Student Life Committee Minutes January 31, 2002

Members present: Kris Bartanen, Darrel Frost, Betsy Gast, Duane Hulbert, Diane Kelley, Carrie Washburn, Peter Wimberger

Member absent: Ryan Sweeney

Diane Kelley called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. The group welcomed Darrel Frost as a new member appointed by ASUPS.

The minutes of November 14, 2001 had been approved by email. Peter Wimberger noted that he had sent the committee's suggestions about the off-campus student web pages to Monica Nixon. Kris Bartanen reported that the new landlord listing process had been implemented and that the University District Committee meeting on January 17 was very complimentary regarding the University's hiring of off-duty police officers to provide additional response in the neighborhood around the campus. Marilyn Bailey, Community Relations Coordinator will be invited to a future committee meeting.

Kelley recalled the suggestion from Fall 2002 of a late summer "block party" that might encourage students and neighbors to meet. Duane Hulbert noted that August-September is the "party season" and that pre-planning for students' return to the neighborhood is desirable. Carrie Washburn noted that Safe Streets hosts a national "Neighbors Night Out" in early August and that their model might be useful to emulate. Committee members recommended that Kelley suggest to Nixon that the possibility of collaborating with Safe Streets for a "night out" events just after the start of classes.

The committee's second charge is to review and provide feedback regarding ASUPS' draft Bill of Rights. Darrel Frost noted that the bill of rights committee would probably not meet again until mid-February, but that he would ask if he might share the most recent draft of the document with Student Life.

Frost also introduced to the committee his and Karli Bryan's proposal for a "Conspiracy of Hope" project for Spring 2003. This project would be a week focused on community service for the entire campus. Frost and Bryan hope for a kick-off "urban plunge" type service day, followed by an activities carnival and for a concluding student benefit concert. Committee members were supportive of the project and Frost suggested that help would be needed on coordinating various elements and on how to get faculty involved. Wimberger suggested that faculty might incorporate service projects related to their courses if they were aware well in advance of program options. Washburn suggested Pierce Transit might be a resource regarding transportation issues.

The committee adjourned at 2:55, with plans to meet on February 14 if the Bill of Rights was forthcoming but to defer until February 28 if the document was not available for review in advance of the 14th.

Respectfully submitted, Kris Bartanen