Student Life Committee Minutes January 26, 1998

Present: Anton, Balaam, Kay, Kukreja, Mace, Washburn. Guest: Hoppe

The minutes of December 4, 1997 were approved as amended.

Old Business: The committee reviewed the Senate charge to examine the objectives set forth by the Board of Trustees regarding Greek Life and to determine whether those objectives have been met. The Student Life Committee decided that no further review of the objectives was needed at this time. The committee noted that the Greek Partnership Committee and other interested parties were continuing to explore Greek life issues, including an analysis of the Casual Interaction Policy.

New Business: Kay raised the issue of a judicial policies across campus. Kay noted that Pan Hellenic (PHC) the Interfraternity Council (IFC) ejudicate "minor" infractions. Hoppe outlined the current judicial process stating that these "smaller violations could get lost" because the infractions don't necessarily get communicated to either IFC, PHC or the Dean of Student's office. Hoppe also noted that Greek House Coordinators have been charged with some oversight responsibilities, but that there does not appear to be a judicial policy in place. Kay noted that discussions regarding these issues had taken place in the past.

Washburn inquired as to whether non-Greek organizations also have judicial oversight responsibilities. Hoppe responded that Residence Halls function in much the same way as Greek houses. Hoppe noted that there were individual chapter bylaws and standards that included judicial guidelines. Kay noted that there are no documents mandating that IFC or PHC report on their judicial proceedings to the Dean's office; the Recognition Policy only requires that individual chapters report their own judicial proceedings. IFC and PHC may become aware of violations and handle these and the Dean's Office is unaware of either the violations or that IFC or PHC is responding. Kay noted that she and Hoppe are working on residence hall judicial policies that would create residence hall judicial boards. "Big" infractions would be still be handled by the Dean of Students office, while minor infractions would be handled by the judicial boards, similar to what is currently done by the Greek chapters.

Kay urged that a broad judicial policy, particularly around safety and security issues, be formulated. She suggested that Pan Hellenic, IFC, the Greek chapters and the Dean of Students office formulate the policy.

Mace pointed out that all individuals and groups are bound by the University Integrity Code.

Kay offered to develop an "Expectation" document, to be negotiated between Pan Hellenic, IFC and her office to help deal with judicial issues. However, she noted that fraternities and sororities are not required to be members of either Pan Hellenic or IFC.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Anton