

## **Student Life Committee**

### **Minutes of the Friday, 3 November 1995 Meeting**

Members Present: Alethea Daniels; Bill Haltom; Judith Kay; Joe Peyton; Jeanette DiScala; Robert Steiner; Steve Rogers; and Carrie Washburn

Chair Bill Haltom called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., Friday, November 3. There was a short discussion on the proper distribution of the Student Life Committee minutes.

Minutes of the October 18, 1995 meeting were approved.

Dean Kay indicated that Henry Johnson and Marta Palmquist Cady recently attended a national conference for orientation directors. Judith distributed a paper from the conference by Richard Mullendore entitled "Orientation as a Component of Institutional Retention Efforts."

Haltom talked about the three charges to the Student Life Committee by the Faculty Senate. He indicated that the only one the Committee is able to focus on at the present time is to "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."

Jeanette DiScala reported on violations of the Student Integrity Code. She explained how Standard One of the Integrity Code might be interpreted to cover, among other things, racial, ethnic, disability and sexual discrimination and harassment. Associate Dean DiScala further noted that she would interpret the integrity code to proscribe hate speech, such as remarks or gestures which are directly and specifically intended for another individual. Di Scala also explained what she interprets as "free speech," "fighting words," "hate speech," "vandalism," and so on.

Dean Kay reported that the University had 119 Student Integrity Code violations last school year.

One of the Student Life Committee members asked if the students were familiar with the reporting procedures on harassment.

Haltom asked each of the Committee members to read the Integrity Code printed in The Logger (the University's 1995-96 academic and student handbook), especially that portion dealing with harassment. This is to be done by the next Student Life Committee meeting, Friday, November 17, 1995.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Submitted by Joe Peyton