appropriate. A review of this facility is recommended.

3) Intellectual Life on Campus (see list on agenda): Anton suggested that we review the proposed enhancements to intellectual life on campus which was generated during the Fall Faculty Conversation with President Pierce. We agreed to prioritize this list.

The SLC will meet every other week (Oct. 18th, Nov. 1st, Nov. 15th and December 6th).

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Docter Thornburg