

Student Life Committee Minutes

November 4, 2008

Attending: Duane Hulbert, Martin Jackson, Glynnis Kirchmeier, Nick Kontogeorgopoulos, Aislinn Melchior, Nini Qutub, Mike Segawa

Visiting: Heidi Callhoun

The meeting began at 4:00 p.m. with introductions of two new people. Nini Qutub will be the third student representative. Nini is the chair of the ASUPS Student Concerns committee. Heidi Callhoun will be sitting in on committee meetings as part of her work as a Student Affairs Intern.

Nick gave an update on the pre-trip survey that is currently being completed by students who will be abroad in Spring 2009. Response rate to date is good.

We next looked at proposed changes to duties assigned to the Student Life Committee in the Faculty Bylaws. Current listed duties are

1. To act as a liaison on student life issues among students, staff, faculty, and the administration.
2. To conduct reviews and make recommendations as necessary about those policies and procedures that affect students' lives outside the classroom.
3. To conduct reviews and make recommendations as necessary about co-curricular programs and services.
4. Such other duties as may be assigned to it.

Last year's committee discussed more specific duties that might supplement or replace these. The proposed duties are

1. Provide input on various Student Affairs projects and initiatives as brought to the Committee by the Dean of Students.
2. Establish ongoing communication with and provide input to ASUPS on various projects at the request of that body's executives.
3. Review information sources available that could help identify issues relevant to student life. Such information sources include individual faculty, students, and staff, as well as the Office of Institutional Research and the ASUPS Student Concerns Committee.
4. Provide a pool of faculty from which to draw for participation on Student Affairs ad hoc committees.

Discussion on the proposed changes focused on combining the advantages of the more general current duties with the advantages of the more specific proposed duties. It was agreed that we should keep all of the original duties. In addition, we should incorporate 1 and 2 of the proposed duties into 1 of the current duties and we should add 3 and 4 of the proposed duties as new. In total, the proposed revision will list six duties. Nick will bring this proposal to the Faculty Senate.

In the remaining time, we began constructing the post-trip survey for study-abroad students. We first identified questions from the pre-trip survey to include on the post-trip survey (suitably reworded). We then began considering additional questions to include. A survey constructed by student Liz Jones (as part of a course project) might serve as a source of questions or inspiration. We will consider that survey more fully at our next meeting, with particular attention to Parts D and E.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Martin Jackson