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## WPSC re-opened: SGA imposes sanctions

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WPSC radio station resumed broadcasting last Wednesday after having met the requirements imposed by Dominic Baccollo, dean of students.

After reviewing excerpts of the Feb. 10 "Midday Madness" tape in public session, the SGA Executive Board passed two resolutions Wednesday condemning the on-air conduct of Scott Schaefer, Kevin Kelley and Bob Brouillard.

Both resolutions stated the SGA finds "the offensive and, in some cases, illegal behavior of certain members of WPSC to be totally unacceptable. Whereas, the actions of these individuals may jeopardize the FM licensing of WPSC and crush the aspirations and experiences of current and future members of WPSC," the SGA Executive Board suspended Kelley and Brouillard from WPSC until Jan. 1, 1989.

The SGA added that at no time during their college careers may they be permitted on the air or to hold WPSC Executive Board positions.

The other resolution stated that Schaefer will have no affiliation with WPSC during his tenure at WPC.

These sanctions are subject to ratification by the SGA Legislature on Tuesday, at which time appeals can be made. However, the three individuals said they accept the board's decision and will not appeal.

The SGA relinquished to WPSC the authority to impose disciplinary actions against Bruce Konviser, former general manager.

### On-air content

The content of the show "blatantly offended" eight groups at the college community, Baccollo said.

Arthur Gonzales, SGA president, said, "The SGA has fought for over 1 1/2 years regarding the Non-Discrimination Policy and what has been aired by WPSC radio has offended a wide range of classifications covered in the policy."

Knowing the content of Schaefer's shows since September, Konviser said that he allowed him to continue past the first show because of the positive feedback the radio station received.

The SGA Executive Board characterized some of the material as illegal. During the Feb. 10 show, Schaefer called

a local organization and broadcasted the conversation without informing the party that she was on the air. This is in direct violation of the Federal Communications Commission's regulation that states "Before recording a telephone conversation for broadcast, or broadcasting such a conversation simultaneously with its occurrence, a licensee shall inform any party to the call of the licensee's intention to broadcast the conversation."

When asked why he did not inform the party, Schaefer replied, "It would have ruined the whole bit." He admitted it was wrong, but said, "Considering I was broadcasting to the Gallery Lounge, I wasn't too worried about it."

### WPSC proposed action

Eddie Schanil, new general manager, said at Wednesday's SGA meeting that the WPSC Executive Board originally proposed to the SGA Executive Board the following disciplinary actions:

\*Schaefer — suspended indefinitely from every capacity of activity at the station.

\*Kelley — suspended indefinitely from the air and loss of his Executive Board position and voting power.

\*Brouillard — suspended indefinitely from the air and loss of voting power.

\*Konviser — suspended indefinitely and loss of his position as general manager and voting power.

Gonzales said these recommendations were too vague concerning Schaefer, Kelley and Brouillard, therefore the SGA passed the more severe resolutions.

The WPSC general membership "felt more compassionate" toward Konviser, so the WPSC Executive Board compromised, resulting in his reinstatement as a general member with voting power, Schanil said.

### Fulfillment of criteria

In order to return to broadcasting, WPSC took steps last week to fulfill the dean of students' conditions.

Letters of apology were written to those groups on campus who expressed outrage over the broadcasted material.

The WPSC Executive Board agreed to attend the Racism and Sexism seminar for student leaders this Friday. Schanil said the board is encouraging general members to attend as well.

The members of WPSC have consented to signing a statement, which was drawn up by the WPSC Executive

## Faculty Senate withdrew from college governance

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The Faculty Senate withdrew from governance last Tuesday and will not reconvene until April 5, at which time they will decide on what actions to take next.

The Senate is now waiting for President Arnold Speert to contact them. The Senate will not return to governance unless the Senate "believes that such activities will be welcomed, given a fair hearing and are appropriately rewarded" stated the resolution the Senate passed.

