

Meeting Minutes: Student Life Committee
SGA Conference Room
Thursday, February 22, 2007

Attendance:

Faculty and Staff Present

Al Churella (SIS, SLC Chair), Rich Cole (Arch, SLC Sec.), Barry Birckhead (Dean of Students), Robert Whitaker (Dir. Budget), Scott Tippens (ECET)

Students and Guests Present

Carolina Daza (SGA President), Shyam Nana (SGA V.P.), Mandy Palasik (student, SGA Sec.), Matt Finn (Arch), Kevin Moss (student/guest)

Meeting Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. SLC Chair, Prof. Al Churella (SIS), led renewed introductions for members and guests.

2. Review and Approve 11/2/2006 SLC Meeting Minutes

- a. Minutes of the 11/21/2006 SLC Meeting were approved.
- b. Prof. Tippens asked about the resolution of parking fees for Summer 07 discussed at the last SLC Meeting (11/2/06). Mr. Whitaker explained that the fee issued hasn't yet been resolved, but that any new parking fee plan would not go into effect before Summer 07.

3. Student Satisfaction Survey

- a. Ms. Daza and Mr. Finn have reviewed and implemented changes to the Student Satisfaction Survey suggested by students and are now awaiting a decision on how the instrument will be distributed to students.
- b. It was discussed that even though the SLC approved a motion at the last meeting (11/2/06) to have faculty distribute a paper copy of the instrument in classes, this procedure will have to be approved by the Faculty Senate and subsequently the general faculty in order to become the mandated procedure.
- c. Prof. Churella will ask Doctor Koger (VPSES) to accompany Ms. Daza to the next Faculty Senate Meeting on Tues., Mar. 13, to make a motion that the Faculty Senate pass a similar motion to that of the SLC (namely, that the instrument be distributed by the faculty similar to the procedure for the SIRII). Prof. Churella

noted that it may be too late to get this on the agenda for the next Faculty Senate Meeting, but he will try.

4. Study Day Proposal Subcommittee

- a. The Faculty Senate has not yet reached a decision on whether or not there will be the reinstatement of the “Study Day” (day of no classes immediately before the first day of finals). The Registrar has reported that there will be some disruption to the published final exam schedule with possibly as many as twelve students that may have to coordinate special final exam times in order to meet the grade reporting deadline for graduating seniors.
- b. Prof. Churella will ask the Registrar if it is possible to “pre-enter” most of the data required before the final reporting deadline and then enter the few remaining grades after the deadline. The issues are whether or not all the grades must be processed at one time and do all grades have to be entered into the database at one time.

5. Awards Ceremony

- a. Ms. Daza reported that the SGA has requested of Mr. Birkhead that the Student Awards and SGA officer inauguration ceremonies could be combined into one evening affair.
 1. Dean Birkhead reported that he had contacted twelve to fifteen faculty presenters and asked if they would participate in the ceremony if it were held in the evening. A positive response was received from about 90% of those contacted. Therefore, Dean. Birkhead is in agreement with having the ceremony in the evening, at least once to evaluate the turnout.

6. Housing Lock-Out Fee

- a. The SGA has requested of the Housing Office to reconsider the \$50.00 Housing Lock-Out Fee. SGA considers it excessive and has asked for consideration of a change to a graduated fine of a first time lock-out at no cost, a second lock-out at \$25, and the third lock-out at \$50.
- b. Mr. Whitaker explained that there is no charge to students for a lock-out if it can be corrected during business hours. The \$50 charge is necessary during non-business hours as a deterrent and to help defray the costs of having to activate (pay) personnel to let the student back into his or her room.
- c. Mr. Whitaker will research other schools relative to their charges for lock-outs and gather more specific information about the number of lock-out charges actually have occurred in a given time period. He will report this information at the next SLC meeting.

7. SGA Comments

1. Ms. Daza announced the following action on committees and programs:
 - a. Tech Fee: There are six student proposals to be considered for Tech Fee funding.
 - b. Food Service Committee: There are plans to meet on a regular basis.
 - c. Community Service Committee: This committee has been initiated.
 - d. Recycle Program: This program has been initiated.
 - e. International Programs: Two international programs have been initiated.
2. Mr. Moss relayed information from Chief Chastain with regard to
 - .a. Lot #11 will be re-evaluated to give some spaces to Howell Dorm residents.
 - b. Lot #1 will be more clearly marked for commuter use.
 - c. Lot #29 will be open to any SPSU student or employee.

8. Dean of Students Comments

1. Homecoming is this week (week of Feb. 19).
2. Career Day is Feb. 28.
3. Dean Birckhead recommended the next SLC Meeting be held on April 19th in order to approve the Student Activities and Athletic Budget Further, it was recommended that Karl Staber be present to present the Athletic Budget at the next SLC meeting. The date must be checked with potential conflicts - especially with regard to the General Faculty Meeting.

9. Adjourn

1. The February 22, 2007 Student Life Committee Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Prof. Rich Cole
Student Life Committee Secretary