

Student Life Committee Minutes
December 6, 1996 - 10am

In attendance: Bill Haltom, Sunil Kukreja, Laura Thornburg, Carrie Washburn, Judith Kay, Laura Folkwein, Helen Schurke, Elizabeth Mileti, and visitors: Matthew Cooper (student), Jeremy Korst (student), David Kupferman (student), John Hickey (Director of Business Services) and Barbara Racine (Bookstore Manager).

The Meeting was called to order by substitute chairperson, Bill Haltom.

Professor Haltom will no longer be a part of Student Life Committee, as he will be moving on to other committee duties. Dean Kay expressed her appreciation for his services.

John Hickey reviewed issues related to the Bookstore discussed at the last meeting. He wanted to know if keeping it open a half hour later would help - most people thought it would. In the Fall, in conjunction with the coffee house, the bookstore might be opened on weekends too.

Hickey then spoke about construction of the coffee house in the atrium of the SUB and the renovation of Marshall Hall and the loft.

We discussed the possibility of patio furniture on the north and/or west sides of Wheelock.

Washburn noted that smokers often hangout by the main door.

Several members expressed a desire for a covered area for bikes.

A student visitor expressed an interest in maintaining a place for rallies and other public gatherings outside Wheelock. Kay promised that this was being taken into consideration.

There will be a small entertainment area and Internet access in the cafe. Hickey described this as "quick and dirty access" not appropriate for long term projects. Students agreed that in general they need more computer access, but that it didn't have to be in the cafe. Kukreja suggested prioritizing the computer lab needs and Thornburg agreed that computers in places designed for writing should be given funding priority. Students and faculty agreed that the cafe should focus on interaction between people, not computers, but that computers were needed, and somewhere in the SUB would be a good place. Kay talked about facilitating an architectural connection between the café and the bookstore.

Hickey said there was interest in "digging up" and expanding the bookstore.

Hickey shared the plans for renovating Marshall Hall, with seating in the balconies, with the committee. A dining consultant is helping with this.

Kay said that the food return location at other schools was better. Washburn said that the present set up, with vendors right near the entrance/exit and dish return was too crowded. She supported the idea of a TV in the loft for watching the news during dinner.

The committee salutes and thanks Jeanette DiScala and will send formal note to her.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Thornburg