

**Student Life Committee Minutes
February 5, 2003**

Members present: Kris Bartanen, Heather Douglas, Keith Ferguson, Betsy Gast, Duane Hulbert, Diane Kelley, Kurt Walls, Carrie Washburn

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM.

The minutes for the December 11th and January 22nd meetings were approved with minor corrections.

The committee discussed the results from the dinner conversations with students from the previous week. We agreed the 20 students attending the dinners represented a good sampling of the university community. After compiling the results of the conversations the committee will form recommendations, share those recommendations with officers/administrators involved, and report our findings and recommendations to the Senate as part of our year-end report. We also plan on sharing the information with Todd Badham, Director of Security.

Some of the issues discussed:

- Are students reluctant to call security if an emergency arises at a party, for fear of retribution? (e.g. being written up for a violation) Students sometimes choose to take an injured party to the hospital emergency room rather than call Security.
- Do many students see Security Services as “the enemy” or do they distrust Security personnel?
- Students seem to be mixed on whether or not Security responds quickly enough in emergency and lockout situations. Students don’t seem to know the policies on the “admit schedule.” (Students need to know emergency response takes priority over lockout assistance.)
- Security Services plays a “dual role” as both safety officers and campus police. The Committee asked if security sets a priority for safety risk situations over policy enforcement. Would Security consider “overlooking” an integrity code violation if a safety risk situation is encountered? Generally a report is always filed, in which case a violation would need to be reported.
- Students need to understand the importance of calling Campus Security instead of “911” in emergency situations- the response will be quicker and the location of the emergency can be determined more easily.
- Students need to be aware of how to host parties safely (information in the Logger”). Often “party-crashers” create security incidents.
- Students feel Security Services should make more of an effort to respect the space and rights of students (in dorms and in fraternity/sorority houses).

Betsy Gast will contact Hans Ostrom to ask if the Senate has suggestions on how to proceed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Hulbert

