

Student Life Committee Minutes September 21, 2006

Attending: Cathy Hale, Jean Kim, Nick Kontogeorgopoulos, Jan Leuchtenberger, Mita Mahato, Chris McKim, Carrie Washburn, Ryan Dumm (student member)

The meeting was convened by Chair Kontogeorgopoulos just after 9 a.m.

The Chair informed the committee members that:

1. Two of the three student members selected were unable to make the Thursday morning meeting time, so he would be asking Van for more suggestions. If any members had suggestions they were also welcome to submit them to the Chair.
2. Randy Nelson will be attending the next meeting to discuss student surveys and how the committee can use them to identify issues relevant to student life.
3. Hans Ostram is not the Senate liaison to the committee and the Chair would ask Barry Anton who it was. In the meantime, Dean Kim offered to serve as liaison.

The committee had no amendments to the minutes of the previous meeting.

The committee then discussed the three agenda items:

1. Feedback on charges from the Faculty Senate:
 - a. Dean Kim said there was some discussion in the Senate about whether the committee's charges were specific enough. Ultimately, no new charges were given except one offered to all committees, which was to complete a self-assessment every year.
 - b. Committee members expressed appreciation to the Senate for the feedback and indicated they looked forward to developing more charges and/or more specific ones in the future.
2. Collection of local addresses from students.
 - a. The Working Group on Local Addresses has asked for input on how to deal with collection of student addresses. There is a prompt on Cascade asking for students to update their addresses but most click on "Do it Later" and never get around to it. Many students living off-campus stop checking their campus mailboxes. The result is it is difficult to get information to some students.
 - b. The committee discussed various systems for updating addresses and the best time of year to do it.
 - c. This brought up the question of whether we have "emergency contact information" for all students. Dean Kim offered to bring more information to the next meeting about what kind of emergency contact info. we collect from students.
 - d. The committee offered the following input to the Working Group on Local Addresses:

- i. In the welcoming email sent out to students every fall there should be a link to Cascade for them to update their local addresses. Students should be advised that this information is for official use only and not for publication. They will also be informed that addresses will need to be updated before they can register for spring semester.
 - ii. During fall registration for spring semester there should be a prompt for those who have not yet updated addresses – they would not be able to proceed without doing it.
 3. Moving from land lines to cell phones on campus.
 - a. A new working group will soon begin discussion of the following issues:
 - i. What phone numbers should be collected from students – should we be collecting cell phone numbers?
 - ii. If primary means of contact is to be cell phones, how to address the office budgetary issues of calling students' cell phones (that are often long distance numbers)?
 - iii. Do land lines in dorm rooms need to be maintained when students rarely use them or even activate their voice mail?
 - iv. Working group asked for committee's input on these issues.
 - b. The Committee offered the following input:
 - i. The school probably cannot take away land lines unless it is prepared to give all students cell phones.
 - ii. One option could be common land lines in quads/halls in the dorms (rather than in each room) so that phones are available but not going unused in every room.
 - iii. When collecting local address the school should ask for the phone number where the student can *most likely be reached*.
 - iv. Prepaid phone cards could save money for departments that need to contact students' long-distance cell-phone numbers from land lines.

At the next meeting the committee will hear from Dean Kim about emergency contact information and from Randy Nelson about student surveys. Members asked that Randy email copies of the survey before the meeting so they could prepare questions.

The meeting was adjourned around 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Leuchtenberger

The next meeting of the Student Life Committee will be Thursday, October 5, in Dean Kim's office.