

Minutes of the Student Life Committee

February 5, 1996

Members Attending: Jeanette DiScala, Lisa Nunn, Steve Rodgers, Bob Steiner, and Carrie Washburn

Lisa Nunn was elected chair of the committee to replace Bill Haltom, who was elected to the Ad Hoc Curriculum Review committee.

Committee members discussed what had been accomplished during the fall semester and how to make the most of our time during the spring semester. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the committee's charges from the Senate and how best to meet them. It was noted that Michel Rocchi is evaluating this committee for the Faculty Senate. Lisa was going to get copies of his report for each committee member. We can discuss his recommendations at the next meeting.

We decided that the evaluation of the integrity code and harassment policies was nearly complete. The committee has identified one apparent gap in the current policies. Students seem to have no clear avenue of recourse when they experience non-sexual harassment from a professor. Bob Steiner volunteered to closely study the Faculty Code for a policy which addresses this issue. He will report his findings at the next meeting.

Committee members are quite anxious to see the results of the campus climate survey which they helped edit at the beginning of the academic year. Lisa Nunn agreed to write Judith Kay regarding the status of the survey.

The committee's final charge from the Faculty Senate is to further evaluate New Student Orientation with focus groups. Lisa will ask Judith for more information on this charge in her letter. Carrie Washburn reported on the many changes in the schedule for Orientation. We then discussed what more we need to know.

Jeanette DiScala asked if we would be willing to comment on the issue of theme houses. There are some problems with the current system and some alternatives have been proposed. Happy to be useful, this has been placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Jeanette will send committee members a position paper developed by one of her staff.

The committee adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Nunn