

Minutes of the Student Life Committee

March 22, 1996

Members Attending: Lisa Nunn, Steve Rodgers; ex-officio: Judith Kay, Carrie Washburn; visiting student representative Gavin Parr (ASUPS Vice President)

Chair Lisa Nunn called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Minutes of the March 8 meeting could not be approved, as their final version was still unavailable.

Chair Nunn noted that Mary Morgan (Registrar's Office) had not yet provided a list of students to contact for forming focus groups to discuss orientation; thus, the committee will discuss the issue in our scheduled April 5 meeting.

A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the shape the Student Life Committee should take in the future, either under its present incarnation (more or less) or under a variation thereof. Dean Kay expressed her desire that some form of faculty group be available on a regular basis for the purpose of serving in an advisory capacity regarding student issues that are not purely curricular; she further expressed her desire that this group have solid credibility both with the student body and with the faculty, and that it serve in some manner as an information conduit between her office and the faculty. It was also agreed that such a group should provide the Faculty Senate with regular, periodic (not less frequent than annual) reports on such issues discussed by the group that the faculty would have an interest in being apprised of.

Discussion also addressed how members might be selected were a "new" committee to be formed. It was agreed that the selection process as outlined in Articles V, Section 4, D, and III, 1, A, b ("Jointly, with the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate and the President, appoint Faculty standing committee members.") would most likely be appropriate.

Parr suggested that the new incarnation would benefit greatly from the membership of the Chair of the ASUPS Student Concerns Committee.

Those present agreed to meet again in two weeks, on April 5, to draft a written statement proposing the structure and the role(s) of the "new incarnation" of the Student Life Committee, as the Faculty Senate requested. We will also meet again April 12 to review the aforementioned statement and to work on organizing the student focus groups on orientation.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven R. Rodgers