

Student Life Committee Minutes Wednesday, October 18, 1995
Members in attendance: Bill Haltom, Steve Rodgers
Ex officio: Jeanette DiScala, Carrie Washburn

The meeting was convened at 9:05 by chair, Bill Haltom.

The minutes of the September 27 meeting were approved as circulated.

Old business: Possible meeting dates and times were again discussed. In order to accommodate various committee members' and participants' schedules, it was agreed that meetings would be held either on Wednesdays or on Fridays at 9 a.m., according to members'/participants' availability. It was also noted that the Committee's role in helping to complete the Residential Life Survey was now finished.

New business: Discussion centered on the suggestions the Committee sent to the Faculty Senate regarding its Charges to us. DiScala, representing Dean of Students Judith Kay, transmitted Dean Kay's comments regarding the charges. She noted that clarification was desirable regarding whether or not the SLC intended to gather information via a forum other than the Campus Climate Survey.

In the course of the discussion of the Senate charges, the aforementioned document was emended to read as follows (emended text in ALL CAPS; original text in parentheses):

1. Coordinate with the Diversity Committee the INTERPRETATION of information about campus climate, with specific attention to campus racial climate: FOR EXAMPLES, students' interactions with students, faculty, administration, and staff; advising; financial aid; housing; and any other areas of student life in which racially or ethnically differential policies or practices are perceived by some to exist. " ("Coordinate with the Diversity Committee the gathering of information about campus climate, with specific attention to campus racial climate: students' interactions with students, faculty, administration, and staff; advising; financial aid; housing; and any other areas of student life in which racially or ethnically differential policies or practices are perceived by some to exist.")
2. EVALUATE procedures for dealing with COMPLAINTS ABOUT HARASSMENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT NECESSARILY LIMITED TO RACIAL HARASSMENT, ETHNIC HARASSMENT, HARASSMENT DUE TO SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND HARASSMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES." ("Develop procedures for dealing with harassment complaints.")
3. EVALUATE RESULTS OF FOCUS-GROUPS' EXAMINATIONS OF THE ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR NEW STUDENTS IN SPRING 1996." ("Work with the Office of the Dean of Students to develop items for inclusion in the Residential Life Survey questions that address directly the Orientation Program for New Students (completed).")

It was pointed out and all present agreed that item 4 of the charges ("Consider ways to streamline the advising process") was not within the purview of the Student Life Committee.

Discussion continued concerning possible further issues to be dealt with during this year's SLC meetings, including the request from the Faculty Senate to consider what should be the role of the SLC as one of the standing faculty committees.

It was decided that the topic of discussion of the next meeting would be harassment procedures. Members attending that meeting are requested to bring along their "Logger" calendar book, which includes the text of the University's official policies concerning sexual harassment as well as the Student Integrity Code. (It is rumored that free bagels or lattes will be offered to members who remember to bring the "Logger" to the next meeting.)

Chair Haltom having shocked those present by briefly waxing serious, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Steve Rodgers