

**Meeting Minutes: Student Life Committee**  
**SGA Conference Room**  
**Thursday, February 28, 2008, noon**

**Attendance:**

Faculty Present

Rich Cole (Arch, Chair), William Griffiths (Math, SLC Sec.), Barry Birkhead (Dean of Students), Thomas Nisley (SIS), Nancy Reichert (ETC), Bonnie Chamberlain (Budget/Finance).

Students Present

Kevin Moss (SGA President), Bwefuk Macham (SGA V.P.), Sara Eskander (Arch), Anjili Patel (Math), Lee Williams (CNST).

**Meeting Agenda:**

**1. Introductions**

a. Bonnie Chamberlain is replacing Robert Whitaker as our Budget representative.

**2. Comments From the Chair**

a. Patrick McCord, the Vice President of Business/Finance, will propose an increase in the transportation fees for the students. The proposed increase will fund a new parking deck for the university. Due to a Board of Regents policy, the proposed increase must have a recording of votes from a committee comprised with a substantial number of students.

b. William Gruzka, CIO of the IT department, will present a proposal for changes in our printing policy in labs, as well as seek feedback on outsourcing our e-mail.

**3. Presentation by Patrick McCord**

a. Currently, the Elks Lodge acquisition is being used to soak up excess demand for parking. SPSU is headed for a critical parking shortage.

b. By the Master Plan, we will have a deficit of 1000 spaces by 2011.

c. The proposal is to increase the transportation fees for the students by \$75, with the increase staggered over the next two years. This would increase the fee to an average level for comparable Georgia institutions.

d. Currently, there is no plan to charge faculty for parking. The new deck would be students only, with the option to faculty of paying the fee to park in the new deck.

- e. The lot would not necessarily be barred to visitors. It is foreseen as going up with the new center, and would be convenient to that building.
- f. The Master plan calls for it, it has been studied, and this would keep SPSU ahead of the curve on parking. Administration thinks this is good timing.
- g. There is some concern that this fee is a regressive tax on the students.
- h. Is required for us to vote, but our approval is not necessary for this to go forward.
- i. The following motion was made and approved, with a vote of 8-3, with 1 absent.
  - 1. **Motion:** "The Student Life Committee approves the proposed increase to the transportation fee for the purpose of funding a new parking deck."

#### 4. Presentation by William Gruzka

- a. Feedback is being sought on the possibility of outsourcing campus e-mail to Google. This is in the investigatory stage right now. Could be students only.
  - 1. Advantages: Bigger inboxes, combined e-mail, no advertising, Pop or Imap options, more tools, multiple domains, and no extra costs in the short term.
  - 2. Disadvantages: Format change to addresses such as students.spsu.edu, no e-mail backup, no logs (which we have now), support is inconvenient, and fees may arise from somewhere.
- b. Printing is becoming costly. Last year, \$28000 was spent keeping the labs going. We could switch to the system used in the library. Students would still get a certain number of free pages per semester, perhaps around 200. Nothing has been set in stone. The following motion was made and approved, by a vote of 10-1, with 1 absent.
  - 1. **Motion:** "The SLC voices its support for the proposals made by William Gruzka on the possibility of outsourcing student e-mail and continued investigation of potential changes in the SPSU lab printing policy."

#### 5. Adjourn

- a. The February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Student Life Committee meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Prof. William Griffiths  
Student Life Committee Secretary