### Speert and Hamovitch 'ignored and changed' policies.

The following councils will have faculty withdrawals: the Admissions and Academic Standards, Advisement and Registration, Athletics, Governance, Graduate, Undergraduate and Research. The following ad hoc committees and task forces will have faculty withdrawals: Assessment, Faculty Development, Faculty Awards and Honors, Child Care Center, Senate members and Institutional Planning.

This resolution affects Faculty Senate formed councils, ad hoc committees and task forces. Other faculty governed groups are being asked to withdraw from governance but are not required to.

The resolution to withdraw from governance was introduced at the Feb. 9 Senate meeting, and it stated that

contributions by faculty in academic governance "are no longer recognized as having merit for purpose of retention, tenure or promotion." It also stated that scholarly activities were "narrowly" defined as articles in "refereed journals and books" by Speert and William Hamovitch, vice president for Academic Affairs.

The Feb. 23 resolution stated that Speert and Hamovitch "ignored and changed" policies as stated in governance documents, and these changes have affected retention, tenure, merit award, affirmative action and promotion decisions.

Three faculty members recommended for promotions by the All College Promotion Committee were rejected by Speert and this caused some of the "anger" by the Senate, said Irwin Nack, president of the American Federation of Teacher's Union Local #1796.

When the Faculty Senate meets on April 5, they have three choices, said Bob Bing, Senate chairperson. He said the choices are: 1) go back to governance, 2) adjourn again or 3) move to a vote of no confidence for Speert and Hamovitch.

Bing said he is waiting for a call from Speert and then the Senate will decide what to do. If he doesn't call, it will be up to the Executive Committee to decide what will happen. "I hope he will call," Bing said.

Speert said he is "disappointed in the faculty." He said he believes that the faculty's continued involvement in governance, assessment and curriculum development is "essential for the progress of WPC." He added that he will contact

the Faculty Senate in writing sometime this week.

"The students won't be hurt" due to faculty withdrawal from governance, said Linda Dye, member of the Executive Committee who represents the School of Education and Community Service. She said the Senate "hasn't withdrawn from committees with student participation." She added "advisers (clubs) are not affected by this decision. Students will be our primary interest."

Dye said this "will make it better for students in the long run." She added that the faculty are "role models for the students" and they are showing the students that they should fight for a democratic process.

Some faculty members questioned whether or not Dye should have voted on the resolution to withdraw from governance since she is one of the faculty members Speert did not recommend for a promotion. Dye said she is a Senate member and is "entitled" to vote. She added, "I've separated the two issues" and being an executive member "had the right to vote."

Bing said Dye had to vote because if she didn't, her school would not be represented.

Speert and Hamovitch spoke at the meeting. Hamovitch said he values faculty service and includes it in his recommendations to the president. Dye said that when the Faculty Senate passes a resolution and they send it to the president, it sometimes sits on his desk for about a year. A letter from Speert to the Senate states "faculty participation is essential" for WPC to "prosper."

Board, agreeing to uphold the goals and purposes of the original charter.

An apology has been read over the air and will continue to be aired three times daily for a week.

A new Executive Board was elected on Feb. 21 by the general membership. The board was condensed from 17 to 13 positions. The general membership voted to allow this board to enforce policy until the end of the semester.

Schanil said the new Executive Board is in the process of revising the WPSC constitution and by-laws.

"Concerning the issue of advisership, I was assured John Kiernan would return as adviser pending certain stipulations he had," Baccollo said. The WPSC general member-

ship ratified the appointment of Kiernan as adviser last Thursday, Schanil said. He added that Anthony Maltese (currently on sabbatical) is also unofficially adviser to WPSC.

Diana Peck was voted in by the general membership as temporary adviser.

The WPSC minutes from a meeting held Feb. 19 with the dean of students and SGA members stated, "Dr. (Diana) Peck, who offered to sign papers for us as our pseudo-adviser, had no idea what she was getting into as she was not aware of the problems WPSC was having."

Baccollo said he will meet with Kiernan this week to discuss the adviser's role at the radio station. Kiernan was unable to attend last week's

meetings due to illness.

Now that WPSC has resumed broadcasting, Baccollo said, "I think the entire structure, including dynamics, policy setting, connection to the academic department and advisership, has to be reviewed."

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