

**Student Life Committee  
Minutes  
April 13, 2005**

**Present:** Barry Bauska, Houston Dougharty, Mark Harpring, Chris McKim, Jac Royce, Carrie Washburn, Kurt Walls

**Guest:** Mike Segawa

The Minutes of the last meeting of the committee, March 2, 2005, were approved.

The chair opened the floor to a continued discussion about Puget Sound student use and misuse of alcohol. The discussion mostly focused on the extent of whatever problems may exist. Mike Segawa and Houston Dougharty explained the various interventions that are used when students do appear on the radar for alcohol misuse. There was some discussion of the advisability of purchasing an on-line alcohol awareness tool that new students could complete during the summer before they arrive in the Fall. Given that the number of reported incidents has decreased in the last two years rather remarkably, the question of how prudent it is to spend funds on such a program. The committee suggested that it be one charge to next year's group to consider (in time for a Budget Task Force request) whether to recommend to the Dean of Students that this on-line tool be purchased.

Houston Dougharty brought up the question of parental notification, explaining that Puget Sound falls in the center of the spectrum of possible ways to deal with the newly-authorized leeway granted by FERPA (to notify parents when there is alcohol or drug "abuse"). Our practice is to notify parents when medical attention is needed. He suggested that possibly the committee might want to have a discussion about this practice next year.

The Chair determined that the committee has completed its charges for the year and declared this to be the last meeting. The chair will draft a final report for the Senate and will circulate to members for comment and suggestions via email.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Washburn  
Scribe, *pro tem*